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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  
Shumway School  
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER NW corner of intersection of dirt road E to Love Lake and dirt road North to Taylor, approximately 1/4 mile from Highway 77  
CITY, TOWN Shumway (vic. of Taylor & Snowflake)  
STATE Arizona  
CODE  
COUNTY Navajo  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4d  
CODE 17

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: vacant

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Navajo County Historical Society  
STREET & NUMBER Box 5  
CITY, TOWN Taylor  
STATE Arizona

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Navajo County Complex  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN Holbrook  
STATE Arizona

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
DATE  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
CITY, TOWN  
STATE  
---FEDERAL ---STATE ---COUNTY ---LOCAL

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building was constructed of local burnt brick and was laid up in triple width common bond with bricks cross laid every seventh course. It has a stone foundation with approximately two foot ground clearance. It measures 22½ feet wide by 35 feet long and is approximately 12 feet in ceiling height. The roof is gabled and shingled with cedar shingles. It carries a four-gabled, wood louvered belfry that housed the original school bell. The bell has been removed, whereabouts unknown. The ceiling is tongue and groove wood, painted and the flooring is the same. There is an interior wood wainscot, approximately three feet high that is painted.

There are three windows on each side and two in the front. Each window has a wooden lintel or square flat arch in brick with frames in place. Original doors were four panel wood. Full width concrete steps, four high, lead to the front door with one entrance step.

The building is located on one acre of land and faces in an easterly direction. The plot is square and is bordered on the north and west by a deteriorating barbed wire fence. East and south borders are dirt roads described in LOCATION. The land slopes gently to the east.

The exterior brick is deteriorating at the corners and the walls are separating. Bricks are being taken from property. The shingle roof is deteriorating along with the belfry. There are holes in the ceiling and floor. All glass is gone. Doors are gone and the wainscot is being removed piece by piece by vandals. On the grounds there remains a cedar basketball standard and a few front fence posts. The rest of the grounds are bare or in weeds.

Descendants of pioneer families who settled the area and had attended the school, are quite interested in restoring the building. Many local people say that there is interest and volunteer labor would be available to assist in the restoration.

### DOCUMENT RECORDING OF OWNERSHIP:

1. Shumway School District 4/92, June 24, 1903
2. Shumway Ward LDS Church 24/355, December 13, 1935
3. Navajo County Historical Society 497/945, August 18, 1977

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

SPECIFIC DATES Constructed in 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Shumway Schoolhouse is one of the few remaining one-room brick schoolhouses still standing in northern Arizona. It served as the educational, religious, and social center of Shumway which was founded as part of the Mormon colonizing efforts called for by the LDS Church in Salt Lake City in the late 1800s. The very first colonizers in the area founded the farming communities of Snowflake and Taylor in 1878. The towns are about five miles apart and Shumway is six miles south of Taylor. This building is important because of its historic and cultural significance to Shumway and its typifying of the Mormon settlement patterns that have been a great part of the history of Arizona settlement. The Shumway schoolhouse was the hub of this small community from 1900 to 1940 when the schoolhouse was abandoned due to school and church changes.

The schoolhouse was used for educating students from first through eighth grades. It also served as the local LDS Church branch for both religious and social functions. It served as a political meeting place, voting booth, town meeting hall, dance floor, party gathering room, family reunion center, playground -- in short, most social functions of the community. The grounds served as playground for basketball, volleyball, and baseball. The grounds were used for picnics, camping area for in-transit Teamsters, and general outdoor gathering spot.

In 1879, Charles Shumway, pioneer and colonizer, was called by LDS Church President Brigham Young to go to Arizona to help colonize. He settled in a small valley called Spring Valley, nine miles south of Snowflake. There was abundant water, and he decided to build a grist mill. In 1881 the mill was completed, thereby making Spring Valley - which was later named Shumway - the local center for grinding flour. Due to water supply and good climate, Shumway grew into a farming and fruit growing community.

Though there is little written history of Shumway, Charles Shumway is considered, by local historians, to be the founder.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Levine, Albert J. From Indian Trails to Jet Trails, 1978.

Tenney, Jocie. Taylor's Centennial Stories, 1878-1978, Eastern Arizona College, 1978.

Webb, Ida. Taylor Centennial, "A Historic Review", LDS Church, Taylor, Arizona, 1978.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,2	5,8,5	2,4,0	3,8	10,7	4,2,0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING			

B						
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

T12N R21E Sec: 25  
Beginning 6 rods West of SW corner Lot 7 Section 25, then West 12 rods, then North 12 rods, then East 12 rods, then South 12 rods to beginning.

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 / TITLE

Dave Ganci

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Arizona State Parks Board, Heritage Conservation Section

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1688 West Adams

(602) 271-4174

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Phoenix

Arizona

# 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

*Dorothy H. Hall*

TITLE

DATE

11-30-78

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

ATTEST:

*William Leborich*  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

1/29/79

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ORAL HISTORY

Brinkerhoff, Don, from Snowflake, Arizona, and former Bishop of LDS Church when located in Shumway schoolhouse. Mr. Brinkerhoff verified the fact that the schoolhouse was used for LDS Church services, meetings, and social events, as well as, dances, voting booth location, political meeting place, parties, most all social events that took place in Shumway. Interview date - 7/12/78

Denham, Harold, from Taylor, Arizona, and former student at Shumway schoolhouse. Mr. Denham verified that the schoolhouse was used for most of the social events, church events, political events, and dances. It was the social center of Shumway. Teamster wagon drivers also used the grounds as a camping area when in transit. The grounds were also used for basketball, baseball, and volleyball.- 7/12/78

Shumway, Elizabeth S., former student at Shumway schoolhouse and from Taylor, Arizona. Mrs. Shumway also verified the varied uses of the schoolhouse to include those of a family reunion center, town meeting hall, and playground. - 7/13/78