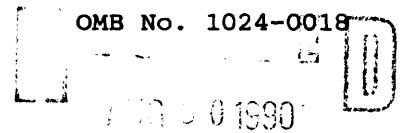


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NATIONAL REGISTER

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable". For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries. Use letter quality printers in 12 pitch. Use only 25% or greater cotton content bond paper.

**1. Name of Property**

historic name: Florissant School  
other names/site number: Florissant Grange #420  
5TL.305

**2. Location**

street & number: 2009 County Road #31 (NA) not for publication  
city, town: Florissant (NA) vicinity  
state: Colorado code: CO county: Teller code: 119 zip code: 80816

**3. Classification**

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	No. of Resources within Property	
		contributing	noncontributing
(X) private	(X) building(s)	<u>4</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
(X) public-local	( ) district	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
( ) public-State	( ) site	<u>      </u>	<u>1</u> structures
( ) public-Federal	( ) structure	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> objects
	( ) object	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u> Total
Name of related multiple property listing:		No. of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register <u>N/A</u>	
<u>N/A</u>			

**4. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this (x) nomination ( ) request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property (x) meets ( ) does not meet the National Register criteria.

( ) See continuation sheet.

*Barbara Sudler*

8-21-90

Signature of certifying official

Date

State Historic Preservation Officer, Colorado Historical Society  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ( ) meets ( ) does not meet the National Register criteria. ( ) See continuation sheet.

Signature of Commenting or Other Official

Date

State or Federal Agency and Bureau

**5. National Park Service Certification**

Entered in the  
National Register

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

() entered in the National Register.  
( ) See continuation sheet

*Helene Byrum* 10/1/90

( ) determined eligible for the National Register. ( ) See continuation sheet

( ) determined not eligible for the National Register.

( ) removed from the National Register.

( ) other, (explain:)

*f* Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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**6. Functions or Use**

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**Historic Functions**  
(enter categories from instructions)Education: school  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_**Current Functions**  
(enter categories from instructions)Social: Meeting Hall  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**7. Description**

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**Architectural Classification**  
(enter categories from instructions)Other: Vernacular  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_**Materials**  
(enter categories from instructions)foundations stone  
walls weatherboard  
\_\_\_\_\_  
roof shingle  
other  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

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The Florissant Schoolhouse, built in 1887, is a one story, gabled roof, frame structure with an L shaped plan, located in the northwestern part of rural Teller County. It was erected as a rural schoolhouse in El Paso County District #13, which later became known as Teller County District #4. The building remains at its original location, the junction of County Road #31, and Wildhorn Road, in Florissant.

The old schoolhouse was simple in design, with one room measuring 36'6" X 34'5". The foundation is of rich mortar and rock and the chimney was constructed of red brick. The structure was clad in pine and fir siding and the roof was in wooden shingles. The original school bell is still in use in the bell tower located near the entryway. The two story high bell tower has a pyramidal roof and a spire. The school still has its original double hung windows with arched pediment molding. The building cost \$884.50 and was erected on land originally owned by Frank F. Castello, a pioneer of Florissant, as is evidenced by the fact that the townsite was once the Castello Ranch. Frank F. Castello originally settled in the area in June of 1870.

In the interior a wood burning stove sat in the northeast corner of the room. The interior walls are plastered above the three foot high wainscoting. Some of the desks and benches used in the schoolhouse, as well as the teachers desk and the piano, remain there today. Other interior features intact from the days when the building functioned as a school include the shelves for the lunch buckets which are still located in the entryway.

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In 1889, the first addition was added to the east side of the building using similar materials and design. The contract for the addition was awarded to W.P. Allen for the amount of \$1,300.00. A room 13' X 26' and a stage for school plays and graduation ceremonies were added. This addition is historic and does not compromise the integrity of the schoolhouse. In 1953 gas furnaces with forced air were installed, one in each room and are still in use today.

Recently, the owners of the property removed the plaster on the interior and replaced with wallboard, leaving the wainscotting in west room untouched. The 15 or so coats of paint have been stripped from this wainscotting and the owners are in the process of stripping the window frames. A kitchen has been put in one corner of the west room without altering the walls or windows and a bathroom has been constructed by adding one frame wall to the entry porch.

A small gable roofed building with a rectangular plan constructed of the same type of materials as the main school building is located to the north of the school and was used to store coal and wood. In 1953, after gas heaters were put in the main building, this building was remodeled and the school lunches were prepared and served out of it. It is still on the property today and is used as a thrift shop for needy people of the area. This building is contributing.

A separate concrete foundation, east of the schoolhouse, is all that remains of the old Florissant Post Office. This building was used as class space from 1942 until 1959-1960, when the schools were consolidated and the building was moved to Woodland Park school for an additional classroom. The foundation is still in the original place. This is a non-contributing object.

There is a well, still in use today, which was dug by Mr. John Land who was hired by the school board in August of 1889. He also contracted to construct two water closets (privies) for an additional \$60.00. These two contributing buildings are still intact and in their original locations.

Contributing buildings (4) #1 Schoolhouse  
#2 Thrift shop  
#3 & 4 Outhouses

Noncontributing structure #1 Concrete foundation

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: ( ) nationally ( ) statewide (X) locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ( ) A ( ) B (X) C ( ) D  
 Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ( ) A ( ) B ( ) C ( ) D ( ) E ( ) F ( ) G

**Areas of Significance**

(enter categories from instructions)

**Period of Significance**

**Significant Dates**

Architecture

1887

1887

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Significant Person**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Ashby, Eli - builder

Allen, W.P. (builder of 1889 addition)

**State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.**

The Florissant School meets criterion C as an example of a type and period of construction. It is a relatively unaltered vernacular schoolhouse, characteristic of the 1880s in Colorado.

The schoolhouse has architectural significance as an early example in Teller county of a vernacular, rural schoolhouse. The materials and design, with its L shaped plan, are simple and have been unaltered. This vernacular type of educational architecture was common on the plains of Colorado. Decorative features such as lintels, the unusual bell tower and the flared molding above the windows distinguish this school from other vernacular schoolhouses of this period in Colorado.

The school was often the location of social events in the community. A long-time resident who attended this school, Robert Clark, remembered that, "We had at least one and sometimes two plays a year. Skits for the younger kids, like dressing up as a snowman or something. Everybody in the area would come, even those people who didn't have kids in school. They'd have maybe a covered dish and a get together and everyone would visit and have fun." In 1960, the Florissant school was consolidated with Woodland Park and the building was sold to the grange.

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The Florissant Grange, chartered in 1935, began meeting in the schoolhouse in 1961. It is one of two remaining granges in Teller County, and, consequently, a center of political and agricultural life. Teller County has a rich agricultural history which includes homesteading and ranching. Crops such as potatoes, head lettuce, turnips, peas, and other vegetables have been raised near Florissant. The Florissant Grange affected peoples everyday lives because it was active in getting Rural Electrification Association, telephones, and mail routes to the area.

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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Ute Pass Courier. "Florissant History." September 1, 1988, p.9.

( ) See continuation sheet

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- ( ) preliminary determination of individual listing ( 36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ( ) previously listed in the National Register
- ( ) previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ( ) designated a National Historic Landmark
- ( ) recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- ( ) recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

- Primary location of additional data:
- ( ) State Historic Preservation Office
  - ( ) Other State agency
  - ( ) Federal agency
  - ( ) Local government
  - ( ) University
  - ( ) Other

Specify Repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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**10. Geographical Data**

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**Acreeage of property:** 2 acres

**UTM References**

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Zone   Easting   Northing

C |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  
Zone   Easting   Northing

B |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  
Zone   Easting   Northing

D |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  
Zone   Easting   Northing

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

Crystal Peak Ranches Filing No. 2-A, block 1, lot 2

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**Boundary Justification**

Property being nominated is the land currently owned by the Florissant Grange.

( ) See continuation sheet

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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Name/Title: Betty J. Burns  
Organization: Florissant Grange  
Street & Number: Box 35  
City or Town: Florissant  
Date: January 20, 1990  
Telephone: (719) 748-3252  
State: CO Zip Code: 80816

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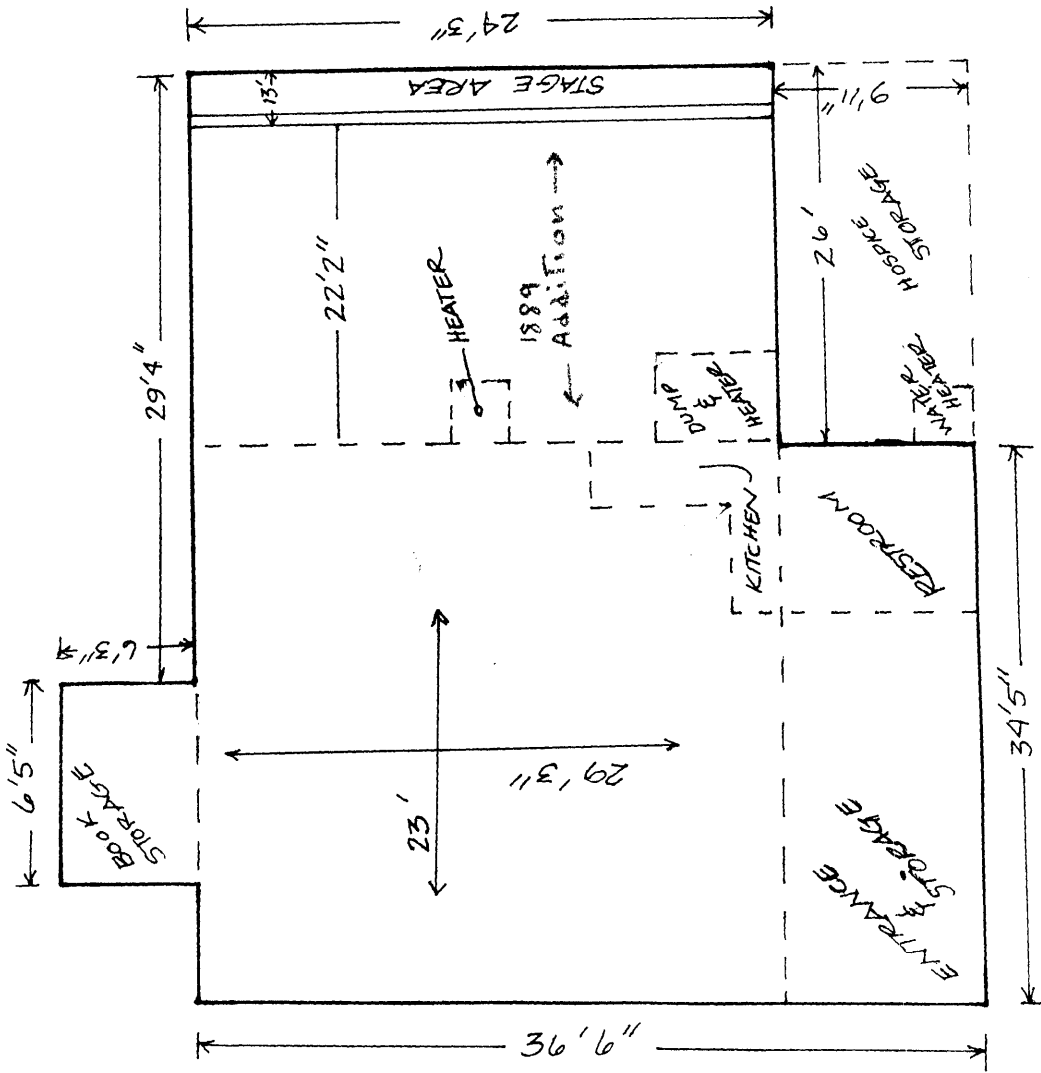
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4. Date of Photograph: January 1990
5. Location of Negatives: Linda Burns, P. O. Box 35, Florissant, CO

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2. Schoolhouse S facade, View N
3. Schoolhouse S facade, View W
4. Outhouses and schoolhouse, View SE
5. Schoolhouse interior
6. Schoolhouse interior
7. Schoolhouse interior
8. Thrift shop (coal and woodshed), View N
9. Girl's outhouse, View E
10. Girl's outhouse interior
11. Girl's outhouse interior
12. Boy's outhouse, View W
13. Boy's outhouse, interior





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COUNTY ROAD No. 31

FLORISSANT SCHOOL HOUSE

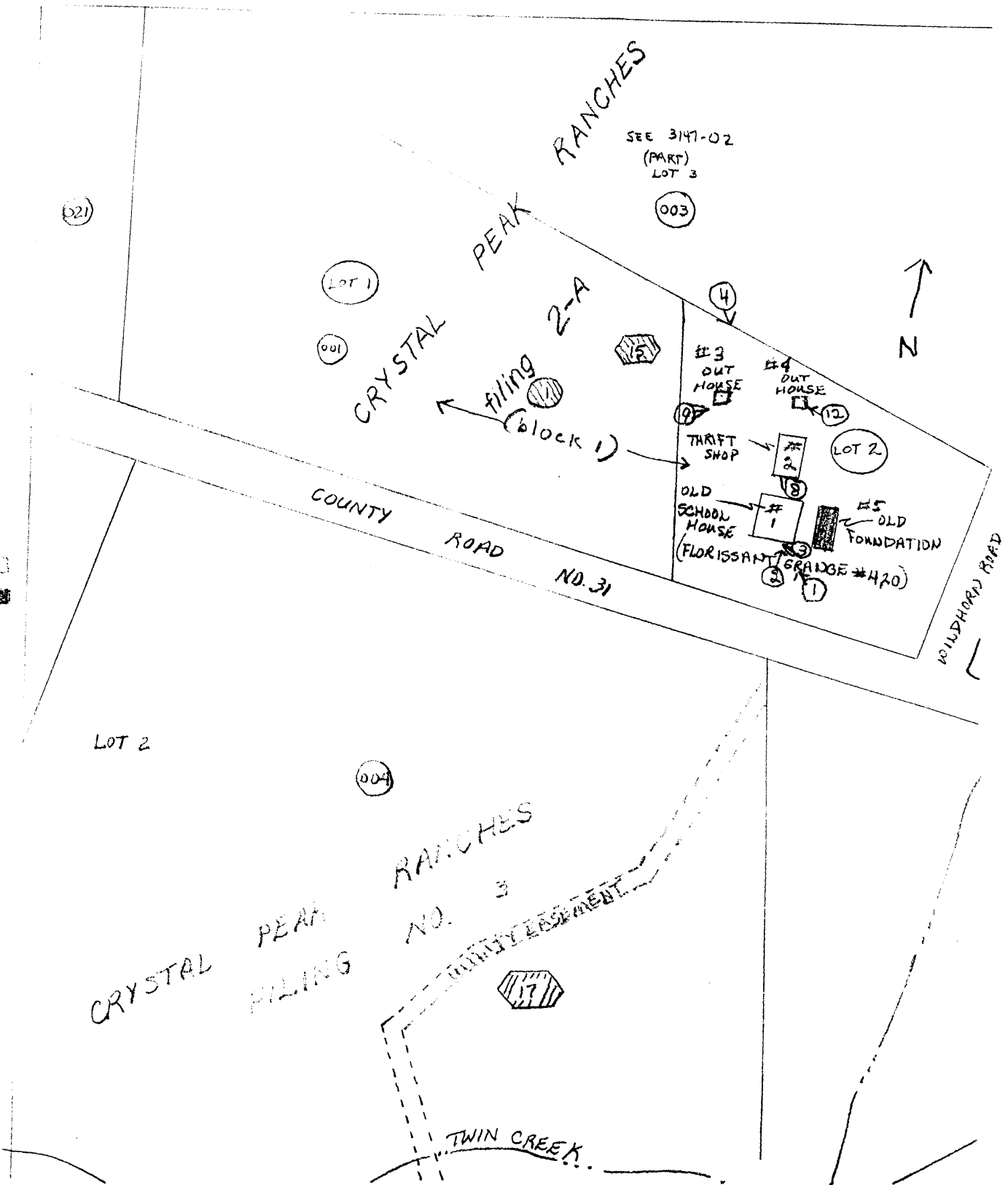
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Florissant School

CRYSTAL PEAK RANCHES FILING NO. 2A BLOCK 1 LOT 2  
TOWNSHIP 13 RANGE 71 SECTION 2

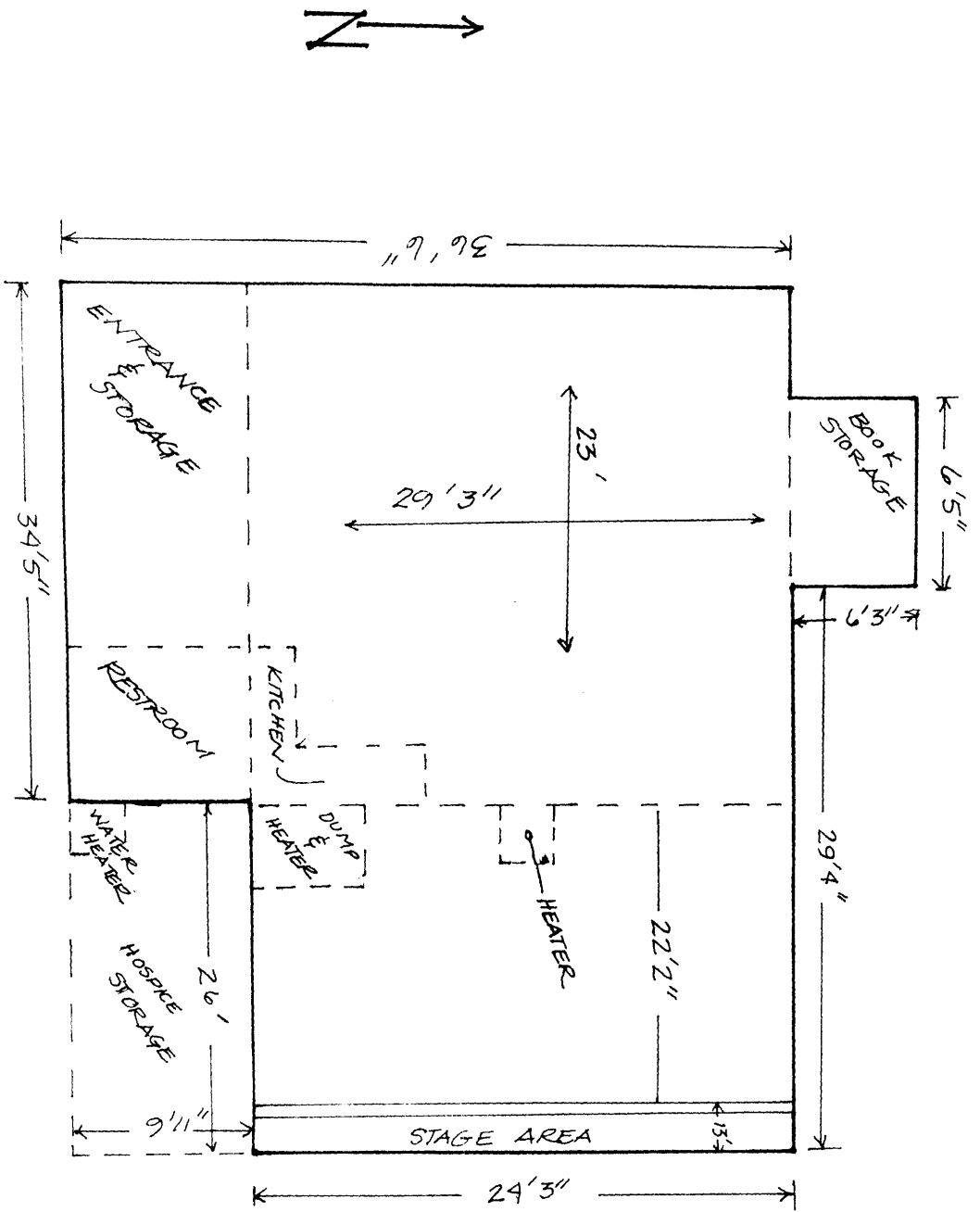
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TAX AREA 33

interior lot   
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water



FLOREISSANT SCHOOL HOUSE

NOT TO SCALE



COUNTY ROAD No. 51

WILDHORN BLYD.