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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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

Historic name Old Gerald School

Other names/site number N/A

Name of related Multiple Property Listing N/A

## 2. Location

Street & number 111 W. Third Street N/A not for publication

City or town Gerald N/A vicinity

State Missouri Code MO County Franklin Code 071 Zip code 63037

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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

I hereby certify that this  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  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  local

Applicable National Register Criteria:  A  B  C  D

  
Signature of certifying official/Title Mark A. Miles, Deputy SHPO

May 15, 2014  
Date

Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
State or Federal agency/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 agency/bureau or Tribal Government \_\_\_\_\_

## 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:) \_\_\_\_\_

  
Signature of the Keeper

6/27/14  
Date of Action

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**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	private
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	public - Local
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - State
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only one box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	district
<input type="checkbox"/>	site
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure
<input type="checkbox"/>	object

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

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

**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.)

Work in Progress

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Late 19<sup>th</sup> and Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Revivals:

Georgian Revival

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: Concrete

walls: Brick

roof: Metal

other:

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION ON CONTINUTATION PAGES

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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.)

Property is:

- 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.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE ON CONTINUATION PAGES

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography** (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

**Areas of Significance**

Education \_\_\_\_\_

Architecture \_\_\_\_\_

**Period of Significance**

1910-1951 \_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**

1948 (Kitchen/Lunchroom added) \_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A \_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A \_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Builder**

unknown \_\_\_\_\_

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Acreege of Property Less than 1 acre

**Latitude/Longitude Coordinates**

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

1 38.4020 -91.3329 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Latitude: Longitude: Latitude: Longitude:

2 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
Latitude: Longitude: Latitude: Longitude:

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

\_\_\_\_\_ NAD 1927 or \_\_\_\_\_ NAD 1983

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2 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

**Verbal Boundary Description** (On continuation sheet)

**Boundary Justification** (On continuation sheet)

**11. Form Prepared By**

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**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**
- **Photographs**
- **Owner Name and Contact Information**
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

**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.

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## 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:

Name of Property: Old Gerald School

City or Vicinity: Gerald

County: Franklin State: MO

Photographer: Nancy C. Bush

Date  
Photographed: January 23, 2013, June 24, 2013, November 11, 2013

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

1 of 11 (MO\_Franklin County\_Old Gerald School\_0001)  
South façade, camera facing north.

2 of 11 (MO\_Franklin County\_Old Gerald School\_0002)  
South façade, camera facing north.

3 of 11 (MO\_Franklin County\_Old Gerald School\_0003)  
East elevation, camera facing west.

4 of 11 (MO\_Franklin County\_Old Gerald School\_0004)  
North elevation, camera facing south.

5 of 11 (MO\_Franklin County\_Old Gerald School\_0005)  
West elevation, camera facing east.

6 of 11 (MO\_Franklin County\_Old Gerald School\_0006)  
South façade(left) and east elevation(right), camera facing northwest.

7 of 11 (MO\_Franklin County\_Old Gerald School\_0007)  
East elevation(left) and north elevation(right), camera facing southwest.

8 of 11 (MO\_Franklin County\_Old Gerald School\_0008)  
First floor east classroom, camera facing northeast.

9 of 11 (MO\_Franklin County\_Old Gerald School\_0009)  
Staircase taken from first floor, camera facing north.

10 of 11 (MO\_Franklin County\_Old Gerald School\_0010)  
Second floor east classroom, camera facing northeast.

11 of 11 (MO\_Franklin County\_Old Gerald School\_0011)  
Second floor west classroom, camera facing northeast.

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**Figure Log:**

Include figures on continuation pages at the end of the nomination.

#1 Site Map

#2 Contextual Map

#3 Photo of Gerald School, 1910.

#4 Drawing of Old Gerald School, South (Front) Elevation.

#5 Drawing of Old Gerald School, East Elevation.

#6 Drawing of Old Gerald School, North (Rear) Elevation.

#7 Drawing of Old Gerald School, West Elevation.

#8 Sketch of First Floor Plan of Old Gerald School.

#9 Sketch of Second Floor Plan of Old Gerald School.

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**SUMMARY**

Gerald is located approximately 70 miles west of downtown St. Louis, Missouri and approximately 60 miles east of the state capital of Jefferson City, Missouri.

The Old Gerald School is located at 111 West Third Street, Gerald, Franklin County, Missouri and situated at the corner of West Third and Cedar Streets. The two story brick building was constructed in 1910 (an example of architecture influenced by the Georgian Revival Style). This style consists of a two story façade with the same number of windows on either side on a central doorway (Photo 1) with the entrance and stair hall at the center of the building (Photo 9).

The Old Gerald School sits on a small level lot in the northwest portion of the city between a residential area and the commercial part. The entrance faces south onto West Third Street and the west of the building faces Cedar Street. There is a small lawn at the front, but the majority of the area is used for a wide sidewalk that leads to two concrete steps at the front double doors. A narrow sidewalk runs near and parallel to the building (Photo 1). During its original use, there was a dirt ball field to the west and outhouses for the students to the north. Bathrooms were added in the southeast corner of the basement, one for the boys and one for the girls. This was during the period of significance of the property. A bathroom was added to the first floor in 1997, after the period of significance. A large school bell was added on top of the metal hip roof shortly after the completion of the construction. Two brick chimneys on either side of the bell were used for the stoves that heated the building for the schoolchildren. Cast iron star shaped anchor plates were used for structural reinforcement. They served as washers for tie rods on the brick building to brace the walls and keep them from bowing (Photo 1).

The two story brick building sits on a concrete foundation made from local creek gravel. Both the exterior and interior walls are brick. The building is a simple rectangular design typical of Georgian Revival architecture, measuring 66 feet by 36 feet (Photo 1). At the time of construction, there were thirty large double hung windows measuring 3 feet by 7.5 feet. Above each of the windows are segmented arches. The windows allowed for ventilation and natural light for the classrooms. When the Old Gerald School was constructed, there were an equal number of window to each side of the center doorway. When the building was owned by Beaufort Transfer Trucking Company, shortly after 1952 and after the period of significance of the building, two of the large windows to the left (west) of the entrance were removed and replaced with double doors (Photo 1). This made it possible for the company to utilize the building for storage. In 1948, during the period of significance, a kitchen was added to the rear (north) of the building so that warm lunches could be served to the schoolchildren. All that remains of the addition are five concrete piers and a tar line where the roof was attached to the brick (Photo 4). A dentilled cornice circles the entire building directly under the metal guttering (Photos 1-7)

**SOUTH ELEVATION**

The entrance to this two story brick building is on the south elevation. Because the school has a partial basement, the only windows of the basement on the front façade are located to the east (right) of the entrance. The windows have a solid oak framework and currently have a heavy metal screen and plywood. The original double doors at the center of the south façade were six panel wooden doors. A transom with two panes of glass is above the doors. The doors were replaced after the period of significance by the Beaufort Transfer Trucking Company. Two of the original windows to the west (left) of the entrance were replaced with double doors by the trucking company. The replacement doors match the main entrance doors except for the transom. There are currently eleven windows on the south elevation measuring 3 feet by 7.5 feet. The original windows were double hung which allowed for ventilation of the large classrooms. The windows were replaced by a single ¼ inch thick smoky tempered glass panel placed inside the opening and against the wooden framework which gives the appearance of eight separate panes of glass. This was done after the period of significance of the building. The sills of the

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windows are concrete. Above the windows are segmented arches. There is triple rowlock of bricks in these arches. The windows on the second floor have a single rowlock of bricks in the segmented arch. Cast iron star-shaped anchors were used for supports between the first and second floor to keep the building from bowing. Between the top of the entrance door transom and the middle second floor window is a concrete insert which states that the building was a "Public School" with the date 1910 (Photo 2). At the very top of the building is a cornice using dentils as decorations. The dentils are small repeating blocks used as the ornament of the cornice. They have a projection which is equal to its width and spaces between which are equal to one-half of the width. The metal hip roof has a steep slope of nearly 45 degrees. There is a brick chimney on either side of a large school bell tower (Photo 1).

**EAST ELEVATION**

The entrance to the partial basement is located on the east elevation with a ramp leading to a single wooden door without windows. There is one basement window on either side of the doorway. The windows are currently covered with plywood and heavy gauge metal screens. There are four windows for the first floor classroom and four directly above them for the second floor classroom. These windows are the same style and measurements as the front façade with the same size and type of concrete sills and arches. Three cast iron star-shaped anchor plates are located at the space between the first and second floors. The cornice at the roof is the same as the primary façade (Photo 3).

**NORTH ELEVATION**

The rear of the building faces north. There are only two basement windows on the north because of the partial basement. The windows have a solid oak framework and currently have a piece of plywood on the inside of heavy metal screens. Five concrete piers remain next to the building below the level of the first floor. These piers were for the support of the kitchen that was added to the school in 1948. There are original double wooden doors in the center of the first floor of this elevation. These doors each have six wooden panels. Above the doors is a segmental arch with triple rowlock bricks. Above the segmental arch is an outside single light fixture. Still remaining on the rear of the building is a tar line from where the roof of the kitchen was attached. Eight cast iron star-shaped anchor plates are located at the floor joist between the first and second floors. The single window for the rear of the building is centered above the double doors. It is located at the landing of the interior staircase. It has a segmental arch with double rowlock bricks and a concrete sill. The same style cornice as the primary façade was used for the rear of the building just below the guttering. An attic vent in the metal hip roof is located above the single window (Photo 4).

**WEST ELEVATION**

The west elevation is similar in architecture to the primary façade. It faces Cedar Street. No basement windows are located on the west because of the partial basement crawl space. There are four windows on the first floor and four directly above on the second floor. The windows are the same size with the same segmental arches and concrete sills as the primary façade. Three cast iron star-shaped anchor plates are located at the space between the first and second floors. The same style cornice with the same style dentils are used for the entire building (Photo 5).

**INTERIOR**

The interior walls are brick that have been covered with plaster and blackboards (Photos 8 & 10). On either side of the center hallway and staircase are large classrooms. At the end of the first floor hallway are double doors which led to the kitchen that was added in 1948 (Photo 9). The doorway to the



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basement is near the end of the hallway, to the left and under the first floor staircase. The doorway to the bathroom that was added in 1997 is at the end of the hallway and to the right (east). The bathroom takes its space out of the first floor east classroom at the northwest corner.

The high ceilings are tongue and grooved pine bead board (Photos 10 & 11). There were four ceiling light fixtures in each classroom. A dropped ceiling was added by the Beaufort Transfer Trucking Company after the period of significance, but all that remains is some of the metal framework. The floors are made of six inch wide pine boards (Photo 8). The second floor has two large classrooms similar to those on the first floor. At the south end of the upstairs hallway is a small room with a Dutch door. The room was where the library for the students was located during the period of significance of the property.

The interior of the building has not significantly changed since its construction in 1910. There has been some vandalism, which includes broken windows. Weather has affected the building. Water has leaked through the roof and damaged the ceilings and floors.

**INTEGRITY**

There have been minimal alterations to the Old Gerald School since its construction in 1910. Two of the windows to the left of the entrance were removed and replaced with double doors by a trucking company so they could use the building for storage. Because some of the windows had been broken by vandalism, they were replaced by solid sheets of smoky tempered glass. The kitchen at the rear of the building has been removed but the piers and a tar line still remain as evidence of its location. Many of the "blackboards" still remain in the classrooms and are the ones that are made of slate. Despite these alterations, the Old Gerald School still possesses integrity and reflects its historic appearance.

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**SUMMARY**

The Old Gerald School, located at 111 West Third Street, Gerald, Franklin County, Missouri, is significant under Criterion A: Education. From 1910 to 1951, it was the only school in the area to offer eight grades plus two years of high school. It is significant under Criterion C: Architecture because it is the only example of Georgian Revival influenced architecture in Gerald. Its rectangular design with symmetrical window arrangement, central doorway, panel front doors topped with a transom, cornice with dentil work, hipped roof and large windows indicate the Georgian Revival influence on the school's architectural style. When the only one room schoolhouse in town was no longer sufficient for all the children, the current Old Gerald School was constructed in nearby in 1910. The period of significance ended in 1951 when a new school was built at the west edge of town and the old school building was sold.

**ELABORATION**

History of Gerald, Missouri

Shotwell was a small community two miles east of what is now Gerald. It was founded on Springfield Road in 1855 and was an important trading post. This road was a famous route from St. Louis to Springfield, Missouri used for cattle drives from Texas to the markets in St. Louis. It was also a stagecoach route and a mail delivery route because it had a post office.<sup>1</sup> Around 1901, the Rock Island Railroad laid tracks through the area of what is now Gerald. It was necessary for Gerald to have a train stop for freight and mail. A depot was built in 1902 and the village was incorporated in 1907. The stop needed a name and was named for the local physician, Dr. Fitzgerald, who was at the time the owner of much of the land in the area; the "Fitz" prefix was removed during the naming.<sup>2</sup> As businesses and trade moved from Shotwell to Gerald, it was the beginning of Gerald and the end of the community of Shotwell. The town of Gerald began to flourish because it was a stop for freight delivered by the railroad. Besides freight trains, the Rock Island Railroad had a passenger service which was cancelled through Gerald in March 1950.<sup>3</sup>

History of Public Education in the United States

In the late 1700s and early 1800s, parents taught their children at home, and if they could afford it, they would hire tutors. The Puritans were the first in the United States to see a need for public education. They established schools for the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic as well as religion. By the 1840s, a few public schools were built in the communities that could afford them.<sup>4</sup> By 1900, 34 states had compulsory schooling laws, and by 1910, 72% of American children attended school and one-half of those attended one-room schoolhouses.<sup>5</sup>

History of Franklin County, Missouri Schools

Franklin County was organized in 1818 and named for Benjamin Franklin.<sup>6</sup> In 1821, after Missouri became a state, the Franklin County Court's first action was to establish public schools. They appointed four citizens to oversee the sale of lands which had been donated for school purposes. The funds from the

1 Malcolm C. Drummond, *Historic Sites in Franklin County MO* (Harland Bartholomew and Associates, 1978), 81.

2 Goodspeed, *History of Franklin, Jefferson, Washington, Crawford, Gasconade Counties* (Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1888), 748.

3 Opal Schulte, "Gerald Wanderings" (Gerald, MO, 1976).

4 "How Public Schools Work-History of Public Schools in America," accessed November 25, 2013, <http://www.peoplehowstuffworks.com/public-schools.htm>

5 "History of Education, Mann Reforms," accessed November 25, 2013, <http://wikipedia.org/wiki/Historyofeducation>.

6 "Franklin County Missouri," accessed November 15, 2013, <http://www.genealogytrails.com/mo/franklin/index.html>.

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sale of these lands were used to establish a school in each of the nineteen townships. By 1850 there were nineteen public schools. Over one-half were one room schoolhouses with only one teacher for up to 90 students. By the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century several of the small rural schools were consolidated into one district. Before the consolidation, primary education took place in one room schoolhouses.<sup>7</sup> In 1905, a compulsory attendance law was passed that required all children the ages of eight and fourteen to attend school.<sup>8</sup> This increased the number of students thus requiring larger classrooms and larger schools.

The rural country school was the backbone of American education. As late as 1913, one-half of children were enrolled in the country's 212,000 one room schoolhouses.<sup>9</sup> The 19<sup>th</sup> century schools had the bare necessities. The design was simple, showing the frugality of the rural agricultural area. The buildings contained one room and perhaps a small coat room for the students. The teacher was usually an unmarried female who would stay with local families. Occasionally, a student may have been older than the teacher. The students of all ages were taught by their abilities rather than their age. There may have been only one to five students per grade of the eight grades. At times there were no students in a grade class.<sup>10</sup> The value of education in the community was evident by the fact that farmers supplied wood for the stoves to keep the classrooms warm and would build desks for the students and teacher. If there was a stable for the students' horses, parents would keep them supplied with hay. The schools became a community center for public meetings, Christmas pageants, spelling bees and box suppers.<sup>11</sup>

#### Area Schools

There were several one room schoolhouses in the area. Rock Ridge, Pin Oak, Buffalo Ridge, Beemont, Evergreen, Good Hope, Oak Grove, Champion City and Walbert were near what is now Gerald. The school for the community in the late 1800s was the Old Evergreen log school, which no longer exists. Since the district was very large and the school became crowded, the district split. The new Evergreen School was built about three miles south of town and the first school for the community of Gerald was built just to the northwest. Soon there were 90 students in this one room school and only one teacher, so a new frame schoolhouse, which no longer exists, was built in Gerald by W.F. Gottenstroetter around 1907. As Gerald grew, it soon became evident that the frame schoolhouse was no longer sufficient for all the students.<sup>12</sup> Construction of a new larger school was necessary for the growing town and larger number of students.

The Gerald School Board decided to build a two story brick building with four large classrooms in 1910. This is now the Old Gerald School. It is significant under Criterion A: Education because it was the only public school where students received eight grades of schooling as well as two years of high school. This made the Old Gerald School important because students could receive ten years of their education or they could choose Owensville, Union or Sullivan for four years of high school. Some of the students stayed with relatives or families and worked for room and board. Those who left for Owensville or Union could ride the Rock Island Railroad to come home on weekends.<sup>13</sup> The new larger school represents a major turning point of public schools in Franklin County.

<sup>7</sup> Stanley Wilke, *Yesterday in Franklin County* (Columbia, MO: State Historical Society of MO, 1980).

<sup>8</sup> Claude A. Phillips, *A History of Education in Missouri* (Jefferson City, MO: The Hugh Stephens Printing Co., 1911).

<sup>9</sup> "One Room Schoolhouse-History of a One Room School House." accessed November 24, 2013, <http://www.oneroomschoolhouse.edublogs.org>.

<sup>10</sup> "The Story of American Public Education." accessed November 11, 2013, <http://www.pbs.org/ketcc/publicschool>.

<sup>11</sup> Ibid.

<sup>12</sup> Opal Schulte, *"Gerald Wanderings"* (Gerald, MO, 1976).

<sup>13</sup> Nancy Bush, *conservations with my father, John W. Vossbrink (1910-1996)*.

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Subjects taught in the primary grades were spelling, English, science, reading and penmanship. Subjects in the Freshman year were general mathematics, civics, English, world geography, literature, spelling and physical education. Those students in their Sophomore year were taught algebra, world history, English, world geography, literature, spelling and physical education. Classes ranged in size from two students in the late 1920s to as many as thirty-three in the late 1940s. The Old Gerald School had two teachers plus a principal.<sup>14</sup> Students of the Old Gerald School were mainly of German-Irish ancestry with a few of English ancestry.

In 1950, the Gerald School District requested the state to reorganize with several country schools and make a new Gerald District (R-9). A bond issue was voted on, land was purchased, and in 1951 a new school was built southwest of the Old Gerald School. Thus, this marked the closing date of the period of significance for the Old Gerald School. In 1952 it was sold for \$5200.00 to J.F. Landwehr and later sold to the Beaufort Transfer Trucking Company. In the late 1900s, the school was given to the Gerald Historical Society by Olin Flotmann (owner of the trucking company) and John Meyer.<sup>15</sup>

Criterion C – Architecture

The Old Gerald School is significant in architecture as well as education. It is the only example in Gerald, Missouri of Georgian Revival style influenced architecture. Although the school is relatively unadorned, elements of the Georgian Revival style appear in numerous instances on the building's architecture. Georgian Revival is a subtype of Colonial Revival architecture. Colonial Revival (1870-1920) was an American style. Early Americans began to value their heritage. Georgian Revival followed the Colonial Style, usually two stories with the ridge pole parallel to the street, a symmetrical front façade with an accented doorway and evenly spaced windows on either side and paneled front doors centered, capped by decorative crown with a transom above. The cornice most commonly had tooth-like dentils. The double hung windows were in symmetrical rows aligned both horizontally and vertically. The Georgian Revival Style became widely used from 1900 to 1950s. The main difference between the Georgian Revival Style and the Colonial Revival Style was that the Georgian Revival did not have a large front porch whereas the Colonial Revival style had a large porch. The structures changed from the elaborate detailed facades of the early 1900s to a simplified design.<sup>16</sup> The characteristics are a rectangular design with central doorways that lead to the hallway and staircase. All the rooms branch off this central hallway.

The Georgian Revival stylistic influence was a perfect choice for the Gerald School Board. It allowed for simple construction using local supplies and local workers. The design allowed for more than adequate light and ventilation of the four large classrooms. The two chimneys are centered on the roof instead of on either end of the building. The classes were separated and had more space with more teachers than the previous one room schoolhouse. The Old Gerald School two story brick building was unique for the town since it replaced the single story framed one room schoolhouse and allowed for eight grades as well as two years of high school.<sup>17</sup>

<sup>14</sup> "Geraldian Yearbook", 1949.

<sup>15</sup> Opal Schulte. "Gerald Wanderings" (Gerald, MO, 1976)

<sup>16</sup> Georgian Revival, [http://www.uvm.edu/landscape/dating/residential\\_architecture/georgian.php](http://www.uvm.edu/landscape/dating/residential_architecture/georgian.php).

<sup>17</sup> Opal Schule. "Gerald Wanderings" (Gerald, MO, 1976)

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Construction History of the Old Gerald School

Materials, as much as possible, were procured locally. The builders were local residents, many with school age children. At the time there was a lumberyard in town. Brick factories were located in the neighboring towns of Rosebud and Leslie. Local creeks supplied the gravel for the concrete foundation

Conclusion

The Old Gerald School was the first building in Gerald that was designed to meet the education of students for eight grades plus two years of high school. It is an important part of Gerald's history. A large portion of the resident's ancestors were educated there. Many of the students and teachers are still living and reside in the area. Very few of the buildings from that time period remain.

The school was able to survive the economy of the Great Depression, World War I and World War II and furnish an excellent education to all who attended.

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**Verbal Boundary Description:**

The boundary is based on existing roads. Beginning at the northeast corner of the intersection of West Third Street and Cedar Street in Gerald, Franklin County, Missouri, proceed north 150 feet. Turn east at a right angle and proceed 105.60 feet, thence south at a right angle for 150 feet, thence west at a right angle for 105.60 feet to the point of beginning.

**Boundary Justification:**

The Old Gerald School brick building is the only structure in this nomination.

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Figure 1: Site Map





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Figure 2: Contextual Map



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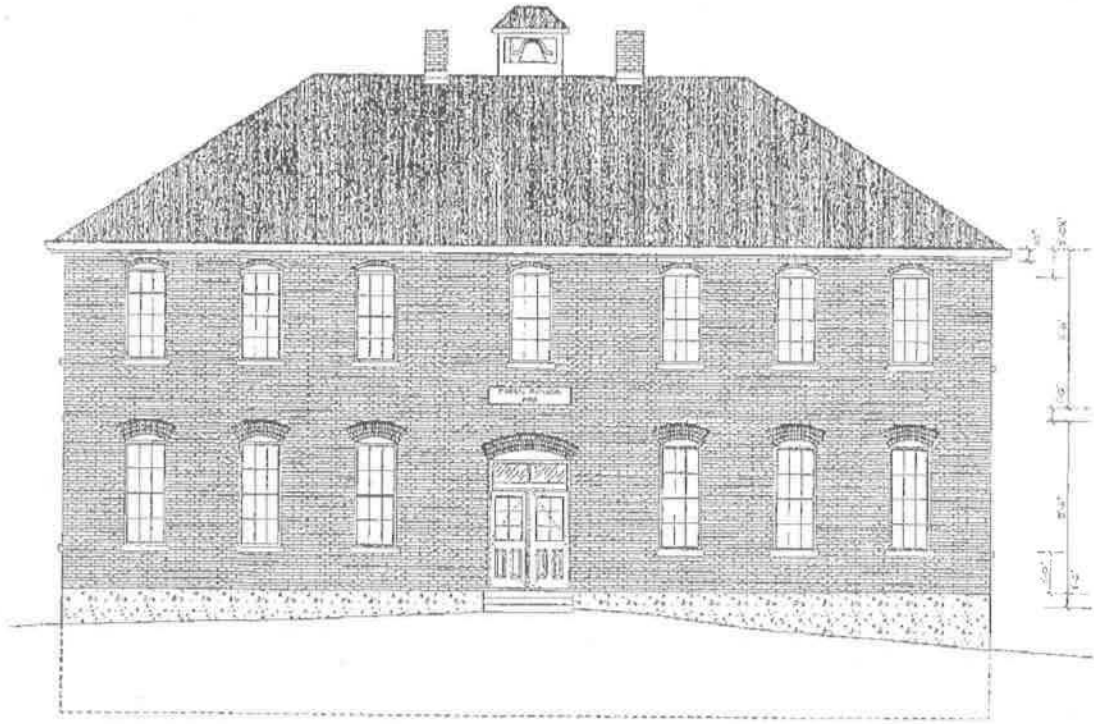


FIGURE # 3 – OLD GERALD SCHOOL PHOTO FROM 1910  
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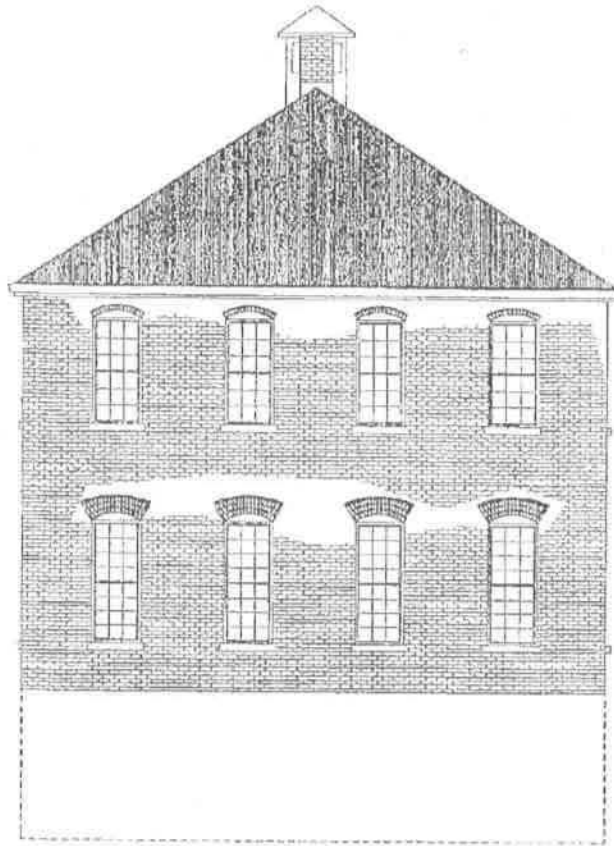
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FRONT ELEVATION

FIGURE # 4 – SOUTH (FRONT) ELEVATION OF THE OLD GERALD SCHOOL  
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EAST ELEVATION  
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

FIGURE # 5 – EAST ELEVATION OF THE OLD GERALD SCHOOL  
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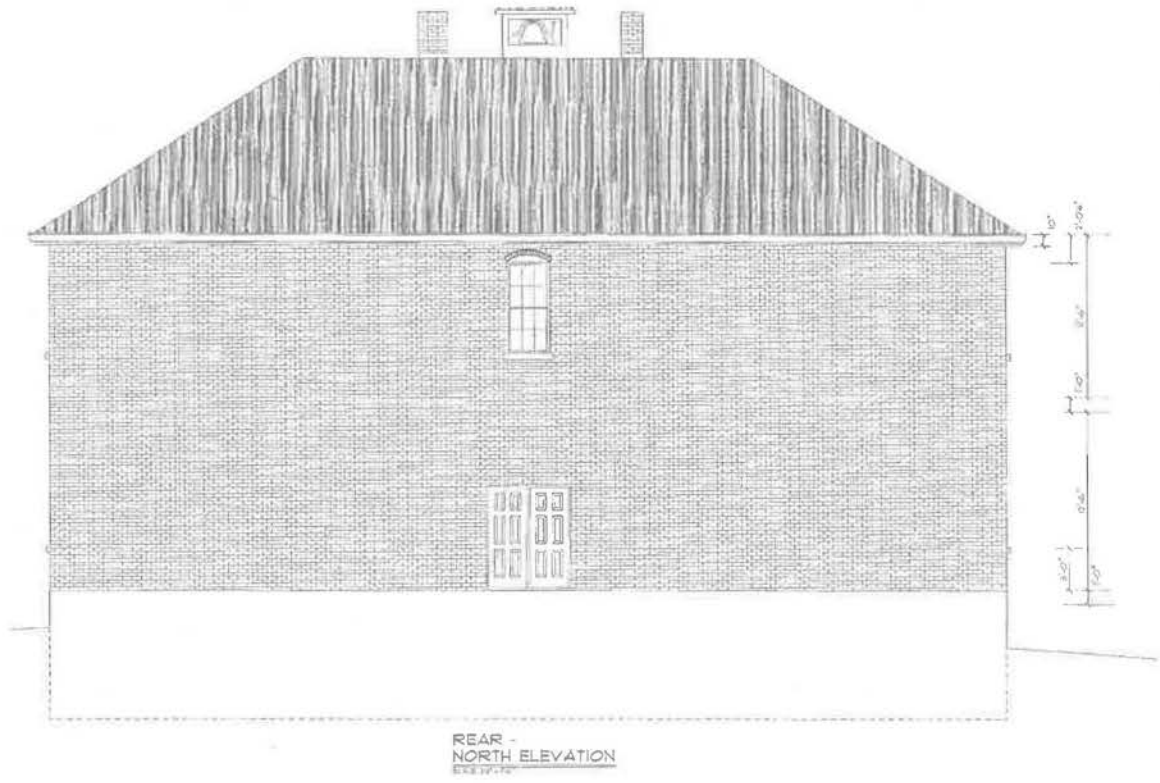


FIGURE # 6 – NORTH (REAR) ELEVATION OF THE OLD GERALD SCHOOL  
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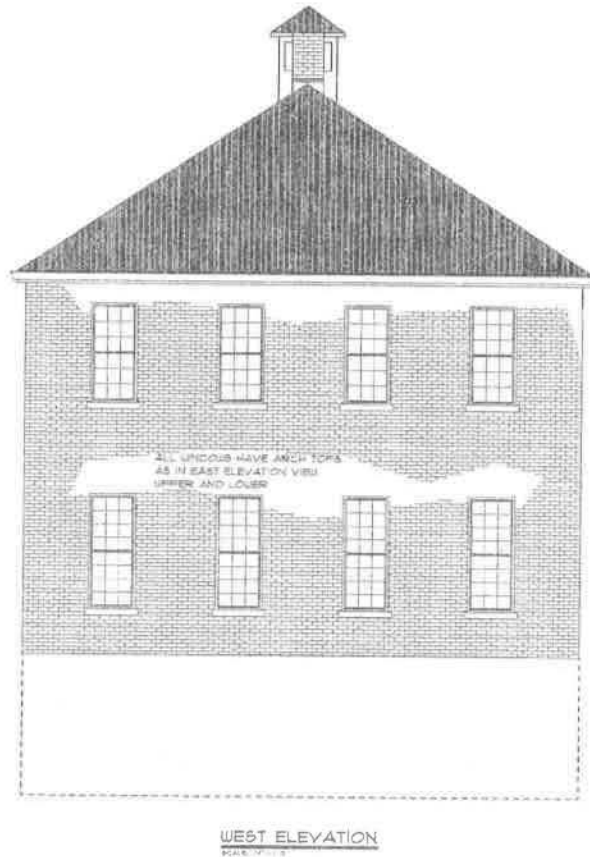


FIGURE # 7 – WEST ELEVATION OF THE OLD GERALD SCHOOL  
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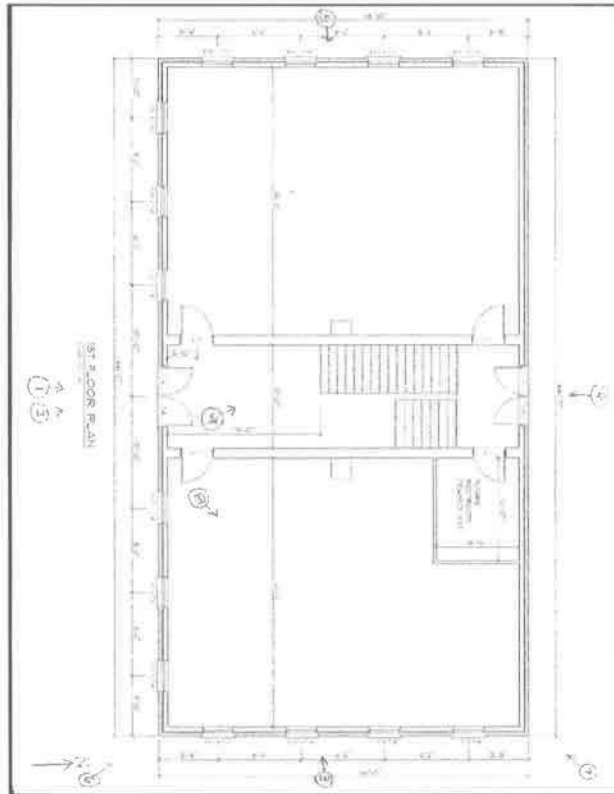


FIGURE # 8  
FIRST FLOOR PLAN OF THE OLD GERALD SCHOOL  
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(PHOTOS 1 THRU 9 - CIRCLES WITH ARROWS SHOWING CAMERA DIRECTION)

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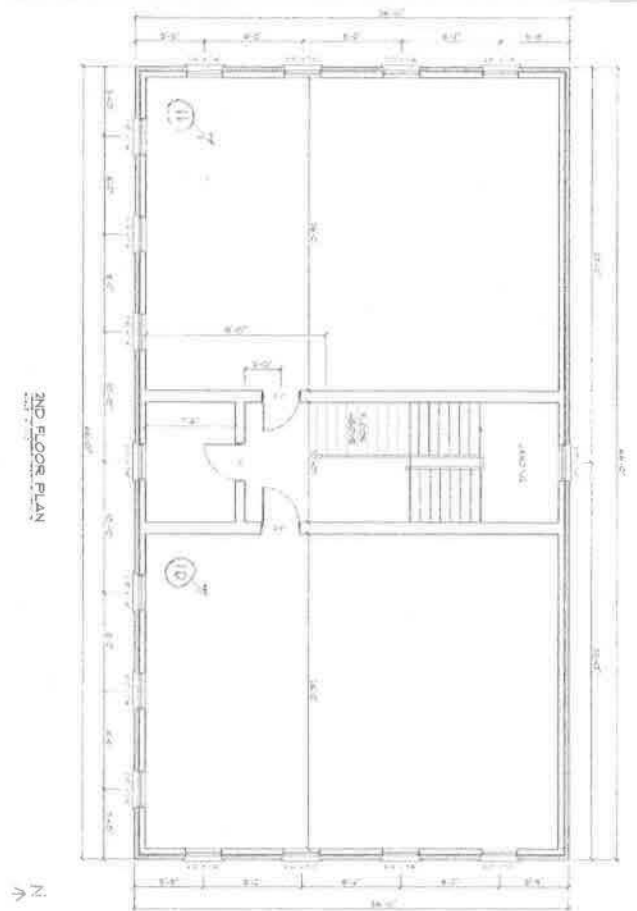


FIGURE # 9  
SECOND FLOOR PLAN OF THE OLD GERALD SCHOOL  
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(PHOTOS 10 & 11 – CIRCLES WITH ARROWS SHOWING CAMERA DIRECTION)





FUTURE HOME OF  
GERALD HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MUSEUM

FUTURE HOME OF  
GERALD  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MUSEUM  
MEETING TIME - 2-5 PM  
2nd THURSDAY EACH MONTH  
FOR INFORMATION OR TO  
VOLUNTEER TO HELP CALL -  
764- or 764-



PUBLIC SCHOOL  
1912



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PUBLIC SCHOOL  
1910

FUTURE HOME OF  
GERALD  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
MUSEUM  
MEETING TIME - 1st & 3rd  
THURSDAY EACH MONTH  
7 PM - 9 PM  
FOR MORE INFO GO TO  
WWW.GERALD-HS.COM OR CALL  
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BROAN  
42" RANGE HOOD

WHITE  
LARGE  
BAGS  
100% RECYCLED  
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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Old Gerald School  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MISSOURI, Franklin

DATE RECEIVED: 5/20/14 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 6/12/14  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/27/14 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/06/14  
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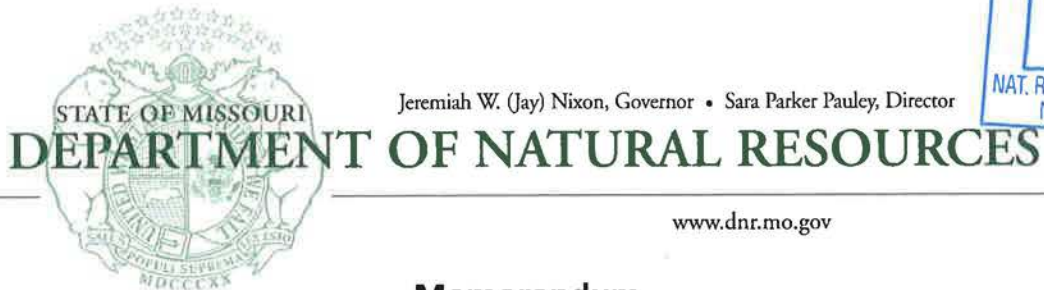
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If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



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## Memorandum

**Date:** May 14, 2014  
**To:** Keeper, National Register of Historic Places  
**From:** Mark A. Miles, Deputy SHPO and Director, Missouri State Historic Preservation Office *MAN*  
**Subject:** Old Gerald School, Gerald, Franklin Co., MO, National Register Nomination

Our state review board, the Missouri Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, approved the above nomination on May 9, 2014. All owners and appropriate elected public officials were notified and provided at least thirty (30) days to comment on the above proposed nomination in accordance with Section 36CFR60.6, interim regulations, using the exact notification format recommended by the National Register.

Please find enclosed the following documentation:

- 1   Original National Register of Historic Places nomination form
- Multiple Property Documentation Form
- 11   Photographs
- 1   CD with electronic images
- 1   CD with National Register of Historic Places nomination form
- Original USGS map(s)
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### Comments:

- Please insure that this nomination is reviewed
- The enclosed owner objection(s) do \_\_\_\_\_ do not \_\_\_\_\_ constitute a majority of property owners.