

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See Instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the Instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900-a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Lackamas School
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 16240, 16312 Bald Hill Rd. S.E. not for publication
city, town Yelm vicinity
state Washington code WA county Thurston code 034067 zip code 98597

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>3</u>	—
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	—	—
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	—	—
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>
			Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Rural Public School Buildings in Washington State

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.
 See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official *Jacob E. Sh...* Date 3/16/90

Washington State Department of Community Development Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register. Patrick Andrews 5/10/90
 See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain:) _____
Signature of the Keeper _____ Date of Action _____

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Education: school

Education: education-related housing

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Work in Progress (school)

Social: meeting hall (gymnasium)

Domestic: single dwelling (cottage)

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Bungalow/Craftsman (school)

Other: vernacular (gymnasium, cottage)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete

walls wood: weatherboard

roof asbestos (gymnasium, cottage)

other wood: shingle (school)

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Lackamas school grounds (including schoolhouse, gymnasium, and teacherage) is located in the far southeastern corner of Thurston County at a major intersection of rural roads. The historic features of the school, including belfry, fenestration, and cladding, are well preserved. The gymnasium retains its simple massing, pedimented entry, original window openings, and original interior. The buildings are sited on the original open school yard with the toilets and cottage adjoining the property. The entire ensemble strongly conveys the feeling and association of the early 20th century school.

The Lackamas School is a square-shaped, Craftsman-style, one-story structure with a full basement of wood frame construction on a poured concrete foundation. The four-gable roof has exposed rafters, wide overhangs and wide gable-end fascia boards supported by ornamental brackets. An small open belfry with a bracketed gable roof surmounts the center of building's roofline. Walls are clad with narrow clapboards and have wide horizontal banding at the first story floorline. The foundation is partially skirted with drop siding. On the front (south) facade a small projection is to the left side. In the recess of the this front "U", broad steps lead to a columned porch which shelters double main entry doors. Above the doors is a sign reading "Lackamas School No. 305". The double doors are flanked by multipaned windows and lower panels. A multipaned transom is over the windows. The shed roof extends over the entry which has an arched detail flanked by sets of two square columns with plain capitals. Fenestration consists of bands of five tall, double-hung windows with six-over-six lights and plain surrounds sharing common sills. Also evident are bands of three smaller six-paned windows which also share a common sill. The basement is lit by a band of five windows and several single windows. The interior retains the original arrangement, flooring, wainscoting, woodwork, and blackboard areas.

The gymnasium is a rectangular one-story structure of wood frame construction on a poured concrete foundation. The gable roof has close eaves. Walls are clad with clapboards. At the building's front (west) end is a lower gable-roofed extension. Centered on the front facade is a recessed porch, approached by open wooden steps. The porch shelters double panelled entry doors with a multi-paned transom. The porch is framed by pilasters and a cornice panel with raised letters reading "GYMNASIUM", topped by a sawn ornament in the shape of a broken pediment. Above the pediment is an attic vent with an ornamented circular surround. Another gable roofed extension projects from the rear of the building. This addition has a chimney flanked by two-over-two double hung sash windows. Original fenestration on the side walls consisted of paired double hung windows which have been boarded over on the north facade and replaced by modern aluminum windows on the south. The interior has original gym flooring, proscenium and stage, and beaded vaulted ceiling and walls.

The cottage is a rectangular one-and-one-half story frame utilitarian building. The gable roofline has wide, bracketed eaves and exposed rafters. A hipped shed roofed porch extends the full width of the front facade. The porch was originally open, but is now enclosed. The porch has exposed rafters supported by plain posts. The building is clad with drop siding and a band of shingles covers the lower level. Fenestration is one-over-one double hung sash. A shed roofed enclosed porch is on the rear of the building.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

 nationally statewide locallyApplicable National Register Criteria A B C DCriteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Education

Period of Significance

1916-1939

Significant Dates

1916, 1930

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Lackamas School is historically significant for its association with public education in rural Thurston County and with the development of the Lackamas community. The school property, which includes the original schoolhouse, gymnasium, teacher's cottage, outhouses and schoolyard, represents the most complete ensemble of historic school buildings in the county. Built as a consolidated facility in 1916, the schoolhouse is an excellent example of the Craftsman style of the period; the gymnasium, built during the Depression by community residents, has an intact interior, and reflects the development of a physical education curriculum; and the cottage is one of the few teacherages known to survive in the region. Collectively with the yard, the complex of buildings retains good integrity, strongly conveys its historic character, and meets the registration requirements established for the type in the Rural Public Schools multiple property documentation form. The school is the only public facility in this part of Thurston County.

Historical Background: The Bald Hills area is a remote and sparsely populated section of Thurston County. First settlers, arriving in the 1850s, included the Longmires, Moreheads, and Laramies, descendants of Hudson's Bay employees. The Deschutes district school, attended by local children, was built in 1876 on the site of the later Morehead School (both demolished). The Deschutes district was later divided into five schools: Laramie, Morehead, Bald Hill, Longmire and Hull.

In 1916 the consolidated Lackamas School District was formed out of these earlier districts, and a larger school was built on land donated by Cap Longmire, a son of James Longmire, one the area's first American settlers. Area residents cooperated in building the structure which contained three large classrooms and one small one. Eight grades and some high school classes were taught in the school, which initially served about 35 children. No indoor plumbing, running water or electricity were available in the building, so a nearby well and two outdoor toilets were provided. In addition to serving as the school, the building was a community gathering place for picnics, dances and potluck suppers. During the Depression, additional land was donated by Cap Longmire for a gymnasium, and the structure was built through the a community effort. Residents donated three days a week toward its completion under the direction of Rudolf Johnson.

The Lackamas district was consolidated with Yelm in 1942, and the school was closed in 1946. The building was sold and later fell into disrepair. Recently, new owners have restored the school building to its original appearance. The gymnasium was donated to the community in 1942 and since that time, the Lackamas Community Club has maintained the building, holding regular dances at the site and providing a public meeting place. The cottage has continued in use as a residence.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Loutzenhiser, Richard and Floss, The Story of Yelm, 1848-1948, 1948.
Interview with Andrew and Antone Johnson, longtime Bald Hill area residents, June 1985.
Interview with Dillard Jensen, April 20, 1989.
Educational Service District 113 Records.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property approximately five acres

UTM References

A	<u>10</u>	<u>539210</u>	<u>5188530</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing
C			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
D			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

School and cottage: southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 16 North, Range 2 East, W.M. Commencing southeast corner, west 32 rods, north 20 rods, east 32 rods, south 20 rods. Less Bald Hill Rod south 330 feet of east 328 feet less and part of Bald Hill Road. Tax Parcel #22624440000. Gymnasium: northeast quarter of northeast quarter of northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 16 North, Range 2 East, W.M., Northeast of Bald Hill Road and North of Piesner Road. Tax Parcel #22625110000.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the entire parcel that has historically been associated with the property.

See continuation sheet

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Lackamas School -- School -- Photograph #1
Yelm vicinity, Washington
Kim Koeppen
July 1987
Thurston Regional Planning
Thurston County Courthouse
2000 Lakeridge Dr. S.W.
Olympia, Washington
Southwest corner
#1

Lackamas School -- Gymnasium -- Photograph #2
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Thurston County Courthouse
2000 Lakeridge Dr. S.W.
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Southwest corner
#2

LACKAMAS SCHOOLYARD SKETCH MAP

Yelm vicinity, Thurston County, WA

- - - = boundary (not to scale)

