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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic SUNDANCE SCHOOL

and/or common OLD STONEY

2. Location

street & number 108 North Fourth Street not for publication

city, town Sundance vicinity of

state Wyoming code 056 county Crook code 011

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Crook County School District #1

street & number Cleveland Street

city, town Sundance vicinity of state Wyoming

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Crook County Courthouse - register of deeds is County Clerk

street & number Cleveland Street

city, town Sundance state Wyoming

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? n/aves n/a no

date N/A n/a federal n/a state n/a county n/a local

depository for survey records N/a

city, town N/A state N/A

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Sundance School is a symmetrical buff colored minnelusa sandstone structure and a typical example of 20th century institutional structures. At two stories with a garden level basement it is one of Sundance's most impressive buildings. It has a reinforced concrete watertable which serves as lintel for evenly spaced rectangular light basement windows with nine bays across the front and four on each side and at the back. Second story windows are grouped in solid four bay openings one each flanking the entrance with shared plain reinforced concrete sills and lintels. Third story windows are a repeat of the second story. This pattern is repeated at the back. Single rectangular bays are evenly spaced on the sides at the third story level with plain reinforced concrete sills and lintels. All windows have a metal multi painted frame with a wide center mullion on the front groupings. The building has a hipped asphalt roof and a brick side wall chimney. The front entrance is slightly protruding with a gabled parapet wall featuring a reinforced concrete cap flatened over side lights. The protruding entrance features paired, off-sized windows at the half story. The entrance centered at the watertable features a multipainted transom and double metal doors. This vertical grouping shares reinforced concrete surrounds, lintels and quoined sides and there appears to be a decorative reinforced concrete panel above the entrance transom. Additionally the vertical grouping is flanked by narrow sidelights spaced halfway between the paired bays and at the water table height repeating the sills and lintels of the other windows. Finally the parapet end wall features a central narrow rectangular opening with a reinforced concrete surround. Located just four blocks from the only other native stone random ashlar structure in the community the Sundance school retains integrity of setting, design, location, workmanship, feeling and association.

(SEE ADDENDUM)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Community development
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1923 **Builder/Architect** Link and Haire, Billings, Montana

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Sundance School building is a rare example of the stone quarried in the area. This building was used for elementary and high school classes until 1971 when it was closed for school purposes. The building is presently used for some office space and for storage of school records and supplies. It will make a marvelous museum and will be considered for such when deeded to Crook County. This School is Sundance's finest example of institutional architecture and embodies characteristics of type, period and method of construction as adapted to this small unwealthy western community. Constructed with locally quarried stone it does not resemble the one room school house that became the legend in a shared past. The Sundance School instead, is a substantial and outstanding example of this communities intent to construct a lasting facility for the education and social development of their young people. Its construction is representative of 1920's institutional architecture, one of only two located in the community. Having served a ranching community with a radius of up to 40 miles the school is associated with locally significant individuals who have gone on the important local achievements and also with the process of organizing a community and nurturing a civilized society. This pursuit has had a lasting influence on the borad patterns of frontier history. For these associations, for its superior architectural persence in the community and for its integrity of setting, design, location, workmanship, materials, feeling and association it deserves enrollment in the National Register of Historic Places.

9. Major Bibliographical References

The Sundance Times
Masonic Records
Lower Shell Valley School House National Register Nomination, 1984
National Register Nomination Sundance State Bank, 1984

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property Less than 2 acres

Quadrangle name Sundance, Wyoming

Quadrangle scale 1:62500

UTM References

A

1	3	5	4	9	6	0	0	4	9	1	6	9	5	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

Zone			Easting				Northing							

D

Zone			Easting				Northing							

E

Zone			Easting				Northing							

F

Zone			Easting				Northing							

G

Zone			Easting				Northing							

H

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 7, 8, 9 Block 7, Original Townsite

Sundance, Wyoming (SEE ADDENDUM)

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

state n/a code n/a county n/a code n/a

state n/a code n/a county n/a code n/a

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mrs. B.B. (Loretta D.) Durfee

organization Crook County Historical Society

date March 25, 1985

street & number Box 161

telephone 307-283-2333

city or town Sundance

state Wyoming 82729

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

Robert H. Bush

title Director and State Historic Preservation Officer

date 10/23/85

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

J. Alloua Byers
Keeper of the National Register

date 12/2/85

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date

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The Sundance Times July 26, 1923

"Although there is still a shortage of stone masons on the High School job in Sundance, work is progressing very satisfactorily and the foundation walls begin to give promise of the splendid structure in view. The corner stone was delivered to give promise of the splendid structure in view. The corner stone was delivered on the ground Saturday, Leo Boone bringing it in by truck from the Tower. This important detail of the building is a slab of the Devil's Tower structure and is a fine selection of flinty basalt. The rock has a surface about three feet square with a width of 18th inches. it weighs close to a ton and will be placed in position with a derrick." (See Exhibit E for additional information of the corner stone.)

The Sundance Times, August 30, 1923

"Leveled, plumbed and squared by the implements of operative masonry, as applied to the high standards of speculative Masonry; consecrated with corn, the Masonic emblem of plenty; with wine, the emblem of joy and gladness; and with oil the emblem of peace, the corner stone of the new Crook County High School building was laid at 4: p.m. Saturday by the Wyoming Grand Lodge, A.F.&A.M. in special session at Sundance.

The Sundance Times, December 20, 1923 New Crook County High School

"The new building for Crook County High School and Distric #1 consists of a two story and basement. 57' by 89' constructed of buff colored Minnelusa sandstone quarried within four miles of Sundance with reinforced concrete water table, lintels and ledge trim. It is roofed with dip-treated Star cedar shingles. (the shingles are now asphalt.)

The basement is laid out in a gymnasuim 89 x 29 feet with 16 foot ceiling; girl's play room, girl's toilet room, boy's toilet and shower, electric generating room, boiler and coal station with necessary halls and passage ways.

First floor plan, four large class rooms, laboratory, domestic science room, two commercial rooms and large assembly hall with suitable state.

The floors throughout except the cement floors of the basement are of maple; wood trim around the doors, etc, of cedar.

The entire arrangement is most satisfactory and shows the results of careful planning and is a credit to firm of Link and Haire, Architects of Billings, Montana who planned the building;

The Marshall Engineer Company of Deadwoo, S.D., Herman Pohlman, foreman, are to be complimented on the most creditable manner in which the work has been done, the class of workmanship of the highest quality and practically without fault.

E.F. Ball, Superintendent for architects, laid out the building and has been superintending the work since it began.

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The boundary for the Sundance School matches the legal description for the property which is; "Lots 7, 8, 9 Block 7 Original Townsite, Sundance, Wyoming. This boundary encompasses the historic resource on its original site and no other buildings or structures. Because of the scale of the available U.S.G.S. map a UTM coordinate is provided only for the building and not all four corners of the boundary.