

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Eagle Adventist Schoolhouse

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Southwest corner Ballantyne and Floating Feather Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

X VICINITY OF Eagle

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Idaho

CODE

16

COUNTY

Ada

CODE

001

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Clay and Marsha Woods

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1, Box 1, Beacon Light Road

CITY, TOWN

Eagle

VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Ada County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Boise

STATE

Idaho

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1972

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Idaho State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Boise

STATE

Idaho

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

NO.
☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The former Eagle Adventist School faces east on a lot at the southwest corner of Ballantyne and Floating Feather Road, two miles northwest of Eagle. The building site is slightly elevated above the drive and parking area; the low retaining wall around it is formed of river rock. The structure itself is frame, sided with clapboards. The main body of the building is ell-shaped; gables in the long lateral wing are side-facing, while the gable on the short southeast ell faces forward. A one-story shed-roofed section fills the intersection. The main entrance, left of center on the facade, opens into the shed-roofed section. Emerging from the roof behind the main entrance, and outset from the intersection of the tall wings, is a hip-roofed enclosed belfry with louvered openings and a shingled skirt. At the north end of the building, an enclosed outset porch with a long rear eave contains both a secondary entrance to the main floor and a basement access door. There are low, wide shed dormers emerging front and rear on the north wing. A pair of sash windows in the north gable also lights this end of the attic; the south end attic space, originally open, is not habitable. Sash windows are used throughout on the lower story: three on either side of the entry and its detached sidelights; five on the south wall; and four on the east, to the left of a curious, apse-like, half-hexagonal one story bay, which itself contains small sash windows on its side faces.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION	
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE	
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☒ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE	
☐ 1600-1699	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☒ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
☐ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER	
☐ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION	
☒ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		☐ INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

1912

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Eagle Adventist School is architecturally significant as the only surviving local example of a frame country schoolhouse, preserved unaltered in a country setting several miles from the small town of Eagle. It is historically significant as an artifact of the local Seventh Day Adventist community, and the efforts of a religious minority to provide an alternative educational system for its children.

The present structure is the second Adventist school built at this general site. The 1908 Ames Academy, which stood in the fields to the southwest, was a three-story brick-veneer structure designed by Boise architect J. W. Smith. It was a boarding school "fitted up to accomodate over one hundred students;" the curriculum was designed to "furnish instruction in the common as well as higher branches," and also to "partake strongly of an industrial school, as it will afford instruction in agriculture, horticulture and dairying." It was believed that "a large and important institution will be built up — one that the whole state can be proud of."¹

Future plans for the Ames Academy included subdivision of the twenty-acre plot which had been donated by John Heffner, construction of a larger college building and conversion of the 1908 building to dormitory use. When the structure burned to the ground in 1911, however, it was not rebuilt. The boarding school was moved to Caldwell, miles away, where it survives as the Gem State Academy. One reason given for the move was that, since the South Idaho Conference of Adventists was headquartered in Boise, only a few miles from Eagle, some wider geographical distribution was desirable. An influence on the choice of Caldwell in particular may have been the residence there of the prominent Steunenberg family, members of which were Adventist. The name of Evaline Steunenberg, widow of a former governor of Idaho, appears on records relating to the Eagle school property in the spring after the Academy burned.

The structure erected to replace the Academy in 1912 was the core of the present building, now its south end. The original form was ell-shaped, but with a very short lateral block; the entrance seems to have been into an outset tower below the present belfry. The new building was a more modest essay than the twelve-grade Ames Academy. It served as a church as well as a day elementary school for the children of local Adventists; classes were held in a schoolroom at left front, which could be made part of the meeting room as necessary by running the partition between them up into the then unenclosed attic space.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Gleaner. College Place, Washington: North Pacific Union of Seventh Day Adventists. Vol. 63, No. 14, 1 April 1968, p. 9.

Idaho Daily Statesman. Boise: 16 February 1908, 4 March 1962.

Interviews with Leona Andregg (life-time resident and member of Adventist congregation), Eagle, Idaho, January 1980.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED
UTM NOT VERIFIED

QUADRANGLE NAME Star

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5 minute

UTM REFERENCES

A 11 55070 4839190

B

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION The nomination includes the former Adventist schoolhouse and the property on which it stands: beginning at the NE corner of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of S7, T4N, R1E, Boise Meridian; running thence west 147 feet, thence south

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Patricia Wright, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

10 June 1980

STREET & NUMBER

610 North Julia Davis Drive

TELEPHONE

334-2120

CITY OR TOWN

Boise

STATE

Idaho 83702

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Maude Wells

DATE

10 June 1980

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

8-18-80

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

8-6-80

Ray Luce
~~CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION~~

(11/78)

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For the decade 1917 to 1927 the building functioned as a church only, but by the late 1920s the congregation was numerically strong enough to revive the curricular function. Around 1930 the north wing was built, producing two more classrooms on the main floor and teacher's quarters in the attic. The fully compatible north entry porch was added in the 1940s. No further additions or alterations have been made.

The Adventist schoolhouse functioned without further interruption, serving at its height thirty-three pupils in nine grades, until a new school facility was built adjacent to the Adventist Church in Eagle in the late 1970s. The old building is the only early schoolhouse extant and unaltered in the near vicinity of Eagle.

¹Idaho Daily Statesman, 16 February 1908, p. 2, c. 4.

ITEM NUMBER 9, CONTINUATION:

Records on file at Ada County Assessor's office, Boise, Idaho; and miscellaneous newspaper clippings relating to Steunenberg family, vertical file, Idaho State Historical Library, Boise, Idaho.

ITEM NUMBER 10, CONTINUATION:

220 feet, thence east 147 feet, thence north 220 feet to point of beginning.



Eagle Adventist Schoolhouse
Ballantyne at Floating Feather Road,
Vicinity of Eagle, Ada County, Idaho

Photographer: Patricia Wright
October 1979

Negative on file at:
Idaho State Historical Society
Boise, Idaho

View from northeast
Photograph 1 of 1

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