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DATA SHEET

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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

INDIAN PARK SCHOOL

AND/OR COMMON

INDIAN PARK SCHOOL

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Ten miles west of Sedalia on State Highway 67 NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Sedalia

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

X VICINITY OF Indian Creek Ranger Station-Fifth Dist

STATE

Colorado

CODE

08

COUNTY

Douglas

CODE

035

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

__DISTRICT

X PUBLIC

X OCCUPIED

__AGRICULTURE

__MUSEUM

X BUILDING(S)

__PRIVATE

__UNOCCUPIED

__COMMERCIAL

__PARK

__STRUCTURE

__BOTH

__WORK IN PROGRESS

__EDUCATIONAL

__PRIVATE RESIDENCE

__SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

__ENTERTAINMENT

__RELIGIOUS

__OBJECT

__IN PROCESS

X YES: RESTRICTED

__GOVERNMENT

__SCIENTIFIC

__BEING CONSIDERED

__YES: UNRESTRICTED

__INDUSTRIAL

__TRANSPORTATION

__NO

__MILITARY

X OTHER Community Center

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

INDIAN PARK SCHOOL HOUSE ASSOCIATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 2

CITY, TOWN

Sedalia

VICINITY OF

STATE

Colorado

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Register of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

Douglas County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Castle Rock, Colorado

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE

Ongoing

__FEDERAL X STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

State Historical Society of Colorado

200 14th Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Denver

STATE

Colorado

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT

DETERIORATED

GOOD

RUINS

FAIR

UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED

ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE

MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Indian Park School is a single story one room frame structure topped by a steep gabled roof. The main entrance, on the south side of the building, is through an enclosed entry or cloak room. There is another door on the west side. The windows through-out are rectangular 4x4 double hung set in a plain wooden frame. On the south end of the building over the main entrance is a marker indicating District No. 7 1884.

The grounds of the building are unchanged. Two outside toilets remain on the property where the remains of a horse shed are in evidence. A bar, from which swings once hung, is deeply imbedded in two large pine trees.

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Indian Park school is significant because, since its construction in 1884, it has not only provided the area residents with educational services, but has been an important community center as well for many of the early settlers in the mountainous areas of Douglas County.

The history of the area in and around Indian Park begins with ranching and large scale saw mill operations, a result of the coming of the railroads to the area in the early 1870's.

Lumber was sent to Denver for fuel as well as being sold to mining camps and towns which were thriving in the area. As early as 1872 there were several established ranches in the area, many of them running cattle on the open range. Families in the area worked at many things to subsist--working for the cattlemen, cutting and selling Christmas trees and boughs, lumbering, carpentering and painting for local homeowners, homesteading, operating small cafes for the tourist trade, mining attempts and bootlegging during prohibition.

School District No. 7, known as the mountain district, was organized May 7, 1883. Twelve children started school in 1884 when the one-room frame building was erected. Eight of the children had been going to school in District No. 5, Garbor Creek, and four children were from District No. 25. At times there were as many as twenty children attending school at Indian Park. Children came to school from Pine Creek Store area (now known as Sprucewood Inn), roughly 3½ miles southwest of the schoolhouse. The other area boundary for the school children was about 3 miles east of the schoolhouse. Neighbors in the area

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Castle Rock Journal, September 5, 1883, School Superintendent's Annual Report.

Daley, Helen . The Press, September 15, 1976. pp. 2,5,10.

Douglas County. Book of Deeds, **XXIV**, p. 345; L; p. 592.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY two acres

UTM REFERENCES

43 58					
A 1 3	4 9, 3 0, 0 5	4 3 5 8	B		
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			D		

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Indian Park School is located on the north side of highway 67 in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 2, T 8S, R 69W.

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

ORGANIZATION
INDIAN PARK SCHOOL HOUSE ASSOCIATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER
1403 State Highway 67

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN
Sedalia

STATE
Colorado

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 SIGNATURES

TITLE COB S APD

DATE 6/8/77

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

Wm. H. Hunt
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST: *Charles Adams*
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 2-8-78
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 DATE 2-7-78

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built the schoolhouse.

On December 8, 1885, Frank Smith deeded to the School Board the one acre on which the school house is located. March 19, 1900, Frank's wife, Hannah Smith, deeded another acre, adjoining the schoolhouse, to the School Board for use as a family cemetery with the stipulation that it would remain intact.

During the period Indian Park School was operating academically, from 1884 to the spring of 1959, it was also used as a "gathering place" for members of the community. Early records note that Arbor Day celebrations were very important in Colorado schools. Other activities included annual picnics, Christmas and Halloween parties, pie socials, sledding parties and dances.

The Indian Park School House stood at rest from 1959 until 1972 when it was purchased from Douglas County School Board RE 1 -on condition that "such land shall never be used otherwise than for public purposes". The Indian Park School House Association was formed and incorporated for the purpose of maintaining the property as a historical site and community center. The membership consists of persons living in the Jarre Canyon and Indian Park areas. Because of its location, it still provides the community with a central gathering place.

Today, the Indian Park School continues to play an important role in the life of the ~~comm~~unity. Recent events have included annual picnics on Colorado Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, college work~~sh~~op classes, and discussions on matters of local concern. These include formation of a proposed fire district, continued meetings with Forest Service Representatives to discuss motor bike and snow-mobile trail usage and impact upon private property owners.