

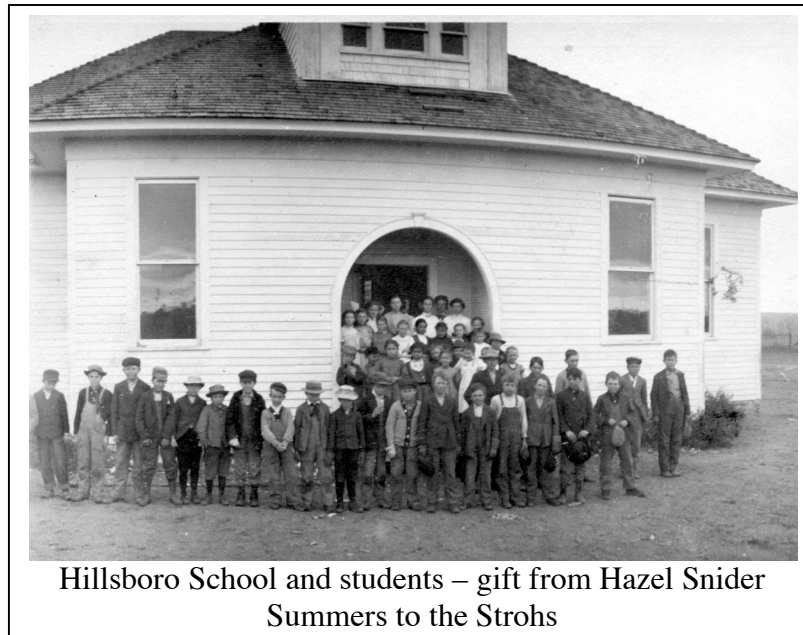
ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT

Schools

The first school in District No. 64 was called the Brush School and was located 1/2 mile west of the intersection of State Highway 257 and Weld County Road 48 1/2. For years the foundation was visible on the north side of County Road 48 1/2. This land had been part of a Homestead claimed by the Brush Brothers: Jared L., John M., and William Wesley. William Wesley was killed by Indians in 1868 and was survived by his widow, Martha M., and a daughter, Minnie Bell, who was eight months old.

January 4, 1871, Minnie Bell Brush petitioned the court through her guardian, John Mechling, for a division of the property. She received, with other lands, the N 1/4 of Sec.3, Twp.4 N, Range 67 W. On November 12, 1886, she deeded land to be used for school purposes in this area and a structure known as the Brush School District No. 64 was erected on the site. Community meetings were also held in the building in addition to education of the community youth.

Mary T. Knowlton, on November 20, 1905, sold all of Block 2 in the newly platted town of Hillsboro to School District No. 64 of Weld County to be used exclusively for school purposes. A two-room frame schoolhouse was built on that site in 1906 and District No. 64 was relocated to the site. This also was used as a community meeting center. Joe Miller and Charles Mellon were the first instructors.



Hillsboro was vacated as a town November 22, 1909, and became part of Milliken. The schoolhouse now was in Milliken on the northwest corner of the townsite.

Milliken prospered, and on opening day January 6, 1910, the Hillsboro School had eighty pupils enrolled. Among the first teachers were Ethel Tucker and Edna Hesket. In 1910 Anna Johnson, Miss Meyer and Miss Bragg were hired for the fall term.

At the School Board election in 1910 M.A. Dorman was elected secretary to succeed Link Miner. Also at that time, the tax levy was set at 12 mills.

J.F. Redman became Principal for the fall term in 1911. Miss Gladys Presley taught the intermediate grades, and Miss Anna Johnson taught the primary class.