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More Than 200,000 Country Schools: A Guide for Research, Preservation, and Education

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, United States, 2016. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.For over two hundred years, country schools were the nations most reliable educational institutions, and over 200,000 once dotted the American landscape. This book contains interviews with thirteen people who completed projects dedicated to the preservation of country school history. They set out to make a lasting contribution to their communities, and they completed worthwhile projects with neither major grant support nor national recognition. Some interviewees lacked formal coursework in research methods, but nonetheless they completed systematic inquiries. William Sherman enlisted hundreds of volunteers to gather information and photos of lowas country schools. He organized what was uncovered, edited a text, added photos, and published a highly influential book. Others had formal coursework in research methods. For example, Professor Mark Dewalt conducted a fifteen-year study of Amish schools and published an important book on his findings. Some took on restoration projects. Patricia HartNaus helped a group of volunteers restore Belden School in Illinois, and then she wrote an award-winning childrens series. Veronica Ent conducted research on school technologies and helped restore a Pennsylvania schoolhouse that is now...


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