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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

Yerington Grammar School

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

112 North California Street

— NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Yerington

— VICINITY OF

02

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Nevada

32

Lyon

019

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Lyon County School District

STREET & NUMBER

25 East Goldfield Avenue

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Yerington

— VICINITY OF

Nevada 89447

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Lyon County Recorder's Office (Courthouse)

STREET & NUMBER

31 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Yerington

Nevada 89447

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None existing (N/A)

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Summary

The Yerington Grammar School, located in the City of Yerington, Nevada, was constructed in 1912 at a cost of \$16,600.00. The structure was designed by the Reno-based architects, C. D. McDonald and J. J. Beatty and constructed by Friedhoff and Hoffel, general contractors. The two-and-one-half-story, masonry building integrates design elements from both the Italianate and Renaissance Revival architectural styles. The building retains a high degree of architectural integrity and is in a good state of overall preservation.

Site

The City of Yerington is centrally situated in the eastern section of Lyon County; an area of western Nevada which adjoins the California state border. Yerington, an agricultural and ranching center, was founded in 1894 and serves as the Lyon County seat.

The Yerington Grammar School is centrally located in the eastern section of the city in an area historically reserved for school development. The building is oriented to the west on a 300' x 700' landscaped lot located at the intersection of California and Virginia Streets.

Description

The Yerington Grammar School is balanced and formal in composition. Originally rectangular in plan, it is now T shape. The building is two and one half stories in height and rests on a concrete foundation. The wood shingle roof is a combination hip and gable, with the hip roof over the main portion of the building and gable roofs over projecting facade, side pavilions. Gable ends are pedimented. The roof eaves overhang the building walls and are ornamented with a bracketed cornice and plain frieze. A centrally placed hip roof cupola with finial tops the building. Two brick chimneys project above the peak of the roof.

Each horizontal division has been given a different exterior treatment. The first floor walls are rusticated concrete, with a wide concrete belt course separating the first and second stories. The second story exterior is covered with brick laid in a stretcher bond. Gable pediments are stuccoed.

The facade, facing west, is symmetrical. A central bay containing the main entrance is flanked by two slightly projecting gabled side pavilions. The main entrance consists of a glass and panel double door framed by rusticated pilasters and topped with a denticulated cornice. Above the door at the second story level is a one-over-one light, double-hung, triple window. Above the main entrance at the roof level is a pedimented gable roof dormer pierced by a louver vent rather than a window. The name and date of the school appears under the dormer roof eaves.

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES August 1911-Sept. 1912 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Architects: McDonald & Beatty
Contractors: Friedhoff & Hoffel

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Yerington Grammar School is an intact structure significant for its association with the development of the City of Yerington, Nevada. The school which served the community from its construction of 1912 until 1980, is characteristic of Nevada School architecture of the period and exemplifies the transition from single room county schools to larger and more centralized district facilities.

Local agitation for the construction of a district Grammar School began early in 1911. This agitation was motivated by a desire to replace the existing inadequate facility and to encourage the continued growth of the community. The Yerington Times voiced this latter concern in an article dated July 11, 1911:

There is nothing that brings people into a community and makes it a home town so distinctly as good schools. We have a splendid high school and it has been the means of bringing quite a few people into our city. We need a new district school to go with the high school, and then, with our agricultural department and a manual training department we will have as fine a school as there is in the State.

The architectural program for the Grammar School required that the building "be a thing of imposing appearance - a thing of beauty in the city - something our citizens can be proud to show to visitors".

The elementary school was designed to enable vertical articulation in an intensive agricultural and manual training curriculum from grades one through twelve. This vocational emphasis filled a need for skilled agricultural labor in the surrounding Mason Valley as well as reflected current educational theory which stressed vocational and manual training. Since pioneering this agricultural program, the Lyon County School District has become one of the leaders in the State in the area of vocational agricultural.

The design of the Yerington Grammar School is an imposing and attractive integration of Italianate and Renaissance Revival architectural styles. The composition of the building is formal and reflects the influence of more monumental academic architecture of the period.

Among the building's noteworthy features are its dignified facade with pedimented gables, Tuscan column supported porticoes and cupola with its

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Yerington Times (1911-1912).

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5.15 Acres

UTM REFERENCES

A

1	1	3	1	3	0	0	0	4	3	1	7	0	1	6
ZONE			EASTING					NORTHING						

B

ZONE			EASTING					NORTHING						

C

ZONE			EASTING					NORTHING						

D

ZONE			EASTING					NORTHING						

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 55, City of Yerington, Nevada
Section 14, Township 13 North, Range 25 East

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Sam Maisano, Principal
ORGANIZATION

Revised by: Patricia Lawrence-Dietz
DATE

Yerington Elementary School
STREET & NUMBER

February 14, 1984
TELEPHONE

112 North California Street
CITY OR TOWN

(702) 463-2201
STATE

Yerington

Nevada

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

Ronald M. Jones

TITLE

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

11 July 1984

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

Melrose Byers

Entered in the
National Register

DATE

8-16-84

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST

DATE

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Windows are primarily tall and narrow, one-over-one, double-hung, in single, paired and triple arrangements. Sills and lintels are concrete. The first story windows have been boarded over. Gable ends are pierced by triple openings filled either with lights or louvers but now boarded over: They consist of a tall rectangular central opening flanked by small square openings. Large hip roof dormers project from both the north and south slope of the roof. Dormer decoration copies that of the main roof, with a wide overhang and bracketed eaves. The dormer windows appear to have been paired, one-over-one, double-hung, framed by louvered vents.

Identical, small, hip roof porticoes project from both the north and south walls of the building. Two Tuscan columns and two Tuscan pilasters support the roof, ornamented with brackets and a wide frieze.

Alterations

A small rear addition was built against the east wall in 1952 to provide space for an additional seven classrooms. This addition is highly compatible with the main building. The first floor is concrete and the second brick. It is topped by a hip roof trimmed with a simple molded cornice and frieze. Windows are identical to those piercing the main portion of the building.

The interior of the building has also been slightly altered over the years. Plaster ceilings have been removed from rooms on the second floor. Restrooms and stairways have been relocated.

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bell-cast roof. The building serves as an important visual anchor for Yerington and contributes to the architectural character and identity of the City.