

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

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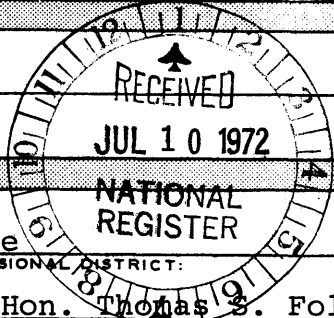
STATE: Washington
 COUNTY: Spokane
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 ENTRY DATE: FEB 6 1973

1. NAME

COMMON: Cowley Park
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: S. Division between 6th and 7th Avenue
 CITY OR TOWN: Spokane CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: #5 - Hon. Thomas S. Foley
 STATE: Washington CODE: 53 COUNTY: Spokane CODE: 063



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" 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) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Spokane City Park Department
 STREET AND NUMBER: City Hall, North 221 Wall Street
 CITY OR TOWN: Spokane STATE: Washington CODE: 53

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Spokane County Court House
 STREET AND NUMBER: West 1116 Broadway
 CITY OR TOWN: Spokane STATE: Washington CODE: 53

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: None
 DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Today, the site is a slightly rolling, wooded, well-cared-for two-acre park with visitor facilities and a monument describing the history which transpired there. None of the historic buildings remain. The site is located outside of the bustling downtown district of Spokane in a neighborhood of transition.

Due to the friendly relationship which existed between Cowley and segments of the Spokane Tribe, he was able to quickly achieve shelter for his family as the 1874-75 winter approached. A half-completed log building served as the foundation of the Cowley Cabin. Logs were dragged to the Sixth and Division site. The main part of the structure measured 16' x 24' and was divided into two compartments. A large attic existed above. A kitchen addition was 14' x 18'. Cowley could not find mortar or clay in the immediate vicinity, so moss was used as a substitute for chinking. Indian women, anxious to participate, roamed the woods beyond Hangman Creek to secure large quantities of moss for the building.

A housewarming of sorts was engineered by the Indians who brought the Cowleys a sack of excellent flour, a six-pound trout, venison, dried buffalo meat, dried and fresh fish. Enoch procured a cow and delivered a gallon of milk daily to the Cowley's. A farmer living at Spangle, many miles away, collected a wagon load of vegetables, a quarter of beef, and a half a hog and delivered these to the Cowleys.

When the Indian Schoolhouse was completed, some 250-300 Indians who had been living in scattered encampments assembled in the vicinity of Pine Street in order to be near the new school.



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6. SIGNIFICANCE

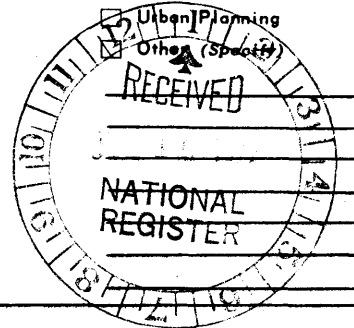
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input 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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Reverend Henry T. Cowley and his wife, Abigail Peet Cowley, along with their three children (all under four years of age), were one of the first four families to settle in Spokane Falls, arriving in 1874.

A graduate of a Theological Seminary in Auburn, N.Y., Mr. Cowley requested and received a commission to work among the Nez Perce in Idaho in 1871. First stationed at Lapwai, he organized the Indian Presbyterian Church of Kamiah, the oldest Protestant church in Idaho. Before coming to Spokane, the Cowleys resided at Mount Idaho, near present Grangeville, where he continued his missionary efforts.

Petitioned by some of the Spokane tribe to establish a school and church among them at the falls of the Spokane, Cowley was urged to take this step by the reknown missionary H.H. Spaulding. Upon arriving at the falls, Cowley selected a home site on a part of Enoch's land (a sub-chief of the Spokanes), bounded by Browne and Division streets on Sixth in present Spokane. Mr. Poole, a carpenter whom Cowley met as he journed toward his destination, helped Cowley build his house and the Indian school house. The Indians, eager to help in the building, were directed by Poole who agreed to supervise, provided the Indians gave him three ponies as compensation.

Constructed of hewn logs, the Cowley cabin was divided into two rooms, with a large overhead attic, and kitchen addition. It was completed by Thanksgiving, 1874. The house was erected in exchange for a horse and 300 bushels of grain. He also secured lumber sufficient for a comfortable kitchen addition and about 6000 ft. for a schoolhouse in this exchange. Early in January, 1875 the first public school began its sessions in the Cowley Cabin, with six pupils in attendance. Cowley soon discovered he could not teach school and carry on his work with the Indians at the same time. Two weeks later the school was transferred to the Swift Cabin.

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Continuation #8 SIGNIFICANCE

Before the Indian schoolhouse was constructed, Cowley held school in a large Indian lodge, covered with matting, canvas, sheeting, and a few buffalo robes. With a foot and a half of snow on the ground early in 1875, lumber from the mill was transported to the site of the contemplated schoolhouse. Much of it was packed on the shoulders of young Indian men a distance of three-quarters of a mile. The 20' x 30' structure was completed at the end of February. Desks of unplanned boards served as seats. A stove for heat and windows were brought from Walla Walla. The school was built on Sixth Avenue, between Division and Pine.

Eager students, both old and young, filled the school to capacity. Using a blackboard and crayons, Cowley drew familiar pictures, pointed to the objects, and related the Indian and English words for them. Cowley stated, "The Indians wanted to start the lessons at daylight and keep up with instructions until dark."

On January 1, 1875, the Rev. Cowley received an appointment from the government as a teacher for the Spokane Indians, serving under the jurisdiction of agent John B. Monteith. The eight years he served as teacher, friend, and agent for the tribe were critical years. It was a period when advancing settlement was suddenly forcing the native people to give up age-old customs and traditions and adopt the ways of Western civilization or perish. Mr. Cowley acted as intermediary between the settlers and the Indians. He began schools in two different communities and continued religious services for them out of which grew two Presbyterian Churches which continue to the present, one at Spokane and one at Wellpinit. The Spokane tribe continues to honor his memory and hold him in high esteem.



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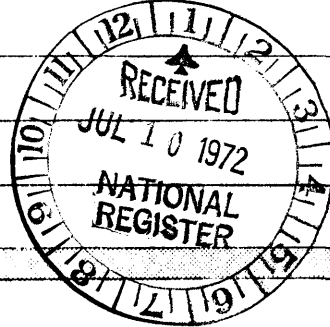
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: William H. Trogdon

ORGANIZATION: Eastern Washington State Historical Society DATE: 5/6/72

STREET AND NUMBER: W. 2316 First Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Spokane STATE: Washington CODE: 53

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 Charles H. Odegaard
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Title Director - Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission

Date December 8, 1972

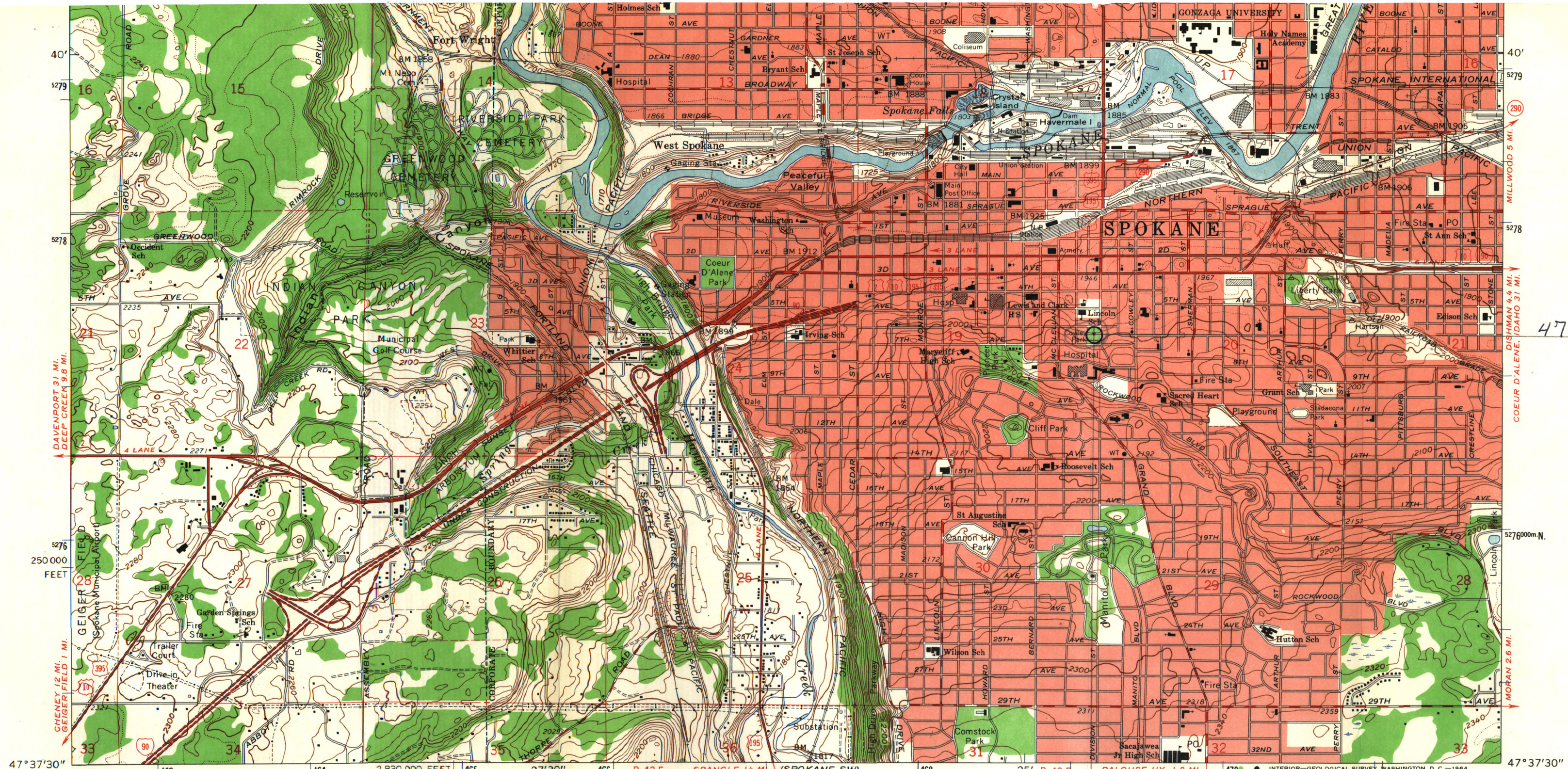
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert W. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

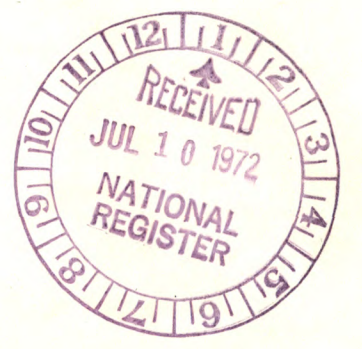
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ATTEST: Wm J. Mitchell
 Keeper of The National Register

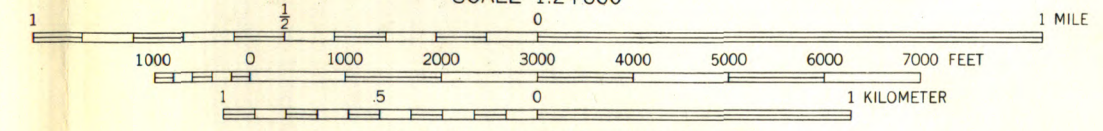
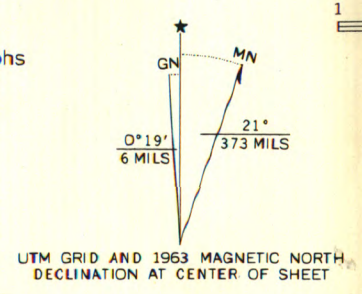
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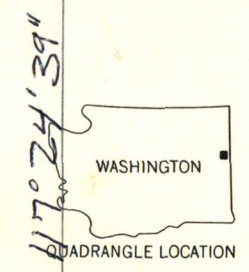
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 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 11, shown in blue
 Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown
 Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence lines



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
 DOTTED LINES REPRESENT 5 AND 10-FOOT CONTOURS
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
 Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
 Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
 Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route

SPOKANE NW, WASH.
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