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

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Spring Valley School

AND/OR COMMON

The School House

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

E of Park Spur at

Corner of Spring Valley and Lorraine Roads

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Larkspur

VICINITY OF

5

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Colorado

08

Douglas

035

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER
none at present

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Robert O. Beadles

STREET & NUMBER

115 West Columbia Street

CITY, TOWN

Colorado Springs

VICINITY OF

STATE

Colorado 80907

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Castle Rock Courthouse

(Note: The Courthouse and its records were recently destroyed by fire.)

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Castle Rock

STATE

Colorado

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Colorado Inventory of Historic Sites (18/08/0002)

DATE

Ongoing

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Colorado Historical Society; 1300 Broadway

CITY, TOWN

Denver

STATE

Colorado 80203

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located on the corner of Spring Valley and Lorraine roads near Larkspur, Colorado, the Spring Valley School stands as a rural landmark near the Great Divide that separates the Arkansas and South Platte river drainages. Pike's Peak, the region's great landmark, lies clearly visible twenty-five miles away. The schoolhouse itself is a single, detached one-story building made of native lumber purchased from a nearby sawmill. The structure is basically rectangular in shape with a small projection on the south facade. The east or main facade has four bays including a door located in the projection. The west facade has three bays, the south facade one bay, and the north facade no bays. Both the main structure and the projection have gabled roofs. The structure has a stone foundation (now overlaid with cement) and a clapboard exterior built over a balloon frame. The roof is covered with shingles. A single brick chimney projects through the apex near the northern edge of the roof.

Several related wooden outbuildings flank the schoolhouse to the west. Close to and slightly northwest of the structure lies a wood shed. Farther away and to the southwest lies an outhouse, and even farther southwest sits a horse barn once used by the schoolmaster and students. The entire property is surrounded by a fence--wire on the north and west, board on the south, split rail on the east.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" 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

ca. 1874

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Harrison Bucks and John Geiger

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Spring Valley School is significant for its association with educational development in Douglas County, Colorado; for its role as a local community center; for its position as a rural landmark; and for its architecture which manifests the characteristic elements of vernacular, one-room schoolhouses in early day Colorado.

The first settlers in the Spring Valley area arrived during the gold rush in 1859, but it was not until after the Civil War that a permanent settlement known as Spring Valley emerged. In its early years the settlement consisted of a fort (for the high plains Indian wars still continued), store, stagecoach stop, dairy, cheese factory, and other buildings. The settlers recognized the need for a school, and about 1873 or 1874 a David Holden provided an acre of land with a 100-year lease. Harrison Bucks and John Geiger erected the school shortly thereafter along with the related outbuildings--a privy, a storage shed for coal and wood, a stable for the horses of teacher and students, and a well to alleviate the necessity of hauling drinking water from nearby ranches. Later, the original uncovered porch was covered over to create a "teachery," a place where the teacher could live. The exact dates of the school's construction cannot be determined because of the recent fire which destroyed the Douglas County Courthouse, but it is known that classes began at least as early as the fall of 1874. When opened, the school served an area about six miles long and three miles wide, provided instruction for pupils in grades one through eight, and was one of the first of about 100 one-room schoolhouses eventually built in Douglas County. In addition to its educational use, the schoolhouse served as a meeting place for the local members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Grange, and other organizations, and for wedding receptions, dances, funerals, and other community events.

By 1946 the School had outlived its purposes after nearly three--quarters of a century of use. Much of the local populace had drifted away, and it was decided to bus the remaining students elsewhere. Later the schoolhouse was given to the Douglas County Historical Society in hope the structure could be moved to Castle Rock and converted into a museum, but these plans fell through. The School remained where it was until the 100-year lease expired and the structure passed into the hands of the present owners who have begun renovation.

From an architectural standpoint the schoolhouse and its related outbuildings are all vernacular structures reflecting the skills and knowledge of rural builders in the 1870s. The simple design, basic construction, and lack of decorative elements

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- Jane Hawes, Country Schools--El Paso County, Colorado (privately published, 1897).

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.1 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Greenland

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,3 5,1,9 9,1,0 4,3,3 4,8,0

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

South East 1.1 acres of the W 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 66 west of the 6th P.M., Douglas County, Colorado.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mrs. Robert O. Beadles

ORGANIZATION

DATE

May 15, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

115 West Columbia Street

(303) 634-5220 or (303) 636-3811

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Colorado Springs

Colorado 80907

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

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



TITLE

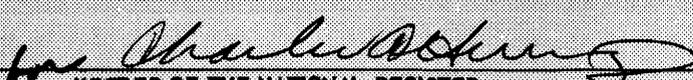
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

October 13, 1978

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



DATE

12-18-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

William H. Abraham 12-17-78

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illustrate both the utilitarian conceptions of the architects and the community's lack of numbers and wealth.