



A, D, & J. HAHN'S PEAK SCHOOLHOUSE
Main Street, Hahn's Peak

Although Hahn's Peak served as the County Seat from 1878 to 1912, the Hahn's Peak Schoolhouse, a 'regular' school, was not built until 1911. Before that time, school was conducted in private homes, miners' shacks, and, for a period, the blacksmith's shop. The first event to be held at the school, which initially served approximately ten students, was a 1911 Christmas party, but the schoolhouse continued to serve as a community center for dinners, church and funeral services, dances, and club activities until 1973 when it was deeded by the School District to the Hahn's Peak Area Historical Society, which has converted the building into a museum. The building was originally painted green so was known regionally as 'The Little Green Schoolhouse'. The schoolroom portion of the building was constructed of three-inch-thick, ten-inch-wide planks chinked with cement and braced with vertical planks tied with steel rods, similar to the mine shaft houses built in the area for durability and to withstand winter's roof-crushing snows. The schoolroom was built on a cement foundation with air vents and a crawl space. A back shed was built of similar construction but had no foundation. Lap siding covers the steeply gable-roofed structure and the shed. Vibration from long use

weakened the bell tower, and the bell has not been rung for many years. The original brick and cement chimney had deteriorated, and the coal and wood-burning stoves were replaced in 1955 when electricity was brought to Hahn's Peak. A vestibule was added to the front of the building after 1918. The schoolhouse is surrounded by a wooden fence and accessed through its original wooden gate. Only the foundation of the barn that housed the students' horses remains. Regular school terms ceased in 1942, but fall classes were held into the mid-1960s for several children of the Sand Mountain lumber camp families. NRHP: 1974.