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National Park Service



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

Historic name Higginsport School
Other names/site number BRO-304-11

2. Location

Street & number Jackson and Gaines Street N/A not for publication
City or town Higginsport N/A vicinity
State Ohio code OH county Brown Code 015 zip code 45131

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

73061 van Pelt Dept. Head Planning, Inventory and Registration November 22, 1999
Signature of certifying official Date
Ohio Historic Preservation Office -- OH SHPO

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. 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] Signature of the Keeper Date of Action
Edson H. Beall 1/14/00

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
 (Check as many boxes as apply)

private
 public-local
 public-State
 public-Federal

Category of Property
 (Check only one box)

building(s)
 district
 site
 structure
 object

Number of Resources within Property
 (Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1		Total

Name of related multiple property listing
 (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
 (Enter categories from instructions)

Education/School

Current Functions
 (Enter categories from instructions)

Vacant

7. Description

Architectural Classification
 (Enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian/Italianate

Materials
 (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation	Stone
roof	Metal
walls	Brick
other	

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Higginsport School Brown County, OH

Located on the north bank of the Ohio River in southwestern Brown County, Ohio, Higginsport is a quiet rural village bisected by U.S. Route 52, the old federal highway linking Cincinnati and Portsmouth (see map). The village has a single caution light.

Higginsport School is sited on a terrace overlooking U.S. Route 52 and the surrounding residential neighborhood (photo #1). Built in 1880 and enlarged in 1930 and 1932, Higginsport School is a tall, 2-½ story, building of brick bearing wall construction distinguished by a three story central tower. The original school measures approximately 34' x 64' and features a four-over-four classroom plan with central hallway. Facing east, the "I" configuration of the original building and symmetrical fenestration allow for optimum light and ventilation. The school stands on an ashlar limestone foundation (photo #2).

Stylistically the building exhibits elements of the Italianate and Romanesque Revival styles. The pronounced horizontal sandstone belt and stringcoursing employed along the lugsills, lintels and water table serve to balance the vertical massing conveyed through the projecting gable ends and central tower. Beltcourses are segmented and arched at the window bays. Circular attic windows accented by sandstone trim and brick corbels relieve the projecting gable ends (photo #3).

The tower is articulated by brick corbelling and slight crenellations. The entrance is distinguished by an arched transom light and sandstone hood with keystone. At the second story above the paired four-over-four window sashes is the inscription "Higginsport School 1880" (photo #4). Although in need of repair the tall six-over-six window lights and sashes remain intact. Windows have been boarded on the first floor on all four elevations. The tin roof specified in the original bid notice remains in place along with four tall corbelled chimneys. Later iron fire escapes are attached to the north elevation (photo #5).

The interior plan of the original school retains a high degree of integrity. It features four equal sized large classrooms (26'x34') on each floor bisected by a central hallway. Blackboards and vertical wainscoting remain in place (photos #11-14).

ADDITIONS:

Connected to the rear of the original building via a hyphen are a gymnasium and cafeteria (photos #6-9). First added in 1930, the gymnasium is a vernacular brick building with a monitor profile roof (photos #8; 15). Presently most of its window bays are boarded. Immediately east and attached to

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The gymnasium is a cafeteria and classroom building added in 1932. This simple two-story brick-faced structure features a flat roof and multi-pane steel sash windows. All of its window openings on the first floor have been boarded.

There are no other structures on the school lot. The majority of the school-yard to the front and sides of the school has been covered with asphalt. The south perimeter of the lot is defined by a limestone retaining wall that appears to be original construction (photo #6). Grassy lawn marks the rear of the school lot.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
removed from its original location.
a birthplace or a grave.
a cemetery.
a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
a commemorative property.
less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1880 - 1949

Significant Dates

1880, 1930, 1932

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS) N/A

- 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

Name of repository: Ohio Historic Inventory

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Higginsport School is significant under Criterion C as one of Brown County's oldest and most intact examples of public school architecture and as a fine representation of the Romanesque Revival – Italianate architectural style in southern Ohio. Since it opened in 1880 Higginsport School has been the most prominent visual landmark in this small Ohio River village (1990 pop:300). Its commanding presence in the community is a testament to the important role public school architecture had for over a century in helping provide a suitable environment for educating young girls and boys. In the estimation of one contemporary source, Higginsport School "was second to none in the county" (Beers, p. 464). Before closing in 1988 Higginsport School was believed to be the oldest operating school in Ohio (Fowler, Personal Communication).

Background History

In 1804 the present site of Higginsport was surveyed into lots and the village of White Haven was platted. Growth was modest, so in 1816 the village was replatted by Colonel Robert Higgins and renamed Higginsport. A post office was established in 1830 and by 1880 the population reached 862. Higginsport was a major shipping point for white burley tobacco, having seventeen tobacco warehouses by the end of the century (Beers, 472).

The first village school, a crude log structure measuring 20' x 20' and built in either 1807 or 1819, was replaced in 1828 by a newer log building on the public square (Beers, 484). By 1845 a brick graded school was erected on Lot 89 and in May 1854 it came under the supervision of Higginsport Village School District. In 1854 there were 1,514 Boards of Education in Ohio, of which 104, including Higginsport, were termed "special districts" (Bossing, pp. 110-111). One of the unique and often confusing features of Ohio's school system were the special school districts created during the period from 1851-1900. Under the "New School Law" of 1873, four tiers of school districts were recognized in Ohio: city districts of first and second class, the village district, the township district and the "special district." These special districts, independent of the township and rural school district authorities, were solely responsible to the State School Commissioner (Holy, p. 27; *Annual Report for 1873*, p. 35; Bossing, pp. 112-113).

After the Civil War, plans were made to better accommodate Higginsport's 286 pupils. Following two failed attempts to approve funds for a new school, a third and successful proposal to erect a new school passed on May 15, 1880 (*Brown County News*, 6 October 1880). According to the county history, the building was modeled after a school in Maysville, Kentucky, although the Higginsport school was considered to be "a much handsomer and more commodious structure" (Beers, 464). Compared to the costs of other schools built in 1880, Higginsport School ranked among the most commodious school buildings erected in Ohio (*Annual Report for 1881*, 197).

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A notice for contractor's bids appeared in the leading Brown County paper and specified: Said house will be a two-story brick, freestone widow caps, tin roof, and containing six rooms 26 x 34 feet and lecture hall 34 x 52 feet, and one entrance hall 12 feet in the clear. Each part of the work will be separate [sic] contracts and in making the bids the price of material must be separately stated in the bids (*Brown County News*, 30 June 1880).

Identification of an architect or general contractor has not been determined. Disbursements for contract work include: A. C. Sparks, brickwork, \$3,100; S. D. Daugherty, free stone work, \$1,165; A.J. Parks, carpenter, \$3,980; Purnell & Sons, plastering, \$558; Cooper Bissett, tin & galvanizing, \$800; and L. Schriber [sic] Cast iron work, \$240 (Fowler, *Personal Communication*).

The original second story lecture hall, later divided into two classrooms, was one of the most impressive public spaces in the county, measuring 52' x 33' with a sixteen foot ceiling. Of the school age population living in Higginsport in 1881 (between ages 6 and 21), 250 pupils attended Higginsport Public School. Seventeen black children living in the village attended a separate rented building.

By 1900 there were over 1,000 special school districts in Ohio, which caused considerable administrative problems and worked against the prevailing trend toward consolidation. After several court rulings and reversals, the Ohio Supreme Court in 1906 declared special districts unconstitutional. In 1914 the special school district status was abolished, all schools were reclassified, and many of the special districts, including Higginsport, were absorbed into county and rural school districts. Counties were divided into administrative divisions containing one or more villages or rural school districts. By 1936 there were 1,729 school districts in Ohio, down from 2,629 districts in 1906. Clearly, the trend was toward fewer and larger districts (Bossing, 116-117; Hist. Records Survey, 120-121; Holy, 37).

Brown County in 1935 had 15 school districts and one exempted village district (Georgetown). Exclusive of one-room schools. Higginsport was the oldest public school building in the county. In 1922 E. C. Holt was appointed superintendent of Higginsport School, a position he would hold for many years until becoming Superintendent of Ohio Schools (Fowler, *Personal Communication*). In 1935 the school reported 9 teachers and 292 pupils in grades 1-12. Expenditures for public school buildings in Ohio from 1915-1936 reveal a boom in new construction occurred during the period from 1922-1931 (Holy, p. 98). In 1930, a brick gymnasium was added to the rear of the school and in 1932, restrooms and a cafeteria were built onto the gymnasium. In the estimation of one state study of Brown County schools, "The importance of both gymnasium and auditorium facilities in every school which holds promise of being a permanent center cannot be over-emphasized..."

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(*Schools Brown County*, 51). Interestingly, and according to this study, the school had no running water or indoor toilets but did have a "motion-picture" projector (*Schools Brown County*, pp. 41, 51a, 66).

In 1952 Higginsport School became a part of the Ripley School District subsumed under the name Ripley-Union-Lewis Schools. Elementary students continued to attend Higginsport School until it closed in 1987. Following a period of neglect, a citizens committee was formed in 1998 to help develop a preservation plan. Ownership has been transferred to the village and plans for preserving the school are moving forward.

Architectural Context

Nineteenth century schools such as those built in Higginsport had certain similarities in their designs: They generally followed a traditional building plan of a central stairway with classrooms clustered about it, usually were two stories in height, and were built of brick, sometimes with stone trim and details. A model plan for the Spicer School in Akron shows the standard four room plan with central hallways, cloakrooms and good ventilation (Historical Sketches, p. 5). These buildings generally made little accommodation for anything but academic studies, lacking auditoriums, gymnasiums, or facilities for vocational training. Such additions to the curriculum usually had to be housed in whatever existing space was available. Ventilation, sanitary facilities, and lighting often were inadequate; and wood roof and floor structures represented significant fire hazards, as did the open stairways, which acted as chimneys when fires did occur. Architectural elements and details varied with time, ranging from Italianate and Victorian designs to the Romanesque Revival style (Darbee, p. 10).

Higginsport School is a remarkably intact example of public school architecture built in Ohio during the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Few schools of its type remain in rural Ohio, most of those that survive are in the larger cities. The attention to detail as seen on the Romanesque corbelling, freestone trim and Italianate windows help make Higginsport School a significant expression of late Victorian era architecture in Brown County, Ohio.

Two public schools in Brown County, Georgetown Public School (BRO-238-12) and Ripley School (BRO-378-17) are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Georgetown School (1898) is a remarkably intact brick school designed in the late Romanesque Revival style, while Ripley School (1915) is the county's finest expression of Tudor Revival architecture. Two other schools, Byrd Township School, (BRO-172-14) and Aberdeen Huntington School (BRO-145-16), were built during the growth period ca. 1925-1931. Fayetteville High School (BRO-202-1) was originally built ca. 1880 for St. Patrick's Boarding School and has been substantially altered.

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In 1984 forty historic properties in Higginsport were recorded by Claudia Watson on Ohio Historic Inventory forms, including Higginsport School (BRO-304-11). Presently there are no properties in the village listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre _____

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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2 _____

4 _____

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title organization Woodie Fowler /Save The Building and Steve Gordon, OHPO date March - July, 1999

street & number Box 76 telephone (740) 375-6615

city or town Higginsport state OH zip code 45131

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white** photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Village of Higginsport

street & number Box 121 telephone _____

city or town Higginsport state OH zip code 45131

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Verbal Boundary Description

The property boundary for Higginsport School contains less than one acre and is legally described in Deed Book 233, page 290. Parcel Number 22-042713-0000 is platted in the Brown County Recorder's office, Book 2, Page 167.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the initial parcel historically associated with the school.

For all photos the following information is the same:

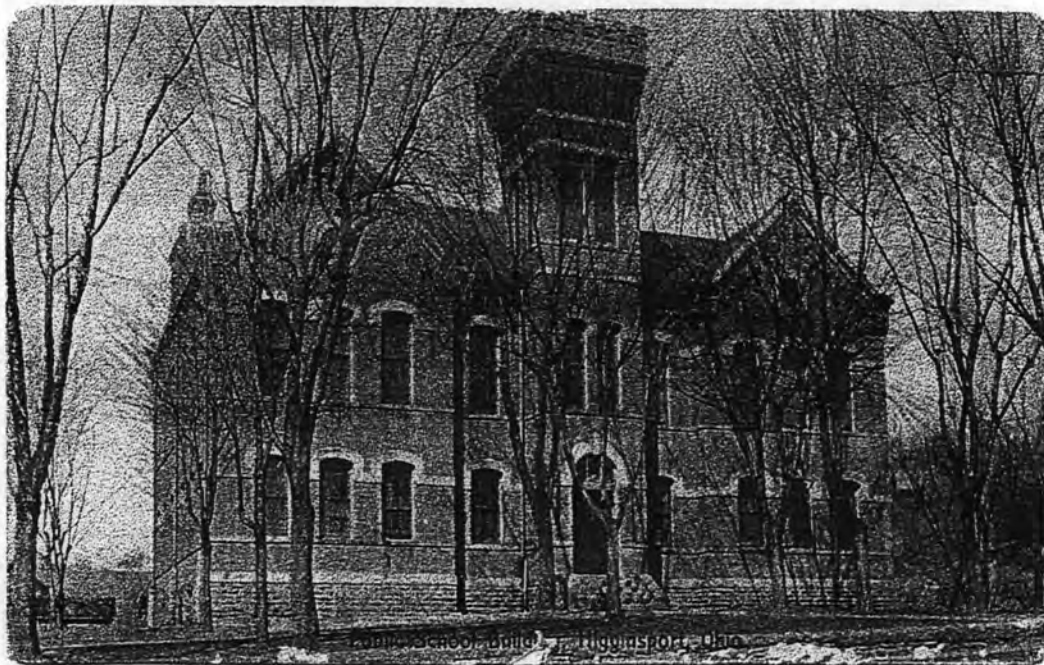
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3	East elevation, looking south-southwest
4	East elevation and tower, looking west
5	North elevation, looking southwest
6	South elevation and cafeteria addition, looking northwest
7	West elevation, cafeteria and classroom addition, looking east-southeast
8	West elevation of original school and north elevation of classroom addition, looking southeast
9	West (rear) elevation of original school and additions, looking south
10	West and south elevation of cafeteria, looking northeast
11	Interior: center hallway, looking east
12	Interior: first floor classroom
13	Interior: second floor hallway
14	Interior: second floor classroom
15	Interior: gymnasium and stage

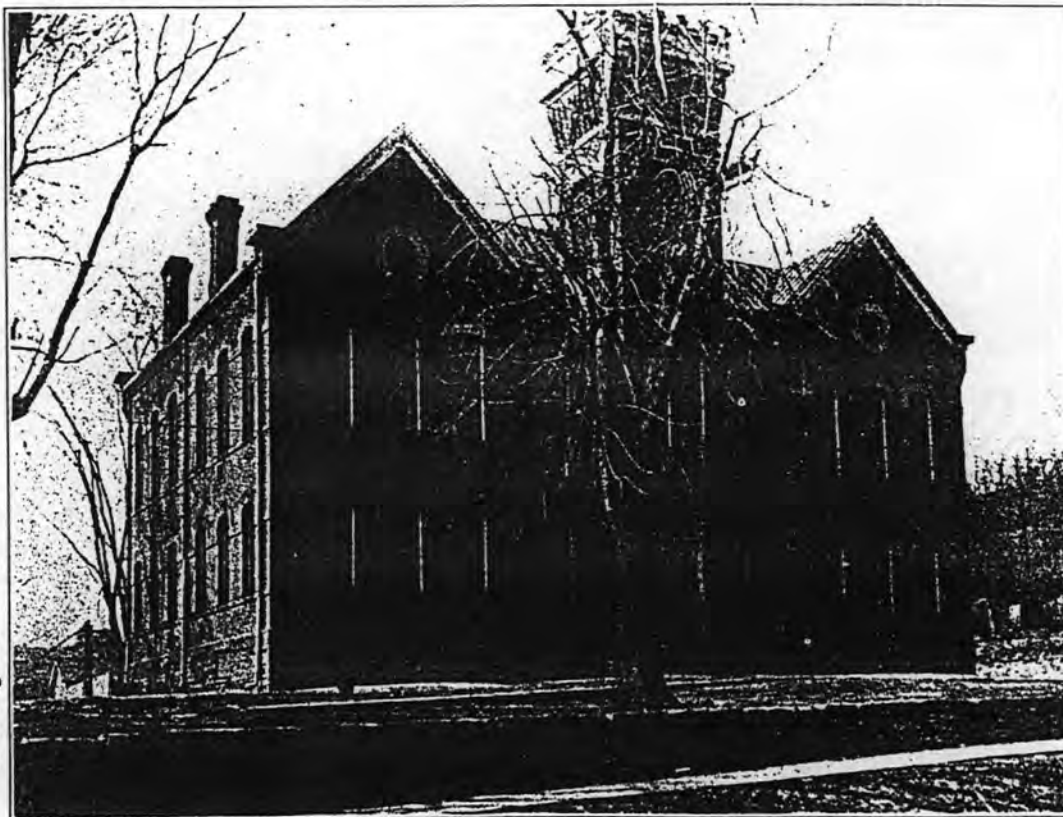
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HIGGIN SPORT, BROWN CO., OH

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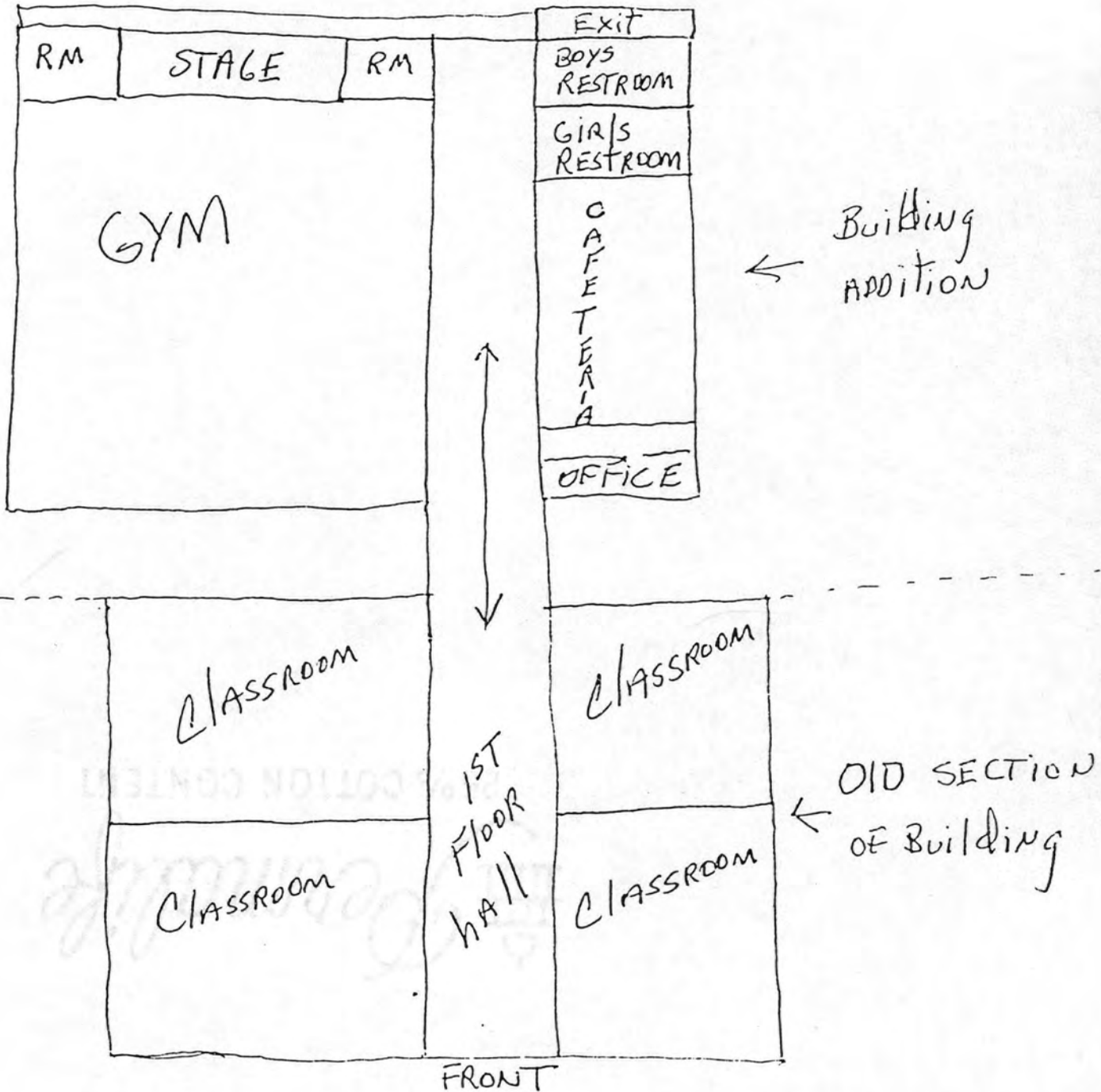
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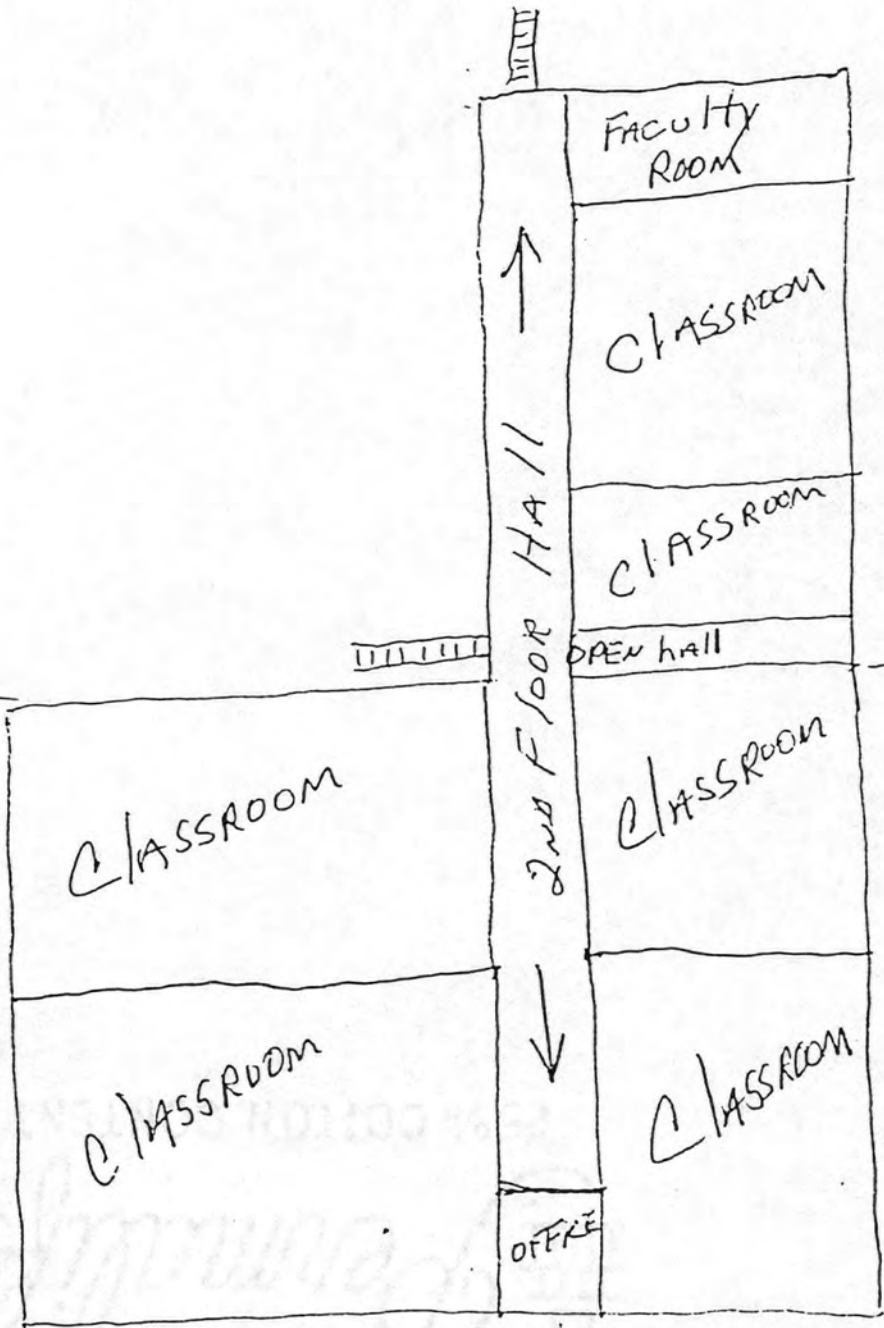
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Higginsport



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SHEET 3



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OHIO RIVER

HIGGINSPORT SCHOOL
BROWN COUNTY
OHIO

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Higginsport School
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: OHIO, Brown

DATE RECEIVED: 12/15/99 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 12/29/99
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 1/14/00 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/29/00
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 99001685

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 1.14.00 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



HIGGINSPOET SCHOOL
HIGGINSPOET, BROWN Co., OH
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HIGGINSPORT SCHOOL

HIGGINSPORT, BROWN CO., OH

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HIGGINSPORT SCHOOL
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HIGGINSPORT SCHOOL
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HIGGINSPORT School
HIGGINSPORT, Brown Co., OH
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HIGGINSPORT, Brown Co., OH
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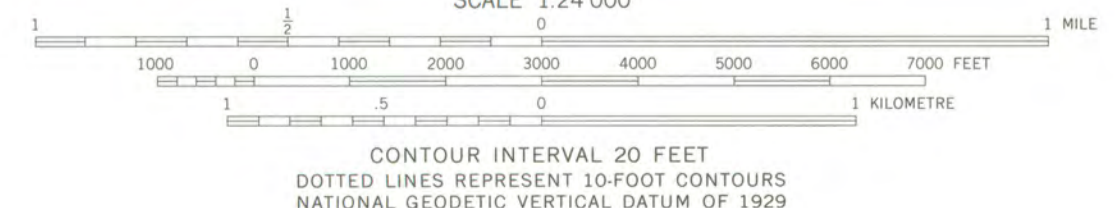
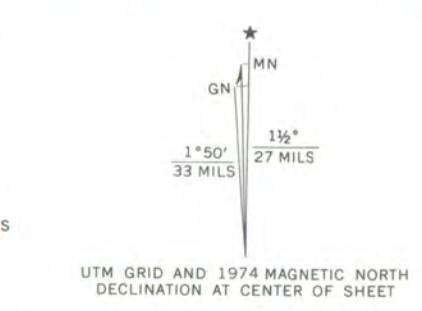
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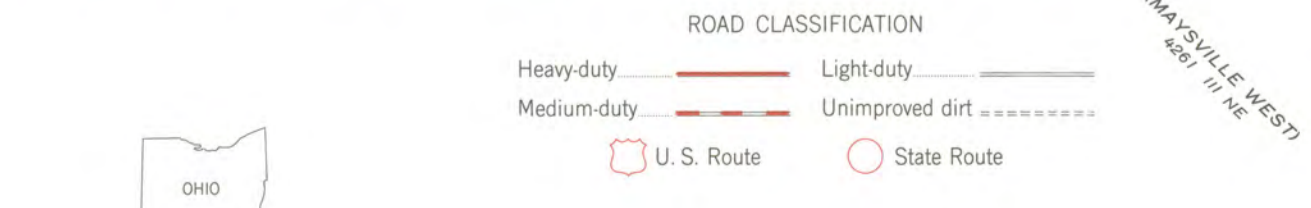


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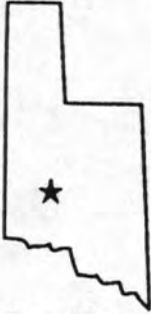
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ticks, zone 17, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is not
The state boundary as shown represents the approximate position
of the low water line as determined from U. S. Corps of Engineers
Ohio River charts, surveyed 1913, and supplementary information
Ohio area lies within the Virginia Military District



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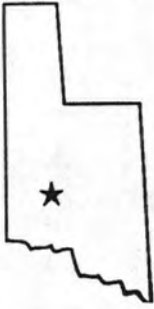
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Sincerely,

D. Craig Thompson
Director



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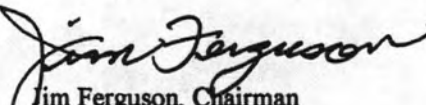
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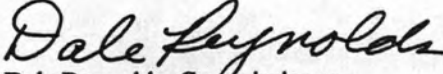
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August 18, 1999

Dr. Amos Loveday
1982 Velma Avenue
Columbus, OH 43211

Dear Dr. Loveday:

I am writing you in support of the nomination of the Higginsport School to the National Register of Historic Places. As one of Brown County's oldest and most intact examples of public school architecture, Higginsport School is a reflection of the important role of education in southern Ohio.

Since its construction in 1880, the Romanesque Revival schoolhouse has been one of the most prominent visual landmarks in the Village of Higginsport. Few schools of its type remain in Ohio, most of those that survive are in large cities. Because of its rural location and remarkably intact Romanesque detailing, Higginsport School is a significant example of late 19th century construction.

Higginsport School closed in 1987. After a 10-year period of neglect, concerned citizens formed a committee to help develop plans to reuse the building. I believe nomination to the National Register will help efforts to save this landmark continue. Thank you for your support of this nomination.

Sincerely,

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September 3, 1999

Mr. Stephen C. Gordon
Ohio Historical Society
567 East Hudson Street
Columbus, OH 43211-1030

Dear Mr. Gordon:

I am writing to offer my strong support to the consideration of the Higginsport Schoolhouse in Higginsport, OH for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

As you know, the schoolhouse was built in the 1880's and the people of Brown County have been working in recent years to rehabilitate the building and find new uses for it. Your office has been extremely helpful in the process of preserving this historic building and I believe that being listed in the National Register would play an important role in these efforts. National Register listing is a wonderful distinction and I hope that the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board will choose to nominate the Higginsport Schoolhouse.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my views and please do not hesitate to call on me if I can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rose Vesper".

Rose Vesper
State Representative
72nd House District

cc: Mayor Jack Palmer

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December 9, 1999

Ms. Carol Shull, Chief of Registration
National Park Service
National Register, History & Education Programs
Mail Stop 2280, Suite 400
1849 C. Street, NW
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find two (2) new National Register nominations. All appropriate notification procedures have been followed for this new submission.

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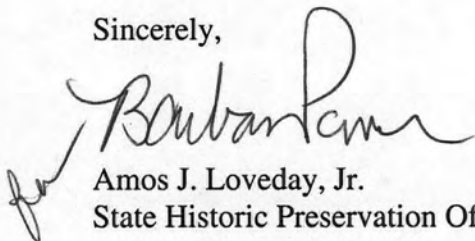
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Sincerely,



Amos J. Loveday, Jr.
State Historic Preservation Officer

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