

140-0110 DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Mooreville Friends Academy Building  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
244 N. Monroe Street  
CITY, TOWN  
Mooreville  
STATE  
Indiana  
VICINITY OF  
6th  
COUNTY  
Morgan  
CODE  
18  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
6th  
CODE  
029

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
Mooreville Consolidated School Corporation  
STREET & NUMBER  
202 North Indiana Street  
CITY, TOWN  
Mooreville  
STATE  
Indiana

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Morgan County Courthouse page X-478 Book of Deeds for 1861  
STREET & NUMBER  
Square  
CITY, TOWN  
Martinsville  
STATE  
Indiana

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory  
DATE  
April 1971  
DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS  
Library of Congress  
CITY, TOWN  
Washington D.C.  
X FEDERAL  
STATE  
COUNTY  
LOCAL

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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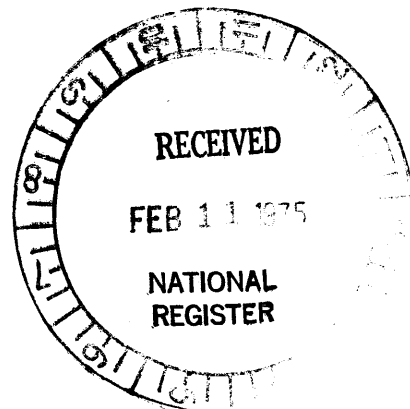
### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Originally constructed 1860-61 this two story bearing wall brick structure was rectangular in shape with a low gabled roof, a plain cornice and very low relief pilasters, four on the front and five on each side. Two of the side pilasters towards the rear extended through the roof as chimneys. This two classroom school, 34' x 44', cost \$3702.03 including a stove, desks, seats, and a set of chairs for each room. A hallway and stairwell ran across the front of the building to give access to the rooms. The main or front facade of this building had a centered door with a semicircular arch, an arched window on the second floor with two units, each arched to form a three arch pattern. The nine over nine sash windows have segmental arched lintels and louvered shutters.

A 24' addition in 1867 across the rear of the building was compatible with the rest of the building. The composition of the main facade was maintained and the rhythm of the pilasters was maintained. This addition did change some of the Greek revival feeling by lengthening in the building so it was not so close to having temple proportions.

In 1883 a 72' x 32' addition was placed across the front of the building but this was removed in 1936. It now contains two school rooms with fifteen foot ceilings and is being used by the Morgan County Historical Society for storage and offices.

The building is in good condition and structurally sound and appears much as it did after the 1867 addition.



# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Mooresville Friends Academy Building is important for its association with the development of education in Indiana and because it is a surviving example of quality pre-Civil War educational architecture. The Quakers had strong influence on the development of education in Indiana and this building illustrates the Quakers' and local interest in and need for higher education facilities through the quality of construction and design. Until 1883 when the town of Mooresville took over the school it was managed by the Quakers but was clearly not a school intended only for Quakers. In 1865 records indicate that out of 102 students 80 were Quakers. This building served its educational purpose from 1861 until 1971 with the exception of a few months in 1936 and 1966.

Constructed with private funds supplied by the White Lick Meeting and the townspeople of Mooresville it was known as the Quaker Academy because of a sophisticated curriculum offering Astronomy, Geometry, Trigonometry, Calculus, Geology, Latin, German, and Greek.

Architecturally, it maintains the simple lines, classic proportions, and sound construction typical of the period while very mild classic references reflect the Quaker preference. One of the last Quaker Academy Buildings left standing in the state it perhaps has the most integrity of any. The Mooresville Friends Academy also continues its role in education by housing the Morgan County Historical Society which is moving forward with plans for renovation.



