

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Edgewood Store

other names/site number Edgewood Emporium, Cavanaugh's

2. Location

street & number 24505 Edgewood Road ☐ not for publication

city or town Edgewood ☐ vicinity

state California code CA county Siskiyou code 093 zip code 96094

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Stephen A. Mikesell DSX/PO
Signature of certifying official/Title

1/22/04
Date

California Office of Historic Preservation
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

☒ entered in the National Register
☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ determined eligible for the
National Register
☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register

☐ removed from the National
Register

☐ other (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Edson H. Beall

3/10/04

Edgewood Store
Name of Property

Siskiyou County, California
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1		Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade:Department Store

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

Vacant

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th/Early 20th c. revivals
Other: One Part Commercial Block

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone
roof metal
walls weatherboard

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Edgewood Store
Name of Property

Siskiyou County, California
County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☒ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☐ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce

Period of Significance

1899-1953

Significant Dates

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Cavanaugh, Edward

Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository:

Edgewood Store
Name of Property

Siskiyou County, California
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1	10	547510	4589520	3	—	—	—
2	—	—	—	4	—	—	—

☐ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description Eastern one half, Assessor's Parcel 020-310-010-000

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification The land historically associated with the store. Non-contributing buildings on western half.

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Deloris Berry

organization _____ date March 10, 2003

street & number 24505 Edgewood Road telephone (530) 938-1141

city or town Edgewood state CA zip code 96094

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Earl R. Everett

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city or town Edgewood state CA zip code 96094

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SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

The Edgewood Store is a large one-story building with a full basement and a small attic. The building is set upon a field stone foundation with horizontal siding of milled lumber held together with square nails covered with horizontal aluminum siding on the south and west sides. The north and east sides have their original milled lumber exterior. The Store retains its original appearance except for modernizing the interior electrical and plumbing. The Store demands one's attention as it is a beautiful 19th Century mercantile. It is the only pioneer Store remaining in this area. The building retains integrity, interior as well as exterior, to its appearance during its period of significance.

SETTING, LOCATION

The Edgewood Store is located in the rural village of Edgewood, California. It is in the shadow of Mt. Shasta, nestled in an area noted for its pastoral beauty. Located approximately one and one-half miles east of Interstate 5 in Siskiyou County, it is approximately seventy miles south of the Oregon border. Edgewood Road runs north and south directly in front of the building. The Store is surrounded by cattle ranches. Across Edgewood Road (east) is a small pioneer school named Butteville Elementary which is still used. The Store maintains its original design and is located at the same rural setting as during its period of significance.

EXTERIOR ELEMENTS

The Store is a one story building made of pine wood.

Front (East) - The Store width is 45'. It has an open wood porch extending the width of the building. There is a set of wooden steps on the front leading to Edgewood Road, and a set of wooden steps on the north side leading to a dirt parking area.

A facade extends 15' above the porch roof. Centered below the facade and below the porch roof are the two original paired entrance doors, each measuring 5' wide x 8' high. The front glass windows are original. They are on each side of the original paired entrance doors. The windows are 9' wide x 8' high.

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The feed/storage room door is on the left side facing east at the front of the building. The door slides horizontally on the original iron track. This area was used as a loading dock.

There is a door and window on the right front side facing east. This door was the entry/exit to the Post Office. The Post Office no longer exists.

Side (North) - The north porch, 60' long x 9' wide, was enclosed in the 1960's. Originally, the porch was open and used to display farm equipment, carriages, etc. It was enclosed and became a Post Office.

Railroad tracks are approximately 200' north of the building.

Side (South) - The building's south side is 60'. The original foundation, still visible, is made of field stone. From the top of the stone foundation, the building is pine ship-lap covered by vertical aluminum siding. The aluminum siding was installed in 1973. There are two original windows approximately 15' up from the foundation.

Back (West) - The building's west side is 45'. It is original pine ship-lap covered by horizontal aluminum siding. The aluminum siding was installed in 1973. There are two sets of wood steps. There is L-shaped living quarters west to north. The owner lives here. Living quarters have been in the back of the Store since its origin.

Roof - The roof is 35' tall. Today, the original wood shingles are covered by vertical aluminum. When the Store is renovated, the original wood shingle roof will be restored. There is an original brick chimney on the west end which leads to the interior living quarters. It is obsolete. The front (east) roof butts the front facade.

INTERIOR ELEMENTS

The interior of the building is pine. It has the original wood ship-lap floor and ceiling. Wood shelves were added in the 1960's. It is assumed the tracks for rolling ladders were removed when the wood shelves were installed because the original ladder is in storage. Please see Exhibit A - Interior of Store.

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DISCUSSION OF INTEGRITY

The Edgewood Store, in its totality, retains a majority of integrity to the period it achieved its significance. The character defining elements of the building have been left intact while the Store has been brought up to code to operate as a general store. The original Store front has remained the same for more than 100 years.

Other than the aforementioned installation of an aluminum roof over the original wood shingles (date unknown) and aluminum siding on the south and west sides (1973) and the enclosure of the north porch, the building retains a majority of its integrity.

In the building's interior, the major modification was the installation of wooden shelves in the 1960's. The electrical and plumbing were updated in 1972. Electricity has replaced oil lamps, and the outhouse is now a toilet.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Edgewood, in the true spirit of frontier life, originated as a stage stop in the early 19th Century. It was a station on the California - Oregon stage road between Edson's (Gazelle P. O.) and Strawberry Valley (Berryvale P. O. - today's Mt. Shasta). Edgewood was first known as Butteville (1856), then Cavanaugh's (1860), and Edgewood (1870). The name was changed, for the last time, to Edgewood in 1902. Edgewood was considered the most important place on the line because it was centrally located between Gaselle and Berryvale. At the time, the Emporium was considered the community focal point. It was at the Emporium that people met, exchanged ideas and news. Neighbors and friends depended on this location for their social activities beyond home and family.

The first settlement in the area was made in late 1851 by William and Jackson Brown. In 1856, a man named W. Starr built a store and saloon. Joseph Cavanaugh purchased the store, saloon, and land from Starr in 1858. Cavanaugh then built a hotel. Other businesses and buildings appearing in Edgewood in the 1800's were: Bowles Lumber Mill (1854), later becoming a grist mill, Patterson's Bar and Hotel, Mountainview Creamery (1894), which was originally the Edgewood Creamery, Bob Campbell's Dance Hall and Saloon, Joe Rantz's Blacksmith Shop, Bagley's Dogtown Saloon (removed from Edgewood and stored at the Jacksonville Museum in Jacksonville, Oregon).

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The Edgewood School (1865) is now Butteville School and is an active elementary school. Other businesses, etc., were the Southern Pacific Depot - bunk house for section workers, section house (1886), Town Hall (1875), Church (demolished in early 1900's), Post Office (1870), Jail (?), Shoe Repair Shop (?), Power Plant (1912). The Cemetery (1869) is still housing new occupants.

Butteville was the center of community life for Southern Shasta Valley from 1856 until the arrival of the railroad in 1887. In 1887, the townsite of Butteville shifted north and became Edgwood. Edgwood was a main stop for the railroad. The town prospered from farming, lumbering, town business and the railroad transportation business.

During the late 1800's, Joseph Cavanaugh's two sons began making their mark on the Edgwood landscape. Richard became a cattleman. Edward became a businessman. Edward built the Edgwood Emporium on its present site in 1888. The land on which the present Edgewood Store sits was built on approximately one-half Cavanaugh Ranch and one-half Jackson Ranch. Edward employed five carpenters (Siskiyou Telegram, July 26, 1890) to build his first store. According to the Yreka Journal, August 23, 1898, fire destroyed both the Store and Post Office. The Siskiyou News, January 28, 1899, states that Ed Cavanaugh rebuilt, bigger and better, in January, 1899. The Yreka Journal, March 14, 1899, says that "Ed Cavanaugh is fitting up and moving into his fine new store building at Edgwood this week on the site of the old store that burned down last Fall."

Troop trains passed through Edgewood during World War I, and the Railroad Depot was busy twenty-four hours a day. The Roaring Twenties followed the War, and Edgewood was the hub of nightlife even sporting slot machines. During World War II, a California State Militia unit was activated at Edgewood in 1943 and headquartered at the Cavanaugh Store building. Wartime activity ceased at the Store in 1947.

Today, Edgewood is a quiet little village boasting only the small Butteville School and the Edgewood Store. A half-mile south on Edgewood Road is the Edgewood Cemetery. Aside from the two remaining Victorian homes built by brothers Richard and Edward Cavanaugh, the Store is the lone commercial sentinel remaining in a once bustling pioneer town. The cattle industry still flourishes as it has since 1852 when Samuel Jackson (Jackson Ranch) registered the first brand in California. Large herds still spread out in fields adjacent to the Store.

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SUMMARY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Edgewood Store is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places at the local level of significance under Criteria A because it is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the history of the United States. The Store is historically significant because of its 19th Century development as a center of commerce for a pioneer community. The period of significance extends from 1899 - 1953. Under Criteria A, the Store is significant as a commercial building/institution.

Since its construction in the 1800's, the Store has been the single most important structure in commerce and community affairs in this community in Southern Shasta Valley. Its presence in an isolated landscape offered a sense of civility and stability for those considering moving to a remote area. It has served the community by furnishing the essentials of life - food, drink, clothing, farm implements, etc. The Post Office was the link to the outside world.

Edgewood obligingly supplied the pioneer kitchen that is now housed in the Smithsonian Museum of History and Technology in Washington, D. C. The kitchen was part of a home built by pioneer George Washington Arbaugh on his ranch in the 1850's. The Jacksonville Museum, in Oregon, whisked away the Dogtown Saloon. The Edgewood Store is the only existing historical building remaining in this once robust pioneer community. Since 1899, it has served continuously as a store and the center of local and economic activity in this area. At times in its history, it served the community as a Post Office, meeting hall, and headquarters for the California State Militia. In its totality, the Edgewood Store retains a sufficiently high degree of integrity of location, setting, design, appearance, materials, workmanship, feeling and association to warrant listing in the National Register.

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