

MONTANA HISTORICAL * ARCHITECTURAL INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1 Reference #	Date: Winter 1980	
2 Photo # 3	Direction N NE E SE S SW W NW	CONTACT PHOTO
3 Historic Name: Spanish Creek School		
3a Common Name:		
4 Address: Gallatin Gateway, Montana		
5 Program Area: Gallatin County	6 County Code 031	State Code 030
7 Legal Description: 200' x 200' lot; N boundary is right-of-way of Burma Road		
8 Owner & Address: Gallatin County Superintendent of Schools		
9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private 301 Main Street, Bozeman, MT		

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

10 Year Built: 1896 <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 type="checkbox"/> Stucco <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" 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: vacant	18 Original Use: homestead cabin
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. Built prior to 1896, the Spanish Creek school is a one story, detached log building with a gable roof. There is a window centered on both the north and south walls with a central door on the east wall. A wood stove was placed toward the front entrance. The end notching incorporates 1/2 lap and tenon joints; the joints were then covered with a vertical corner board. The logs were peeled but not squared except at the ends which was typical in British Columbian log construction. Mud chinking provided part of the (cont. in section 20c)	

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. The Spanish Creek School, like the Horseshoe Basin School, was a homestead cabin prior to being adapted to a school in 1902. The addition of the enclosed porch was a response to the harsh winter environment and allowed for a protected entry vestibule. This building served as a school until 1946 when it was abandoned due to the lack of students in the area.

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

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 In 1915 a small hip roofed enclosed log porch was added to the east wall. The added porch has a door on the north wall. The porch is part of the natural evolution of school house architecture and does not detract from the building's integrity.

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 District Trustee Reports 1896-1934

SIGNIFICANCE continued

25 Agency Prepared For:

26 Name/Address Dave Minor and Paul Bishop

Phone # _____ Date: _____

Organization: School of Architecture, MSU, Bozeman, MT

PREPARED BY:

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 474175 Northing 5037315

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

31 SHPO Comments: