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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 Meadows Schoolhouse

AND/OR COMMON

Mark Smith Residence

2 LOCATION

ID 55

STREET & NUMBER Highway 55

CITY, TOWN

New Meadows

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Idaho

CODE

16

COUNTY

Adams

CODE

003

3 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

___MUSEUM

☒ COMMERCIAL

___PARK

___EDUCATIONAL

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ENTERTAINMENT

___RELIGIOUS

___GOVERNMENT

___SCIENTIFIC

___INDUSTRIAL

___TRANSPORTATION

___MILITARY

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Dr. Dale Smith

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

New Meadows

VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

83654

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Adams County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Council

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

83702

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Meadows school is a two-story brick structure dating from 1912. The simple design might be described as classical eclectic; the building is a symmetrical box with hipped roof and pedimental treatment of the gable in the outset centered entrance and stairwell pavilion. This gable is elaborated by eave returns, a circular ventilator and a shingled face. It is surmounted by a large, inset, open belfry with hipped roof. The red-brick fabric is perforated by windows which are headed in most cases by triple-coursed segmental arches. (The exceptions are the set of windows directly over the entrance, which is capped with a square arch, and the small windows directly on either side of the pavilion, which are also square-headed.) The roofs, as are those on most structures in this area of heavy snowfall, are of tin. The school has been converted to residential & veterinary clinic use, but there have been no exterior alterations and only one addition: a gabled porch which obscures a round-arched, double-doored front entrance. The building is presently very well-maintained.

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 Meadows schoolhouse has local architectural significance as a fine example of classical eclectic schoolhouse architecture of the early twentieth century, handsomely executed in brick and very well-preserved. It is the most substantial surviving building in Meadows, a town which was left behind when the railroad passed by a few miles to the west. Especially since the destruction by fire of the Friends Church which was its cognate institutional structure on the western edge of Meadows, the schoolhouse is the most conspicuous visual reminder of the past to survive in original form in what remains of its community. Packer John's cabin, situated in a state park several miles to the east and certainly important in Meadows' history, is a reconstruction of the first building in the valley, a cabin built in 1862. Other surviving buildings are modest frame structures.

The Meadows school is in fact the material evidence of the highest point in development, and the beginning of decline, in a town which is now reduced to a scatter of residential structures. At the time the school was constructed Meadows was a modest community which had grown up slowly to serve the farmers and stock-raisers who began settling the valley in the late 1870's. Most of the structures which comprised its main street were frame; such substantial institutions as hotel and school were still log. When in 1910 the new, planned town of New Meadows was built two miles to the west as a terminus for the Pacific and Idaho Northern railway, decline was inevitable. For a period, however, especially while it was believed that the P. & I. N. would be pushed further north to provide the state with a north-south railway, the valley as well as its new hub enjoyed a boom.

The school at Meadows, and a sibling at New Meadows built in the same year, are in substantial contrast to the mostly frame schoolhouses which have been inventoried in this part of Idaho. They are striking evidence of the optimistic climate which created them.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Ranney, Agnes Johnson, The Valley I Remember; Meadows Valley, Idaho,
Portland, Oregon 1973.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Meadows

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5

UTM REFERENCES

A 1 1 5 5 9 4 9 5 4 9 7 8 6 8 0
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION This nomination includes the former Meadows school and the property on which it stands. These are situated directly south of state Highway 55 and represent block 15 of the original townsite of Meadows.

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

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Patricia Wright, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

DATE

10 September 1979

STREET & NUMBER

610 North Julia Davis Drive

TELEPHONE

384-2120

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

Marie Wells

TITLE

State Historical Preservation Officer

DATE

10 September 1979

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

10-30-79

DATE

10/30/79



Meadows Schoolhouse
Highway 55
Meadows, Adams County, Idaho

Photographer: Duane Garrett
1978

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Historical Society
Boise, Idaho

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View from Northwest

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