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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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1. Name of Property

Historic name: John H. Lehman High School

Other names/site number: John H. Lehman Junior High School; Lehman Middle School

Name of related multiple property listing:

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

2. Location

Street & number: 1120 15th Street NW

City or town: Canton State: OH County: Stark

Not For Publication: N/A Vicinity: N/A

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

 national statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

A B X C D

<u>Barbara Power</u> DSHPO for Inventory & Registration <u>July 6, 2017</u>	
Signature of certifying official/Title:	Date
State Historic Preservation Office, Ohio History Connection _____	
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	

In my opinion, the property <u> </u> meets <u> </u> does not meet the National Register criteria.	
Signature of commenting official:	Date
Title :	State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
 determined eligible for the National Register
 determined not eligible for the National Register
 removed from the National Register
 other (explain:)

Patrick Andrus
Signature of the Keeper

8/24/2017
Date of Action

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

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

EDUCATION/ school

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

VACANT/ rehabilitation in progress

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS/ Tudor Revival/Jacobean Revival
MODERN MOVEMENT

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: BRICK, STONE/Sandstone

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

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Summary Paragraph

John H. Lehman High School is a three-story masonry structure with a raised basement constructed between 1921-1923; the west wing, including the gym and auditorium, was completed in 1921, and the east wing was completed in 1923 (Photos 1-4, Figures 2 and 16; Canton Daily News August 28, 1921, p5). A small, compatible addition was constructed in 1965, located in the northwest corner of the site, attached to the west wing of the original structure (Photos 10-12, Figures 2 and 16). The building is centered in the north half of the site and is "T"-shaped in plan, with the stem of the "T" oriented north (Figures 1-2). South of the building, the site slopes steeply where original concrete bleachers are built into the hillside and overlook the athletic field that is unusually located in front of the school instead of, more typically, in the back or side. The architecture is representative of Jacobean Revival, with gabled parapets, rectangular windows and stone mullions, and typical stylistic details. Although the doors and windows have been replaced, the historic openings are clearly readable. The interior retains its original gymnasium and auditorium with historic plaster and wood, as well as the original corridors, staircases, and classrooms with historic terrazzo and tile flooring, doors/sidelights/transoms, and wood cabinetry. Alterations and additions over time have not affected the overall integrity of the building's location, setting, design, workmanship, and feeling.

Narrative Description

Original Building

John H. Lehman High School is T-shaped in plan, three stories, and has a flat (low-slope) roof and masonry parapet punctuated by gables at each elevation's entry bay, as well as finials aligned with the semi-hexagonal pilasters (Photos 5-7, Figure 16). The exterior is clad in buff brick with light colored sandstone trim (Photo 8, Figure 16). The building's site occupies an entire city block in a residential area near the Vassar Park of Canton, which was the northwestern fringe of the Canton corporation limits as noted in the 1914 Sanborn map, and likely still the case around the time of Lehman's design about five years later. The site is bounded by 15th Street to the north, and 14th Street to the south. It is bounded by Oxford Avenue and Arnold Avenue on the east and west, respectively (Figure 2).

The building sits at the center of the north half of the site, atop a hill (Photo 2, Figure 16). The auditorium entrance faces north toward 15th Street and is identified by capital letters carved in stone (Photo 13, Figure 16), and the main school entrance faces south (Photo 4, Figure 16). The north side of the building site has open lawns with a few mature trees, and concrete walks leading to the entrances (Photo 14, Figure 16). The building has a paved drive that loops from 15th street at each end of the building around to the south side. To the south of the building, beyond the drive, the site slopes steeply and contains concrete bleachers built into the hillside that include two tunnels leading underground into the basement level locker rooms. The remaining concrete bleachers are the center third of the original set (Photo 20 and Figures 5-8, 16). The areas where the bleachers are missing are sloped earth with small trees, shrubs and brush (Photo 2, Figure 16). The south half of the site is a level open field, once used by Canton

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high schools for football, track and field events, and reportedly, baseball (Photo 21, Figure 16; Canton Daily News December 21, 1919). The athletic field is surrounded on three sides by a low concrete wall, topped by a chain-link fence (Photos 1 and 3, Figure 16).

The structure's T-shaped plan is oriented with the stem of the "T" extending northward, and the top of the "T" spreading east-west across the site. The facades are symmetrically organized and feature Jacobean Revival details including a unicorn and Tudor rose motif in the gable over the main entrance. There is a stone belt course that distinguishes the first from the second and third floors (Photos 15 and 18, Figure 16). Exterior elevations emphasize verticality with dominant pilasters extending through a tall parapet and ending in decorative finials (Photos 5 and 19, Figure 16). The main entrances are centered on the north and south facades, with secondary entrances on the east and west elevations (Photos 9 and 17, Figure 16). The main façade, facing south, is divided into five sections, with the center section projecting approximately two feet (Figure 12).

The south entrance has a stone staircase leading to the entry doors within a projecting portico. The doors are flanked by pairs of fluted pilasters and lintel carved with a quotation from the Northwest Ordinance of 1787, "SCHOOLS AND THE MEANS OF EDUCATION SHALL BE FOREVER ENCOURAGED."¹ Although inspirational and/or educational quotations are typical features for the exterior of schools of this time period, this reference has particular reference to Ohio's roots in the late 18th century Connecticut Western Reserve through the 1787 Northwest Ordinance quote.

The two stories above the main entry are composed of groups of five windows separated in a 1-3-1 pattern by semi-hexagonal stone pilasters (Photo 4, Figure 16). The second and third floor windows are separated by stone spandrel panels with carved stone moldings. Like the windows, the spandrels are separated by stone pilasters. The entire center pavilion is topped by a Jacobean styled pediment with finials extending through the parapet at each end (Photo 5, Figure 16). The tympanum is ornamented with carved stone heraldic figures: a shield; an open book with the word "Truth" carved into the page; a five-pointed star; a unicorn; and Tudor roses. On each side of the center pavilion are five bays consisting of nine windows that are separated by pilasters (Photo 6 and Figures 12, 16). The basement level windows open into areaways that run the entire width of the five bays (Photo 16, Figure 16). Many of the basement level windows have been infilled, but the lintels, jambs and sills are still clearly visible. Much of the areaway is filled with mechanical equipment sheds. The north and south facing sides of each wing of the "T" have no windows but are consistent in articulating the masonry ornament (Photos 6 and 19,

¹ The words are from a larger quotation taken from Article III of the Northwest Ordinance, signed into law by President George Washington in 1789: "Religion, morality, and knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall be forever encouraged." When Ohio applied for statehood in 1802, it used the Northwest Ordinance as a basis for its Constitution, as would the other states formed out of the Northwest Territory including Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota. Thus, the Ohio Constitution reads very similarly, "Religion, morality, and knowledge, however, being essentially necessary to the good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of instruction shall forever be encouraged by legislative provision" (Barton, 26).

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Figure 16). Like the center pavilion on the south elevation, the north and south facing sides of each wing project forward from the main façade.

The east and west elevations have centered entrances at the projecting ends of the “T” with similar ornament and details to the south façade (Photos 9 and 17, Figure 16). The center bays have a projecting entry at the first floor, and a plain pediment at the parapet. The north elevation was also designed to be symmetrical, with the auditorium wing occupying the central pavilion, and similar blind pavilions at each end (Figure 12). As shown on the original drawings, the auditorium dates to the same time period as the main school building (Figure 12). The separate entrance to the auditorium at the north elevation is distinguished by square, fluted columns, and a stone entablature. At the parapet is a stone panel carved with the words “John H. Lehman High School.”

As discussed, the interior retains its original gymnasium and auditorium with historic plaster and wood, as well as the original corridors, staircases, and classrooms with historic terrazzo and tile flooring, doors/ sidelights/ transoms, and wood cabinetry. Alterations and additions over time have not affected the overall integrity of the building’s location, setting, design, workmanship, and feeling.

Interior

The overall architectural organization is also symmetrical inside, with a central double-loaded corridor in the basement through third floor, flanked by typical or specialized classrooms and offices (Figures 13 and 14). The separation between the typical corridor and main entrance or staircase features metal double doors, sidelights, and transoms (Photos 32 and 37, Figure 18).

The basement and first floors feature spaces that, according to the original plans, were designed to serve programmatic functions. In the basement, separate rooms are designated for Boys and Girls Bicycles as well as Boys and Girls locker rooms, kitchen, and cafeteria. Also according to the original plans, specialized rooms on the first floor included Manual Training, Drawing, Domestic Arts, and Domestic Science as well as the Principal’s and Faculty offices. Currently, the basement and first level windows are boarded up, not allowing enough light to photograph. There is a second floor lobby accessed at the first floor on the north side of the building that connects to the second and third floor Auditorium (Photo 27, Figure 17); and the two-story Gymnasium occupies the center portion of the “T” on the basement and first floors (Photos 24 through 26, Figure 16).

At the second floor, particularly designated educational spaces shown include rooms labelled Typewriting, Commercial Department as well as typical classrooms and the Library. Currently, the second level windows are boarded up, not allowing enough light to photograph. The Auditorium, Stage and Orchestra Pit are located at the second floor in the center of the “T” above the Gymnasium. The Auditorium seats 637 on its lower level, and occupies an upper level where tiered balcony seating accommodates approximately 208 persons plus an additional 40 feet of bleacher seating on each side (Photos 28 and 29, Figures 17 and 18).

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The third floor includes two Laboratories, Study Hall and typical classrooms (Photos 33 through 36, Figure 18).

Typical classrooms are rectangular in plan, with a large historic wood desk for the teacher, a blackboard on most every wall, and, as labeled in the plans, a “wardrobe” for coats and books (Photos 33 through 36, Figure 18). Some of these wardrobes retain their original pull down doors (Photo 36, Figure 18). Typically, there is also historic cabinetry in the classrooms. Most classrooms retain their historic wood doors and transoms (Photo 31, Figure 18), woodwork and wood flooring (Photos 33 and 34, Figure 18), although some floors are covered in VCT (Photo 36, Figure 18).

The Gymnasium and Auditorium retain much of their historic integrity. The Gymnasium retains its overall rectangular plan and two-story height, historic plaster walls, beamed ceiling above the main space, and wood bleachers and flooring (Photos 24 through 26, Figure 16). The Auditorium retains its overall rectangular plan and two-story+ height, historic plaster walls, proscenium framing the stage, and decorative plaster-coffered ceiling above the main space (Photos 28 and 29, Figures 17 and 18). There is a smooth-finished, plain barrel-vaulted ceiling underneath the original balcony. The doors to the lower and upper lobbies are the original divided lite with arched divided light transom (Photos 27 and 30, Figures 17 and 18). The historic light fixtures, plaster walls and ceilings, and terrazzo and tile flooring are still in place in the lobbies (Photos 27 and 30, Figures 17 and 18).

Addition

At the west end of the north elevation is a small, compatible addition built in 1965, outside the period of significance of the nomination (Photos 10 and 11, Figure 16). The addition is comprised of similar light-colored brick and stone trim. It was constructed to the north-facing end of the original school’s west pavilion that had no windows. Built in a modern style that is compatible with the original building, the addition has rectilinear elements such as the two flat awnings with a simple metal fascia on the north elevation, both above the entrance and at the top of the third floor windows (Photo 12, Figure 16). The elevation’s repeated brick reveals create texture; and the pilasters and bays emphasize verticality. The pilasters and bays, that echo those of the original building, terminate in brick dentils below a stone cornice on the east and west elevations. The addition does not detract from the overall historic integrity of the building but instead blends harmoniously while remaining distinct.

According to original architectural drawings by Cox & Forsythe of Canton, Ohio dated April 20, 1964, the original use of the addition was as another locker room in the basement; band practice space on the first floor; biology laboratory on the second floor; and classroom and study hall on the third floor.

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Conclusion

Alterations and additions over time have not affected the overall integrity of the building's location, setting, design, and workmanship, and these four marks of integrity contribute to the ultimate feeling of the property's aesthetic and setting. Documented physical impacts to Lehman School include a 1979 tar kettle fire on the roof and in 1980, three sections of bleachers were removed from each side east and west leaving the center sections and tunnels to the basement locker rooms. Further, the Jacobean Revival school building with front lawn featuring athletic field and concrete bleachers contributes to the historic sense of a particular period of time, as an early 20th century school embracing the new concept of a complete education. For the Ohio youth attending the John H. Lehman High School, a total education was not just academic, but also athletic. The brain and the body were to be exercised.

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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.)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- 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 artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

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

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1921-1923

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Significant Dates

1921, 1923

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Original Building (1921-1923):

Architects: Albert L. Thayer & Rowland M. Johnson (New Castle, PA & Cleveland, OH)

Builder, west wing, 1921: R.H. Evans & Company

Builder, east wing, 1923: Melbourne Brothers Company

Addition (1965):

Architects: Cox & Forsythe (Canton, OH)

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The John H. Lehman High School (“Lehman School”), at the time of its construction in 1921-23, was the first public school building in Canton, Ohio originally constructed as a junior high school, and is currently the second oldest remaining public high school building in Canton, after the Old McKinley High School (1916-21, George F. Hammond, National Register #82003649) (Figures 01 through 05). Lehman consists of a school building and concrete stadium bleachers overlooking an athletic field on the front lawn. The building is eligible under Criterion C as a significant example of an early 20th century educational building in the Jacobean Revival, an exceptional such example in the local context of Canton. The site possesses a high degree of historic integrity and conveys its significance through its intact original location, setting, design, workmanship, and feeling. Later additions and alterations do not detract from the significance of this historic resource. While Lehman is a scholastic institutional building rooted in tradition, it also reflects the growth and expansion of public education in Canton during the early 20th century. Lehman’s architectural design responds to the growth in school population and the progressive-era educational reforms in its modern school complex, emphasizing specialized classrooms and physical education. Additionally, Lehman is significant as an early example of the Junior High School concept in Canton.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

Location and Setting: Lehman School, Canton, and the Canton Public Schools

Lehman School’s site occupies an entire city block in a residential area near the Vassar Park of Canton. As noted in the 1914 Sanborn map, Lehman’s environs was along the northern fringe of the Canton corporation limits. This part of Canton has changed very little since Lehman’s construction, as the area is still predominately residential and composed of homes from the early 20th century. Lehman itself is mostly intact, with a section of concrete bleaches and athletic field; the north elevation features a compatible addition from the 1960s.

19th—Early 20th Century Canton

Canton is located in northeastern Ohio, approximately 60 miles south of Cleveland, in Stark County. Canton is the county seat. Stark County blossomed in size since Canton’s founding in 1805. The county population was just 2,734 in 1810; grew more than ten-fold to 39,878 in 1850; and by the last decade of the 19th century more than doubled in size to 84,170. The county population in 1920, around the time Lehman School was built, was 177,218, again more than doubled in size. By 1960, around the time the addition was constructed, Stark County had grown to 340,345 as recorded in the census (Heald Digest, 16, 21, 30, 54, 89 and 131).

After Canton was established in 1805, it was incorporated as a village in 1822, and became a city in 1838, although not incorporated as such until 1854. Canton was an important manufacturing

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center, steadily growing as railroad lines were added. Canton's population was only 1,257 in 1830, doubled by 1850 to just 5% of the county population, and continued steady growth until the turn of the 19th century. In 1900, the city's population was 30,667, almost half the population of Stark county, and ten years later rose to 50,217.

The marked rise in population resulted from the prospering industry at the time, such as Timken Roller Bearing Company, including its Steel and Tube division, which moved to Canton from St. Louis in 1901, and was growing during the 1910s and 1920s and was the largest employer in Canton from the 1920s through the 1950s. Already a supplier to the automobile industry, industrial applications, and the railroad, in 1917 Timken constructed a steel mill, and in 1919, Timken had become the supplier of bearings for Ford's Model T (Heald vol. 4, pt 1, 22). Other thriving industries included: Diebold Incorporated (moved to Canton from Cincinnati in 1872), manufacturer of bank safes and vaults; The Belden Brick Company (founded in 1885 as the Diebold Fire Brick Company); Dueber-Hampden Watch Company (moved to Canton from Kentucky and Massachusetts in 1888; bankrupt by 1927); Canton Stamping & Enameling Co. (founded 1902); Canton Drop Forging & Mfg. Co. (founded 1903); and Electric Suction Sweeper Company/Hoover Company in North Canton (founded 1908) (Heald, vol. 3).

By 1920, around the time Lehman School was built, Canton had 87,091 residents. With approximately half the county's population residing in Canton, the population continued to steadily increase, reaching a peak of around 115,000 in the mid-1900s, almost half of the county's population at the time (Heald, 643). Following the population boom in Canton, student enrollment ballooned around 1920. The number of students enrolled in the public school district increased sharply, from 9,221 in 1900; 13,547 in 1920; 17,483 for the 1921-22 school year (Heald vol. 3, 510). To relieve overcrowding in schools, half-day sessions were introduced, 15 "portable" buildings of classrooms were added, and the Junior High School idea (Grades 7-8-9) was championed by superintendents such as J.K. Baxter (1905-1918) (Ibid, 516). Although Lehman and another junior high school a couple of years later (Lincoln) were built, the policy was never fully carried out, even into the 1950s the 8-4 plan was favored over the 6-3-3 plan.

Late 19th—Early 20th Century Canton Public Schools

Towards the end of the 19th century, a series of federal and state laws affecting school attendance led to increased construction of schools throughout Ohio. In 1877, the state passed a law requiring children ages 8 to 14 to attend school at least 12 weeks of the year. This was the first time that attendance in schools was mandatory, but there were exceptions for children who were mentally deficient, needed for labor on the family farm, or lived more than two miles from a school. In 1878, Ohio passed a law requiring boards of education to provide free education to everyone and nine years later, a law that had established segregated schools was overturned. In 1890, the Compulsory Education Law passed by the Ohio Legislature obliged children under 14 years of age in cities to attend school 20 weeks per year. Starting in 1902, state law required school districts to transport its qualified students to a high school, and to cover the cost of tuition.

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The building of Canton public schools reflects the increase in population and broad educational patterns. A larger brick and stone Queen Anne style Central High School (1887, razed 1938) replaced the earlier Union School that was razed in 1880. Following the Compulsory Education Law requiring attendance under the age of 14, elementary schools were constructed in Canton in the mid-1890s and included: South Market Street School (1896, demolition date unknown) and North Cherry Street School (1897, closed 1960, demolition date unknown) (Figure 19). The two story North High School (1904, razed 1923), originally built as a private school by German Baptist Brethren, was purchased by Canton Public Schools in 1910, becoming the second public high school in the city (Grades 9-11, with 12 going to Central) (Elder, 2014). Following the increase in population, additional elementary schools were constructed: Gibbs Avenue School (1914, 1926, demolished 2004), Ira M. Allen Elementary School #1 (1915, closed 2007), and Daniel Worley School (1918, demolished 2003) (Figure 20). As the population of Canton ballooned, there was not enough room for high school students at Central and North, so the brick and stone Neo-Classical style McKinley High School (closed 2015, *now McKinley HealthCare Center*) was constructed in 1916-1921.² McKinley replaced Central and North high schools, which in 1917 were repurposed as junior high schools (grades 7-9), before declared obsolete and demolished in 1923 (North) and 1938 (Central). They were no longer needed for the lower grade levels once Lehman was constructed.

Canton Public Schools in the 1920s

The date of construction of Lehman Junior High School coincides with a 1921 legislative act in Ohio, the Bing Act, which required all children aged 6-18 to attend school, compounding the challenge of accommodating the population increase. If a rural district did not have a school, children were required to attend school in a nearby district, thereby adding to Canton's school enrollment.

Also relevant to Lehman School at this time, standards for junior high schools were codified, as well as a certification program for junior high teachers. The concept for the Junior High School was introduced in 1907 by a committee of the National Education Association (NEA), one member of which was the Ohio State University Superintendent of the College of Education, A.B. Graham. The Junior High as proposed would take the place of the 7th, 8th, and 9th grades that were formally divided between the grade school (7th and 8th) and the high school (9th). The first Junior High School in the nation was completed in 1909 in Columbus, Indianola Junior High School, making Lehman only about a decade younger (McCormick 106-108).

In 1923, physical education became an important area of emphasis in the curriculum, as legislation required 100 minutes of physical education weekly and an examination from a physician; "parents to be notified of any 'defects' needing correction" (McCormick, 248). Also, the predecessor to the National Football League was founded in Canton September 17, 1920 and

² McKinley High School had consolidated students from the over-crowding Central High School (1887, razed 1938) and North High School (1904, razed 1923). McKinley High School was abandoned in 1976 for a new building by the same name. In 1982, the historic McKinley School was placed in the National Register of Historic Places (#82003649).

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locals exuberantly supported their local team, the Bulldogs, which won the first two championships. Consequently, a “state of the art” school at the time would include features that remain intact at Lehman, such as boys and girls locker rooms; designated bicycle rooms; and the school’s focus on the athletic field with permanent, concrete bleachers. It was not unusual that students rode bikes to and from school around the time of completion of the construction of Lehman School, as illustrated in an advertisement from the late 1920s (Figure 21). Too, as a result of Canton’s position as a leader in manufacturing, specifically of bearings for transportation equipment through the Timken Roller Bearing Company (1901), as well as Canton’s location just south of Akron, a leader in the tire and rubber industry with BF Goodrich (founded, 1870), Goodyear (founded, 1898), Firestone (founded, 1900) and General (founded, 1915), it is no surprise that any form of transportation involving wheels was encouraged, down to the youngest citizen who could maneuver a bicycle. In fact, the Goodyear history on the company website states “Since the first bicycle tire in 1898, Goodyear pedaled its way toward becoming the world’s largest tire company, a title it earned in 1916 when it adopted the slogan ‘More people ride on Goodyear tires than on any other kind,’ becoming the world’s largest rubber company in 1926.’ ”

Lehman School, opened 1921-1923 as a Junior High, was joined by brick and stone Neo-Classical/Renaissance Revival style Lincoln Junior High School in 1926 (Vernon Redding & Company of Mansfield, *now Heritage Christian School*); these junior high schools were just two of several schools constructed in Canton during the 1920s. According to E.T. Heald in a 1953 radio broadcast, the early 1920s in Canton “saw the completion of a tremendous building expansion under [Superintendent Wilson] Hawkins [tenure 1918-1928], during which 24 schools and additions were built at a cost of about \$6,500,000, including three general high schools – McKinley [senior high school], Lehman [junior high school], and Lincoln [junior high school]” (Heald vol 4, 642). By 1928, \$8,513,293.45 had been invested in Canton public school properties, the majority of that in buildings (Heald vol. 4, 645). Elementary schools constructed during the late 1910s and the 1920s include: Clarendon Elementary School (1918); Daniel Worley Elementary School (1918); Washington Elementary School (1924); Garfield Elementary School #2 (c.1920); Bezaleel Wells Elementary School #3 (c. 1920); Archibald McGregor Elementary School (1921); Henry S. Belden Elementary School (1921); Horace Mann Elementary School (1921); Cedar Elementary School (1923); South Market Street Elementary School (1924); Fairmount Park Elementary School (1926); and John K. Baxter Elementary School (1928). (See Figures 19 and 20).

Construction of Lehman School

Lehman School is a three-story masonry structure with a raised basement. The west wing, including the gym and auditorium, was completed in 1921, and the east wing was completed in 1923 (Photos 1-4, Figures 2 and 16; Canton Daily News August 28, 1921, p5).

As early as July 8, 1919, the North High School property was under consideration for the new junior high school that was to be Lehman, when there was a motion during a board meeting to consider the land west of the existing school (Canton Daily News). In September 6, 1919 the

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overcrowding situation was becoming dire (Canton Daily News). Headlines read “City needs five more buildings. . .School very badly congested despite portables and basement rooms.” The school district was short 75 rooms. The situation in Canton was noted to be typical of other cities: “Canton is no worse than any other growing city, as they are all having difficulty in taking care of the rapidly increasing number of school children, but something should be done in the way of erecting school buildings immediately. . .Five new buildings would take care of the situation as it is today, but would not take care of next year’s increases” reported Superintendent Hawkins (Ibid).

Originally the architects mentioned in connection with the junior high school were Eastman and Dawson, according to a September 16, 1919 article. But a December 21, 1919 article identifies that “Thayer and Thayer, New Castle, PA were selected as architects for the new building.” In this same December article, the board adopted a resolution to name the new junior high to “replace North High school” the “John H. Lehman High School.” Plans were “accepted” by the board of education in mid-February, 1920 according to a February 15th article. Plans included an athletic field for football and baseballs. A narrative description of the building and programmatic elements is provided in April 11, 1920 in the Canton Daily News. In anticipation of growing enrollment, the article noted that “The building will be built in such a way that additional wings can be put on the 15th street side of the building.” Further, Lehman would be “the most pretentious school building in the city with the exception of the McKinley High School.” This article also mentions Johnston for the first time in connection with Thayer.

Lehman was built at the same time as two elementary schools, also by Thayer and Thayer: the Horace Mann Grammar School and the Henry S. Belden Grammar School (Canton Daily News, August 28, 1921; Figure 19). These two elementary schools also each had an auditorium, gymnasium, domestic science, and manual training rooms (Ibid).

The 1920 cornerstone of Lehman, originally a Junior High School until 1932, was laid on the site partially occupied by North High School, explaining why Lehman was constructed in two phases (Figures 05 and 11). When the west wing of the new Lehman school was complete, the old North High School was demolished, making way for the as-designed east wing, completed in 1923. Original drawings by Thayer & Johnson Architects depict a T-shaped building with east and west projecting wings (Figures 12-14). A historic rendering shows the front elevation as designed with its full array of bleachers (Figure 06). Two historic photographs from the 1950s show an aerial view (Figure 07) and south elevation as built (Figure 08).

Lehman Junior High School was named for John House Lehman to honor his great efforts to advance Canton’s public school system. Lehman was the first Canton school to be named after a living person, instead of honoring one deceased. Mr. Lehman was born in 1846 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and came to Ohio in 1859. He was Canton’s first superintendent of schools, serving for twelve years from 1876 to 1888. He also served on the Board of Education from 1902 to 1918, and as Board president from 1904 to 1916. Lehman published the three-volume *Standard History of Stark County, Ohio*, an important reference cited often.

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For construction of the nominated property, R.H. Evans & Company was contracted on June 1, 1920 and completed the west wing in 1921 for the sum of \$700,000 (Canton Daily News August 28, 1921, p5). Evans also served as builder for McKinley High School, Vicary Building, and Archibald McGregor School (Canton Daily News, April 27, 1921).

\$700,000 was a large sum of money for a new school building in the 1920s. In fact, the school board came under scrutiny over frivolous spending of taxpayer's money to build Canton's new schools. The Canton Real Estate Board posted a letter from the Canton Real Estate Board in the Canton Daily News in September 25, 1921 criticizing the board:

“Our complaint is against the board of education for extravagance in the use of the money in the erection of buildings. They are costing more than is necessary. If the Canton board had built at the same cost as Youngstown, the money spent in erecting Canton's new schools would have erected buildings for all our children and we would today have empty buildings enough to care for 11,000 more children, in other words for 25,000 children, and we have only 14,000. This is calculated with an average of 35 children in a room.”

Lehman is specifically called out as “already cost[ing] over \$750,000 and has only 16 class rooms,” with the other wing yet to be constructed.

Students occupied Lehman, as well as the new Mann and Belden Schools, October 15, 1921, relieving the over-capacity conditions of Canton schools (Canton Daily News September 20, 1921, p16). On October 17, 1921, Melbourne Brothers Company was retained to build the east wing, completed in 1923 for the sum of \$275,000, making the total for the two wings approximately \$975,000 (Canton Daily News, November 22, 1923, p3). Originally separate bids were requested for the athletic stadium (consisting of a 270 foot-long expanse of concrete bleaches and athletic field with baseball diamond, football field, 100 yard straight-away, and cinder track); kitchen/cafeteria equipment; lockers; scenery and stage equipment; auditorium carpet and draperies for Lehman as well as Henry Belden and Horace Mann Buildings (Canton Daily News September 17 & 20, 1921). The end cost for the construction of Lehman was \$1,107, 935, which included 29 classrooms and fixtures, as well as an auditorium, a gymnasium (Figure 09) with indoor running track, 800-seat concrete stadium bleachers, (Figure 10) and two tunnels to connect the building to the athletic field. The dedication ceremony took place November 21, 1923 (Heald, 643-644, Canton Daily News November 22, 1923 pp3 &6).

Canton Public Schools and Lehman School in the 1930s

The expansion of Canton's public schools slowed during the 1930s in the wake of the Great Depression, and the focus was on supporting the students in the schools already constructed. In 1935, when municipalities were having trouble collecting enough tax revenue for schools, the Ohio legislature instituted the “School Foundation” program to establish baseline funding at the state level for each child. Instead of only the previous means for funding schools based on local property taxes, the School Foundation program supplemented school districts with revenues from a new 3% retail sales tax. Under this program, the State became responsible for approximately 50% of revenues required by school districts (Price, 46). Also at this time, standards in teacher certifications were modified to include the following progression: “a one-year temporary certificate, a four-year provisional certificate, an eight-year professional certificate, and a life

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certificate in nine categories from kindergarten teaching to county supervision” (McCormick, 248).

Lehman served as a junior high school with grades 7 through 9 until 1932 when it transitioned to a high school to relieve the increasing student population of McKinley High School (1918-1921), which housed 4,000 in a building with a capacity of 3,000 (Heald vol. 4, 651). In 1932, 10th grade was added to Lehman; and in 1936 and 1937, the 11th and 12th grades were respectively incorporated. The first graduating class from Lehman High School was in 1938 and included 187 students (Fultz, 1). Also in 1932, the brick and stone Art Deco style South High School was constructed to accommodate the increasing high school population in the southern section of the city which had been attending McKinley High School in the northern part of the city. In 1938, the stone Art Deco style Timken Vocational High School/Senior High School was constructed to further relieve the high school student population in the northern part of the city, with an emphasis on teaching vocational trades (Figures 19 and 22). By the time Lincoln Junior High School (1926) became a high school in 1942-43 (Heald vol 4, 651), Canton was home to five high schools: McKinley, Lehman, Timken, and Lincoln in the northern part of the city, and Canton South High in the southern part of the city.

Design and Workmanship: Lehman School’s Architects

In comparison to other contemporary schools, Lehman’s significance lies in its intact design and workmanship. Lehman’s architecture was reportedly given accolades in the American Builder, Art Supplement of Notable Architecture, October 1925, as well as the United Alloy Steel Corporation’s United Clan publication in September 1923 (Heald, 643-644). The 1923 publication commended the brick and sandstone school as “one of the most beautiful school buildings in the country” (Heald, 644). Typical of masonry construction of this period, Lehman was built with steel lintels over masonry openings, and other structural steel elements that span and support brick or stone.

Lehman was designed by Thayer & Johnson Architects. Albert L. Thayer was born in Cortland, Ohio in 1876 (the date of his death unknown). Thayer was schooled in architecture at the University of Illinois, graduating in 1898 and joined in a partnership with his father, Charles C. Thayer who began his architecture practice in 1891 in New Castle, Pennsylvania, approximately 18 miles from Youngstown, Ohio. As Thayer & Thayer, the firm obtained public commissions in both Pennsylvania and Ohio, including a high school in Indiana, Pennsylvania (1907) and another high school in Greenville, Pennsylvania (1919). These school buildings precede Lehman, and while rooted in traditional Jacobean and Collegiate Gothic Revival style, are not particularly innovative or groundbreaking and are typical of school construction at the time. By contrast, the nominated property was ambitiously constructed in two phases in order not to close the school that existed on the same site. In comparison to these schools, Lehman was realized on a more monumental and progressive scale that reflects emerging emphasis on physical education, and specialized classrooms designed to accommodating growing enrollment in Canton.

In Canton, Thayer and Thayer also designed the Horace Mann Grammar School (closed) and the Henry S. Belden Grammar School (demolished) (Canton Daily News, August 28, 1921; Figure

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19). The contractor for these two schools was G.H. Whike of Canton. The Horace Mann School is T shaped in plan, three stories, and red brick with fanciful details suggesting Spanish Renaissance Revival/Moorish Revival architecture through the voluted pediment, stylized pilasters of a spiral design, and decorative terra cotta. Although smaller than Lehman, with only 12 classrooms, it still reportedly cost nearly half a million dollars to complete (Heald vol 4 p1, 644).

By 1920 Charles C. Thayer retired, leaving the firm to his son Albert, who soon moved to Cleveland, Ohio where he joined in a new partnership with Rowland M. Johnson. Rowland M. Johnson (1890-1940) hailed from Riverside, California. The details of his education in architecture are not known. There is documentation that Johnson worked for the well-known Cleveland architects Walker and Weeks (founded 1911), however the dates of his employment at the firm is not recorded. In 1920, Johnson joined Thayer for design and construction of the nominated property.

Rowland M. Johnson went on to design Washington Savings Bank (1923) and the Guardian Trust Bank Building (1930), both in in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1927, The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company published a volume of service stations designs intended for Goodyear dealers. Johnson oversaw the 21 different designs for inclusion in this volume (Figure 15).

Albert Thayer went on to design, among other buildings, the Eagles' Temple in Canton, Ohio (1927-28), built for the oldest chapter of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. The property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1982 (Reference Number 82003646).

Lehman School's Later Years and Conclusion

Student population remained relatively stagnant, and slightly declined from the 1930s through the 1950s. While "enrollment practically doubled between 1918 and 1928, increasing from 11,000 to 21,067," in 1952, the year of the publication of a definitive history of Canton, there were 19,497 students (Heald vol 4, 643). During that twenty-year period into the 1950s, the population of Canton reportedly shifted to the periphery of the city into the suburbs. Therefore, through the 1960s, Canton remained home to five high schools: McKinley, Lehman, Timken, and Lincoln in the northern part of the city, and Canton South High in the southern part of the city.

In 1960, 7th and 8th grade "ability"³ students were added to Lehman, and in 1961, Kent State University evening classes were added. Around the same time, an addition was designed by Cox & Forsythe of Canton to be constructed on the north elevation of the west wing, housing specialty classrooms for a biology laboratory and a band room (Figures 02 and 23).

³ According to the National Education Association, during the early 20th century, "ability grouping emerged. . .as a way to prepare students for their 'appropriate' place in the workforce. Students with high abilities and skills were given intense, rigorous academic training while students with lower abilities were given a vocational education. . .Opponents, however, contend. . .this contributes to a widening of the achievement gaps."

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Significant changes to Lehman High School did not happen again until the 1970s. With a decreasing population in Canton and lower enrollment in the high schools, in 1976, Lehman and Lincoln returned to use as junior high schools until a new Lehman Middle School was constructed at 1400 Broad Avenue NW, 1-1/2 miles west of the original Lehman building, and the original Lehman was closed in 2004. Lincoln eventually became home to Heritage Christian School in 1979.

With declining enrollment through the 1980s and 1990s, the perceived need for new, modern facilities caused the closure and replacement of many historic Canton public schools in the 2000s, including Washington (2000), Allen (2007), Baxter (2008), Fairmount Park (2015), and McKinley (2015); Timken merged with the new McKinley (1976) in 2015 (Figure 19). South High School is scheduled to close in August 2017. The merging of high schools follows the reduction in Canton's population from a peak of 116,912 in 1950 to 73,007 in 2010.

Some Canton public schools were demolished in the 2000s, including Belden (c. 2000), Cedar (c. 2000), Clarendon (c. 2000), Worley (2003), Gibbs Avenue (2004), and McGregor (2007) (Figure 20).

Only three (3) historic public school buildings are currently still used as public school buildings: the brick and stone Neo-Classical style Barbara Schreiber Elementary School (the former Woodland Avenue School, c. 1925); the brick and stone Jacobean Revival style Belle Stone Elementary School (c.1930); and stone Art Deco style Timken High School (1939) (Figure 22).

The historic Lehman School's location and setting, including local historical context, and extant features reflecting original design intent/workmanship embody the historic integrity and "feeling" necessary for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The site within the residential neighborhood and the building itself are relatively undisturbed, and the central third of the concrete bleachers remain intact on the front lawn between the athletic field and the school building. In fact, the date of construction of Lehman coincides with legislation for compulsory education of Ohio youths in schools that could meet certain standards, including physical education, and the prominent location of the concrete bleachers and athletic field reflects the emphasis on the total education of those in their formative years. Too, significant historic materials remain in a sound state of preservation, despite the removal by 1970 of the original fountain with a *Tree of Knowledge* motif inside the main entrance. For example, there are notable exterior stone carvings such as that above the south entrance with the quotation from the Northwest Ordinance used also in the Ohio Constitution, and the Jacobean Revival unicorn and shield carving with Tudor roses/star/TRUTH in a book. On the interior, the historic double loaded corridors with original classroom and stairwell layouts are intact, as well as the gymnasium and auditorium with their historic plaster, wood, and terrazzo and tile. The property as a whole is exemplary for its design as an educational institution within the portfolio of Thayer & Johnson, even among their preceding and succeeding firms. Besides the two exceptional Canton elementary schools completed at the time of Lehman, Thayer had completed two schools of little acclaim, and Johnson went on to complete bank buildings and service stations for Goodyear dealers. Thayer did go on to design the Eagles' Temple in Canton, listed in the

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National Register. However, regarding school buildings, John H. Lehman High School is the second oldest remaining public high school building in Canton, and is a strong example of a school building that successfully links the past with the era contemporary to its construction through its rooting in the local and regional school and athletic community, while reflecting traditional period revival style educational design and inspirational 18th century quotations that could be carried out in the early 20th century, and arguably have a place in the present day.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- 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 # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: Stark County District Library; William McKinley Presidential Library Museum; Lehman Alumni Association

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 4.24 acres

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates (decimal degrees)

Datum if other than WGS84: _____
(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

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| 4. Zone: | Easting : | Northing: |

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property includes an entire city block, parcel #280008 as recorded by the Stark County Auditor, bounded on the north and south by 15th and 14th streets, respectively, and Arnold Ave and Oxford Ave to the east and west. The site is sloped, with the building located at the top of the hill to the north end of the site. The lower, south end was the location of former athletic fields. The fields are bounded on the north by concrete bleachers built into the hillside.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The entire city block was historically one parcel and remains one parcel. The nominated property includes the entire parcel historically associated with the school, school grounds, bleachers and athletic fields.

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

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County: Stark State: Ohio

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Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

Photo 01 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_01):
View of the site from the southeast

Photo 02 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_02):
View of the site from the south, showing the concrete bleachers

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Photo 03 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_03):
View of the site from the southwest

Photo 04 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_04):
View of the main entry from the south

Photo 05 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_05):
Detail of the gable over the main entry

Photo 06 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_06):
View of the south elevation from the southwest

Photo 07 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_07):
Detail of the west end parapet on the south elevation

Photo 08 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_08):
Detail view of the cornerstone

Photo 09 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_09):
View of west elevation

Photo 10 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_10):
View of west elevation of the 1965 addition

Photo 11 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_11):
Detail view at the junction of the original building and the 1965 addition

Photo 12 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_12):
View of 1965 addition from the northwest

Photo 13 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_13):
View of the auditorium entrance from the north

Photo 14 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_14):
View of the auditorium wing from the northeast

Photo 15 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_15):
Detail view of the stone spandrel panels on the east side of the auditorium

Photo 16 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_16):
View of the northeast corner showing the side of the east entry

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Photo 17 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_17):
View of the east elevation

Photo 18 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_18):
View from the southeast

Photo 19 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_19):
Detail of the parapet at the southeast corner

Photo 20 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_20):
View from the southeast showing the bleachers

Photo 21 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_21):
View from the southwest across the athletic fields

Photo 22 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_22):
Main level entry vestibule with historic interior doors, sidelites and transom

Photo 23 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_23):
Main level corridor with display niches, lockers, and non-original acoustic tile ceiling

Photo 24 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_24):
Main level Gymnasium with historic wood bleachers and historic wood flooring

Photo 25 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_25):
Main level Gymnasium with historic wood bleachers

Photo 26 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_26):
Main level Gymnasium with historic wood flooring

Photo 27 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_27):
Second level, lobby outside of the auditorium with historic doors, and historic terrazzo and tile flooring

Photo 28 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_28):
Second level, auditorium with historic coffered ceiling, balcony, and balcony transoms at doors.

Photo 29 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_29):
Third level, auditorium from historic balcony, looking at historic proscenium, stage, and coffered ceiling

Photo 30 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_30):
Third level, auditorium's historic balcony doors, transom, and upper lobby historic light

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fixture and historic terrazzo and tile flooring

Photo 31 (OH_StarkCounty_JohnH.LehmanHighSchool_31):

Third level, typical corridor of second and third levels, with historic classroom doors, plaster walls and terrazzo and tile flooring [the first and second level windows are boarded up, not allowing enough light to photograph]

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Third level, typical historic stair and doors/sidelights/transom at the end of the typical corridor of second and third levels [the first and second level windows are boarded up, not allowing enough light to photograph]

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Third level, typical classroom with deteriorated historic wood flooring, and historic woodwork, blackboard, and mid-century cabinetry [the first and second level windows are boarded up, not allowing enough light to photograph]

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Third level, typical classroom with historic wood flooring, woodwork, and blackboard [the first and second level windows are boarded up, not allowing enough light to photograph]

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Third level, typical classroom with historic pull-down cabinetry doors [the first and second level windows are boarded up, not allowing enough light to photograph]

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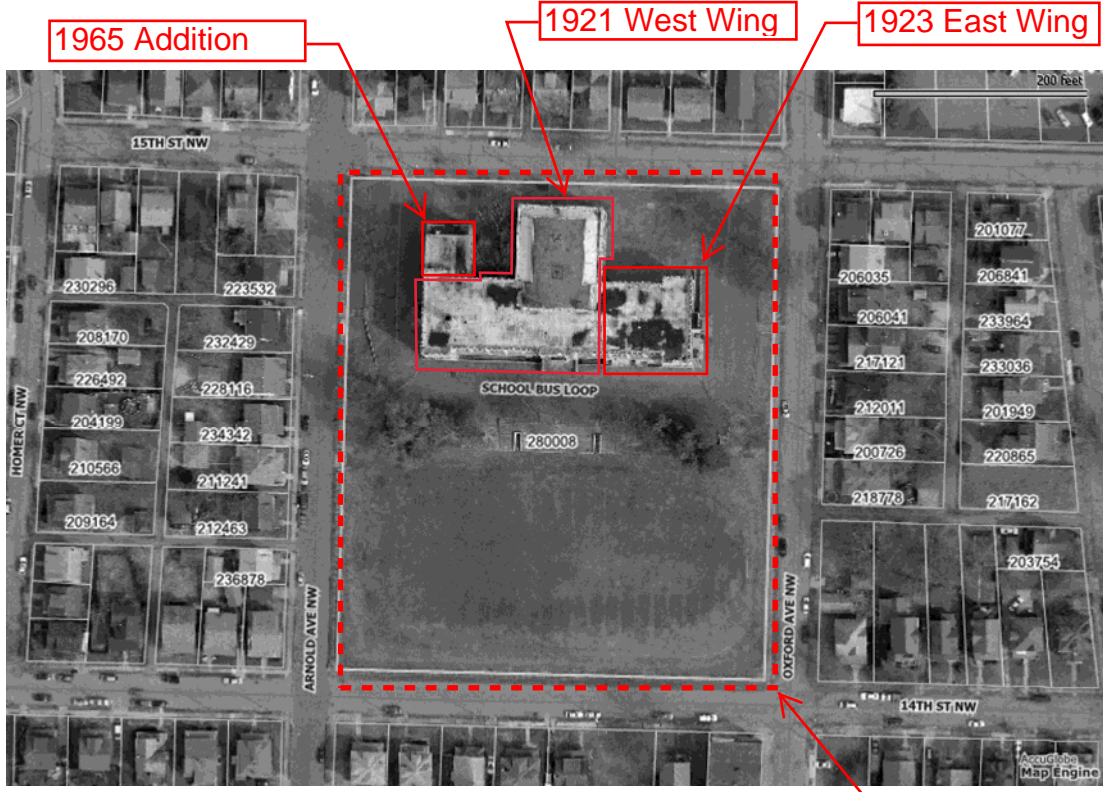


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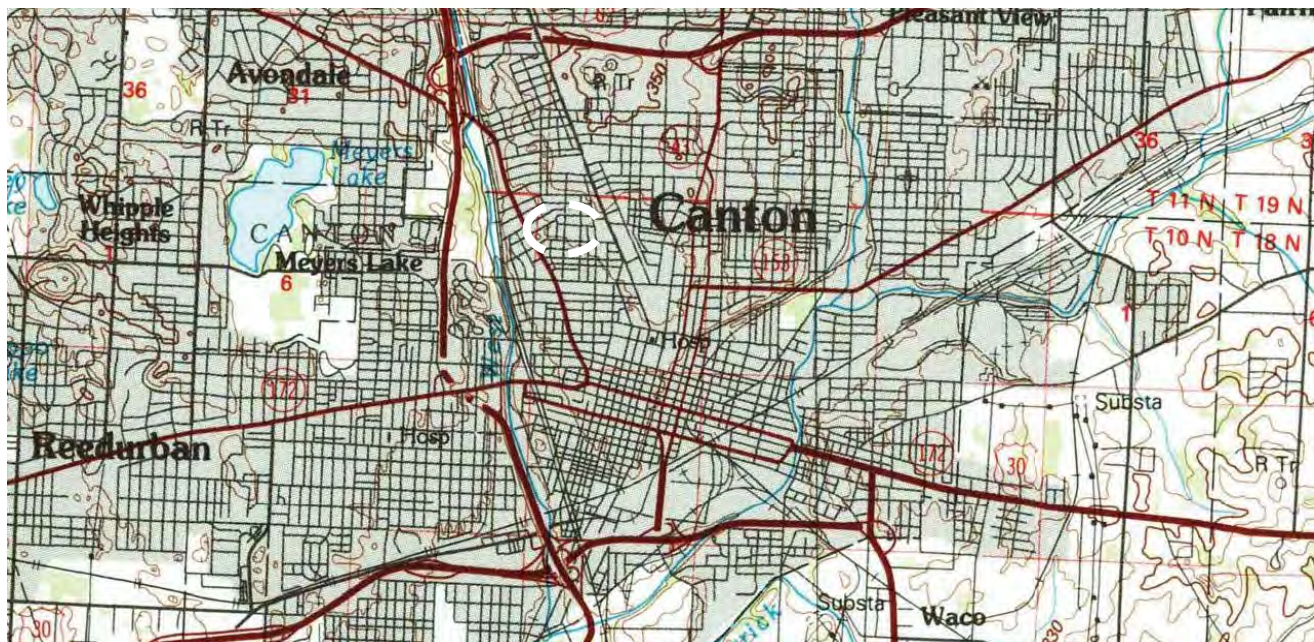
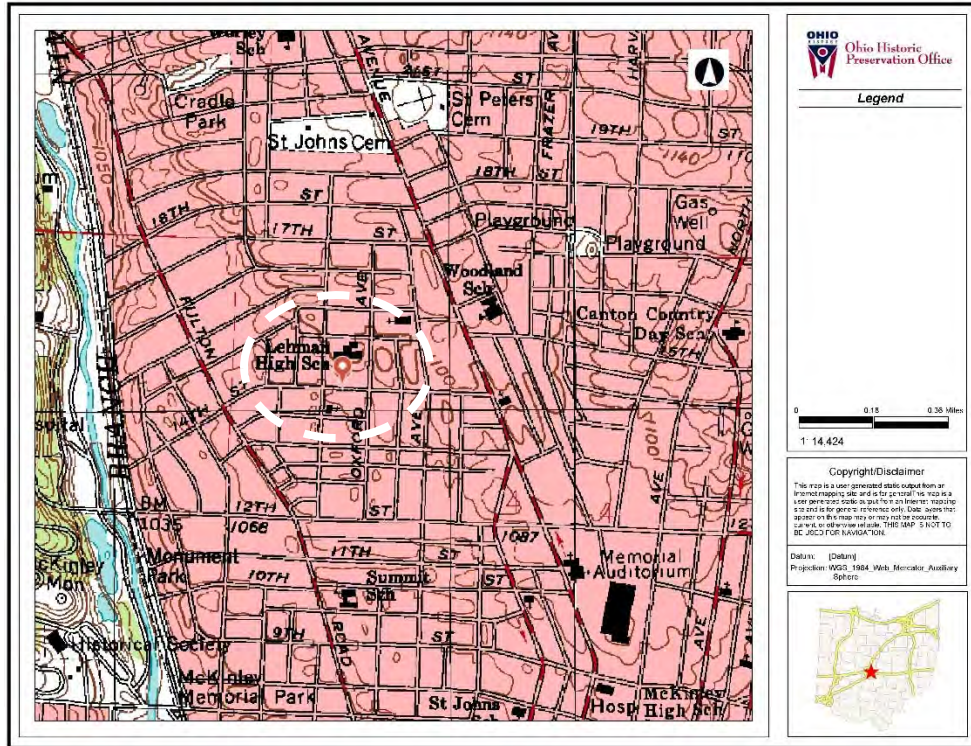


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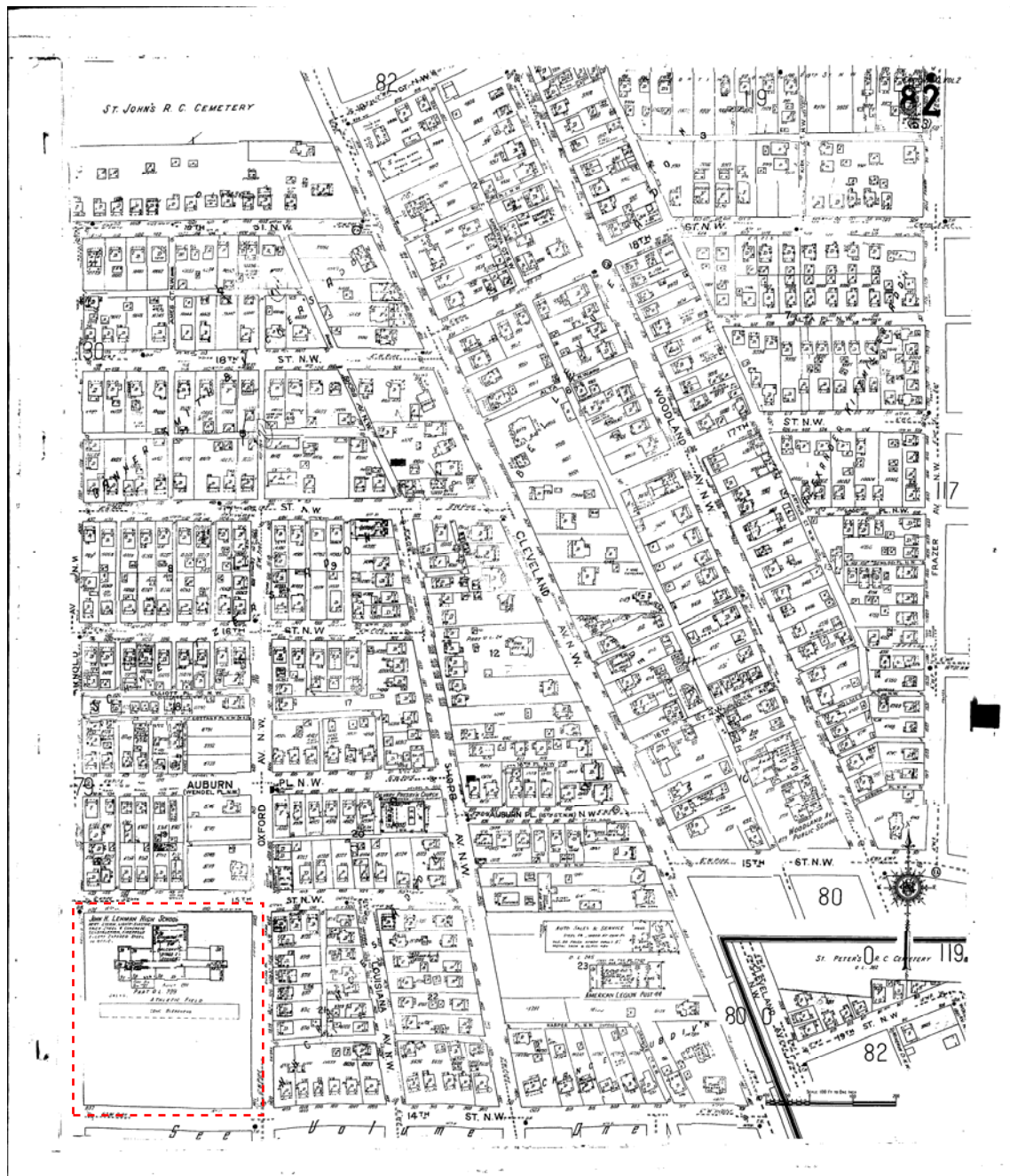


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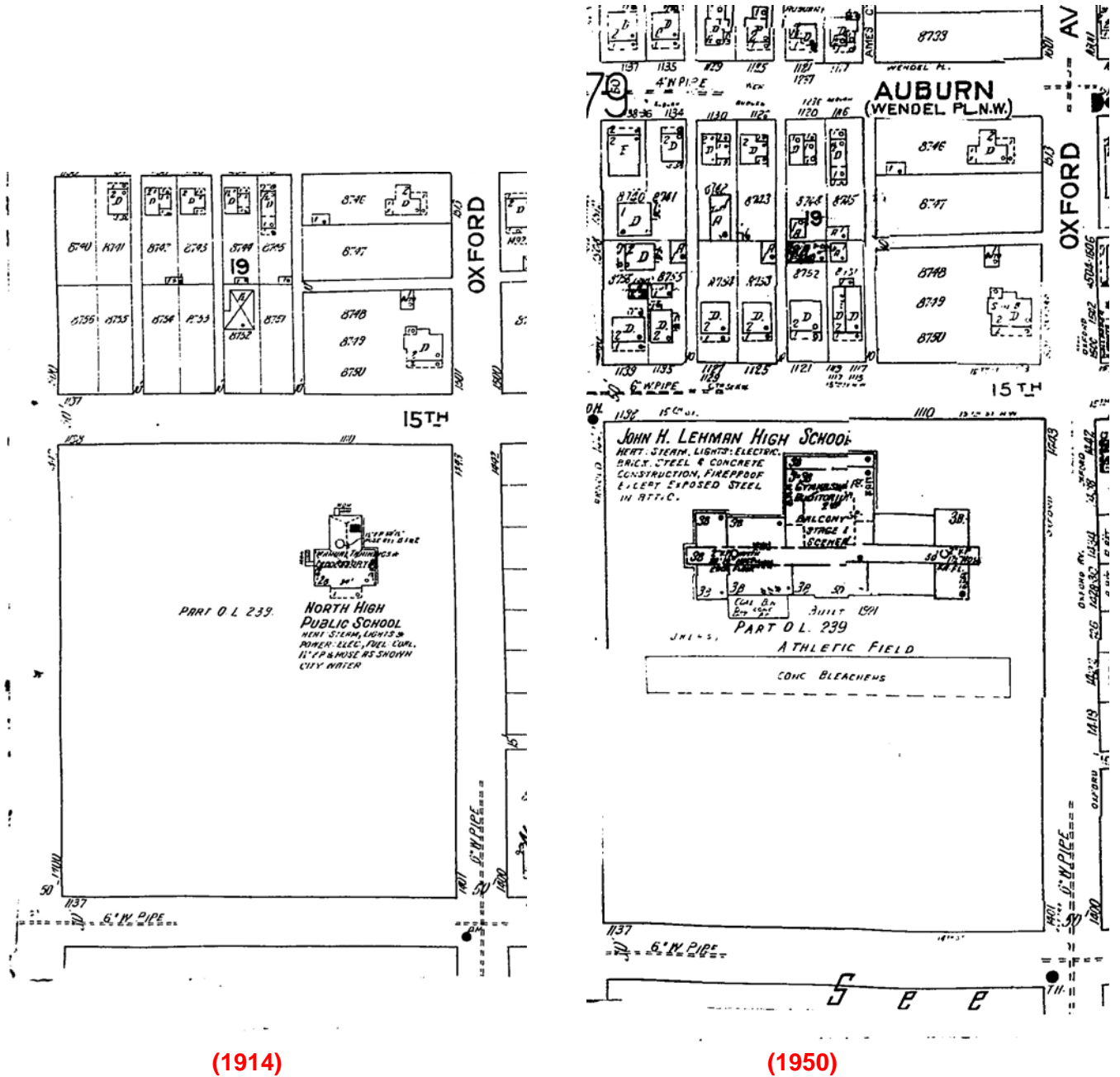


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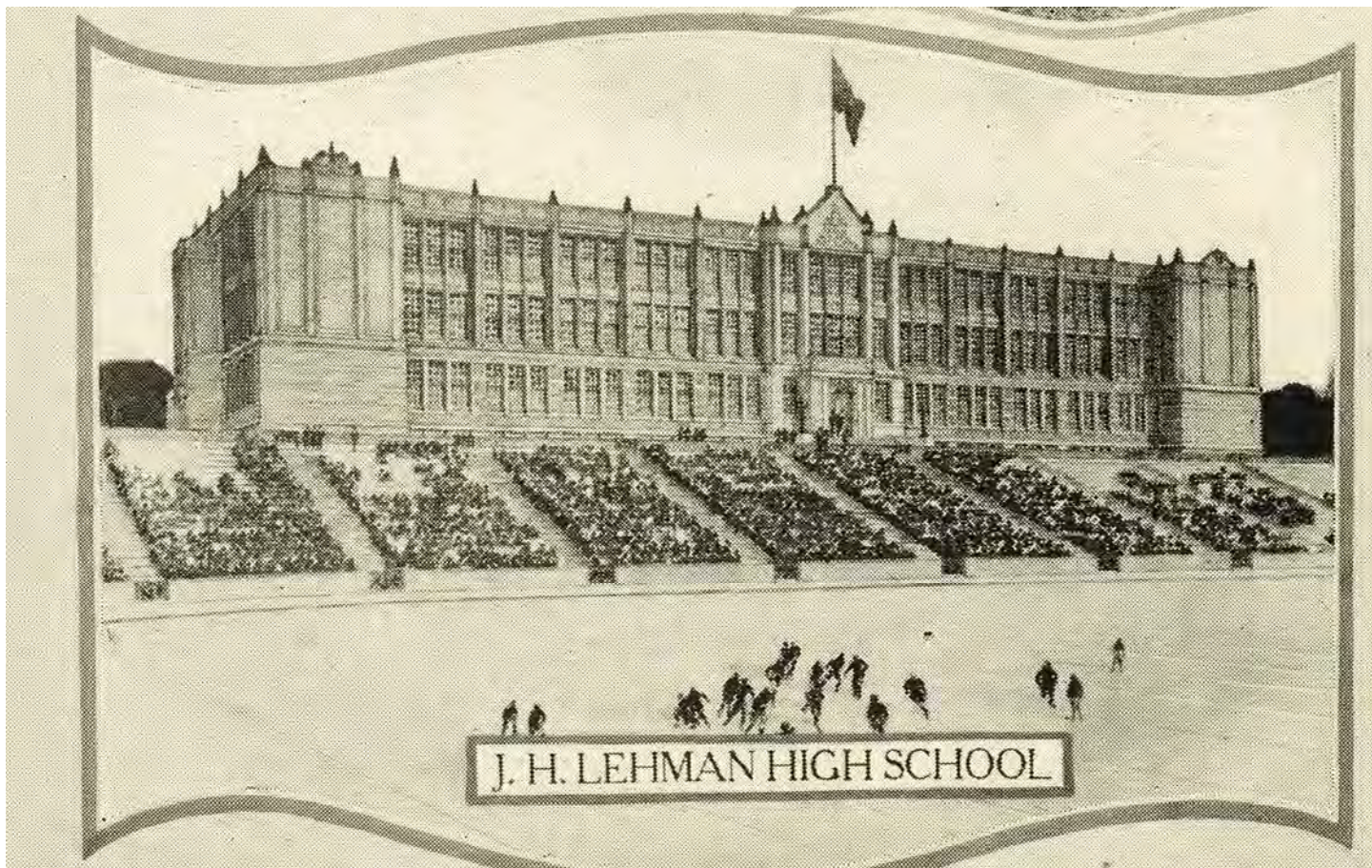


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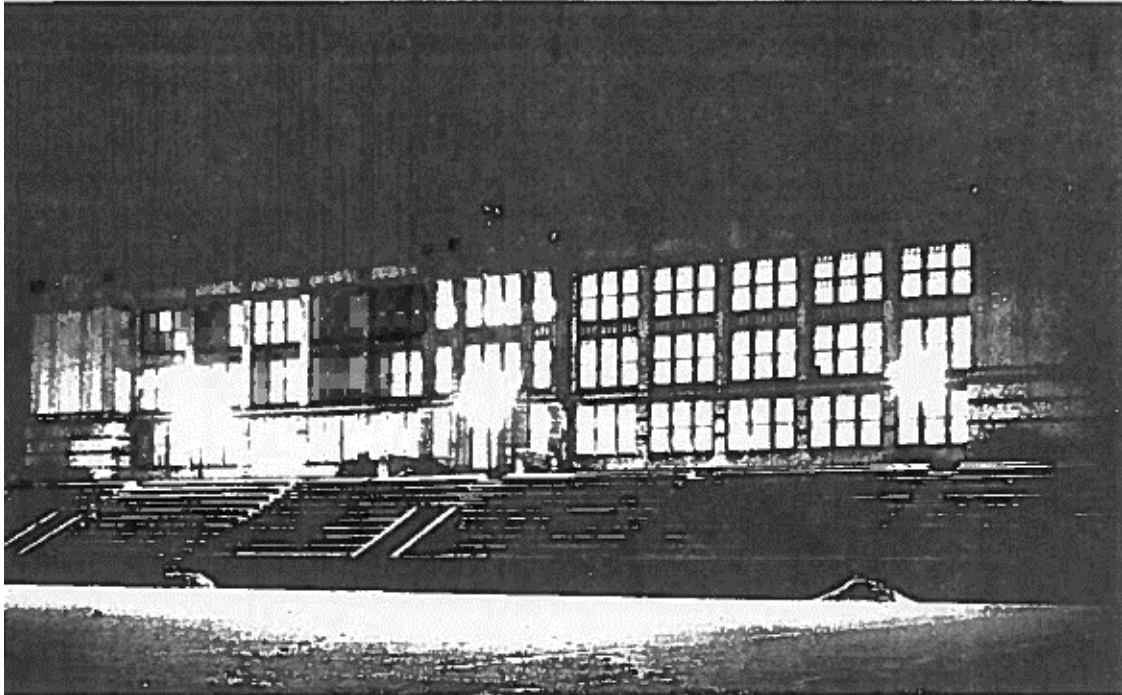


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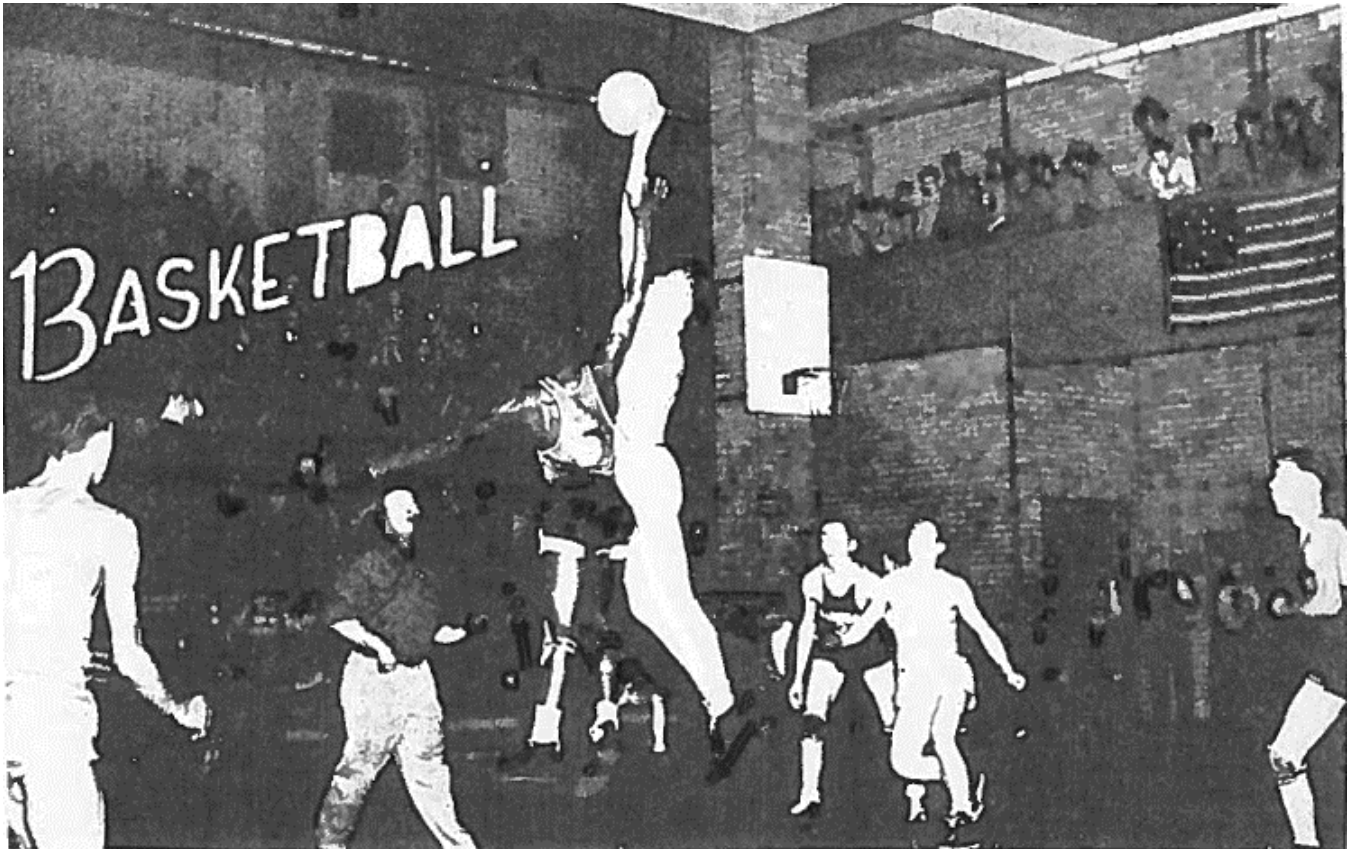


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Figure 11: North High School Canton, Ohio (photo taken between 1920 and 1923).

Note: The new John H. Lehman High School appears to be in construction in the background of the photo (at the left). The west portion of Lehman was built first, starting in 1920 and after it was complete, North High School was demolished for construction of Lehman's east wing.

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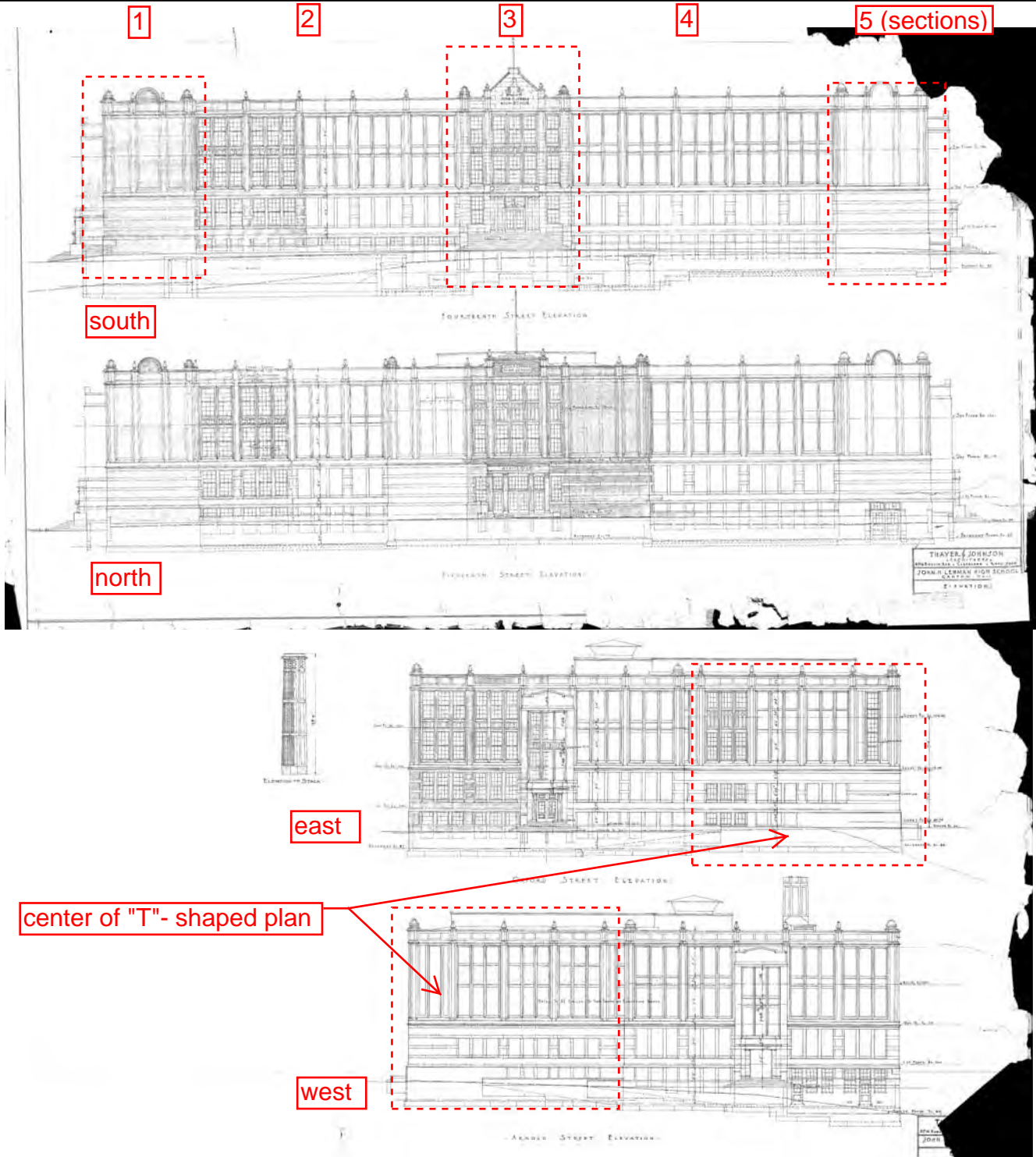


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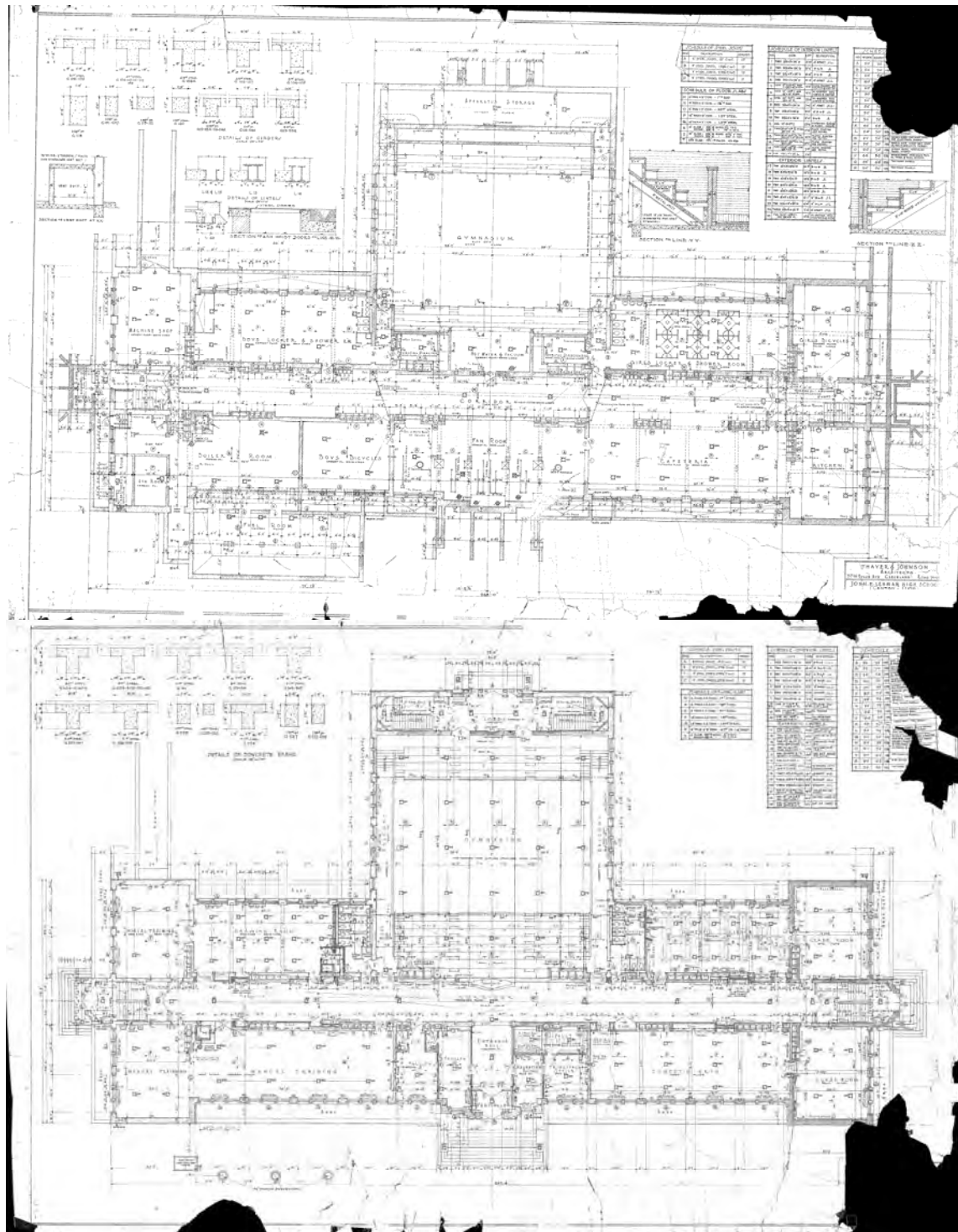


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Second Floor Plan (top); Third Floor Plan (bottom)

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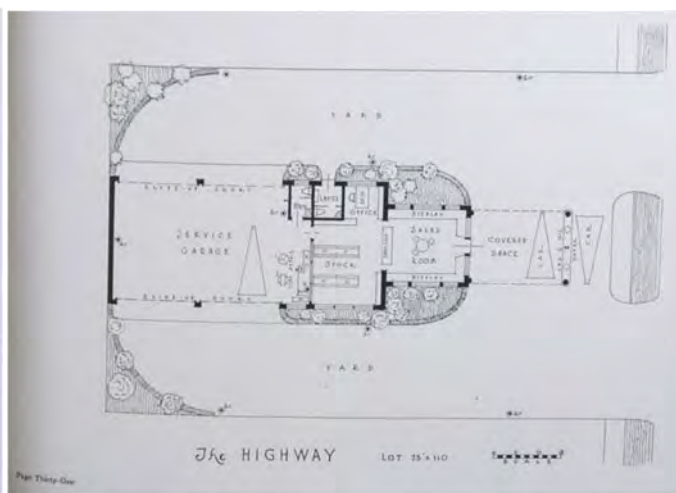


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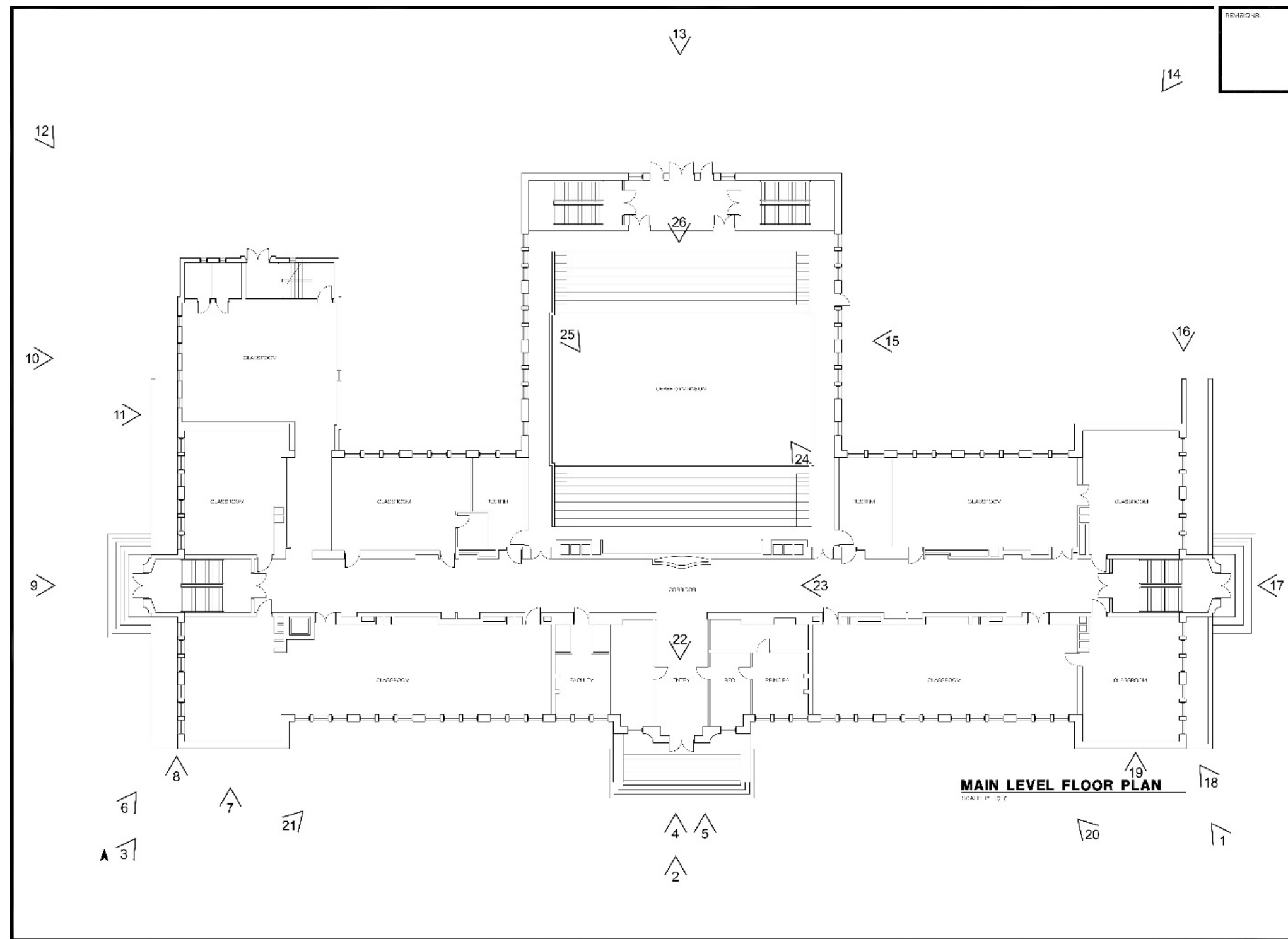


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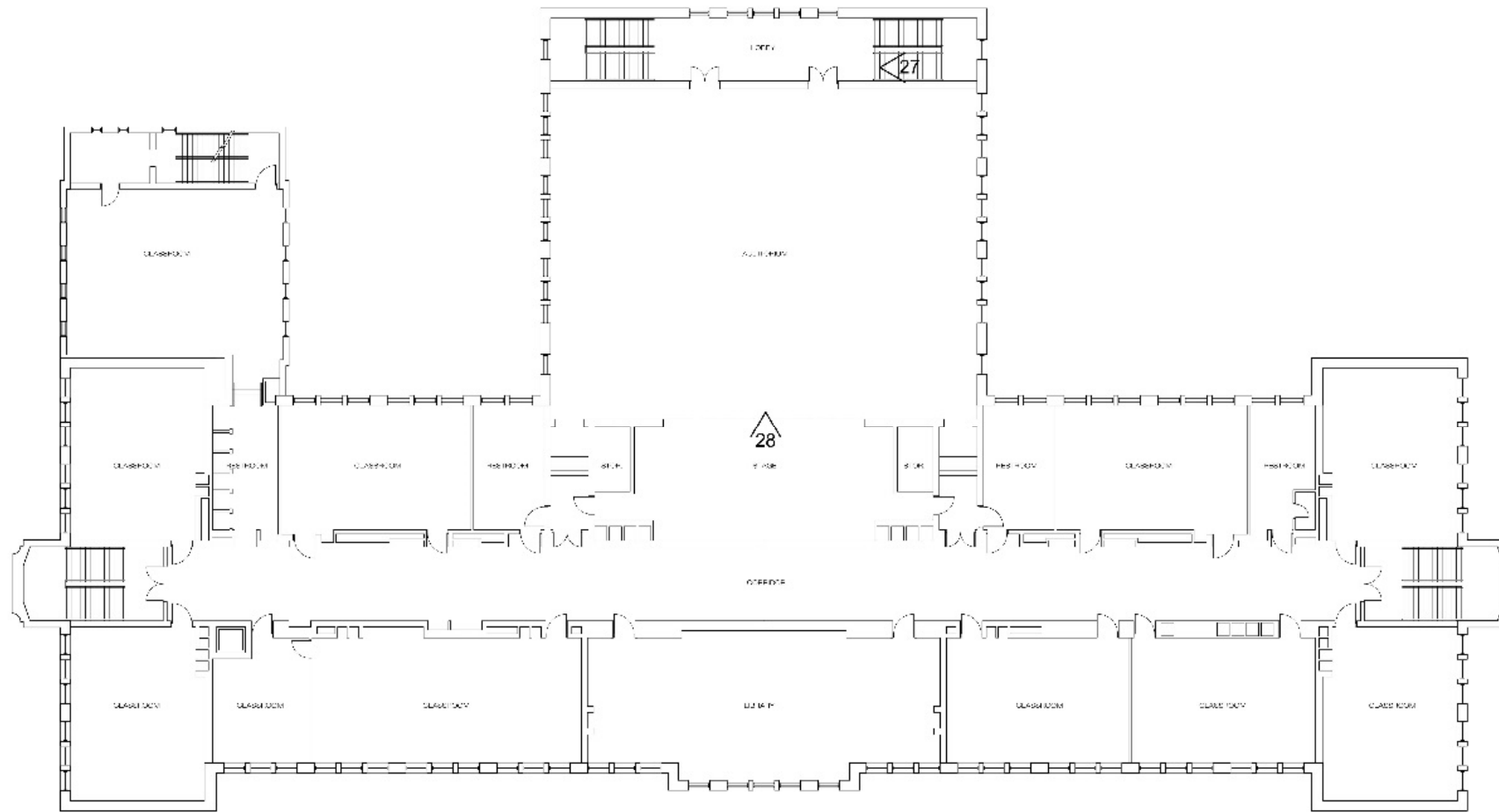
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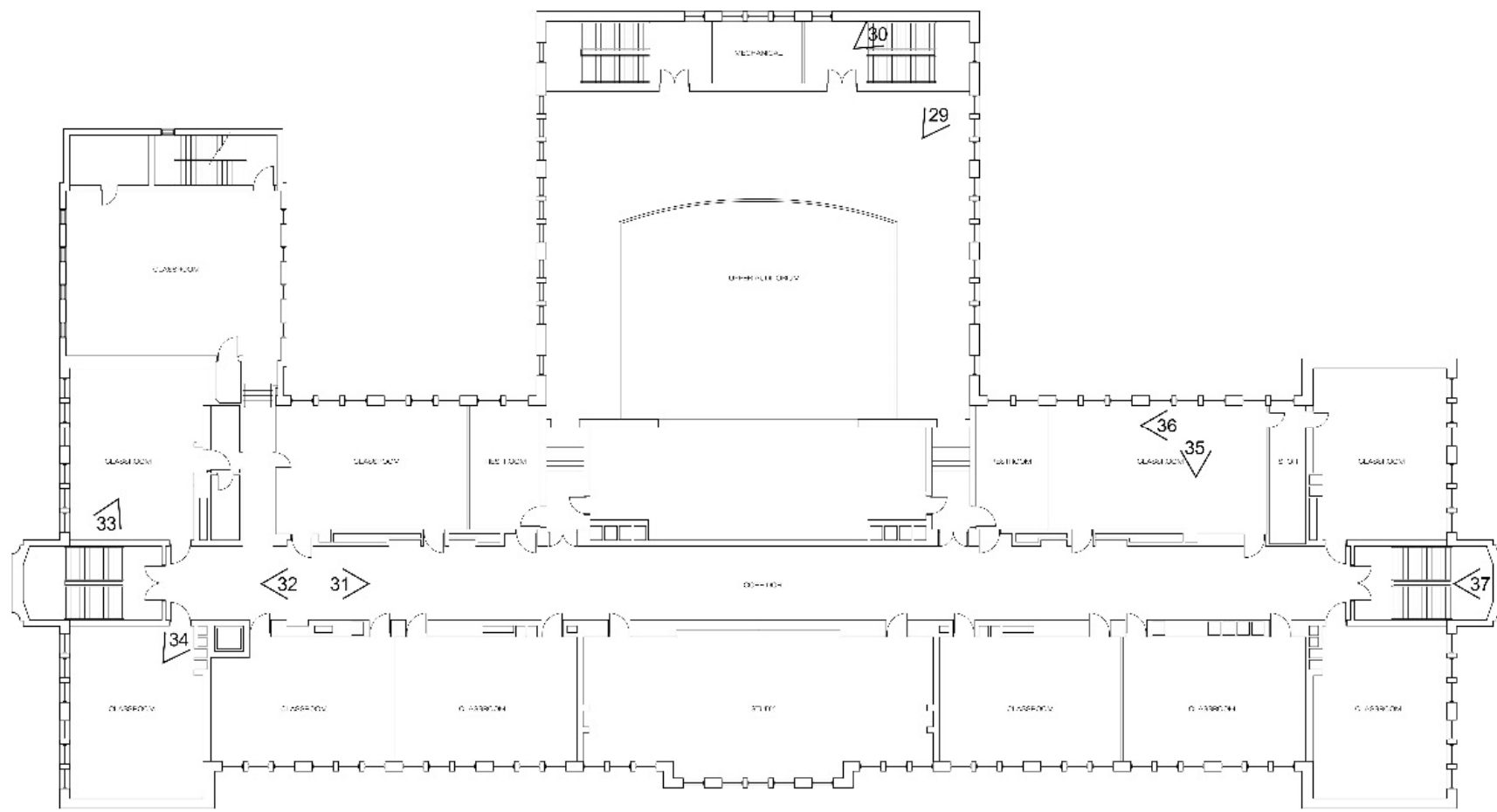
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THIRD LEVEL FLOOR PLAN
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

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Lehman is part of a long list of historic Canton area public schools that have closed, and hence, are in danger of demolition unless new uses can be found for them. A select few schools, as noted, have been adapted for new uses. Historic Canton public schools that were constructed around the time Lehman was built and have closed include:

- 1909, 1924, Washington Elementary School, 1220 9th Street NE at Rowland Avenue (closed 2000)
- 1915, Ira M. Allen Elementary School #1, 11th Street SE at Gonder Avenue SE (closed 2007)
- 1916-1921, McKinley High School #1, 800 Market Avenue North (George F. Hammond; closed 2015); *now McKinley HealthCare Center*
- 1917, Henry S. Martin Elementary School, formerly East 8th Street School/3rd Street SE (closed)
- c. 1920, Garfield Elementary School #2, Garfield Avenue (closed)
- c. 1920, Bezaleel Wells Elementary School #3/South Plum Street School, 6th Street SW at McKinley Avenue (closed)
- **1921, Horace Mann Elementary School, 1731 Grace Street (Thayer & Thayer; closed)**
- **1921-1923, John H. Lehman Junior High School/Lehman High School, 1120 15th Street NW (Thayer & Johnson; closed 2004)**
- 1926, Fairmount Park Elementary School, 2701 Coventry Blvd NE (Charles E. Firestone, closed 2015)
- 1926, Lincoln Junior High School/Lincoln High School (1942-43), 2107 Sixth Street SW (Vernon Redding & Co., Mansfield, closed c. 1978); *now Heritage Christian School*
- 1928, John K. Baxter Elementary School, 13th Street SW (Charles E. Firestone, closed 2008)
- 1932, South High School, 600 Faircrest Street (anticipated closure August 2017)

Figure 19: Historic Public Schools in Canton, Ohio - Closed

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Historic Canton public schools that have been demolished include:

- 1887, Central High School (became a junior high in 1917, demolished 1938 for Timken)
- 1896, 1924, South Market Street Elementary School (date of demolition unknown)
- 1897, North Cherry Street Elementary School (closed 1960, date of demolition unknown)
- 1904, North High School, formerly Bible College in the woods
(became a junior high in 1917, demolished 1923 for Lehman's east wing)
- 1908, Stark Elementary School (date of demolition unknown)
- 1908, Summit Elementary School (date of demolition unknown)
- 1914, 1926, Gibbs Avenue Elementary School (junior high school 1938-1945; demolished 2004)
- 1916, Burns Elementary School (date of demolition unknown)
- 1918, Clarendon Elementary School, 412 Clarendon Avenue NW (demolished c. 2000)
- 1918, Daniel Worley Elementary School (demolished 2003)
- 1921, Archibald McGregor Elementary School (demolished 2007)
- **1921, 1926, Henry S. Belden Elementary School, Belden Avenue and Georgetown Road NE
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- 1923, Cedar Elementary School (demolished c. 2000)

Figure 20: Historic Public Schools in Canton, Ohio - Demolished

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Historic Canton public schools that are open as public schools currently include:

- c.1925, Barbara F. Schreiber Elementary School (Woodland Avenue School), 1503 Woodland Avenue NW
- c. 1930, Belle Stone Elementary School, Rowland Avenue NE and 20th Street NE
- 1939, Timken Vocational High School (until 1976)/ Timken (Senior) High School, 521 Tuscarawas Street West (Charles E. Firestone & Laurence J. Motter, merged with new Canton McKinley in 2015 and serves 9th grade)
 - 1976, Canton McKinley High School, 2323 17th Street NW (2006 addition; merged in 2015 with Timken High School and serves 10-12 grades)

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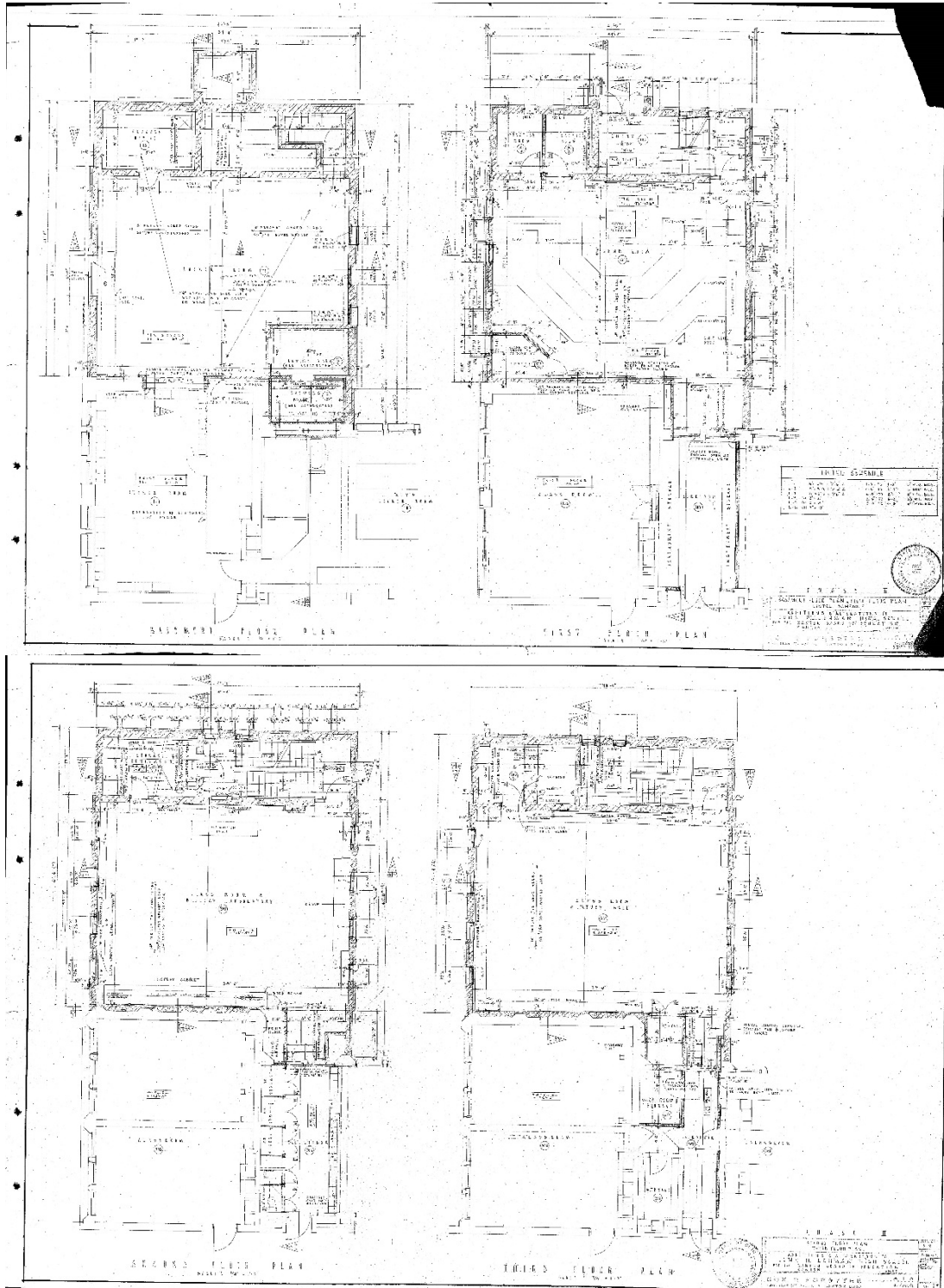


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- NO alcohol or drugs permitted on school property at any time
- NO person shall be permitted on school property while under the influence of alcohol or drugs
- Parking permitted only in designated parking lots
- Grounds for play available on a "first come" basis
- NO overnight parking of vehicles
- NO cleaning or repairing of vehicles
- NO loud music or excessive noise
- NO actions may be exhibited that would create a hazard to person or property

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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 Name: Lehman, John H., High School

Multiple Name:

State & County: OHIO, Stark

Date Received: 7/14/2017 Date of Pending List: 8/9/2017 Date of 16th Day: 8/24/2017 Date of 45th Day: 8/28/2017 Date of Weekly List:

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Accept Return Reject 8/24/2017 Date

Abstract/Summary
Comments:

Recommendation/ Criteria Accept, National Register Criterion C.

Reviewer Patrick Andrus *Patrick Andrus* Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2218 Date 8/24/2017

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THE CITY OF
CANTON
THOMAS M. BERNABEI, MAYOR

June 13, 2017

Ohio Development Services Agency
Office of Strategic Business Investments
77 South High Street, 28th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Lehman High School, Canton Ohio

Dear Board Members:

The City of Canton supports the nomination for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for Lehman High School. The nomination validates our efforts to date to redevelop the building and not demolish it.

The City has been working with the developer, a.m. RODRIGUEZ ASSOCIATES inc., to create a redevelopment plan for the building that would convert it to apartments for seniors. The developer has extensive experience in the adaptive reuse of schools into housing for seniors. We believe that is an ideal proposed use given the structure and its location in a residential neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Fonda P. Williams
Deputy Mayor, City of Canton

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The following materials are submitted on July 10, 2017
For nomination of the Lehman High School to the National Register of
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- Original USGS map(s)
___ Paper Digital
- Sketch map(s)/Photograph view map(s)/Floor plan(s)
___ Paper PDF
- Piece(s) of correspondence
___ Paper PDF
- ___ Other _____

COMMENTS:

- ___ Please provide a substantive review of this nomination
- This property has been certified under 36 CFR 67
- ___ The enclosed owner objection(s) do _____ do not _____
Constitute a majority of property owners
- ___ Other: _____



July 10, 2017

J. Paul Loether, Deputy Keeper and Chief, National Register
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National Park Service
National Register of Historic Places
Mail Stop 7228
1849 C St, NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Loether:

Enclosed please find three (3) new National Register nomination for Ohio. All appropriate notification procedures have been followed for the nomination submissions.

NEW NOMINATION

East Boulevard Apartment House
George F. Sands School
John H. Lehman High School

COUNTY

Cuyahoga
Hamilton
Stark

The enclosed disks contain the true and correct copy of the nomination to the National Register of Historic Places for the following: East Boulevard Apartment House, Cuyahoga County; George F. Sands School, Hamilton County; and John H. Lehman High School, Stark County, Ohio.

If you have questions or comments about these documents, please contact the National Register staff in the Ohio Historic Preservation Office at (614) 298-2000.

Sincerely,


for Lox A. Logan, Jr.
Executive Director and CEO
State Historic Preservation Officer
Ohio History Connection

Enclosures