

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <u>WASHINGTON</u>	
COUNTY: <u>CHELAN</u>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	<u>MAY 31 1974</u>

1. NAME

COMMON: <u>Stehekin School</u>
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Stehekin, Lake Chelan National Recreation Area</u>	
STATE: <u>Washington</u>	CODE: <u>53</u>
COUNTY: <u>Chelan</u>	CODE: <u>009</u>

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☐ Site ☐ Object	☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Public ☐ Private ☐ Both	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☐ Restricted ☒ Unrestricted ☐ No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
☐ Agricultural ☐ Commercial ☒ Educational ☐ Entertainment	☐ Government ☐ Industrial ☐ Military ☐ Museum	☒ Park ☐ Private Residence ☐ Religious ☐ Scientific	☐ Transportation ☐ Other (Specify) _____ ☐ Comments _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: <u>Stehekin Community</u>		
STREET AND NUMBER:		
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Stehekin</u>	STATE: <u>Washington</u>	CODE: <u>53</u>

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: <u>Chelan County</u>		
STREET AND NUMBER:		
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Chelan</u>	STATE: <u>Washington</u>	CODE: <u>53</u>

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: <u>None</u>			
DATE OF SURVEY: _____			
☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE:	

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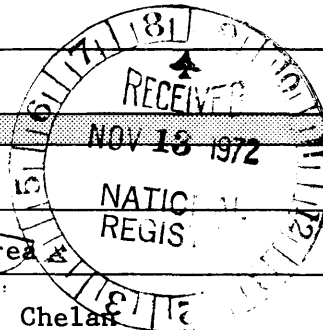
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7. DESCRIPTION

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

A single story, square notched log, one room school with a king post truss log rafter roof over the classroom area and an A truss log rafter porch roof; this building serves the primary grades of Stehekin Village; it is said to be the last one-room school in Washington. Has a large front porch, protected by a projecting gable roof. At the rear of the school is a one-room addition that serves as an apartment for the teacher. The school is but a few yards from the famed Rainbow Falls.

Built in 1921 by the citizens of Stehekin with a special permit from U. S. Forest Service. The school is still in operation, although the number of students at present is less than 10.sm

Boundary:

On U. S. property, adjacent to Stehekin Valley Road $\frac{1}{4}$ mile south of Rainbow Falls road junction.



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5. 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)

- | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|
| ☐ Aboriginal | ☒ Education | ☐ Political | ☐ Urban Planning |
| ☐ Prehistoric | ☐ Engineering | ☐ Religion/Philosophy | ☐ Other (Specify) |
| ☐ Historic | ☐ Industry | ☐ Science | _____ |
| ☐ Agriculture | ☐ Invention | ☐ Sculpture | _____ |
| ☐ Architecture | ☐ Landscape Architecture | ☒ Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| ☐ Art | ☐ Literature | ☐ Theater | _____ |
| ☐ Commerce | ☐ Military | ☐ Transportation | _____ |
| ☐ Communications | ☐ Music | | _____ |
| ☐ Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

After many years of teaching their children in their own homes or by having a paid teacher live in the valley and teach in private homes, the citizens of the isolated community of Stehekin reached an agreement with the U. S. Forest Service in 1921 to erect a school on National Forest land.

Using materials gathered in the Stehekin Valley, the citizens contributed their skills and erected the one-room log building which has long been in use ever since. It is said to be the last one-room school in Washington.

It is an excellent example of the swiftly-disappearing era when most rural Americans received their first education in one-room schools. It symbolizes the democratic action of a community determined to educate its youth although isolated from the mainstreams.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

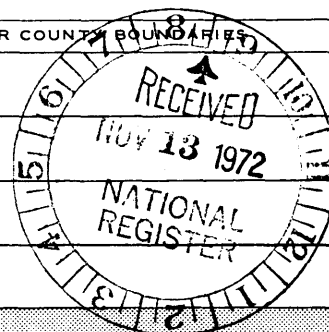
E. N. Thompson, "North Cascades National Park, Basic Data Study"

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		48° 20' 28"	120° 41' 47"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

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: <u>Erwin N. Thompson, Historian & Laurin C. Huffman II</u>	
ORGANIZATION <u>Pacific Northwest Region, National Park Service</u>	DATE <u>June 19, 1970</u>
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>4th & Pike Building</u>	
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Seattle</u>	STATE <u>Washington</u> CODE <u>53</u>

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

John G. Lister

Title Director, Pacific Northwest Region

Date August 31, 1972

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

Ernest Allen Connally
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Associate Director, Professional Services
Date MAY 31 1974

ATTEST:

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Charles A. Hunsley
Keeper of The National Register

Date

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NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK

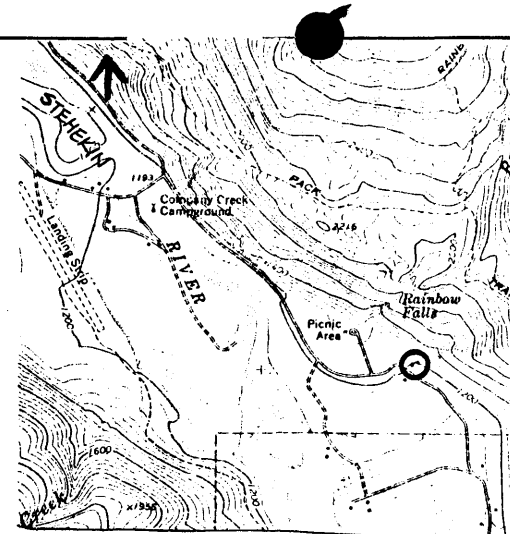
NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE/SITE <i>(Building)</i>		<i>STEHEKIN SCHOOL</i>		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION		SITE ID. NO.					
SITE ADDRESS/LOCATION		<i>East side of Stehekin Road, approx. 3 miles from Stehekin Landing</i>		<i>1921</i>		SCALE <i>1:24000</i>			QUAD NAME <i>Stehekin</i>		
				ADDITION(S)		UTM ZONE		EASTING		NORTHING	
				<i>1980</i>		<i>10</i>		<i>670705</i>		<i>55356555</i>	
DISTRICT <i>Stehekin</i>		COUNTY <i>Chelan</i>		STATE <i>Washington</i>		CROSS REFERENCE <i>/ V-23</i>					
OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS		<i>Stehekin School District (under special use permit with National Park Service)</i>		☒ CONTRIBUTING ☐ NON-CONTRIBUTING		DANGER OF DEMOLITION? (SPECIFY THREAT)			☐ YES ☐ NO ☒ UNKNOWN		
DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.						CURRENT USE			ORIGINAL USE		
<i>Log cabin with addition. Log construction set on log joist and sill log foundation; rectangle (18' x 26') with 21' addition on north end; 2 bays wide; 1-story; round logs with hand-hewn planked ends and saddle-notched corners; board and batten siding beneath gables at north and south; wood-shaked gable roof extended 6' on south forming porch overhang; vertical wood panel and glass door on south; concrete block center chimney. Exterior features include 1/1 double-hung sash; porch supported by round logs; 1-story clapboard addition on north set on concrete foundation with single-pane fixed sash on east and west facades; open shed-roofed porch on north supported by squared posts set on raised concrete foundation. Notable landscape features include 2 wood frame outhouses; small building of log construction for kindergarten.</i>						<i>School</i>			<i>School</i>		
<i>In August of 1921 the erection of Stehekin's one-room schoolhouse began. Granted a special use permit by the U.S. Forest Service, valley residents volunteered their labor to construct a building on the .6 acre parcel near Rainbow Falls. Using timber from the site, Van and Harry Buckner, Barney Zell, and Fred and Henry Bowman were some of the individuals who helped build the school. The school looks much the same as when first constructed with a few alterations: the addition on the north which doubled the size of the structure was built by Mike Barnhart c.1980; the front porch was rebuilt by Jim Hammett using similar materials in 1982. The log Kindergarten building, originally built as a restroom but never used in that</i>											
PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY		☒ YES, LIMITED ☐ NO		☐ YES, UNLIMITED ☐ UNKNOWN		EXISTING SURVEYS		☒ NR ☐ HABS ☐ NHL		☒ LCS ☐ NPS	
								☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY		☐ LOCAL ☐ OTHER	
LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?				☐ YES ☐ NAME				☒ NO			
								CONDITION			
								☒ EXCELLENT ☐ GOOD			
								☐ FAIR ☐ DETERIORATED			
								☐ RUINS			

SIGNIFICANCE *This early log schoolhouse is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. (continued from above)*
capacity, was built by valley resident Ray Courtney in 1979.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



FROM SE



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NEGATIVE NO. GL31-2-10

HABS/HAER QUALITY

☐ YES

☒ NO

REFERENCES

Blonk, Hu. *Wenatchee World*, 27 April 1979.

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Thompson, Erwin. "National Register Nomination", *Stehekin School*, 19 June 1970.

U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Forest Service. *Special Use Permit*, 7 September 1921.

Yocum, Leota. "Stehekin School Days", *Washington Farmer*, 17 July 1958.

INVENTORIED BY *Gretchen Luxenberg*

AFFILIATION *NPS*

DATE *Summer 1984*



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PHOTO CREDIT: Erwin Thompson

DATE OF PHOTO: 1969

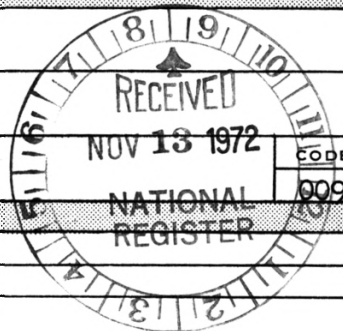
NEGATIVE FILED AT:

North Cascades National Park

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

View from Stehekin Valley Road





STEHEKIN SCHOOL



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Stehekin School
#35

PNR #GL31-2