

Information on Watertown High School

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1. Name of High School - Watertown High School
2. District Number - Buffalo County District #101
3. School Site Location -
4. Year opened - The district was organized March 3, 1886 as a grade school. Year high school classes were added - 1913 (10 grade); Year closed if no longer open - 1970
5. School Colors -
6. School Mascot -
7. School Song (Name and source of melody if known)-
8. Year of first graduating class - 1914
Number and names of persons in first graduating class - 4; Ruth Swift, Rose Harris, Lloyd Whitesel and Albert Osborn
9. Year of most recent (or last) graduating class - 1927
Number of persons in most recent graduating class
If school is closed, names of last graduating class members -
10. Notable achievements, both academic and athletic, of your high school -
11. Names of first school board members (if known) - First school board members were James Samuel Veal, director, and Styles Hanks, moderator.
12. Name of first superintendent (if known) -
13. Names of noted graduates of national or statewide prominence in government, business, politics, science, education, athletic, entertainment, etc. Or names of notable teachers or administrators at the high school.
14. Anything else that might be of interest.

Watertown was a village along the Kearney and Black Hills Railroad line between Amherst and Miller. The school was about a mile south of Watertown. Forty children attended the first year. This site was used for 10 years. In March, 1896, an acre of land in Watertown was selected and a frame school built. It had a bell tower which lasted until 1924. There was also a long horse and pony barn on the school grounds.

In 1913 District 37 joined the Watertown district, a room was added to the schoolhouse and grades 9 and 10 were added until 1927.

1967 was the final school year for the Watertown School. After a bitter controversy the district was officially closed in 1970.