

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National 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 Frisco Schoolhouse 5ST258 e
and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number 120 Main Street n/a not for publication
city, town Frisco n/a vicinity of
state Colorado code 08 county Summit code 117

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	n/a in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	n/a being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Town of Frisco c/o Douglas P. Jones, Mayor
street & number P. O. Box 370, 1 Main Street
city, town Frisco n/a vicinity of state Colorado

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Summit County Clerk & Recorder
street & number 208 East Lincoln
city, town Breckenridge state Colorado

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historic Sites Inventory of Colorado has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date Ongoing federal state county local
depository for survey records Colorado Historical Society--Preservation Office
city, town Denver state Colorado

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Schoolhouse, prominently sited on Main Street in Frisco, is a three-bay log structure, with dovetail notching. The overall dimensions, including the addition are 92' x 26'.

The building has a central entrance facing north toward Main Street. On either side of the main door is a large flatheaded window with a plain moulded surround (cottage window form). Each is a single sash with a double hung, stained glass transom light. The transom lights have a clear rectangular center pane, surrounded by a symmetrical arrangement of small panels, alternating cut and stained glass. The large sash windows differ from each other in the following manner: the left window sash is divided into two uneven fixed panes by a horizontal muntin, placed three-quarters way up on the sash; the right window is glazed with one pane of glass. This asymmetrical configuration has prevailed since at least 1909. (Earliest photographic evidence is 1909.)

A diamond-shaped window is centered in the north front gable, hinged on the bottom right side to open into the attic. The gable is decorated with scalloped patterned shingles. On the south gable, the pattern is only on the lower half of the gable. The dominant feature of the building is an open bell tower, topped by a bell cast roof, at the base of which are semi-circular arches containing sunburst patterns on all four sides. Crowning the tower is the original weathervane. The roof of the main section is corrugated tin.

The east wall has three windows and a double door. The two sash, double hung windows are flatheaded, tall and narrow; the surround head and sides are plain moulded as is the lugsill. Originally the side had four regularly spaced windows but some time in the late 1950s, the double door that exists today was cut into the wall and one window placed to the side. These doors are sheltered by a gabled porch.

Three two-sash, double hung, flatheaded windows are found on the rear half of the west wall. The front part of the wall is windowless and is probably where the bar was located when the building was a saloon.

The one-story rear addition, of 1950s vintage, obscures the rear of the original building. From the interior, however, it is evident that the original back wall had a central, single leaf door with one window to each side. The addition is frame, sheathed with flush horizontal plank siding. The gable is board and batten.

The interior is paneled almost exclusively with tongue and groove paneling. The original ceiling is also finished in this fashion.

The original interior was composed of one room, with perhaps a cloakroom located at the entryway. In the recent renovation, the later partitions have been removed and the interior is now one large open space as it once was. As soon as the exact location of the cloakroom has been determined, those walls will be reconstructed.

An old stone and timber-lined wine cellar exists beneath the rear half of the original section.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1890 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Schoolhouse in Frisco is important to the community in that it is the town's earliest standing school building and the only school to serve Frisco from 1902 to 1940.

Frisco was established as a mining town which experienced both boom and bust periods largely based on the silver market. In its mining heyday, the town boasted several saloons, four hotels and an opera house. After the 1893 silver crash, Frisco made a strong recovery with new mining interests. It was during this period that the schoolhouse building was constructed (originally built as a saloon in the mid to late 1890s).

Public school had been held in District 9 (Frisco) since 1882, according to school board minutes. Where classes were held at that time is not known. The first identified location of a school was on "all of Lot 7 on Block 8" as of June 13, 1899. Two years later, on November 30, 1901, the school board purchased Lots 1,2, and 3 on Block F along with the existing building on the property from Simon Schloss. (Schloss had acquired the property from Oliver Swanson about one month before; although Swanson listed himself as a miner in 1900, he is the first owner of the property and it is presumed that he built and operated the saloon that was standing on the lots.)

Swanson's building was subsequently converted into use as a school. A yearly average of twenty-five pupils attended the one-room schoolhouse from 1902 to 1940, when the school district was temporarily consolidated with Dillon. In 1947 the Frisco school was reopened and continued in use until 1961-1962. Thus the building was actively used as Frisco only school for fifty-three years. In the mid-1960s, it was reopened and functioned as the county school administration building until 1981.

The town of Frisco, which is presently experiencing intense development as a result of the growth of the ski industry, has lost many of its historic buildings. The school is one of very few significant structures remaining on its original site. It is a landmark for the town and is being renovated by the city for use as a museum.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Town of Frisco, Book of Minutes, 10/25/1880 - 3/16/1929 Unpublished, available at
 Town Hall, Frisco.
 Paul Kitzhaber, Contractor (Restoration) - Interview, 9/28/82; 10/13/82.

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property .59 acres
 Quadrangle name Frisco Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A	<u>13</u>	<u>405530</u>	<u>4380970</u>	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property occupies Lots 1, 2, & 3 in Block F of the town of Frisco.
 The dimensions of the lots are roughly 140' x 30'.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state n/a	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Ann Knapp-English, Planning Intern, and Deborah LaFountaine
 organization Town of Frisco, Community Service date 10/26/82
 street & number P.O. Box 370 telephone 893-1855 (Denver Direct)
 city or town Frisco state Colorado

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state 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 Barbara Sudler
 title State Historic Preservation Officer (Acting) date 8-8-83

For NPS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
 Entered in the National Register date 9/15/83
 Keeper of the National Register
 Attest: _____ date _____
 Chief of Registration