

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Meadows Schoolhouse

AND/OR COMMON Mark Smith Residence

**2 LOCATION**

ID 55

STREET & NUMBER Highway 55

CITY, TOWN New Meadows VICINITY OF First  
STATE Idaho CODE 16 COUNTY Adams CODE 003  
---NOT FOR PUBLICATION CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Dr. Dale Smith

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN New Meadows VICINITY OF STATE Idaho 83654

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Adams County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Council STATE Idaho

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory

DATE 1972  
---FEDERAL  STATE ---COUNTY ---LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Idaho State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN Boise STATE Idaho 83702

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input 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 Meadows school is a two-story brick structure dating from 1912. The simple design might be described as classical eclectic; the building is a symmetrical box with hipped roof and pedimental treatment of the gable in the outset centered entrance and stairwell pavilion. This gable is elaborated by eave returns, a circular ventilator and a shingled face. It is surmounted by a large, inset, open belfry with hipped roof. The red-brick fabric is perforated by windows which are headed in most cases by triple-coursed segmental arches. (The exceptions are the set of windows directly over the entrance, which is capped with a square arch, and the small windows directly on either side of the pavilion, which are also square-headed.) The roofs, as are those on most structures in this area of heavy snowfall, are of tin. The school has been converted to residential & veterinary clinic use, but there have been no exterior alterations and only one addition: a gabled porch which obscures a round-arched, double-doored front entrance. The building is presently very well-maintained.

# 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 1912

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Meadows schoolhouse has local architectural significance as a fine example of classical eclectic schoolhouse architecture of the early twentieth century, handsomely executed in brick and very well-preserved. It is the most substantial surviving building in Meadows, a town which was left behind when the railroad passed by a few miles to the west. Especially since the destruction by fire of the Friends Church which was its cognate institutional structure on the western edge of Meadows, the schoolhouse is the most conspicuous visual reminder of the past to survive in original form in what remains of its community. Packer John's cabin, situated in a state park several miles to the east and certainly important in Meadows' history, is a reconstruction of the first building in the valley, a cabin built in 1862. Other surviving buildings are modest frame structures.

The Meadows school is in fact the material evidence of the highest point in development, and the beginning of decline, in a town which is now reduced to a scatter of residential structures. At the time the school was constructed Meadows was a modest community which had grown up slowly to serve the farmers and stock-raisers who began settling the valley in the late 1870's. Most of the structures which comprised its main street were frame; such substantial institutions as hotel and school were still log. When in 1910 the new, planned town of New Meadows was built two miles to the west as a terminus for the Pacific and Idaho Northern railway, decline was inevitable. For a period, however, especially while it was believed that the P. & I. N. would be pushed further north to provide the state with a north-south railway, the valley as well as its new hub enjoyed a boom.

The school at Meadows, and a sibling at New Meadows built in the same year, are in substantial contrast to the mostly frame schoolhouses which have been inventoried in this part of Idaho. They are striking evidence of the optimistic climate which created them.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Ranney, Agnes Johnson, The Valley I Remember; Meadows Valley, Idaho,  
Portland, Oregon 1973.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Meadows

QUADRANGLE SCALE 7.5

UTM REFERENCES

A 1 1 5 5 9 4 9 5 4 9 7 8 6 8 0  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B           
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION This nomination includes the former Meadows school and the property on which it stands. These are situated directly south of state Highway 55 and represent block 15 of the original townsite of Meadows.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Patricia Wright, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION Idaho State Historical Society

DATE 10 September 1979

STREET & NUMBER 610 North Julia Davis Drive

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CITY OR TOWN Boise

STATE Idaho 83702

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE   

LOCAL X

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

*Merie Wells*

TITLE State Historical Preservation Officer

DATE 10 September 1979

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

*attn: Cheryl Skull*

DATE 10-30-79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *Kristen O'Connell*  
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 10/30/79