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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Colorado
COUNTY:	Routt
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ENTRY DATE	FEB 15 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
~~The~~ Hahns Peak School House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
"The little green school house"

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Main

CITY OR TOWN:
Hahns Peak Village, 7 mi NW

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Fourth

STATE: P.O. Clark, Colorado 80428

CODE: 08

COUNTY: Routt

CODE: 107

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 (Specify) _____ _____ _____

Historical Society headquarters

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
The Hahns Peak Area Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
Hahns Peak Village

CITY OR TOWN:
Clark, Colorado 80428

STATE:
Colorado

CODE:
08

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Book 59, page 631, courthouse files

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Steamboat Springs

STATE:
Colorado 80477

CODE:
08

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

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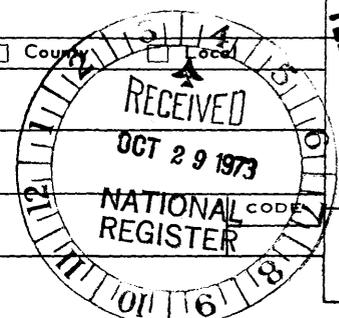
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hahns Peak school house was built between September 1911 and Christmas of that year. We have pictures of the building in 1912 and 1918. The front vestibule had not been added by 1918. Mrs. Edna Trullinger who came to the Hahns Peak Basin in 1902 and lived there all of her life cannot remember when the vestibule was added. She believes the coal shed, rear attachment to the building was put there the first or second winter. Since wood kindling and coal fires were always used, it seems logical that fuel would not be left uncovered in a country where snow fell 5 to 12 feet deep each winter!

The west (back) wall between the school room and the coal shed has never had lap siding on it below the shed roof line. That wall is made of planks about 3 inches thick and 10 inches wide and chinked with cement. I do not know if the whole building has this inner construction but it may have.

The north and south sides of the building are braced with thick, vertical planks, two on each side. These are tied in at the plate with steel rods threaded across the interior of the building and fastened securely on the outside. These rods are a feature also of the longest-standing, most durable, mine-shaft houses in the area. With a gable roof they afforded insurance against roof-crushing weight of the great snows. Just such careful planning and good workmanship is evidenced through-out the building.

Concerning the bell tower and bell, vibration from long use has weakened the tower and the bell has not been rung for many years. As far back as Edna Trullinger remembers, the bell was there. We are fortunate it has not been stolen.

Because of chimney deterioration (brick and cement), in late years the room was wired for electric heat. Electric lights replaced lamps when electricity reached Hahns Peak in about 1955. The light fixtures are the original ones.

I marked the chart "excellent" for condition. That is a comparative term in that it has had continuous, heavy useage for 61 years. The building is still solid and sound on a good cement foundation with adequate air vents and crawl space. The back shed has a 7' by 14' cement foundation on the south-west end and a partition separates it from a 7' by 10' storage room, floored but without foundation. All boards on this shed are in good condition and it is framed with beautiful, heavy timbers such as are no longer brought out of the forest!

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Some of the lap siding on the main building has Flicker punchings and needs replacement. The whole structure needs to be repainted the original green color with white trim. It has been white for at least 25 years, yet early-timers still call it "the little green school house." The vestibule, which was torn off should be replaced on a cement foundation. Although it was added sometime after 1918, it was a very useful part of the building for our climate.

Pictures in our keeping show that in 1918 the property was fenced much the same as it is today being restored. The original front gate is still in use and we found the wide, horse gate to match out by the old barn foundation. This barn sheltered horses the early-day children rode to school. The barn was torn down and hauled away (nobody knows why) in the last few years. Its good foundation remains intact.

A cement walk leads from the front gate to the school house door. Originally this was a plank walk. A duplicate plank walk easily could be laid over the cement.

The two privies are in poor condition. They are original 1911 vintage with large, rustic wooden door pulls.

Note on the 1912 picture of Edna Trullinger's, that the enlargement of that miniature copy reveals the rear coal shed as part of the original building!



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1911

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to the Steamboat Pilot's pioneer editor, Charles H. Leckenby, in The Tread of Pioneers, 1945, Joseph Hahn and two unknown companions in 1862 discovered the first gold colors on Willow Creek whose waters now feed Hahns Peak Lake to the north and nearby Steamboat Lake in Steamboat Lake State Park. In 1862 there never was known to have been a permanent white settler in the Snake, Yampa or Elk River drainages. In 1865 Hahn's returning prospector party organized the first mining district in Northwest Colorado Territory and 51 votes were cast. This industrial center in Hahns Peak Basin rapidly led to settlement of all of Northwestern Colorado.

From 1878 to 1912 Hahns Peak was county seat of all the land which now is contained in Moffat and Routt counties, "it contains 5,000,000 acres of land and is 125 miles long and 75 miles wide at the widest point," wrote Surveyor Ezekiel Shelton in 1906.

Yet it was the year 1911 before a "regular" school building came into existence in the county seat town. Schooling was secondary only to gold mining in interest for almost half a century. Educational classes were held in log homes, unused mining shacks and for three years in Herman Mahler's blacksmith shop. Some years there were "subscription" schools which excluded Widow Roark's four children and others.

The Hahns Peak townsite, lying adjacent to Poverty Bar Gold Placer (most famous local mine), was laid out into lots, avenues and streets in 1896. By then this unplatted townsite had had many thriving business houses, a dance hall, several saloons, two courthouse buildings, and a post office with mail delivery seven days a week by horseback, wagon, skis or dog sled.

After the purchase of 4 town lots on Main Street (total \$60,00) on September 26th, 1911, School Board members of District 34 hastened to complete the school building. The first event held in the school house was a community

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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2. THE TREAD OF PIONEERS, Chas. H. Leckenby, 1945, Pilot Press,
3. The Hahn's Peak Civic & Social Club minutes, 1958-72 and The Hahns Peak Area Hist. Soc. records, Martha Moss, Sec'y. Clark, Colorado.
4. Steamboat Pilot clippings and pictures, 1900-73 Steamboat Spgs.
5. 1902 to 1920 dated pictures from Mrs. Edna Roark Trullinger, Clark, Colorado 80428.
6. Pictures and written records from W. S. and Thelma Stevenson,

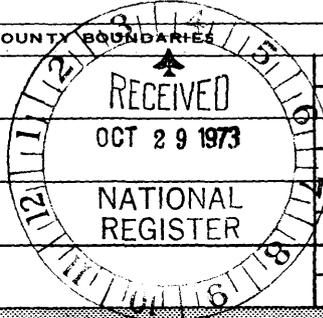
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "	40°	48' 27"	106° 56' 40"
NE	° ' "	° ' "			
SE	° ' "	° ' "			
SW	° ' "	° ' "			37

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs. W. S. (Thelma) Stevenson, Historic Sites Comm. Chairman

ORGANIZATION: The Hahns Peak Area Historical Society DATE: 9-24-73

STREET AND NUMBER: 1601 N. college Ave. 98

Hahns Peak Village (winter address) Ft. Collins, Colo. 80521

CITY OR TOWN: Clark, Colorado 80428 STATE: Colorado 80428 CODE: 08

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: [Signature]

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: 10/17/73

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

[Signature]
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 2/15/74

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 2.12.74

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8. Significance

Christmas party. After the 1911 holidays, Kansan Augusta De Forest became the first teacher with "about 10 pupils."

Since that day, the building has been used for teaching every grade from one to twelve, as needed. It ever has been a popular community center for dinners, dinners, DINNERS! And anniversary parties, Sunday School, church and funeral services, dances and, in more recent years, the Hahn's Peak Civic and Social Club activities.

On July 3, 1972, the incorporated Hahns Peak Area Historical Society emerged as an outgrowth of this Civic and Social Club. On February 14, 1973 the Steamboat Springs District No. RE-2 School Board deeded the District 34 property, including half of a vacated town street and half of a vacated ally, to the Hahns Peak Area Historical Society.

The school house, being a museum piece in itself, the Hahns Peak Area Historical Society on September 8, 1973, voted to retain the 61 year old, well-preserved structure as tangible evidence of Routt County's educational past.

We strive now toward complete restoration of the original building and its surrounding school yard. Offering invaluable assistance toward this end are two sisters who have lived in the Hahns Peak Basin all the years of their lives since their parents homesteaded in 1902. Edna Roark Trullinger was a pupil during the 1911-1912 school term and during her subsequent teaching career was instructor for 7 years at the Hahns Peak school. Etta Roark McCargar had finished her elementary education before the Hahns Peak school house was built.

Although regular school terms ceased at Hahns Peak in 1942, fall classes were held in the building in the mid-1960s for the several children from the Sand Mountain lumber camps.



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9. Major Bibliographical References

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E. Shelton, 1906

