

# MONTANA HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1 Reference #	Date: Winter 1980	
2 Photo # 17 and 18	Direction N NE E SE <b>(S)</b> SW W NW	CONTACT PHOTO
3 Historic Name: <u>Malmborg School</u>		
3a Common Name:		
4 Address: <u>Bozeman, MT</u>		
5 Program Area: <u>Gallatin County</u>	6 County Code <u>031</u>	State Code <u>030</u>
7 Legal Description: <u>250' x 150' lot, East boundary is right-of-way of Jackson Creek Rd.</u>		
8 Owner & Address: <u>Gallatin County Superintendent of Schools</u>		
9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <u>301 West Main Street, Bozeman, MT</u>		

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

10 Year Built: <u>1905</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Factual <input type="checkbox"/> Estimate	11 Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Moved
12 Architect (if known):	
13 Builder/Original Owner (if known)	
14 Exterior Materials: <input type="checkbox"/> Stone <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood <input type="checkbox"/> Log <input type="checkbox"/> Terra-cotta <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete <input type="checkbox"/> Shingle <input type="checkbox"/> Other Materials (specify):	
15 Condition: <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> In Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> No Longer Exists	
16 Retention of Original Design: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Major <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	
17 Present Use: <u>school</u>	18 Original Use: <u>school</u>
19 Please describe the present general physical appearance of the structure and site. To the extent possible, please also describe changes that have occurred to the property over the years, noting the approximate dates at which they occurred.	
<p>The Malmborg School is a one story, detached, frame octagonal building with clapboard siding. There are two windows on the southwest, three on the south and one on the southeast walls of the building. A shed roofed frame addition projects from the west wall. The entry door is located on the east face and was originally covered by an open porch supported by wooden Doric columns resting on high plinths. The octagonal roof was capped by an open bell tower, also supported by Doric columns. Located 150' to the south of the building is a shed roof (cont in sec.20c)</p>	

SIGNIFICANCE

20a Reason for significance: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historical Associations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architectural and Engineering design and appearance <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of historic or prehistoric information
20b Please justify the historical significance; noting important persons, events and/or historical patterns associated with structure, site and surrounding area.
<p>The Malmborg School is the only example of the octagonal type (J) in the evolution of the school house in Gallatin County. The octagonal plan was probably chosen because it allowed for greater interior area and let in more natural light by placing windows on three sides. The form was also more adaptable to centralized heating and had no 'dark corners'. The placement of the stable to the south is significant in that it was visible from the school and allowed the students to keep an eye on their horses. The Malmborg School illustrates how the early variations of the schoolhouse design were a result of the needs, aspirations, and cultural background of the community which created it.</p>

SIGNIFICANCE continued

20c Please justify how the location, design, details, materials, and/or workmanship contribute to the property's significance.

stable for the student's horses. The clapboard siding of the school has been stuccoed over, the corbelled-out chimney truncated, the porch enclosed, the bell tower removed. In the 1940's a shed addition was attached to the northwest side to house the indoor restrooms. The original rock foundation has been replaced with a concrete one. Many students still travel to school on horseback and keep their horses in the stable.

20d Please note if the extant structure/site may demonstrate or yield information about its historic use or construction.

21 Neighborhood Context:  Unrelated  Compatible  Integral element  
 Major component of the neighborhood

21a If the structure/site contributes to the value of a larger grouping of structures and sites, please describe the visual or historic relationships that the individual structure/site has to that grouping.

22 Environmental/Economic threats to survival:  Private Development  Zoning  
 Public Works Projects  Vandalism  Deterioration  Other (specify):

23 Recognition in existing historical surveys:

24 Sources of Documentation: Annual Trustees Reports 1896-1934

PREPARED BY:

25 Agency Prepared For:

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 Organization: School of Architecture, MSU, Bozeman, MT

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27 Staff Evaluator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Permission to Nominate  Yes  No

28 National Register Status:  Listed  Currently nominated  
 Appears to meet NR Criteria  A  B  C  D  Does not appear to meet NR Criteria  
 Eligible  Yes  No As part of a district  Yes  No Individually  Yes  No

29 UTM References: Zone 12 Easting 512850 Northing 5057140

30 Please Return to: State Historic Preservation Office  
 Montana Historical Society  
 225 N. Roberts St.  
 Helena, Montana 59601

31 SHPO Comments: