

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Colorado
COUNTY: Jefferson
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE SEP 4 1974

1. NAME

COMMON: Morrison School House

AND/OR HISTORIC: same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 226 Spring Street

CITY OR TOWN: Morrison CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 2

STATE: Colorado CODE: 08 COUNTY: Jefferson CODE: 059

3. CLASSIFICATION

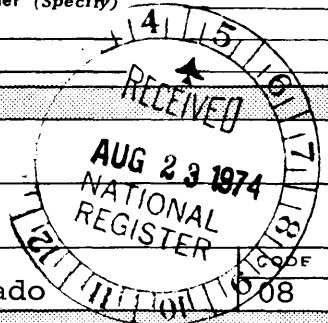
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Marilyn and Fred Putz

STREET AND NUMBER: 226 Spring Street

CITY OR TOWN: Morrison STATE: Colorado



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Jefferson County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Golden STATE: Colorado CODE: 08

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: State Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1972 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: State Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER: 200 - 14th Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Denver STATE: Colorado CODE: 08

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Morrison School House constructed in a modified T shape, with native limestone walls, 18" thick. It is a two story structure, one room per story. The gables of the building at the two ends of the building are of board and batten construction. The stone is cut and coursed, the texture left natural. The quoins and lintel stones are of the same material as the walls.

The roof is steeply gabled and overlaid with composition tiles. The roof trim has a boxed cornice, with plain freize and brackets of wood. The cupola is only partially remaining. The metal chimney still exists.

The building is reached by a flight of exterior stone stairs leading to a double entryway door. The doorway is arched with radiating voussoirs and keystone of cut stone. The windows are all long and narrow, single sashed, symmetrically placed, and are capped with segmental pediments. The tallness of the windows hints at the 13' ceilings. There are two wooden porches, one on the ground floor and the other just above it on the front facade.

The building is surprisingly simple despite its elaborate facade. It is a two room school house, with one room per story. The "stem" part of the T serves as the entry way on the second floor. All windows are plain and flat with stone lintels and lugsills. The main door is segmentally arched with stone voussoirs.



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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)

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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Morrison School House was built in 1875 by the town for use as a school house. The building was built by the Morrison Stone, Lime, and Town Company and the words, "Public School-1875" are cut into the stone just below the eaves. This company literally owned the town and ran the public business of operating it.

Morrison was a quarry town economically based on the sandstone and limestone that it produced. Governor Evans, Colonel C. W. Fisher, J. S. Brown and other men of stature in Colorado founded the town, and plans were made to run the Denver, South Park and Pacific Railroad, (another Evans dream-come-true) sufficiently nearby the quarries to carry their produce to Denver.

The town grew quite promisingly and the town itself built and owned the first school house in 1875. It was constructed of native limestone by the company founded by Evans. It cost the town \$6,000 and was a fine two story building. It operated as a school until 1966 when a new facility was built. It remained vacant, subject to a great deal of vandalism for nearly six years. The building was then bought and renovated for use as a cultural gallery.

From 1875 until 1966 that two story structure served as the only school for elementary grade children in that district of Jefferson county. The fine condition of its limestone facade is remarkable, since that stone is particularly susceptible to weather deterioration.

The school, as a town project and as the philanthropy of the Evans company, was the largest effort at the then popular humanitarianism in Morrison. As typical of schools in all small towns, it served as the social and cultural center of the community as well as serving the educational needs. It was admirably suited to its role as evidence by its longevity in service.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Robbins, Sara E. "Jefferson County, Colorado, the Colorful Past of a Great Community", The Jefferson County Bank, Lake-Wood, Colorado 1962.

Velma Churchill, Route 3, Box 86, Golden, Colorado 80401
archival research on building

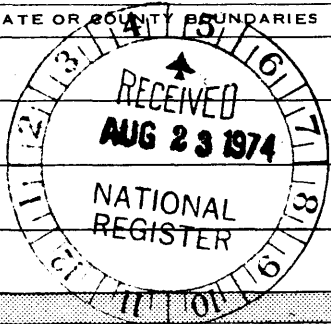
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.32

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: Marilyn and Fred Putz

ORGANIZATION: _____ DATE: 8-30-73

STREET AND NUMBER: 226 Spring Street

CITY OR TOWN: Morrison STATE: Colorado CODE: 08

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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. Hart

Title: Colorado State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: 8/21/71

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Al B. Wauters
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 9/4/74

ATTEST:

Charles Adams
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 8-30-74