


City, Village or Town: <b>Eau Claire</b>		County: <b>Eau Claire</b>	Surveyor: <b>M. Taylor</b>	Date: <b>11/14/81</b>	
Street Address: <b>314 Doty Street</b>		Legal Description: <b>Blk 34 Village of Eau Claire</b>		Acreage: <b>less than one acre</b>	
Current Name & Use: <b>Central Junior High School</b>		Current Owner: <b>Board of Education, Marvin Lansing, Supt. of Schools</b>			
Film Roll No. <b>EC 1P</b>			Current Owner's Address: <b>1222 Mappa Street, Eau Claire</b>		
Negative No. <b>34</b>			Special Features Not Visible In Photographs: <b>UTM: zone 15</b> <b>Easting: 618890</b> <b>Northing: 4962940</b> <b>USGS Eau Claire East Quadrangle</b> <b>1:24,000 Interior visited? <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No</b>		
Facade Orient. <b>E</b>					

Doty Street 314

Original Name & Use: <b>Eau Claire High School (<del>preferred</del> E C M R A)</b>	Source	Previous Owners	Dates	Uses	Source
	1925				
	Edward J. Hancock				

**3** Architectural Significance

Represents work of a master

Possesses high artistic values

Represents a type, period, or method of construction

Is a visual landmark in the area

Other: \_\_\_\_\_  None

**4** Historical Significance

Assoc. with lives of significant persons

Assoc. with significant historical events

Assoc. with development of a locality

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

None

Architectural Statement:

**See continuation sheet.**

Historical Statement:

**See continuation sheet.**

Plat Map #8

- 5** Sources of Information (Reference to Above)
- A** on building
- B** Dedication pamphlet, 1926, available at Board of Education
- C** Barland, L. 1965. The Rivers Flow On., p. 42
- D** Eau Claire Intensive Survey Report, 1982.
- E** Eau Claire Leader Telegram, June 5, 1982.
- F**

**6** Representation in Previous Surveys

HABS  NAER  WIHP  NRHP  landmark

other:

**7** Condition

excellent  good  fair  poor  ruins

**8** District: \_\_\_\_\_

pivotal  contributing  non-contributing

initials: \_\_\_\_\_ date: \_\_\_\_\_

**9** Opinion of National Register Eligibility

eligible  not eligible  unknown

national  state  local initials: *ret*

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EAU CLAIRE HIGH SCHOOL (314 Doty Street)  
Intensive Survey Form - Continuation Sheet (1)

ARCHITECTURAL STATEMENT:

Description: The Eau Claire High School, which was used as a junior high school from 1957 until the 1981-82 term when it was vacated, is located adjacent to the city's main business section. The sloping site is fully utilized by the three story almost square structure (it measures 238 ft. by 208 ft.) which faces an open area known as University Park. An exposed basement is evident on the western portion of the brick and stone building.

Dominating the school building is the main entrance, centrally located on the east facade. This opening is included within a tower-like element resembling a "keep". A series of compound pilasters outlines the tower which is further emphasized by the use of stone for the lower entrance area and for the upper segment of the projecting feature. The name of the building is inscribed above the undistinguished three portal entry and a broad Tudor arched opening lights the interior hallway. A panel of quatrefoil ornamentation completes the lower stage. Large rectangular windows, multi-paned and divided into three parts by wooden mullions, mark the second and third sections of the tower. Above the roofline the tower is characterized by additional detail including statuary niches which are unusual in a public building. To either side of the entrance area are bands of 6/6 double hung windows grouped in 1-2-1 fashion. The facade is terminated by shallow corner pavilions with abbreviated parapets. The north and south facades are similar to the main facade. They repeat the fenestration pattern and are each identified by two entrances which on a reduced scale duplicate the "keep" of the main entrance. The west facade is largely unadorned, featuring only the name of the building just below the roofline. The facades are unified and visually connected by stone string courses.

(1981 photo - 38/23)

Significance: The Eau Claire High School, designed by local architect, Edward Hancock, and erected in 1925, is the city's prime illustration of Collegiate Gothic architecture. Representing both a type and a period of construction, the massive school building is highlighted by its main entrance which, contained within a projecting pavilion that rises to and above the roofline, is treated as a medieval "keep", a reflection of its architectural ancestry. Edward Hancock, perhaps the most prominent of the community's architects, was a native of England, who practiced in Eau Claire from 1915 until his death in 1930. He was responsible for several buildings in the city including Boyd School, another Collegiate Gothic structure; the Masonic Temple, an imposing Neo-Classical design and two commercial buildings of the Art Deco style (C,D).

HISTORICAL STATEMENT:

The city's first high school (Actually, previous to incorporation as a single school district in 1890, a combination grade school/high school was located in each of the city's three school districts.) was erected in 1892 and located on Eau Claire's west side. It was in use from 1892 until 1957 when it was demolished. From 1926 to 1957 it served as the city's junior high school.

The Eau Claire High Scholl building which was closed at the end of the 1981-82 school term was the city's high school from 1926 to 1957 and one of the city's junior high schools from 1957 to 1982. It 1962 it was renamed Central Junior High School.

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The building is currently vacant and the school board has decided to maintain the building for five years in an effort to find a use for the structure(E).