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3 CLASSIFICA	ATION				
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STREET & NUMBER	Of District #51 - 2				
P.O. Box 659					
CITY, TOWN			STATE		
Hill City		vicinity of South Dak	ota		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Keystone School is a two-story frame structure, which has served as a grade school since it was constructed in 1900. The classrooms are grouped in a rectilinear central block under a hipped roof, and in a wing which joins the center of the rear of the building that is covered by a hip roof with a small gable at the ridge. A smaller wing in the center of the south facade contains the main entrance and has a staircase on each side of the hall. Foliated carving decorates the caps of the stair newell posts in the style common to the turn of the century. The entrance/stair wing has a gable roof with a bell cupola. The central block has two bays with three light windows. The front of this wing and the rear wing have sash windows with transoms. Narrow clapboards were used for siding with a band of vertical beaded siding below the first floor windows and a band of rounded wood shingles between the first and second floor windows. These shingles were also used in the gables and the small triangular dormers. Supporting the terrace on which the school is sighted, is a stone retaining wall. The wall which runs flush with the central section of the building and the east wall of the basement is fully exposed with several large windows and doors.

PERIOD AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW __ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC __COMMUNITY PLANNING __PREHISTORIC __LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE __RELIGION __1400-1499 __ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC __CONSERVATION __LAW __SCIENCE __AGRICULTURE __LITERATURE __1500-1599 __ECONOMICS __SCULPTURE __1600-1699 **X**ARCHITECTURE **X**.EDUCATION __MILITARY __SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN __ART __1700-1799 __ENGINEERING __MUSIC __THEATER __EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT __1800-1899 __COMMERCE __PHILOSOPHY __TRANSPORTATION X_1900-__COMMUNICATIONS __POLITICS/GOVERNMENTINDUSTRY __OTHER (SPECIFY) __INVENTION

Eli Shomaker, contractor

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SPECIFIC DATES 1897 - 1900

Significant in the areas of education and architecture, the Keystone School is a well-preserved and less common example of a frame rural school at the turn of the century. Built over a three year period, the school cost \$10,000 by the time it was completed in 1900. In that year, the community of Keystone had a population of 1500, as well as two churches, three hotels, and numerous saloons. The school, which dominates the town from its hillside position, is unusually large for schools of its day. Unlike its more urban counterparts, it was built of frame milled locally. The large blocky mass of the building is broken with projecting bays, a rather complex roof plan and an interesting use of contrasting treatments of the wooden trim. The scale shingles and exterior wainscoting or watertable compliment the horizontal board siding, while the tower completes the composition of the roof plan.

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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