

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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1. Name

historic WEST SCHOOL

and/or common

2. Location

street & number

OH OH 93

___ not for publication

city, town Crooksville

___ vicinity of

congressional district 10-Clarence Miller

state Ohio

code 039

county Perry

code 127

3. Classification

Category

___ district
 building(s)
___ structure
___ site
___ object

Ownership

___ public
 private
___ both
Public Acquisition
___ in process
___ being considered

Status

___ occupied
 unoccupied
___ work in progress
Accessible
 yes: restricted
___ yes: unrestricted
___ no

Present Use

___ agriculture
 commercial
___ educational
___ entertainment
___ government
___ industrial
___ military
___ museum
___ park
___ private residence
___ religious
___ scientific
___ transportation
___ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Frame, Landerman, & Co.

street & number 300 W. Main St.

city, town Crooksville

___ vicinity of

state Ohio 43731

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Perry County Court House

street & number Main Street

city, town New Lexington

state Ohio

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Ohio Historic Inventory

has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes ___ no

date 1978

___ federal state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records Ohio Historic Preservation Office

city, town Columbus

state Ohio 43211

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

This structure is a 2½-story common bond brick school building, ell-shaped in plan, erected on a brick foundation. Its principle distinguishing feature is a square bell tower set in the angle of the ell. The main entrance to the building is located approximately eight feet above grade, in the east side of this tower, although the stairs to the raised double doorway have been removed. The highest story of the tower contains an enclosed belfry, with louvered voids. Each of the wings of the ell is gable-roofed in character, with fenestration featuring windows set in groups of three, trimmed with smooth-dressed stone. A beveled stone beltcourse extends around the entire building at a height just below the first story windows. In addition to voids on the upper stories, the planes of the walls are broken by basement windows, segmental arched, and recessed slightly. Secondary entrances to the building are centered in the west wall, on the first and second stories. A metal fire escape is affixed to the building on this wall. At attic level on each gable end are paired louvered ventilation openings. A central chimney rises from the ridge of the north-south wing. The school has been recently re-roofed with composition paper.

The interior of the West School has undergone some alteration, though not severely damaging to the original character of the structure. The original wainscoted wooden stair remains inside the main entrance. Some false walls were erected when the building was partially remodeled for use as apartments.

The school sits atop a hill on the west side of the village of Crooksville, at the crest of a sharp incline to State Route 93. The village cemetery is located approximately one hundred yards west of the building. There are no historic outbuildings remaining.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1904 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

West School is nominated as the only intact vestige of the village of Crooksville from the early 20th century. According to a local published history West School (and its counterpart, East School which has been severely altered over the years) was built as a result of the first planned educational expansion of the village. During this time, Crooksville was rapidly undergoing a population expansion with the establishment of potteries, which still flourish today, and the construction of these two facilities was no doubt intended to meet the needs of the growing village. For a time, during the early 'teens, it also was used as a high school.

It was built under the superintendency of G. W. DeLong, and served the needs of the community for twenty-five years. During the 1920s, an oil boom hit the Crooksville area, and increased revenues allowed the village to construct newer facilities, including a high school. In 1929 West School was sold to the Knights of Pythias Oak Leaf Lodge #678, who used it for their hall until 1978.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Crooks, Guy. History of Crooksville, Ohio (Crooksville, Ohio, n.d.)

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property c. one acre

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Crooksville, OH

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A 17 405520 4402700
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

Located on the west side of the village of Crooksville, beginning at the SE corner of the road lying directly east of the cemetery; then east c. 80m. to appoint; then N.c. 80m. to a point; then west c. 80m. to a point, then S c. 80m. to the place of beginning.

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/title David L. Taylor, Regional Historic Preservation Officer

organization Ohio University-Zanesville

date 26 June, 1979

street & number 1425 Newark Road

telephone 614-453-0762

city or town Zanesville, OH 43701

state

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

David L. Taylor

title Chief, Div. of Historic Preservation, Ohio Historical Society

date 1/22/80

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

for W. Ray Juce
Keeper of the National Register

date 4/10/80

Attest: *William H. Brannan*

date 4.8.80

Chief of Registration

Property West School

State Oh - Perry

Working Number 2-12-80 443

TECHNICAL

CONTROL

Photos 2
Maps

HISTORIAN

~~Admittedly~~ a weak nomination. But I think the school is eligible as the only intact building representing a particular period in the community's development. The nomination discusses the reasons behind the planning and construction of the school and the historical factors that represented.

accept
Groover
4/7/80

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Structure served as school from 1904 until 1929 - somewhat weak nomination. Historian's opinion?

~~Accept~~ Accept
Brabham
3.17.80

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory
Review

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Brabham
4.8.80

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up
Federal Register Entry 2.3.81

Send-back
Re-submit

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WEST SCHOOL

Crooksville, Ohio

Photo by David L. Taylor, 5/78

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Zanesville

Zanesville, Ohio 43701

Negative # PER- 6-7-2

View of west and south sides, from
southwest

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WEST SCHOOL

Crooksville, Ohio

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Negative filed at Ohio University-
Zanesville

Zanesville, Ohio 43701

Negative # PER - 6-7-5

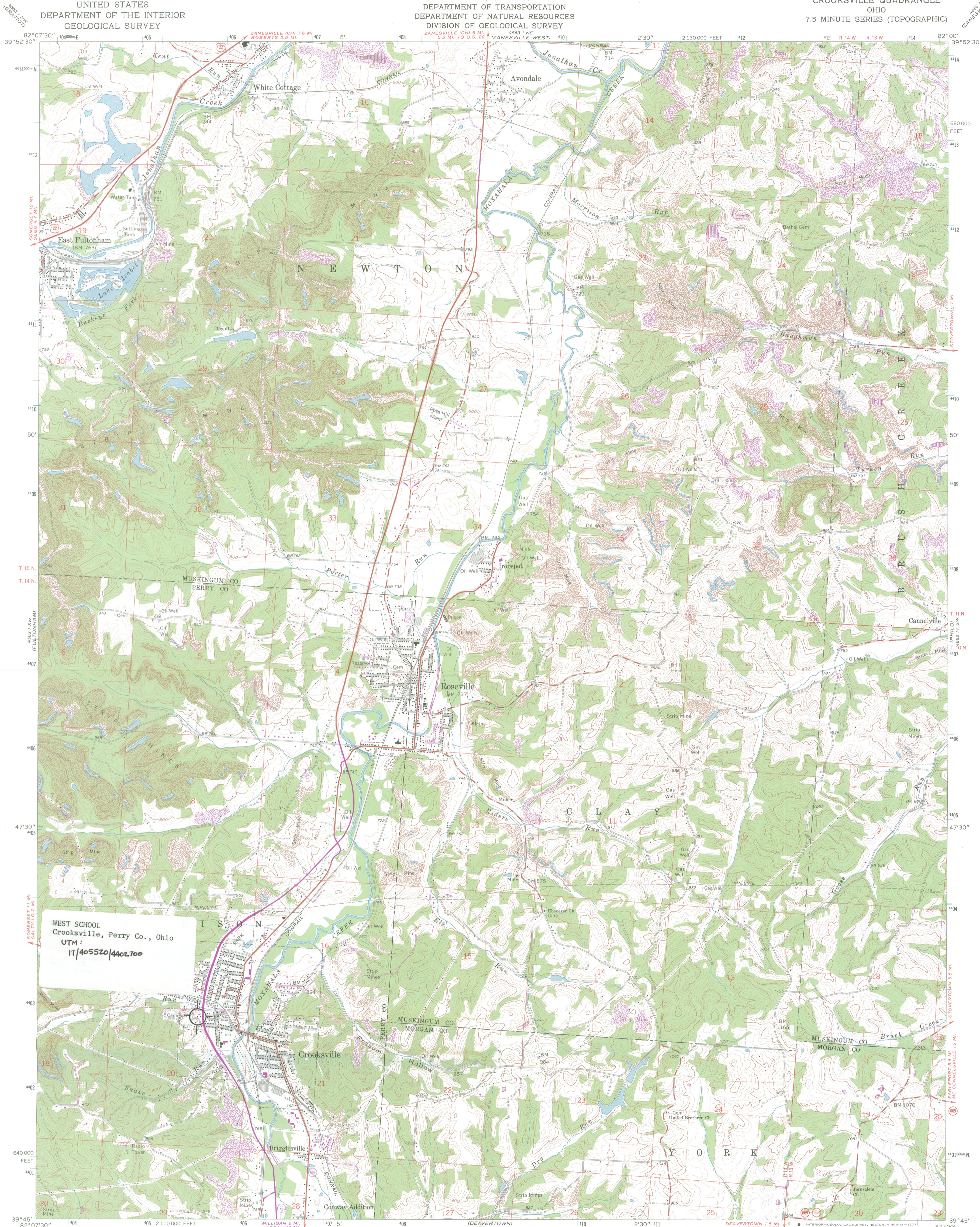
View of facade, showing square
corner tower, from east.

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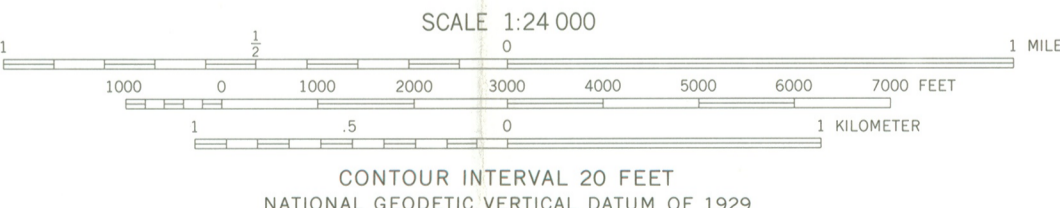
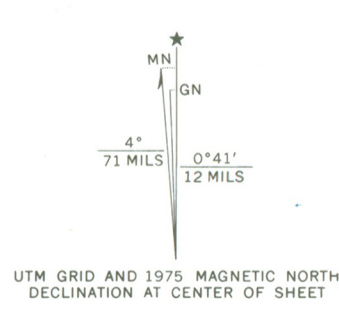
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Perry Co.



WEST SCHOOL
Crooksville, Perry Co., Ohio
UTM:
11N405520/4402700

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1960. Field checked 1961
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Ohio coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 17, shown in blue
Entire area lies within Congress Lands east of the Scioto River
Land lines based on the Ohio River Base
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
U. S. Route ——— State Route ———

CROOKSVILLE, OHIO
N3945—W8200/7.5
1961
PHOTOREVISED 1975
AMS 4563 I SE—SERIES V852



Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with
State of Ohio agencies from aerial photographs taken
1975. This information not field checked

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE OHIO

Date Entered APR 10 1980

Name

Location

West School

Crooksville
Perry County

Also Notified

Honorable Howard M. Metzenbaum

Honorable John H. Glenn, Jr.
Honorable Clarence E. Miller

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. David Brook
The Ohio Historical Society
Interstate 71 at 17th Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43211

NR Byers/bjr 4/21/80

For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.