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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

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 10-900-a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Ticknor School
other names/site number Lower School

2. Location

street & number 7212 Skookumchuck Rd. S.E. not for publication
city, town Tenino vicinity
state Washington code WA county Thurston code 034067 zip code 98598

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	— buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	—	— sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	—	— structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	—	— objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Rural Public School Buildings in Washington State
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria.
 See continuation sheet.

Jacob E. Johnson
Signature of certifying official Date 3/16/90

Washington State Department of Community Development Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
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

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register. Patrick Andrews 5/10/90
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action _____

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Education: School

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Vacant/Not in Use

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: gable roof vernacular

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concretewalls wood: weatherboardroof asphalt

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Ticknor School is a small, rectangular, one-story wood frame structure located in the broad Skookumchuck Valley approximately four and one-half miles southeast of Tenino. The simple one-room building has a gable roof with exposed rafters and gable-end fascia boards supported by brackets. On the front facade are two adjoining four-over-four double hung sash windows. The west side is lit by a band of four tall double-hung windows with six-over-six lights sharing a common sill. The roofline is broken by a brick chimney at the rear wall. Walls are clad with clapboards and cornerboards. The foundation is partially skirted by wide horizontal boards. A small recessed porch on the front (north) facade shelters the entry door. The one-room interior plan survives intact.

The school originally had a small gable roofed woodshed to the rear which is now gone. Both the interior and exterior are in somewhat deteriorated condition.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

 nationally statewide locallyApplicable National Register Criteria A B C DCriteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Education

Period of Significance

1932-1936

Significant Dates

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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

The Ticknor School is historically significant for its association with public education in rural Thurston County and the development of community life in the Skookumchuck Valley. Although built in the 1930s, the school is the best intact example of a one-room school in the county. When built, it served a small, remote population which maintained the one-room plan of an earlier era. The school continues to retain its form, fenestration, entrances and chimney and strongly conveys its historic character. It meets the registration requirements established for the property type in the Rural Public Schools multiple property documentation form.

Historical Background: Pioneer settlers were attracted to the fertile river bottomland and open prairies of the Skookumchuck Valley as early as the 1850s, when the Frost, Davidson, Ticknor, Prince, Yantis and Northcroft families established farms there. The first school in the valley was held in the homes of the Prince and Turvey families. By 1883, a school building was constructed, located across the road from the site of the nominated building, and named in honor of pioneer J.T. Ticknor who came to the valley in 1851. In 1896, the Ticknor Schoolhouse was moved to the present site, but it burned in 1931 and was replaced by the nominated structure.

Eight grades were taught in the new one-room school, which was called the Lower School to distinguish it from the Stony Point school located further up the valley. But the school did not last long. The district was consolidated in 1936 with Stoney Point and the nominated school closed. Beginning in 1942, the district became part of the Tenino School District. The building is currently used for storage for Fire District No. 12 which has a fire hall adjacent to the school building.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Corcoran, Neil, "A Short History of Tenino Area Schools," The Tenino Independent, November 9, 1977.
"Pioneer Resident of 80 Years Recounts History," The Tenino Independent, March 1, 1935.
Smith, Herndon, "Centralia, the First 50 Years," Chronicle, Centralia, 1942.

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 #

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property approximately one acre

UTM References

A	<u>10</u>	<u>514360</u>	<u>5183100</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing
C			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
D			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

The southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 9, Township 15 North, Range 1 West, W.M., as follows: Commencing four chains south and 50 links east of the northwest corner, south 316 links, east 316 links, north 316 links, west 316 links. Less north 104.28 feet of east 60 feet. Tax parcel #11509130100.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the entire parcel that has historically been associated with the property.

See continuation sheet

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Ticknor School, Photograph #1
Tenino vicinity, Washington
Tom Costantini
March 4, 1985
Washington State Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
111 West 21st Avenue
Olympia, Washington
Northwest corner
N/A