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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maine	
COUNTY: Franklin	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	FEB 23 1972

1. NAME

COMMON:
Little Red Schoolhouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Briggs Schoolhouse

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Routes 2 and 4 (Wilton Road)

CITY OR TOWN:
West Farmington ^{W.F.} 04992 (2nd Dist. Hon. William D. Hathaway)

STATE: Maine CODE: 23 COUNTY: Franklin CODE: 007

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) None _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Charlot N. Adams & John R. Nissen dba Adams Realty Company

STREET AND NUMBER:
59 Washington Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Portland STATE: Maine CODE: 23

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Franklin County Courthouse, Registry of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:
Maine Street

CITY OR TOWN: Farmington STATE: Maine CODE: 23

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

		(Check One)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
(Check One)			(Check One)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered			<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		
			<input type="checkbox"/> Moved		
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This building, erected in 1852, is quite typical of schoolhouses built in the vicinity at that time - with one exception - it has an arched ceiling. A 14' x 14' ell was added to the east side at some later date.

The original 24' x 28' structure formerly stood 70' south of its present location. It was moved in 1957 to make way for highway construction and the original foundation of split granite was also moved and used at the new location, on the same lot.

The single entrance to the building is located on the south side. The outside of the structure is covered with clapboards - many of them original. The boards under the clapboards are of "punkin" pine, up to 28" wide.

All the boards and timbers in the main buildings were sawed with an up-and-down saw (Whipsaw) - not planed nor sized. Some studding is 3" x 4"; some, 4" x 4" placed 27" on center. Plate is 7" x 12" on sides and 7" x 7" on ends. Studding on gable ends is 4" x 7" - 31" on center. Rafters are 3" x 6" - 31" on center. Ceiling joists are 2" x 6" - 31" on center. Split board lath used on walls and arched ceiling.

The interior of the classroom is plastered from the top of the pine sheathing up over the arched ceiling, which was later covered with Oregon Fir sheathing. "Punkin" pine up to 24" wide, and sawed wider at one end, was used as sheathing to a height of 3'.

The outline of a 3' x 4' x 9" teacher's platform shows on the old pine sheathing in the center of the south wall. Outlines of benches 7½' long and 15" high are also revealed on the sheathing on the east and west walls. A bench evidently ran the entire length of the north wall. A blackboard, 3' x 3½' was painted on the plastered wall in back of the teacher's platform, on the east side of the teacher's desk; on the west side were book shelves.

In 1898 the inside of the building was completely renovated. "Punkin" pine sheathing, plastered ceiling, and north wall from the top of the windows to the ceiling were all covered with 3/8" British Columbia-type sheathing made of Oregon Fir. The doors were replaced with hard pine doors. Locks used were dated 1889. Hard pine casings were used around the windows and doors, and random-width hard wood flooring - 2¼" to 3½" wide was laid over the old floor.

Potential Threat: None. This building has been saved and restored.

Present and Future Use: The Little Red Schoolhouse houses a museum, but also it has recently been approved as the official Franklin County Information Center. It will be open as an information center in the summers from July 1 to August 31.

Here is an example of an historic place being adapted to serve two modern day functions.

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5. SIGNIFICANCE

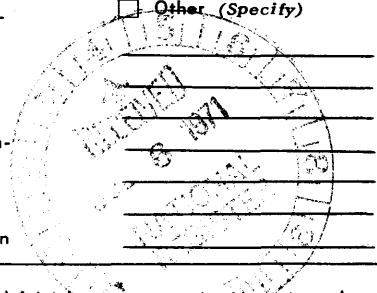
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1852 to 1969

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
 For over one hundred years - 1852 to 1957 - this little ungraded schoolhouse served the people of District #14 in Farmington. It provided many of the children in that area with perhaps the only education they ever received. Again, from 1962 to 1969, the school served as the Franklin County Training Center for the Retarded.

After its use as a Model A rural school from 1920 to 1932, the Red Schoolhouse was selected as a Model Rural School for use by the Farmington Normal School for teacher training. There were only five of these in the entire state, and the one in Farmington was highly commended for the twelve years that it served that program.

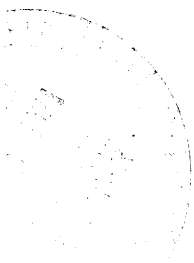
It is hoped that this schoolhouse, one of the few remaining of the two dozen or so that were in operation in the town for so many years, will give the people of today-especially the youth - an insight into the education of their forebears. Here, in all its old-time simplicity, will be seen a typical schoolroom of over one hundred years ago.

It is planned that the little Red Schoolhouse, besides being a museum of school interest, will also be used for community purposes, thus assuring its continuing usefulness.

No future President of these United States ever attended the little Red Schoolhouse; no great scientists, politicians, mathematicians, or any other famous persons ever graduated from this rustic seat of learning. However, it was those hundreds of "just common people" who passed through its doors, and through the doors of similar institutions of learning throughout the country - rural folk, farmers, local businessmen, mill owners, small factory owners, who formed the backbone of our democracy.

We sincerely believe that this gentle reminder of a lost past will serve an important function in the years to come.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Farmington Tow Reports from 1850 to 1969
 Registry of Deeds; Franklin County:
 Book 19; Page 29 William Tufts to Tappan Jennings 11/6/1850
 " 25; " 47 Tappan Jennings to Inhabitants of
 School District #14 11/6/1851
 " 394; " 81 Town of Farmington to John J. Nissen
 Baking Company 8/10/1965

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: < 10

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Donald McKeen, Chairman

ORGANIZATION: Red Schoolhouse Committee

DATE: June 8, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: East Wilton 04234

STATE: Maine

CODE: 23

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Lawrence Stuart
 Title Director
 Date June 29, 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Connelly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date FEB 23 1972

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date Jan. 17, 1972

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70°15' 44°45' 4955000m.N. 402000m.E. MANGELT 33 MI PHILLIPS STREONG 4.2 MI KINGFIELD NEW VINEYARD

Little Red Schoolhouse
Briggs School House
West Farmington
1/7 acre

Latitude 40° 37' 52"
Longitude 70° 9' 13"

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