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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Snowflake Stake Academy Building

AND/OR COMMON

High School Peterson building

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Southwest corner of Ballard and Hulet Aves.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Snowflake

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Arizona

VICINITY OF

85937

COUNTY

Navajo

CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Snowflake Unified School District No. 5

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 1100

CITY, TOWN

Snowflake

STATE

Arizona 85937

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Navajo County Recorders Office

STREET & NUMBER

300 Navajo Boulevard

CITY, TOWN

Holbrook

STATE

Arizona 86025

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Silver Creek Survey

DATE

1979

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Heritage Conservation Section, Arizona State Parks Board

CITY, TOWN

1688 West Adams, Phoenix

STATE

Arizona 85007

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 Snowflake Stake Academy building is a three and a half story structure constructed of random ashlar rusticated sandstone. Rectangular in plan, the building measures 45 feet wide by 60 feet deep. It is surmounted with a low pitched hip roof with bell cast eaves and a single, centrally located gabled dormer on the front (east) slope. The original wood shingles on the roof surfaces have been replaced with asphalt shingles.

The building is situated on a sloping site with its front facade facing east. Because the site slopes from east to west, toward the rear of the building, the front entry is at the second level. The first level entrance is through a central round arch doorway on the north facade.

The front facade is distinguished by the central entry which is approached through a pedimented portico. The portico is supported by two stone piers and a pair of Ionic columns at the front, and two stone engaged piers at the wall. A single flight of steps flanked by low stone walls, gives access to the portico. Carved in the entablature of the pediment are the words "Stake Academy".

A round arch window opening flanks each side of the front entry. At the third level, three large rectangular window openings penetrate the wall plane in three equal sized bays separated by stone pilaster strips.

On the north and south facades, second and third story window openings are also rectangular and occur uniformly on the wall plane, three to a level. The window openings are set in three of four bays which are demarcated by stone pilaster strips.

Window openings have concrete lintels, and aluminum casement windows replace the original wood, multiple light double hung sash windows. This modification was made in 1969.

The rear, or west elevation consists of two rectangular window openings on the third level separated on the facade by a stone chimney breast. The chimney continues upward and projects through the eave. A steel fire escape stair is attached to the wall and is accessible through the south window. Extending the length of this facade is a single story, shed roof addition. The wall planes are of rusticated stone and the roof is metal.

The interior has been modified considerably to accommodate the changing uses of the building.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Constructed 1911-1913 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Ralph Ramsey

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Snowflake Stake Academy building is significant for both its architecture and its association with the educational development of Snowflake. The building exemplifies the culmination of the efforts of the Mormon Church to formalize religious culture and education in its colonies.

The Stake Academy at Snowflake was founded in 1888 when Wilford Woodruff, president of the LDS Church, ordered that all of the Stakes of the Church erect academies. Accordingly, academy classes in Snowflake were instituted and were held in an existing building, the Society Relief Hall, from 1889 until 1901. In that year the first permanent Stake Academy building was constructed. It was built of locally fired brick, but the two and a half story structure was completely destroyed by fire in 1910.

Construction of the second Stake Academy building on the same site was begun in 1911 and completed in November 1913. The building was designed by local builder and craftsman Ralph Ramsey. Ramsey, who was responsible for the design and construction of other buildings in Snowflake, including the Jesse N. Smith house (National Register 1971), was also noted as the wood carver of Eagle Gate which spans State Street in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The building was constructed of locally quarried red sandstone, thought to be more fire resistant than the fired brick of the first Academy building. The construction contract was let to Frank Willis, and the principal stone masons were Niels and Hans Hansen and Wilford Rogers.

The Stake Academy building was designed in the Neo Classical mode although some of the detailing conceived for the building, such as Ionic capitals at the pilaster strips, carved stone hood moulding above the first level round arch entry, and decorative urns on the portico, were never constructed.

The building continued to serve Academy functions until 1924 when the LDS Church discontinued support of secondary schools. The building was leased to the Union High School in 1925 and still continues as part of the existing high school complex.

Despite the alteration of the window openings in 1969, the exterior

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Levine, Albert J., From Indian Trails to Jet Trails, Snowflake Historical Society, Snowflake, Arizona, 1977

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .9

QUADRANGLE NAME Snowflake

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 1, Block 20, Snowflake Townsite

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

James Woodward, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Jānus Design

DATE

October 1979

STREET & NUMBER

225 West University, Suite 204

TELEPHONE

(602) 967-7117

CITY OR TOWN

Tempe

STATE

Arizona 85281

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE X

LOCAL

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

James Woodward

TITLE

DATE 21 Jan 1980

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

W. Ray Luce
for

DATE 3/25/80

ATTEST:

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 3/17/80

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(11/78)

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of the building retains its original architectural integrity.

The Snowflake Stake Academy building is noteworthy for its architectural qualities and degree of craftsmanship. It serves as the singular evidence of early LDS Church attitudes toward public and private education in Snowflake, as well as being a prominent landmark in the community.