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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: CALIFORNIA	
COUNTY: YOLO	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	JUN 13 1972



1. NAME

COMMON:
Cañon School

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Cañon School

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Southwest Corner of California Highway 16 & Yolo Co. Road 76 intersection

CITY OR TOWN:
Brooks 0.5 mile

STATE: California CODE: 06 COUNTY: Yolo CODE: 113

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments Vacant			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Herman K and Delores O. Swarz

STREET AND NUMBER:
22 Cove Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Belvedere

STATE: California CODE: 06

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Assessor's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
Yolo County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN:
Woodland

STATE: California CODE: 06

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal
 State
 County
 Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The present Cañon School structure was erected in 1884 on the site it now stands. The building is 40' by 20', with its long axis in a north-south direction. Entrance to the interior is gained by entering either of the two doors on the southern side of the building. The structure has a wooden frame with wooden siding. The pitched roof is covered with wooden shingles. There are four windows each on the east and west walls. Each of these windows has been boarded up, but most of the window glass has been broken from the inside. There is a wooden porch and overhanging roof that juts out from the southern wall. The floors of the porch is elevated approximately 18' above the ground. Although the actual building is in good structural condition, this porch and its roof is in a state of disrepair. The entire structure, including the porch, is painted a bright white.

The most dramatic feature of the exterior is the wooden belfry on the southern portion of the roof. Built as an addition to the school in 1902, it at one time housed a bell that was used to signal the start of school each morning. The bell has since disappeared, but the belfry still stands. There are four wooden posts which extend upward for approximately 10'. Then a four-sided, steeple pitched roof, covered with wooden shingles, extends vertically for approximately 5'. The wooden posts have been damaged by woodpeckers, but the belfry still stands as the dominant external feature of the building.

The interior is virtually vacant of its one time contents. There does remain a 6' hallway inside each of the entrance doors. Between these hallways exist the lavatories and wash basins. These facilities were moved inside sometime between the years 1911 and 1916. Upon opening the door at the end of either hallway, one enters the main school room. At the northern end is a 6' wide wooden stage approximately 18' above the main floor. The original wood burning stove has been replaced by a propane stove. The ceiling is very high, extending to the external roof. Furniture is non existent, with the original double desks having been removed many years ago. The only cabinet space is situated along the southern wall. The wooden floor is heavily littered with broken glass and other debris. All of the doors are falling off their hinges, but the overall structural interior is in good condition.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1884

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

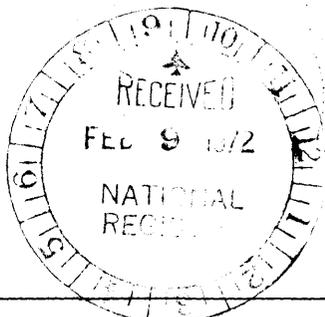
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The present Cañon School is the third in a succession schools in the Capay Valley near Brooks, California. The first, built in 1861, was deemed inadequate. It was replaced by a new structure in 1868. The present Cañon School was established on its present location in 1884 when the second school was razed by fire. It was at this time that the name of the school was changed from Central View to Cañon School. From its earliest days, the Cañon School was an important part of the surrounding rural community. Education was obviously the main purpose for the building. There was one teacher and usually about 35 students. The students ranged in age from 6 to 16, with an occasional student being as old as his early twenties. The grade structure ran through the first eight grades. Because most families were poor and the children were needed on the farms, not much pressure was put upon the students to continue their education at the high school or college level.

The school day started with the clanging of a bell at 9:00 A.M. and ended at 4:00 P.M. There were 15 minute breaks at 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M., with one hour for lunch. The subjects taught were the traditional reading, writing, arithmetic and nature study. Due to the fact that there was only one teacher for all eight grades, the older children helped out with the younger ones. For all this work, the teacher was paid \$65.00 in 1901.

But, the Cañon School was more than just a one room school house. It was a focus for community pride and pleasure. The Cañon School was an integral part of the life of the area. Its creation and improvements over the years were a direct result of the collective efforts of the local population. The Cañon School of today stands as a monument to those days when a one room school house meant a great deal to a rural population.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The History of Cañon School by Irvin F. Beltrame

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

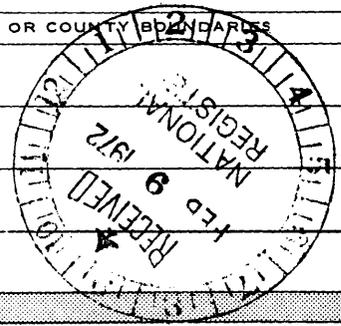
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SW	°	'	"	°	'	"

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Brent Harrington

ORGANIZATION: **Yolo County Parks Department** DATE: **10/29/71**

STREET AND NUMBER:
292 W. Beamer Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Woodland** STATE: **California** CODE: **06**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: *[Signature]*

Title: STATE LIAISON OFFICER

Date: 1/27/72

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 6/13/72

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____