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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
 Public School Number 2
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Mill and Passaic Streets
CITY, TOWN
Paterson
STATE
New Jersey
VICINITY OF
8th
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
8th
COUNTY
Passaic
CODE
34
CODE
031

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Department of Transportation
STREET & NUMBER
1035 Parkway Avenue
CITY, TOWN
Trenton
STATE
New Jersey

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Office of Records
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN
Paterson
STATE
New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory
DATE
1977
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Office of Historic Preservation, 109 W. State Street
CITY, TOWN
Trenton
STATE
New Jersey
_FEDERAL STATE _COUNTY _LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Public School Number Two is Victorian Gothic in style. The architect was E.J.M. Derrick of Paterson.

Built in 1871, Public School Number Two in Paterson is a 2 1/2 story brick educational facility.

There is a six bay front facade massing with projecting entrance bay. Main entrance bay is arcaded.

The entire building has a slate Mansard roof, originally with interrupting jerkinhead dormers, but currently shed dormers. Atop the roof at the entrance was a steep-pitched hip-roofed open wooden belfry. This Eastlavian belfry has been removed.

Below the corniced eave of the roof is an arcade corbel table. A portion of this has been covered over by a wooden frieze. Two-thirds up the second floor arched window is brick dentil molded belt coursing. Dividing the first and second floor is another belt course; this one being three simple rows of projecting bricks.

The front corners of the school have double buttressing capped in brownstone. The windows are all 2/2 sash with hoodmolds.

The main unit of the school is a H-form, probably six rooms to a floor, although access to the interior of the structure was not made. Off the northeast facade is a two story flat-roofed single bay wing. It appears to have been constructed during the 1930-40 period.

The rear of the original unit has an end chimney which dominates the southwest facade of the structure. This chimney originally had a hip roof with cresting at the peak. Now capped by a metal cover the corbelled brickwork is still most pronounced.

The school as originally built was surrounded by an ornately designed iron fence embedded in a raised concrete foundation. While the foundation is still extant the fence is now a most plain series of welded rods. The second quarter 20th century street lights frame the school quite nicely.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input 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

1871

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

E.J.M. Derrick

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

EDUCATION

Public School Number Two was one of twelve public educational buildings in industrial Paterson during the last quarter of the 19th century. Of the seven remaining 19th century elementary schools Number Two is the oldest extant.

Built in 1871 to replace a deteriorating schoolhouse at Ellison Street, School Number Two was designed by architect E.J.M. Derrick of Paterson and erected by builders John P. Post and Sons at a cost of about \$25,000. It was the seventh public school built in Paterson at the time.

The school opened in the spring of 1871 with Sarah J. Perry as principal.

Paterson's rapid industrial growth in the mid-19th century closely parallels its educational development. Between 1865 and 1880 Paterson's population doubled and so did the number of children enrolled in the area's public schools. At mid-century Paterson evidently recognized the importance of an effective public education system as evidenced by the establishment of a Board of Education and the beginning of a building program. As a result, in the next twenty years, twelve public schools were constructed in Paterson to meet the demands for more classroom space. By 1890 there were three more schools. At this time there were 220 teachers and 15,000 pupils. Acting as a primary and grammar school, there were 873 pupils enrolled in Public School Number Two with an average attendance of 534 students and fifteen instructors. One of two elementary schools in Paterson's ethnic Dublin area, the students were primarily children of Irish, German, and Scotch immigrants.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre
 UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 8	5, 6, 9, 2, 8, 0	4, 5, 2, 9, 4, 7, 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Beginning at the intersection of Mill and Passaic Streets proceed along Passaic Street 150 feet NE; thence proceed 150 feet SE; thence proceed 150 feet SW to Mill Street; thence proceed along Mill Street 200 feet NW to the point of origin.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Terry Karschner, Historic Preservation Specialist I
 ORGANIZATION Office of Historic Preservation DATE 9/1977
 STREET & NUMBER 109 West State Street TELEPHONE (609) 292-2028
 CITY OR TOWN Trenton STATE New Jersey

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

Deputy [Signature]
 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

10-28-77

TITLE Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Protection DATE

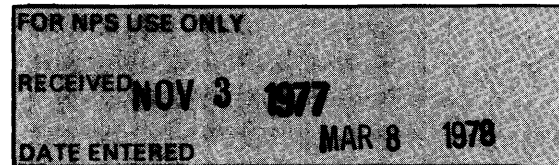
FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

[Signature] DATE 3-8-78
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: [Signature] DATE 3-6-78
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

Since the great majority of pupils had left school by the conclusion of grammar school, a special effort was made to provide youngsters with the most practical education as possible. Subjects taught in School Number Two and the other elementary schools in Paterson included reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, grammar, geography, U.S. History, civil government, physiology, hygiene, and drawing.

School Number Two served as a city educational facility for some 65 years.

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