

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

No.
District School #1

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Lake Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Panton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

at large

STATE

Vermont

VICINITY OF
CODE

COUNTY

Addison

CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<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

Diane Irwin

STREET & NUMBER

5109 Grice Court

CITY, TOWN

Charlotte

VICINITY OF

STATE
North Carolina 28210

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hazel Stagg, Town Clerk - Panton

(Deed for property
found in volume 11
pgs. 304-305 Panton
Land Records)

STREET & NUMBER

Panton Road

CITY, TOWN

Panton

STATE

Vermont

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Vermont State Register of Historic Places

DATE

7/77

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Vermont Division for Historic Preservation

CITY, TOWN

Montpelier

STATE

Vermont

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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

The District #1 schoolhouse is located at the center of the intersection of Spaulding and Lake Roads, about three miles southwest of the village center. The schoolhouse is a one-story stone structure on a rubble stone foundation. It is two bays wide and two bays deep, measuring 25 by 31 feet. The gable end faces west along Lake Road, giving the impression that this is the front of the building; however, the entrance is located on the south wall. A boxed cornice joins the simple pitched roof to the building. Gable returns at each end complete the connection from wall to roof. The roof, once made of wood shakes, is now asphalt shingle. The walls of the building are rubble "Black River" limestone found in the ledges of nearby fields.

The detailing of the building is simple yet distinctive. Large marble blocks form lintels and sills for unadorned window frames. These white blocks have a tooled, finished surface and contrast nicely with the coarse, grey stone walls. A diamond-shaped stone sits at the peak of each gable, noticeable to an observant eye.

The interior of the building, once a large room with adjacent storage closet, was severely altered when the building was converted to a chicken coop in the 1930's. The floor and ceiling were removed to accommodate a second story constructed in the middle of the space. A staircase and partition walls were added.

The building is delapidated at present. The roof, suffering from long absences of repair, has openings that expose roof and rafters to water and decay. A section of the cornice has fallen from the south side of the building, exposing more of the structure to the elements. The wall surface is being displaced by moisture penetration in the joints. The one-half story privy on the east side of the building has all but disappeared.

This building, worthy of preservation and reuse, deserves immediate attention and stabilization.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Fleming, Lester Sr., Pantown Town Historian, Pantown Vt., interview 8/79.
 Hemenway, A.M. The Vermont Historical Gazetteer, vol. 1.
 Hosley, William. "District School #1, Pantown" in Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey, 1977.
 Smith, H.P. History of Addison County, Vermont.

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/4 acre

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,8	6,3,0,8,2,5	4,8,8,7,0,5,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The schoolhouse sits on a triangular-shaped "island" where Spaulding Road meets Lake Road. Its frontage on all three sides is approximately 45'. (See map, continuation sheet 1).

Deed description-Pantown land records: reads: located at the junction of the east-west road running past the so called "Miner Mitchell Place," with the "Lake Rd." so called....

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Preston Maynard, Preservation Planner

ORGANIZATION

DATE

September 15, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

30 Bradley

TELEPHONE

(802) 862-0565

CITY OR TOWN

Burlington

STATE

Vermont

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE *see phone report to 2/20/80*

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

William B. Pinner

TITLE Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 1-3-80

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Sally G. Odde

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 4/17/80

ATTEST:

Kenneth M. ...

DATE 3/17/80

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES *circa*, 1818 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The District #1 schoolhouse on the Lake Road in Panton is important because it is a surviving example of the indigenous stone architecture in this rural community. Through its simple lines and distinctive detailing (the molded cornice, the tooled marble lintels, the triangular stone in each gable), the building embodies the pride and dignity that newly founded Vermont communities placed in their buildings. Surrounded by hay fields and orchards, this building stands today as it did 140 years ago, a part of the historic rural landscape that makes Panton and the larger Champlain Valley distinctive to Vermont.

The Town of Panton was chartered in November, 1761 to 69 residents of Litchfield, Connecticut. Due to its proximity to foraging armies in the Revolutionary War, its early history remains one of turbulence and travail.

With the end of the war and the elimination of the Indian threat, Panton began to flourish as an agricultural community, benefitting from its location on the fertile banks of Lake Champlain. A simple log house was constructed in 1786 for use as a school. This building was replaced by a more substantial frame building five years later.

About 1818, with its population still growing, Panton residents divided the town into four school districts. A large, one-room stone schoolhouse was constructed in each. Materials for these structures were taken from the native limestone which protrudes from the fields on the west side of Dead Creek.

The District #1 school served the large farm families along the Lake Road. Strong and permanent in construction, the building housed eight to twenty students, depending on enrollments. A mistress or master taught grades ^{one} through eight. After eighth grade, students who desired traveled to Vergennes for high school. Fluxuations in the farm population throughout the century forced the school to be "mothballed" when enrollment dropped.

The District #1 school was used into the first quarter of this century. Due to a permanent decline in enrollment, the school was closed permanently and was sold to Harry Irwin in 1932. Irwin made substantial changes to the interior, using it as a chicken coop. Today, owned by Diane Irwin of Charlotte, N.C., the building lies vacant, awaiting a new use.

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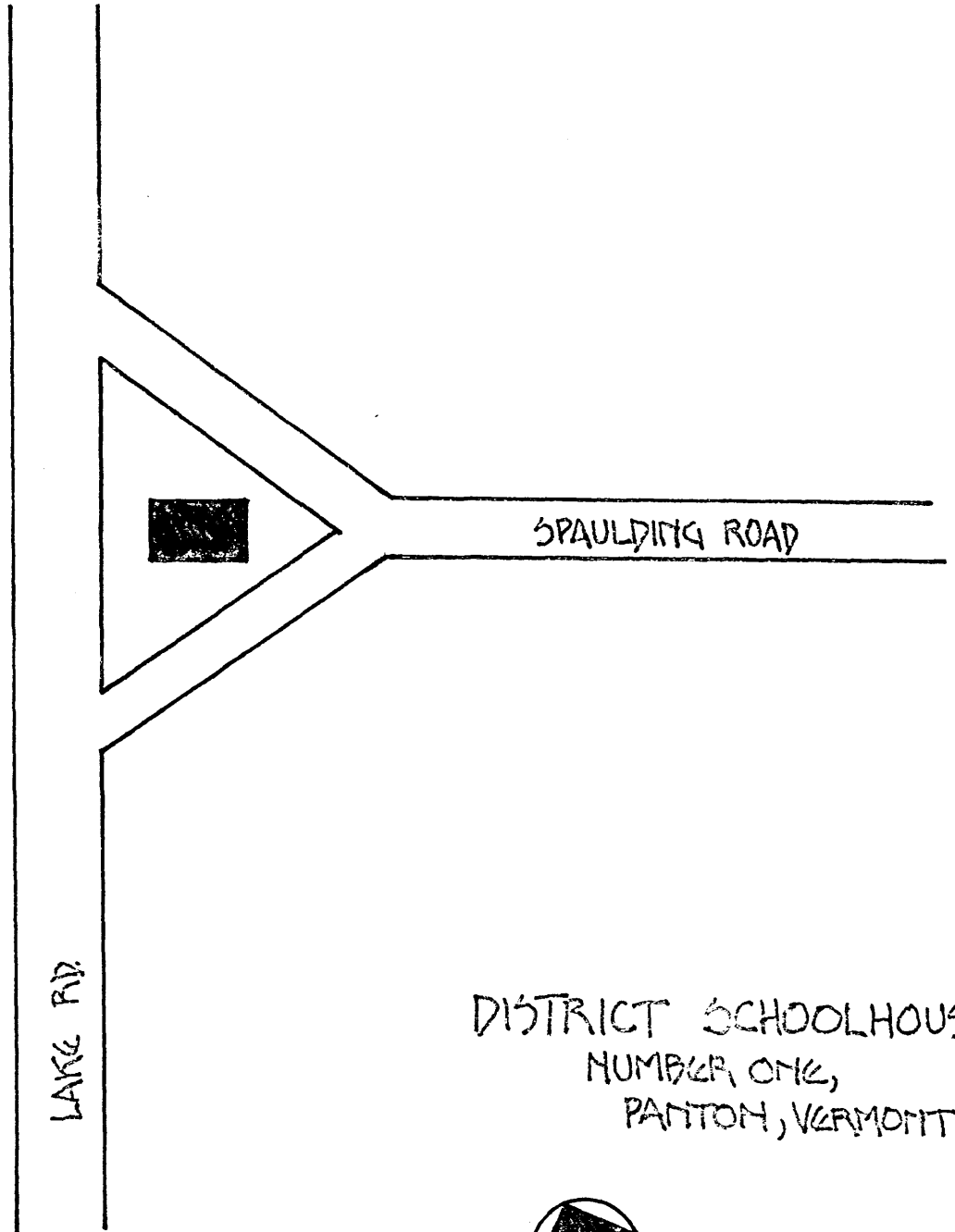
The school is one of a small group of stone schoolhouses in Vermont. They are clustered on the western side of the state, in the Champlain Valley, and form a unique resource within the state. Other members of the group include the District Schoolhouse #6 in Shoreham (entered on the National Register of Historic Places on August 18, 1977) and the Sudbury Schoolhouse #3 (entered on the National Register on November 2, 1978).

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DISTRICT SCHOOLHOUSE
NUMBER ONE,
PANTON, VERMONT

