United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form. 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 certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).

1. Name of Property		
nistoric name Carr High School		
other names/site number Weddleville High School		
2. Location		
street & number Old U.S. Highway 50; 10059 W CR250 S		not for publication
city or town Medora		x vicinity
state Indiana code IN county Jackson	code071	zip code 47260
3. State/Federal Agency Certification		
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preserva	tion Act on amanded	
I hereby certify that this <u>X</u> nomination <u></u> request for determ for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Place requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.	es and meets the proceed	dural and professional
In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the property be considered significant at the following level(s) of s		a. I recommend that this
Signature of certifying official	10 (27)	5011
Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer Title	State or Federal a	gency/bureau or Tribal Government
In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register	criteria.	
Signature of commenting official	Date	
Title	State or Federal a	gency/bureau or Tribal Government
4. National Park Service Certification		
I, hereby certify that this property is: entered in the National Register determined not eligible for the National Register	determined eligible for the removed from the National	a contract the second
other (explain:) Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action	5.1(

5. Classification					
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply) Category of Property (Check only one box)		Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)			
		Contributing	Noncontributing		
X private	X building(s)	1	0	buildings	
public - Local	district	0	0	district	
public - State	site	0	0	site	
public - Federal	structure	0	0	structure	
	object	0	0	object	
		1	0	Total	
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Name of related multiple pro (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of	operty listing a multiple property listing)	Number of con listed in the Na	tributing resources tional Register	previously	
Indiana Public Common	and High Schools				
6. Function or Use					
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)		Current Function (Enter categories from			
EDUCATION: school		SOCIAL: meetin			
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7. Description					
Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)		Materials (Enter categories fro	om instructions)		
MID-19 th CENTURY		foundation: st	one		
		walls: BRICK	11		
		STONE			
		roof: METAL	11		
		other: WOOD			

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance of the property. Explain contributing and noncontributing resources if necessary. Begin with a summary paragraph that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, setting, size, and significant features.)

Summary Paragraph

Carr High School is a simple, brick, two-story, gable-front building set on rolling terrain about one half mile west of the unincorporated town of Weddleville in Carr Township, Jackson County, Indiana. The building, approached by a long curving driveway through an open field, is adjacent to a rural cemetery. Agricultural and forested land comprise its general setting. Its bracketed entablature along the flanks and in returns on the gable ends of the building provide evidence that Italianate taste had arrived in southern Indiana by 1857 when the school was completed. However, its square-headed window and door openings demonstrate the persistence of vernacular Federal/Greek Revival notions of style. Except for replaced window sash and the insertion of stone lintels and sills on the first floor openings, the building has endured relatively few alterations since its completion.

Narrative Description

The school, which measures 24' by 40', rests on a coursed quarry-faced limestone foundation. Its walls are constructed of soft, red, handmade brick laid in common bond with every eighth course being headers. The brick was fired locally. Some of the brick, particularly adjacent to openings, recently has been repaired. Three tie bars with face plates are evenly spaced across the north-south elevations between the first and second floors. Two tie bars with face plates at the second floor and attic level appear on the east and west elevations.

Today the building's roof is sheathed in metal. However, a historic photo indicates that in the late 19th century the school had a wood shingle roof. Bracketed wood entablatures terminate both the north and south elevations with returns on the gabled (east, west) elevations. Most of the brackets on the north and south entablatures have survived but some are missing from the returns and raking friezes on the gabled ends. Although the entablatures are currently painted white, in one historic photograph the brackets appear to have been painted a darker color for contrast. A simple, square brick chimney extends through the peak of the roof close to the west end of the building. This chimney is no longer functional. In a historic photograph a chimney in approximately the same location appears but seems to have been more rectangular in dimension.

Window openings occur on the north and south elevations. All windows measure 73" by 37". On the north elevation three windows and a doorway that gives access to the second floor stairway are distributed across the ground floor with a window above each opening on the second floor. Ground floor openings are shuttered while second floor openings are covered with plywood. A historic photograph shows that six-over-six double hung sash filled each window opening while a paneled double door with five light transom filled the doorway. The same photo reveals that originally a header course of brick occurred immediately above each opening on both floors. All of the windows had wood sills. Today, the ground floor windows on both elevations have quarry-faced stone sills and lintels that exceed the dimensions of the openings. The six-over-six sash that appeared in the historic photo has been replaced by two-over-two, horizontally divided sash. The doorway also has a quarry-faced stone lintel and has been extended at its foot so the opening is closer to the ground. The addition of the stone sills and lintels probably accounts for the modifications in the brickwork noted above.

Eight window openings, four on each floor, appear on the south elevation. On this elevation too, the ground floor openings are shuttered while the second floor openings are covered in plywood.

A 55" by 90" doorway that gives access to the ground floor is centered on the east elevation. Its double door with five light transom configuration closely match the north elevation door as it appeared in the historic photograph. A single, plywood-covered window with quarry-faced stone sill and lintel is centered above the doorway at the second floor level. The west facing gable end does not have any openings.

The interior consists of one large room on each floor with the second floor room accessed by means of the 77" wide stair at the building's west end. Small cloakrooms are located in the stair hall on each floor. Interior walls are lathe and plaster and floors are wood planking. Doors and windows are trimmed with wide, painted wood boards. A hole in the middle of the first floor ceiling accommodated a stove.

In recent years, the school has received a new roof, some of the brickwork has been repaired, interior plaster repaired and painted on the first floor and the floor painted. Windows with the replacement sash have been restored to functional condition. Future work will concentrate on the stairwell and second floor.

8. Statement of Significance	
Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property	Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)
for National Register listing)	EDUCATION
A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.	ARCHITECTURE
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.	
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or	
represents the work of a master, or possesses high	Period of Significance
artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.	1857-1934
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.	
	Significant Dates N/A
Criteria Considerations	
(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply)	Significant Person
Property is:	(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above)
Owned by a religious institution or used for religious A purposes.	N/A
B removed from its original location.	Cultural Affiliation
C a birthplace or grave.	
D a cemetery.	
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.	Architect/Builder
F a commemorative property.	N/A
G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.	

Period of Significance (justification)

The school was constructed in 1857 on land given to the "inhabitants of Carr Township" by George W. Carr the previous year. The first classes in the new school were taught in March, 1858 and classes continued to be held in the school until 1934.

Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary)

Jackson Co., Indiana
County and State

Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance and applicable criteria)

Carr High School is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its association with education in Carr Township, Jackson County from shortly after the Indiana General Assembly passed the "school law" of 1852 until instruction in the building ended in 1934. It falls into the category of "one-room schoolhouses" defined as an associated property type for the Multiple Property Listing Document entitled, *Indiana's Public Common and High Schools* and meets the registration requirements established for that property type. In addition, Carr High School is eligible for listing under Criterion C as a rare and outstanding example of a two-story nineteenth century school building. Built in 1857, it is one of the first generation of school buildings constructed after passage of the 1852 "school law" and is one of the oldest township school buildings still standing in Indiana.

Narrative Statement of Significance (provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance)

On June 21, 1856, the stockholders of the Carr Township High School Association met "at the site fixed upon to erect a suitable building for a high school in Carr Township, Jackson County, Indiana". George W. Carr was clerk of the meeting and was elected as a member of the Board of Trustees for the school. The site was 1.32 acres given to the residents of the township by George W. Carr and his wife Fannie a short distance west of the newly-platted town of Weddleville. Carr had served as president of the Indiana Constitutional Convention of 1850-51. He was a state representative who had served in the General Assembly six times between 1838-1849, the last two years serving as Speaker of the House.

Construction on the building began in 1857. Originally it was intended to be a one-story building. However, the decision was made a short time later to increase the size of the building to two stories. Shares in the building were sold at twenty dollars per share to cover the cost of the additional floor. In March, 1858 the first term of instruction was conducted and while it was in session, work began on the second story. Upon completion of the building, the township took over the expense of the building and hiring faculty.

It is unclear exactly when the school began to accommodate teaching elementary students in addition to high school students. A 1929 history of Carr High School by Homer B. Turrell in *The Medorian* states that in the 1880s the high school was going strong and primary grades were taught in the lower room at that time. Instruction continued in the building until 1934. In 1940 the Lutheran Federation of Jackson County began using the building for church services and at a later point another congregation held intermittent services in the building until 1964. The building remained vacant and largely unused until recently when the current owner, the Weddleville Cemetery Association, began phased work to preserve the school.

The Multiple Property Listing Document, Indiana's Public Common and High Schools, identifies one-room schoolhouses as an associated property type. The discussion of the property type in that document points out that "the term 'one-room' is a misnomer" because by the 1860s planners were already increasing the size of school buildings. Carr High School is a rare, if not unique example of a school originally intended as a one-story 'one-room' building, but expanded almost immediately to accommodate a second floor classroom. Most surviving early township schools in Indiana follow the prototypical "one-room" format. Carr High School is all the more interesting because when expanded, it followed the model of county seminaries which were typically two stories in height with proportions resembling an I-house.

The registration requirements for one-room schoolhouses established in the multiple property listing document identify location as a key factor for listing. Carr High School, in exactly the same location today that it was when constructed in 1857, clearly meets that requirement.

The overall design of the building also is the same today as it was in 1858. There have been no additions or removals to compromise its design integrity. While the insertion of stone lintels and sills on the north, south, and east elevation openings has caused some damage to the adjacent brickwork, the size and location of the openings has not changed. The original six-over-six double hung sash which had become seriously warped when the building was abandoned was replaced by two-over-two sash some time after 1977. The interior configuration of the school is today the same as it was during the building's period of significance.

The roof sheathing today is metal and not wood shingle that appears in one historic photograph but the pitch and configuration of the roof have not changed. Other materials including the exterior brick, interior plaster walls, wood trim around windows and doors and the wood construction of the stair hall at the west end of the building have been repaired or restored but not replaced with other material.

Architecturally, with its two story height and long, narrow proportions, the school shares features in common with county seminaries built prior to 1852. Stylistically, the school's bracketed entablature running along both flanking elevations and following the rake of each gable indicates Italianate style influence, not surprising for the 1857 construction date. At the same time, the simple, flathead window and door openings, plain paneled doors, and delicate sash/transom mutins demonstrate the persistence of late eighteenth/early nineteenth vernacular building traditions. Typically, one-room schoolhouses were one-story buildings, although as the MPLD indicates, were increasing in size by the 1860s. Carr high school is a remarkably intact example of school building from that transitional design period and as such meets National Register Criterion C.

Developmental history/additional historic context information (if appropriate)

Carr High School Name of Property					Jackson Co., Indiana County and State	
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preliminary Requested previously previously designated recorded b	d) listed in the Nation determined eligible d a National Histor by Historic America	individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been nal Register le by the National Register		X 5		ent
listoric Res	ources Survey	Number (if assigned): _071-398	3-55007			
0. Geogra	phical Data					
Acreage of	Property 1	32 acres				
		listed resource acreage)				
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Zone

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Verbal Boundary Description (describe the boundaries of the property)

Northing

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Zone

Easting

Beginning at the N.E. corner of the S. E. quarter of section 30, Township 5 North of Range 3 East. Thence South 6°40", East along the section line two hundred and fourteen and one half feet. Thence South 84°50", West one hundred and sixty five feet. Thence North 6°40" West one hundred and fifteen and one half feet. Thence South 84°50" West two hundred seventy two and one half feet. Thence North 6°40" West ninety nine feet. Thence North 84°50" East three hundred eighty seven and one half feet to the beginning corner containing one acre and 32/100 more or less.

Boundary Justification (explain why the boundaries were selected)

This boundary describes the acreage given by George W. Carr to the citizens of Carr Township in 1856 and deeded in 1874 for the purpose of erecting a school. It includes the school building and its immediate setting.

11. Form Prepared By		
name/title Vanessa Wright, Secretary		
organization Weddleville Cemetery Association	date March 2	20, 2010
street & number 4626 E. 400 N	telephone 31	17-392-4460
city or town Shelbyville	State IN	zip code 46176
e-mail patlynwright@hrtc.net		

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

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. Key all photographs to this map.

- Continuation Sheets
- Additional items: (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Photographs:

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map.

Name of Property: Ca

Carr High School

City or Vicinity:

Medora

County:

Jackson

State: IN

Photographer:

Vanessa Wright

Date Photographed:

May 6, 2010

Carr High School	
Name of Property	

Jackson Co., Indiana
County and State

Description of Photograph(s) and number:

East elevation, photographer facing west

1 of 5_.

Description of Photograph(s) and number:

view of the north and east sides of the school, photographer facing

southwest 2 of 5.

Description of Photograph(s) and number:

view of the north and west sides of the school, photographer facing

southeast

3 of 5_.

Description of Photograph(s) and number:

view of the south and west sides of the school, photographer facing

northeast

4 of 5_.

Description of Photograph(s) and number: northwest

view of the south and east sides of the school, photographer facing

5 of 5_.

Pro	perty	Owner:

(complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO)

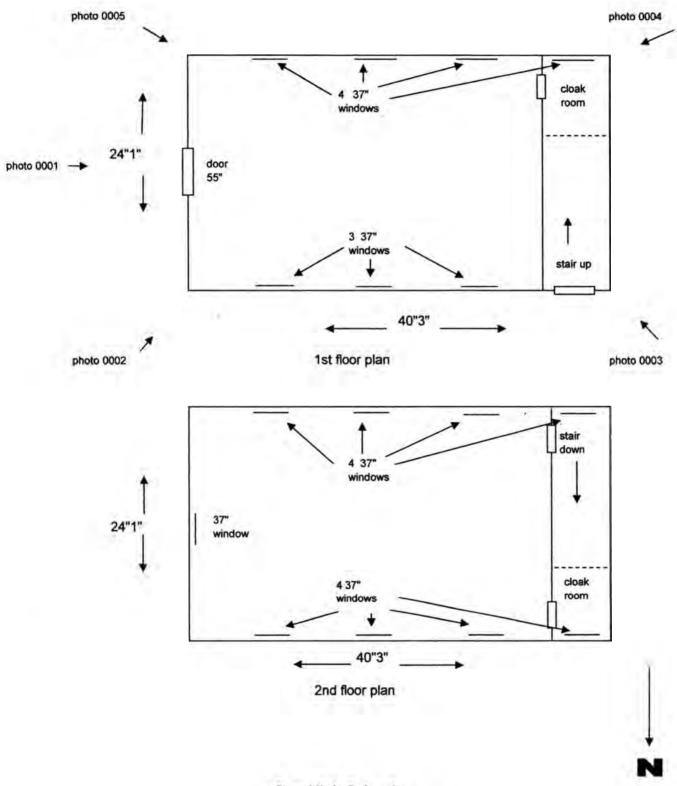
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street & number 10673 W CR 150 S telephone 812-966-2515

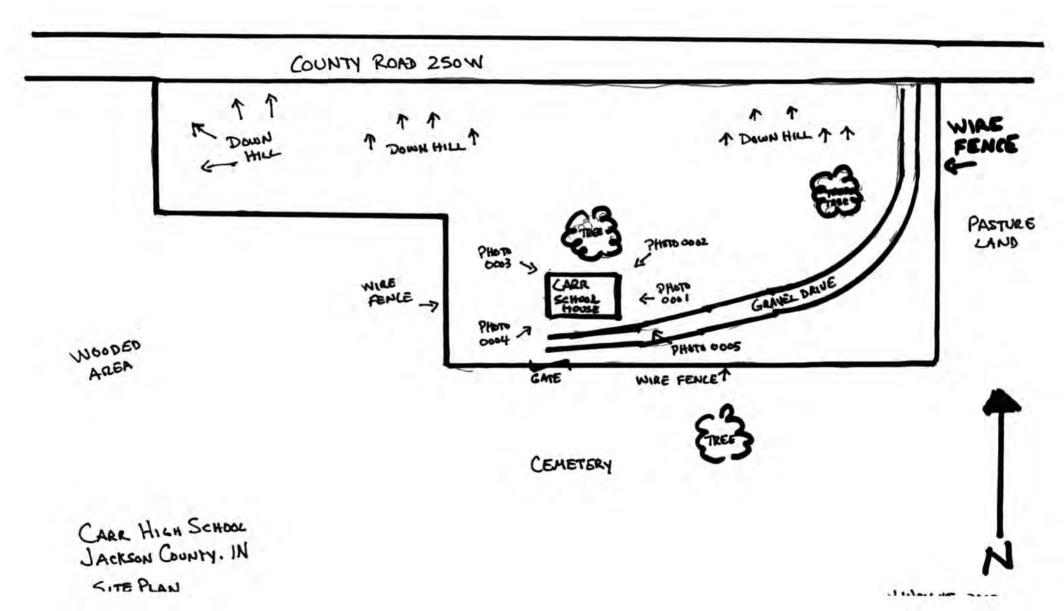
city or town Norman state IN zip code 47264

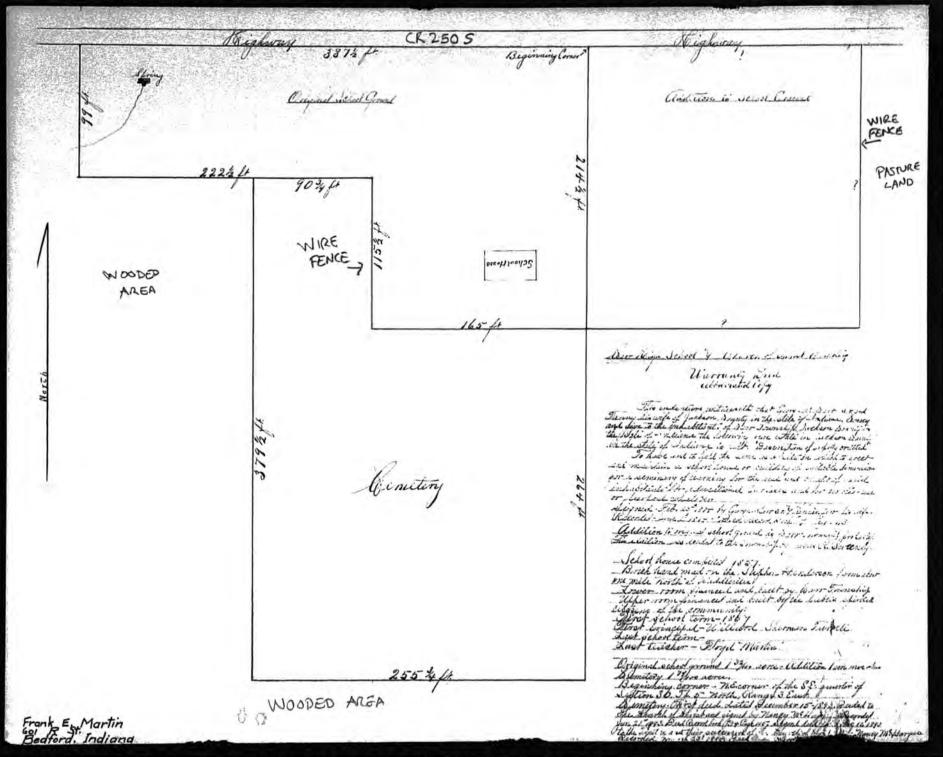
Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.460 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management. U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.



Carr High School Jackson County, Indiana





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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION	
PROPERTY Carr High School NAME:	
MULTIPLE Indiana's Public Commo	on and High Schools MPS
STATE & COUNTY: INDIANA, Jackson	1
DATE RECEIVED: 11/04/11 DATE OF 16TH DAY: 12/14/11 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:	DATE OF PENDING LIST: 11/29/11 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/20/11
REFERENCE NUMBER: 11000910	
REASONS FOR REVIEW:	
OTHER: / N PDIL: N PERI	OSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N COD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N
COMMENT WAIVER: N	10 12:11
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ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:	
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DOCUMENTATION see attached commen	its Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.





Carr High School, Jackson Co., IN #0002





Carr High School, Jackson Co., IN #0004





Carr High School, Jackson Co., IN #0006





Carr High School, Jackson Co., #0008





Carr High School, Jackson Co., IN #0010









Carr High School, Jackson Co., #0014





Carr High School, Jackson Co., #0016



Weddleville Cemetery Association and Historic Carr High School

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October 8, 2011

Robert E. Carter, Jr., State Historic Preservation Officer Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology 402 West Washington Street, Room W274 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2739 HIST. PRES. & ARCH

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Dear Mr. Carter,

I am writing to urge you to approve the nomination of Carr High School in Jackson County to the National Register of Historic Places during your review on October 26. The building is one of the few remaining pre-Civil War schoolhouses in Indiana. It meets all the criteria in the DHPA document, *Indiana's Public Common and High Schools Multiple Property Listing*, as an original example of a one-room schoolhouse. It is an important relic of Indiana's settler-era education.

The building is in very good shape, considering it was built over 150 years ago. Our association has done substantial work to preserve the structure for the benefit of future generations. There are now only a very few who remember attending school in this building, and it is important to save the building as a brick and mortar example of the early history of education in our state. We believe that the building is significant and should be included in the National Register.

Carr High School is rated Outstanding in the Historic Landmarks Publication Jackson County Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory interim report from 1988.

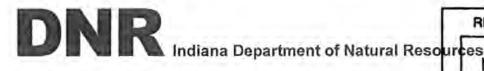
Carr High School is listed in the Indiana State Register of Historic Sites and Structures. I have enclosed a letter from Carl Armstrong, a previous Director of the Division of Historic Preservation in Indiana stating that the building was approved for nomination in 1978. Surely, it is even more eligible for nomination after 33 more years of history.

I appreciate the consideration of the review board and look forward to your decision.

Sincerely,

Vancon Wright

Vanessa Wright Secretary, Weddleville Cemetery Association



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NAT. REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

October 28, 2011

Carol D. Shull Interim Keeper of the National Register National Park Service 2280 National Register of Historic Places 1201 "I" (Eye) Street, N.W. Washington D.C. 20005

Re: Carr High School, Jackson County, Indiana.

Dear Ms. Shull,

Enclosed is a National Register of Historic Places nomination for the Carr High School, Jackson County, Indiana. The Indiana Historic Preservation Review Board reviewed the application and voted in favor of recommending its approval for the National Register of Historic Places.

Please address any questions you or your staff may have about this nomination to my National Register staff, Paul Diebold, Frank Hurdis, or Holly Tate.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Carter, Jr.

State Historic Preservation Officer

REC:PCD:pcd

enclosure: nomination package