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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 Old Jacoby Creek School

and/or common same

2. Location

street & number 2212 Jacoby Creek Road N/A not for publication

city, town Bayside N/A vicinity of

state California code 06 county Humboldt code 023

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" 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 Ronald B. and Johanna S. Rowland

street & number P.O. Box 2, 2212 Jacoby Creek Road

city, town Bayside N/A vicinity of state Calif. 95524

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Humboldt County Courthouse

street & number 825 Fifth Street

city, town Eureka state Calif. 95501

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Inventory: Old Arcata Road-
title Myrtle Avenue Corridor

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date March 1978 federal state county local

depository for survey records Natural Resources Division, Humboldt Co. Dept. of Public Works

city, town Eureka state Calif. 95501

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located in Bayside, a small residential community on the outskirts of Arcata, the Old Jacoby Creek School sits on a small rise at the junction of the Old Arcata and Jacoby Creek roads. Below it are the bottom lands at the edge of Humboldt Bay and the Jacoby Creek floodplain. The architecture of the surrounding area is a mixture of periods and styles, but the character is dominated by 19th and early 20th century houses, built by eastern Canadians who settled the area in the late 1800's. Built in 1903, the school is highly representative of the transitional architecture being built at the turn of the century in Humboldt County. The fancy shingles, belltower, pedimented gable, and recessed entrances are holdovers from the 19th century; newer features include the hipped roof, overlapping board siding, wide eaves lined with false rafter ends, and simple design. The building's architecture survives relatively free of alterations and is currently undergoing rehabilitation which will result in restoration of basement windows and the front and rear steps.

The Old Jacoby Creek School is a large wood structure with approximately 4,900 square feet of floor space included on the main floor and in the basement. It sits well back from the road on an acre of land screened by pines and alders.

The front facade is "L" shaped with a pedimented gable at right angles to a hipped-roof section. Nestled in the "L" is a square belltower with a pyramidal roof. It is open at the top by twelve decorated arches. The pediment has wide eaves, a plain frieze, and a small window with ventilation slats above. Beneath the eaves of the pediment is a line of false rafter ends which is repeated around the entire building. The main room below the pediment is lighted on the front by two pairs of long, narrow windows of six panes each. The basement has a central door flanked by single, four-pane windows. A door, leading to interior steps to the main floor, has been added at the base of the belltower on the southeast side.

The double front doors are wood with large glass panes. Recessed behind an arched entrance below the belltower, the doors are bordered by a transom and sidelights. The front steps were removed some time ago, but will be replaced as part of the owners' rehabilitation plans. A door has been added off the porch into the main room at the west corner of the building.

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The front of the hipped-roof section originally had two pairs of long, narrow windows of six panes each. During the late 1930's when the primary room was divided, two more windows were added to the pair at the south corner. Window changes in the basement of this section include replacement of four small square windows with a large, multi-paned window, the addition of a small horizontal window, and the boarding up of two, four-pane windows.

The building's southeast side has five, six-pane windows like those of the front. The basement has a door and two horizontal windows. The rear wall has six, six-pane windows lighting the main room at the south corner. The basement wall has three square windows interspersed with two horizontal windows under the large windows. Flanking the recessed rear entrance is a single, four-pane window for the cloak room on the southeast side of the entrance and two, four-pane windows lighting the teacher's and supply room on the other side, below which is a single horizontal window. The rear entrance has the original wood door, topped by a transom. Another door leads from the porch into the cloak room. Fan brackets with what looks like three raised baseball bats decorate the corners of the porch. The steps are gone, but will be replaced. At the north corner on the rear wall was another entrance and stairway, but these were removed during the 1960's when the building was used by a religious group. That area was closed off and will not be reopened.

The northwest wall has six, six-pane windows lighting the main front room with two, four-pane windows below in the basement wall. There are a door and three horizontal windows in the basement at the north corner.

The building is covered with three different sidings. The bell-tower, pediment and upper portion of the main building have fishscale shingles. A raised moulding separates the shingles from an overlapping board siding which extends to the water table. The basement siding is cove-rustic shiplap.

The architectural integrity of the old school has not been lost through the years. It continues as it has for over eighty years to be an important structure to the community's special architectural and historic character. National Register designation will provide a measure of protection and recognition to this fine building.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1903 Builder/~~Montez~~ W.G. Mohn

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

For its high degree of architectural and historic integrity, the Old Jacoby Creek School is nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. The school's contribution to the broad patterns of history rests in its more than 50 years of service to the children of the Bayside community, where they received their elementary education before entering high school in nearby Arcata. Unlike most turn-of-the-century Humboldt County schools, the Old Jacoby Creek School has escaped not only demolition but has survived the years without major exterior alterations. It is a good example of the transitional architecture being built in Humboldt County at the turn of the century, exhibiting architectural features of both past and future styles. In recognition of its handsome architecture and its long years of service to the community, the Old Jacoby Creek School is nominated to the National Register.

The bottom land near the mouth of Jacoby Creek and the upland areas along the Indian trail/wagon road between Arcata and Eureka were first settled by a few farming families in the early 1850's. Arcata merchant Augustus Jacoby was among the first and the creek and surrounding area soon took his name. The "Bayside" name came later when Dolbeer and Carson began logging operations near Jacoby Creek in the 1870's. A native of Charlotte County, New Brunswick, which has a "Bayside," William Carson wrote home to tell of the great redwood forests and his need for workers. The late 1870's and 1880's saw a wave of emigrants from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia arriving to work for Dolbeer and Carson in the little community they quickly renamed "Bayside."

The Jacoby Creek School District was organized in 1875 and built the first school the following year. In 1902, a growing community in need of a bigger and more modern school prompted the school Trustees to ask Bayside residents to tax themselves to the tune of \$4500 for a new school building. The contract was awarded

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Anvick, Emma. Personal communication, 23 June 1984.
Arcata Union, 7 February 1903.
Deed Records, Humboldt County Courthouse, Eureka, CA

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1.13 acres

Quadrangle name Arcata South

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification Beg. at a pt. 2.81' N & 76.05' E of the SW corner of NW⁴ of SW⁴ Sec. 3, 5N1E, thence N 60° E 297.67', thence N 30° W 150', thence S 60° W 339.37', thence S 31° E 70.31', thence S 56° E 89.70' to beg. pt. Boundaries encompass the school building and its historic lot.

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

state	N/A	code	county	N/A	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susie Van Kirk

organization N/A

date 29 June 1984

street & number 1162 C St.

telephone (707) 822-6066

city or town Arcata

state CA 95521

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

Marion Mitchell Wilson

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date 1/2/85

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

J. Nelson Bryan
Keeper of the National Register

date 2-28-85

Attest:
Chief of Registration

date

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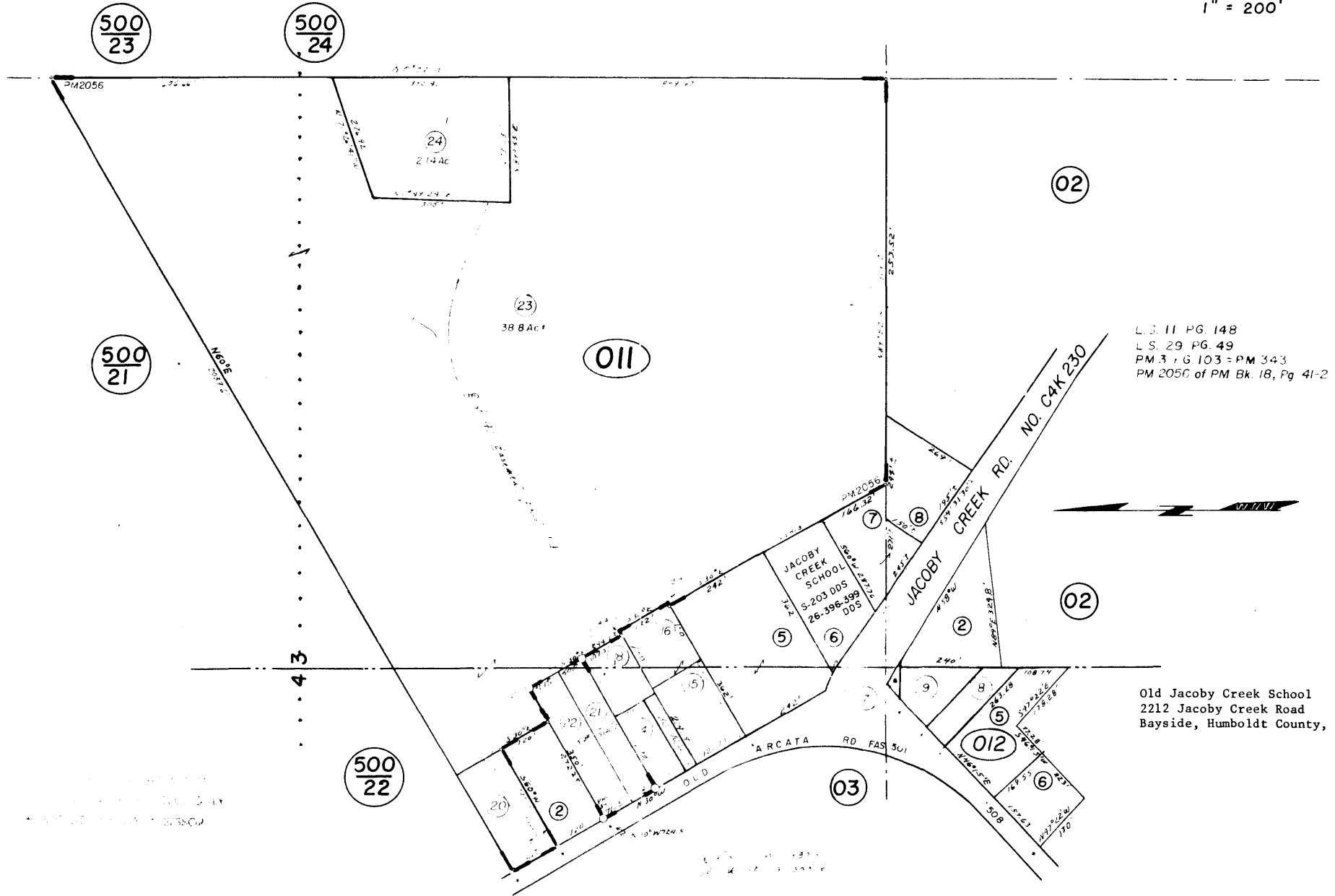
to W.G. Mohn in August 1902 and the building was ready for occupancy the following February. A lengthy description of the new building was given in the February 7, 1903 issue of the Arcata Union with the editor congratulating the people of Bayside for the "possession of such a handsome and useful building."

The old school's architecture does not easily fit into any formal style, rather it is an example--and a very good one--of the kind of transitional architecture being built in Humboldt County during the first decade of the 20th century. Builders during this period began to reject the Victorian styles and to adopt, instead, the simpler architecture leading to the Craftsman style which was popular in Humboldt in the teens and 20's. Like most transitional architecture, the Old Jacoby Creek School exhibits holdovers from the past such as the fancy shingles, pedimented gable, and the arched entrance. The wide eaves, false rafter ends, overlapping-board siding, and solid simplicity were harbingers of things to come.

From the day it opened its doors in 1902 until a new building was completed in 1957, the old school provided not only a place for the community's children to be educated, but also a place for their activities. Certainly one can imagine all the plays and programs, musical performances, art shows and open houses, and 8th grade graduations that the old school saw over a period of 54 years! Sharing a common origin in the eastern Candian provinces and a common work in Humboldt County's timber industry, Bayside residents formed a closely-knit community which provided for its own social, educational, and spiritual needs. The old school played an important role in meeting those needs and its fine architecture is part of the community's historic character notable for the many 19th and early 20th century houses built by those early Candian settlers. For these enduring values, the Old Jacoby Creek School is deserving of a place on the National Register.

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1" = 200'



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L.S. 29 PG. 49
PM 3 + 6 103 = PM 343
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Old Jacoby Creek School
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Bayside, Humboldt County, CA