

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

32-2829

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 Central Schoolhouse (District #49)

other names/site number N.A.

## 2. Location

street & number N W Corner of Ritchey and Four Mound Roads ☐ not for publication

city, town Nine Mile Falls ☒ vicinity

state Washington code WA county Spokane code 063 zip code 99026

## 3 Classification

Ownership of Property

- ☒ private  
☐ public-local  
☐ public-State  
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

- ☒ building(s)  
☐ district  
☐ site  
☐ structure  
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>2</u>	buildings
—	sites
—	structures
—	objects
<u>2</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

Rural Public Schools in WA 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.

May G. Thompson  
Signature of certifying official

6/30/92  
Date

Washington State 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  
☐ 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

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**6 Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Education school

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic single dwelling

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Gable front vernacular

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone  
walls wood weatherboardroof wood:shingle  
other N A.

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Describe present and historic physical appearance

Constructed in 1900, the simple schoolhouse erected for Central School District No. 49 has retained its integrity of appearance over the years. The area surrounding the school was covered with timber at the time of construction, and nearby sawmills produced the lumber for the building.

Designed as a one-story, single-room facility, the schoolhouse measures 24 feet by 36 feet. An 8-foot wide porch shelters the two entrances in the south gable end. According to school records, the original porch, dating from 1902, was constructed of wood. At a meeting of the School Board on June 24, 1916, the Board voted to replace the wooden porch floor with cement, and to pour a 4-foot wide sidewalk extending to the gate at Four Mound Road. Situated at the end of the walk was to be a gate with an arch above. Both the sidewalk and the gate have since been removed. In 1937 the cement porch was replaced with that presently in use.

Situated on a stone foundation, the schoolhouse is constructed of wood, and retains its original wood butt-edged weatherboarding. Simple cornerboards trim the edges of the building, while modest fascia boards line the end gables. The existing cedar shingle roof dates from 1935; it matched the original roof.

Three windows with two-over-two sash are found along the east and west elevations. At the south end, both entries had transoms above paneled doors; the westernmost door has four vertical panels, while its companion is comprised of five horizontal panels. A small triangular sign announcing "Central School District No. 49" graces the upper gable; the School Board voted to install the sign at their March 28, 1904 meeting. A flag pole stands at the peak of the gable on this main facade. Only a small brick chimney rising from the gabled roofline graces the north end of the building.

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Although slightly altered over the years, the interior of the Central Schoolhouse also maintains a high degree of its original integrity. Constructed without partitions as an open rectangular space, the interior was first finished with ceiling lumber on the walls and ceiling. Although a wood stove provided some warmth during the cold winter months, wallboard was later added to the ceiling and down the walls to provide additional insulation. Approximately 3 1/2 feet of wooden wainscoting remains visible along the perimeter of the space. In addition, blackboards line the west, north, and east walls.

The floor was also covered at a later date with hardwood flooring to provide additional warmth. At the north end of the building, the floor level changes slightly, rising approximately 6" above the main floor to create the effect of a stage.

Of the early furnishings, which included desks and seats for the students, only a piano, six single-globe light fixtures, and a built-in cupboard/bookshelf in the northeast corner remain. The pianowas purchased on October 3, 1932. Although the accompanying claw-foot piano stool was stolen several years ago, the piano itself has long been linked to Central School.

Initially, the school building had neither electricity or water. On November 30, 1920, the Board bought a double gas light for \$24.00; the hangar for it is still in the wall. This supplemented the kerosene lamps used to provide light. On September 1, 1945, a \$5 membership fee was paid to the Rural Electrification Association. The schoolhouse was then wired for electricity, and the fixtures currently in existence were hung. The first bill for a month's electricity came on October 27, 1945--the amount due was \$5.76.

In order to secure water, two of the older children would hike to a nearby spring. Each child held the end of a pole, with the water bucket hanging in between. In 1924, a well was finally drilled for the school. The total cost was \$208.21, and visitors can still use a hand pump to draw water from the well.

Only one outbuilding remains in the schoolyard--a small toilet of wood construction situated behind the school. Originally, there were two toilets on the property; a wood shed measuring 12 feet by 8 feet was also located northwest of the school.

## 8 Statement of Significance

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

☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Education

1900-1942

1900, 1956

Cultural Affiliation

NA

Significant Person

Architect/Builder

NA

NA

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

A focal point for both educational and social activities since the turn of the century, the schoolhouse constructed in 1900 for Central School District No. 49 is today one of the few one-room school buildings remaining in the northwest portion of Spokane County. At the time of its completion, there were 18 one-room schools in the immediate vicinity; with the exception of Central School, all have been demolished or moved to other locations to use for other purposes. In constant use as a school from 1900 until 1956, the schoolhouse looks much the same as it did when it first opened on September 3, 1900.

The original Central School, sometimes known as Baldwin School, was situated east of the present building across Ritchey Road. At its June 1899 meeting, the School Board decided to poll its voters concerning the location of a new school; seventeen votes were cast in favor of the current site.

With funding provided by bonds totaling \$600.00, School District No. 49 commenced work on the new school. The two acres of land on which the school is situated were purchased for \$5.00 from Ludwig and Theobald Jurgens. The Jurgens Brothers also supplied the lumber for the building at a cost of \$174.43; R.C. Tapley and J.M. Starkey built the schoolhouse. Records for the School District indicate the following expenditures:

Tapley worked 32 days and was paid \$80.00 on July 31, 1900.

Starkey worked 32 1/2 days at \$2.75 per day; paid \$89.35 on July 31, 1900.

Lemon Lynch was paid \$5.00 to clear the school grounds.

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J.N. Frazier was paid \$62.00 to construct a flue and a rock foundation.

The first furnace was purchased at Reardan and hauled to school for \$1.00. A new furnace purchased June 1925 was \$195.00.

Fifty-two children were enrolled for the first year (1900 - 1901) at Central School. Although the school served grades one through eight, only one teacher was available to provide instruction. Miss Lillian Scott, the first teacher there, received \$40.00 per month for her efforts. Not surprisingly, the turnover rate for teachers was quite high. Between 1900 and 1956, the Clerk's Record Books indicate that 46 teachers served the School District at this location.

With class sizes dwindling dramatically, the decision was made to consolidate Central School with Reardan in 1956. During the last year of classes at Central, there were only seven students, with three graduating from the eighth grade.

In 1958 the Coulee Township acquired the schoolhouse from Rearden Consolidated Schools District 219/412, using it as a meeting site until the demise of the township system. The township supervisors then deeded the property to West Greenwood Cemetery District #2 in 1973. Since that time, it has provided a site for meetings of the Cemetery District, the Home Economics Club, and various social events in the community.

Today, Central Schoolhouse remains a visible symbol of the important role it played in the educational and social lives of local residents. Not only did this simple one-room structure provide the setting for lessons in grades one through eight, but it was also a focal point for community activity. Box socials were held here to raise money for school projects; 4H meetings, square dances, club meetings, parties and other special events all took place here as well. Under the auspices of the Cemetery District, the Central School remains available for community use today.

## 9 Major Bibliographical References

### Central School District #49 Records and Annual Reports

☐ See continuation sheet

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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 two

UTM References

A 11 446630 5292830  
Zone Easting Northing

C Zone Easting Northing

B Zone Easting Northing

D Zone Easting Northing

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

SE corner of SE quarter of Section 35, Township 27 Range 40 From the SE corner  
running west 20 rods, then north 16 rods, then east 20 rods, then south 16 rods to  
point of beginning

☐ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the school yard historically associated with Central  
Shoolhouse District #49.

☐ See continuation sheet

## 11. Form Prepared By

Name/title Alice Lynch, Secretary (Edited by Kit Garrett, Spokane Historic Preservation Office)  
organization West Greenwood Cemetery date June 4, 1991  
street & number w 21510 Four Mound Road telephone WA  
city or town Nine Mile Falls state WA zip code 99026

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## SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 920001040

Date Listed: 8/27/92

Central Schoolhouse (District No. 49)  
Property Name

Spokane  
County

WA  
State

N/A  
Multiple Name

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This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

*for* *Autumnell Q. Lee*  
Signature of the Keeper

*8/27/92*  
Date of Action

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**Amended Items in Nomination:**

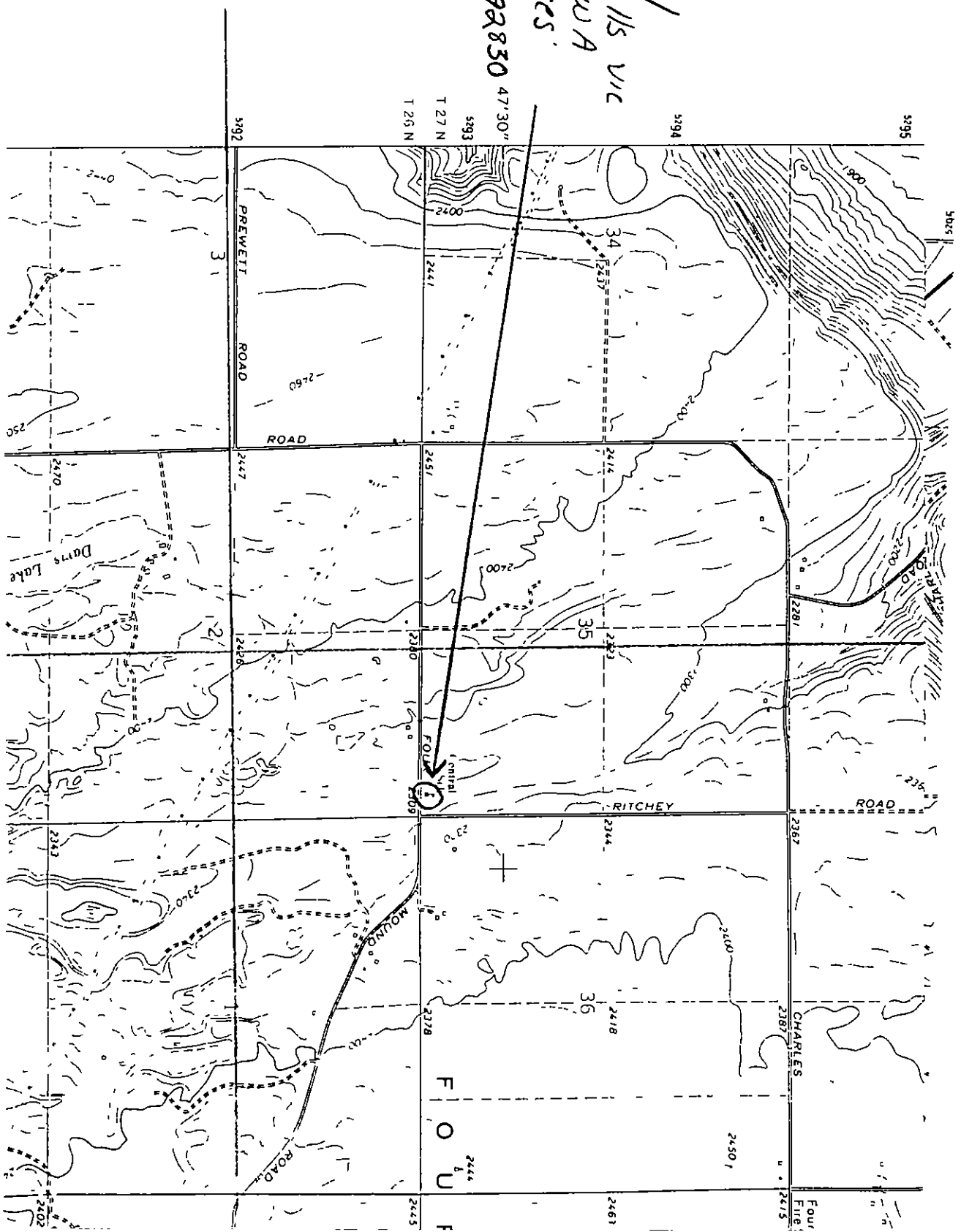
Function or Use: Under Current Functions, the following replaces the stated documentation: Single dwelling/secondary structure and Meeting hall.

This information was confirmed with Leonard Garfield of the Washington State historic preservation office.

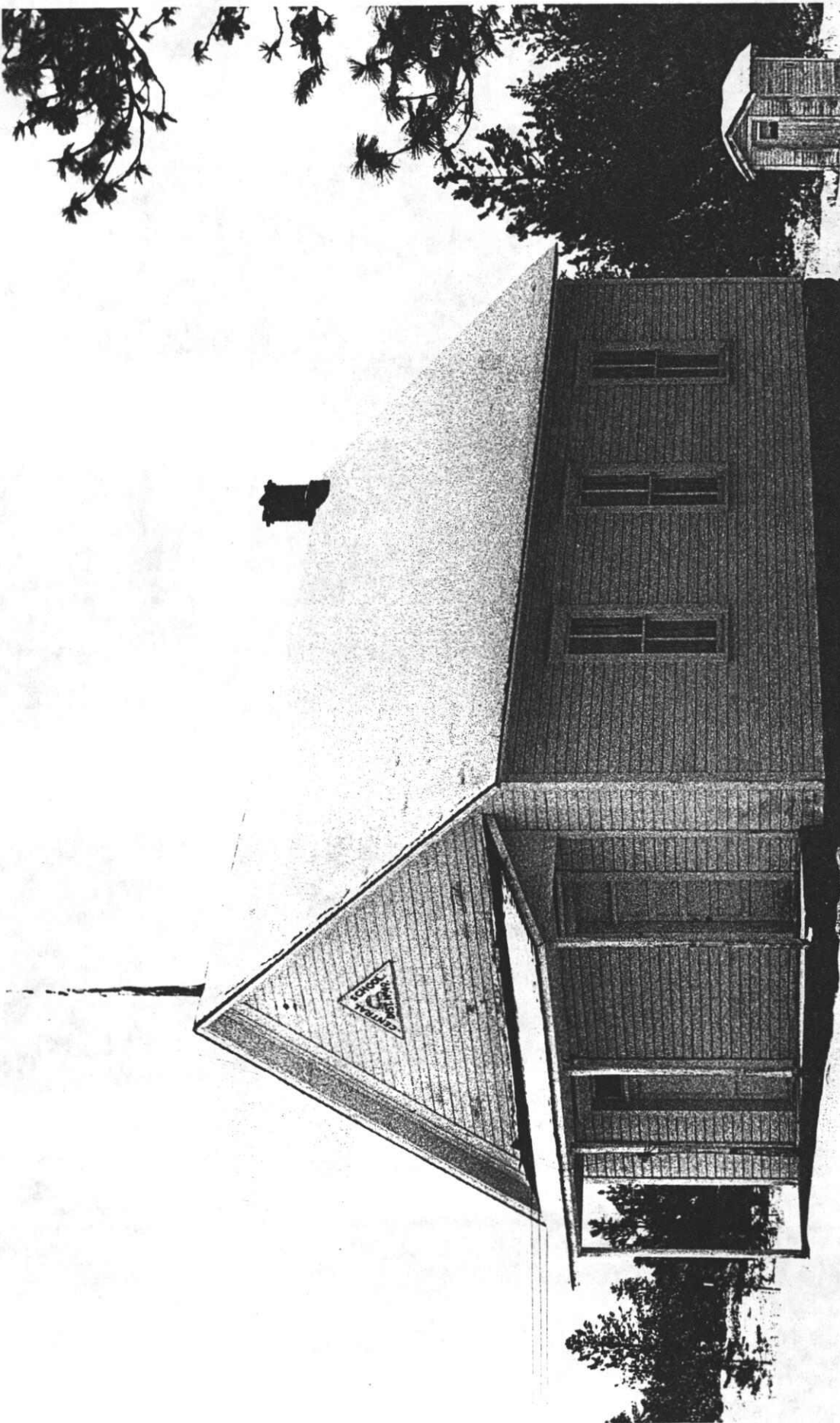
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**DISTRIBUTION:**

National Register property file  
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

Centra (School)  
Nine Mile Falls vic  
Spokane Co, WA  
UTM References  
11/446630/5292830





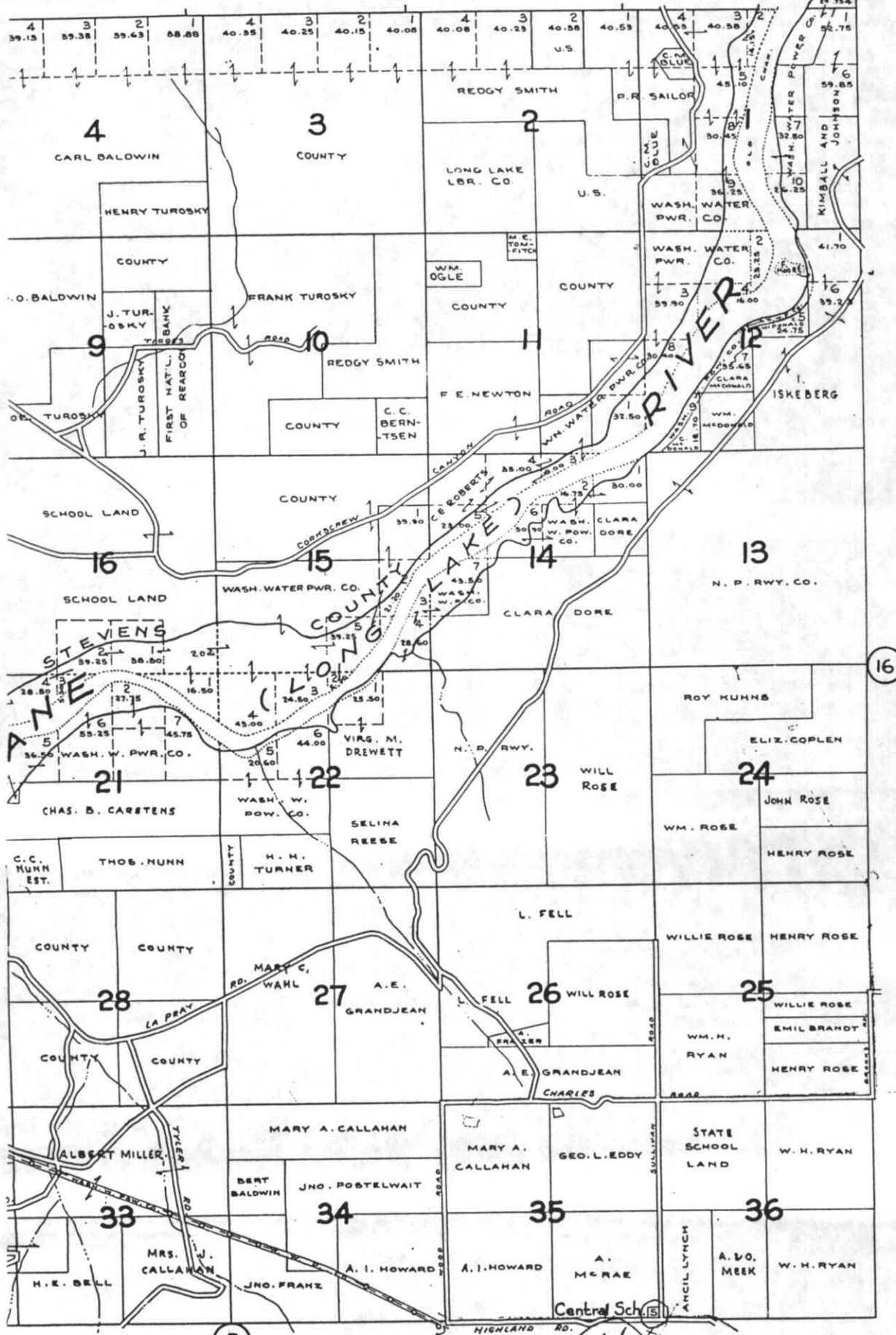


Census  
Nine Mile Falls vicinity  
Spokane County, WA  
Photo by L. Garfield, Feb 1992  
Neg. at OHP  
View of front (south)-facade and east elevation, looking NW  
Photo #1 of 1

# NSHIP 27 N., RANGE 40 E.W.M.

STEVENS & SPOKANE COUNTIES, WASH.

III 50. TENTH ST., TACOMA, WASH.  
1020 THIRD AVE., SEATTLE, WASH.  
514 S.W.OAK ST., PORTLAND, ORE.



## -LEGEND-

PAVED ROADS  
MARKET ROADS  
OTHER ROADS  
TRAILS  
RAILROADS  
ELE. RWYS.  
SCHOOLS



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Quit Claim Deed

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Vernon L Carstens  
1958 DEC 17 AM 10 52

FRANK J. GLOVER, AUDITOR  
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASH.  
MAIL 10  
Reardan, Wn

1.25

MAIL TO

—This deed is statutory form for use in State of Washington only—

585951B  
**QUIT CLAIM DEED**  
(After Acquired Title)

The Grantor Reardan Consolidated Schools, District 210/412

of Reardan, County of ~~Spokane~~ Lincoln, State of Washington  
for and in consideration of \$1.00 and other valuable consideration  
in hand paid, convey and quit claim to Coulee Township  
whose address is Spokane County, Washington  
all interest now owned or hereafter acquired in the following described real estate, situated in the County of  
Spokane, State of Washington:

Part of the Southeast Quarter (SE+) of the Southeast  
Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Thirty-five (35) Township  
Twenty-seven (27) North, Range Forty (40) E.W.M. more  
particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southeast  
Quarter of said Section 35, and running thence north  
thirty (30) feet; thence west fifteen (15) feet to  
true point of beginning; thence west along the Spokane  
& Crescent road twenty (20) rods; thence north sixteen  
(16) rods; thence east twenty (20) rods; thence south  
sixteen (16) rods; Thence east twenty (20) rods; thence  
south sixteen (16) rods to the place of beginning.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1958

1% R. E. Excise Tax Exempt

Date Dec 17 1958  
By J.P. Abraham  
Deputy County Treasurer

Reardan Cons. Schools Dist. 210/412 (Seal)  
by Peter Mahrt, Chairman (Seal)  
Gilbert E. Swanson clerk (Seal)  
(Seal)

1 STATE OF WASHINGTON )  
Lincoln ) ss.  
2 County of ~~Spokane~~ )

3 I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the above  
4 named County and State, do hereby certify that on this 16th day of  
5 October, 1958, personally appeared before me Peter Mahrt  
6 and Gilbert E. Swanson to me known to  
7 be the Chairman and Clerk respectively,  
8 Reardan Cons. Schools, District 210-412, the municipal corporation  
9 that executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged  
10 the said instrument to be the free and voluntary act and deed of  
11 said municipal corporation for the uses and purposes therein men-  
12 tioned, and on oath stated that they were authorized to execute  
13 said instrument, and that the seal affixed is the corporate seal  
of said corporation.



GIVEN under my hand and official seal the day and year  
written.

James R. Campbell  
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State  
of Washington, Residing at Spokane  
Reardan

A Service of  
Transamerica Corporation

Filed for Record at Request of

7308030290

Name

Address

City and State

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REQUEST OF Derr & Derr

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VERNON CHILANO, AUDITOR  
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASH.  
DEPUTY *D. Sprague*

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Req W 921 Sprague

## Quit Claim Deed

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THE GRANTOR, COULEE TOWNSHIP, a Municipal Corporation,  
for and in consideration of no dollars and to clear title in Grantee  
conveys and quit claims to WEST GREENWOOD CEMETERY DISTRICT,  
the following described real estate, situated in the County of Spokane,  
together with all after acquired title of the grantor(s) therein: State of Washington.

Part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, beginning 30 feet  
North and 15 feet West of the Southeast corner, then West 20 rods,  
then North 16 rods, then East 20 rods, then South 16 rods to the  
point of beginning, Section 35, Township 27 North, Range 40 E.W.M.,  
Spokane County, Washington (Parcel No. 35704-9006),

And the West 445 feet of the East 955.68 feet of the South 213 feet  
of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 22, Township 26  
North, Range 40 E.W.M., Spokane County, Washington (Parcel No.  
22602-9004).

1% Excise Tax on Real Estate

Sale, Amended &amp;

Date 7/30/73

MERTON L. HOWARD, Co. Treas.

None 87.145

Dated this

17th

day of

July

, 1967.

Coulee Township

By:

*Harold Lucht*  
Harold Lucht*Vernie Landt*  
Vernie Landt

STATE OF WASHINGTON.

County of Spokane

*George Lynch*  
George Lynch  
Supervisors

On this day personally appeared before me Harold Lucht, Vernie Landt &amp; George Lynch,

to me known to be the individual(s) described in and who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and  
acknowledged that they signed the same as their free and voluntary act and deed, for the  
uses and purposes therein mentioned.

GIVEN under my hand and official seal this 17 day of July, 1967.

*Thomas H. ...*  
Notary Public in and for the State of Washington,  
residing at ...



WARRANTY DEED  
76455

STATE OF WASHINGTON, SPOKANE COUNTY, ss.  
Filed the 1st day of April 1901  
at 4 o'clock and 4 minutes P.M., at request  
of S. L. Olson  
By R. W. Butler  
Deputy.  
Recorded on 9th day of April 1901  
By Norman B. Cook  
Deputy.

Ludwig E. Jurgens to  
Central School District #49  
Spokane County, Wash.  
April Reg. Deed Cook

THIS INDENTURE, Made this 15th day of June A.D. 1901  
between Ludwig E. Jurgens and Conrad Theobald Jurgens  
Central School District Number 49 of Spokane County, Wash.  
parties of the first part, and  
parties of the second part:

WITNESSETH, That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of \$250.00 DOLLARS

to them in hand paid by the said parties of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey, unto the said parties of the second part, its successors and assigns forever, all that

tract or parcel of land, lying and being in the County of Spokane and State of Washington, and described as follows,

to-wit: Beginning at the United States Government corner  
lake between Sections thirty five and thirty six, thence  
running north thirty (30) feet thence West fifteen (15) feet to a  
stake, thence West running with the Spokane & Aspent Road  
twenty (20) rods, thence North sixty (16) rods, thence East  
twenty (20) rods, thence South sixty (16) rods to the Be-  
ginning corner situate in the South East quarter (1/4)  
Section thirty five (35) Township twenty seven (27) Range  
forty (40) E. W. M. containing two (2) acres more or less

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME, together with all the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in  
anywise appertaining, to the said parties of the second part, its successors and assigns forever. And the said parties of the first part, for

their heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant with the said parties of the second part, its successors and assigns, that they are well seized in fee of the lands and premises aforesaid, and have good right to sell and convey the same in manner and form aforesaid; that the same are free from all encumbrances.

And the above bargained and granted lands and premises, in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said parties of the second part, its successors and assigns, against all persons lawfully claiming, or to claim, the whole or any part thereof, the said parties of the first part will warrant and defend.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of  
James G. Moore  
Ludwig E. Jurgens [SEAL]  
Conrad Theobald Jurgens [SEAL]

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF Spokane, ss.  
I, W. J. Thayer, a Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, do hereby certify, that on this 24th day of February A.D. 1901, personally appeared before me Ludwig E. Jurgens and Conrad Theobald Jurgens to me known to be the individuals described in and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged that they signed and sealed the same as their free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Given under my hand and official seal, this 24th day of February A.D. 1901  
W. J. Thayer  
Notary Public.  
Residing at Spokane Washington.

W. J. Thayer  
Notary Public  
State of Washington  
Commission Expires Feb. 7, 1906