

# DATA SHEET

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Form 10-300  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Colorado</b>
COUNTY: <b>Moffat</b>
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE <b>FEB 24 1975</b>

### 1. NAME

COMMON:  
**Old Ladore School \***

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**Lodore School \* see inside**

### 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**off Road 318 85 miles west of Craig, 5 miles from Lodore Canyon**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Brown's Park**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
**number 4**

STATE: **Colorado** CODE: **08** COUNTY: **Moffat** CODE: **081**

### 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"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Community Center</u>

### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Federal Bureau of Fish and Wildlife Resources Development**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Washington, D.C.**

STATE:  
**District of Colum.** CODE: **11**

### 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Moffat County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Craig**

STATE:  
**Colorado** CODE: **08**

### 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**none**

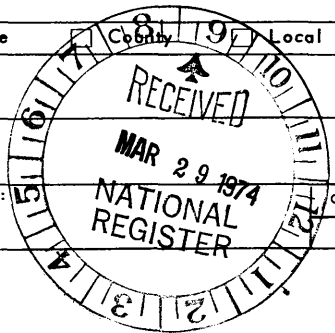
DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:



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**7. DESCRIPTION**

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

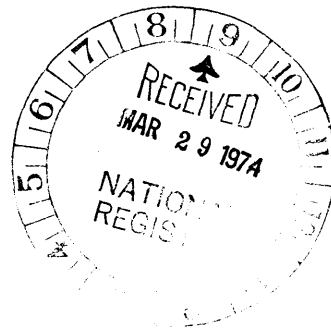
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The school is a single story structure made of horizontal planking. The roof is a medium gable covered with shingles. A hipped cupola-style bell tower sits to the fore of the building. The brick chimney is hidden behind it. The eaves are boxed and plain; and the cornice, boxed, plain and pedimented. A semicircular vent adorns the pedimented area.

The doors and windows are flat and plain. The windows are double hung and used to have shutters. The entry door is topped by a plain, single transom light and is reached by means of double side stairs flanked by a plain post railing.

Although the building is plain it is sturdy and well built. Its many windows provide ample light and fresh air.

\* NOTE: The spelling of Ladore or Lodore has resulted from the different references made by local newspapers. The correct spelling is Lodore as given to it by John Wesley Powell in remembrance of the poem "The Gates of Lodore". Newspapers have so long misspelled the name that Ladore had become equally acceptable.



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**3. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                        | <u>Community Center</u>                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                      | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input checked="" 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

Brown's Hole, long the famed hide-out for Butch Cassidy and other outlaws of similar status, first set up a school for its children in 1910. The land for the building was donated by a Mrs. Harry Hoy. The building itself was constructed by Carpenters Evers, Hunt and Hoover and was 50 feet by 30 feet. Class sessions were held continuously from 1911 to 1947. In 1954 the building came under the maintenance and control of the Brown's Park Women's Club for use as a community center. In 1970 it was acquired by the Fish and Wildlife Resources Development Services, but it still receives heavy use as a community center.

Although the building was built and used to serve the purpose of educating the surrounding ranch children, it quickly became the recognized center of the community in and around Brown's Park for such events as dances, school plays, funerals, community parties for every sort of major occasion in the area. Notices appear continuously in the EMPIRE COURIER from 1911 to 1947 concerning the need for parents to send their children to the school, for community dances, for fund raising events relative to the World War I patriotic leagues. There are references to children whose parents have moved into town in order to send their children to school, other references as to where parents might beard their children during the term. The first teacher was Miss Winford Denny who was hired on a monthly salary of \$65.00. By 1947 wages had climbed to \$150.00 per month.

The school hall is significant in its cultural service to citizens of Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah. It is the only such center for the people of this isolated area to gather and outside of its discontinued use as a school it functions in the same ways as it did when first constructed. Concerned citizens in all three states have contributed information by phone and by letter to further its landmarking and notice by the National Register. It is a fine example of the social life of isolated ranch people both in earlier times and now. It shows how the ties of social interdependence exceed the political boundaries and physical boundaries which would otherwise separate groups of people from their neighbors.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

EMPIRE COURIER: editions every month from 1911 to 1947

Brown's Hole House Demonstration Club: Minutes of 1954  
 School Board District No. 1: Minutes of May meetings in 1946  
 and in 1954.

Marie Allen of Greystone, Colorado recollections from her  
 childhood in interview with Kelly Ross Boren of Utah.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

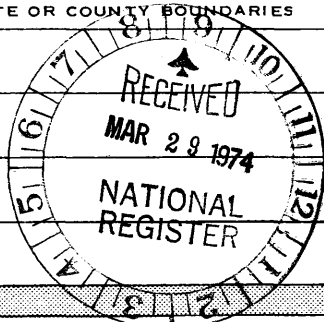
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: *2 acres*

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 AND TITLE:  
**Cynthia Emrick, Preservation Assistant**

ORGANIZATION: **State Historical Society** DATE: **3-20-74**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**200 14th Avenue**

CITY OR TOWN: **Denver** STATE: **Colorado** CODE: **08**

**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: *Stephen H. Long*

Title: *Colo. Historic Preservation Officer*

Date: *3/25/74*

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

*Albert R. Mortensen*  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: *2/24/75*

ATTEST:

*Doris J. Emery*  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: *Feb. 20, 1975*