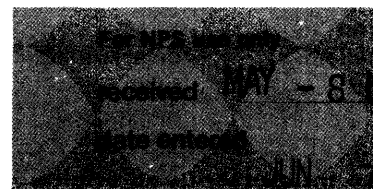


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



1984

See instructions in How to Complete National Register Forms
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic The New Fifth Ward School

and/or common Washington School (preferred)

2. Location

street & number 818 West Lorain Street

not for publication

city, town Appleton vicinity of congressional district

state Wisconsin code 55 county Outagamie code 087

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N.A.	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property

name Richard Flintrop and Allan Beatty

street & number 3631 Shangri-La Road

city, town Oshkosh vicinity of state Wisconsin 54901

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Outagamie County Courthouse

street & number 410 South Walnut Street

city, town Appleton state Wisconsin

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Wis. Inventory of Historic Places has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1977 federal state county local

depository for survey records State Historical Society

city, town Madison state Wisconsin

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

Washington School is a single, detached structure, rectangular in plan measuring 80' x 120'. The south facade or main facade, had a single, extended center tower, projecting approximately 4.5 feet from the plane of the mainframe. The tower has been truncated (prior to 1930) from its original 95' spire configuration. Aside from the tower reconfiguration the visual integrity of the school remains as it did upon construction.

Exterior material rests on a squared-hewn Duck Greek limestone. Foundation walls are laid in regular continuous courses that rise nine feet above grade; except over the main entrance where the limestone blocks extend to a height of fifteen feet. The remaining exterior wall material is Menomonie red pressed brick laid in a stretcher bond. Decorative wall design and details include engaged pilasters, three rock-faced limestone belt courses, and stone characters giving the construction date and statement of purpose on the tower.

Parapet gables, two on both the east and west sides and one on both the main and northern facades, extend from the medium-hipped roof. Three single stack chimneys pierce the roof. Two of the chimneys are located along the center with one on the front slope and the other on the rear slope. The remaining chimney is offset right on the side slope. The roof trim is closed eaves that do not project over the vertical walls.

The main windows are set in a large two-story segmental opening. The window head is of rock-faced limestone in an arched arrangement with radiating voussoirs. The individual windows within the opening are two sash, double-hung. Four windows, two set in a semi-circular opening with a rock-faced limestone arch with radiating voussoirs, are present in the tower. The main door is located offset right of the main facade. The door is set in a semi-circular opening with an arched head with radiating voussoirs. The original door has been removed and replaced with an unobtrusive double leaf glass door.

Originally, the building had eight class rooms, store rooms, principal's office, dining room, a 1,200-seat auditorium, all on the first two floors. The basement held three large playrooms and two restrooms. The interior of the building has been remodeled several times. The most severe alterations coming in the mid-60's when the school was re-opened for a brief period as an experimental learning center. Beyond the basic spatial arrangements of the original plan little remains of the historical integrity of the interior.

The building is the only building on the block and is sited in the center. On surrounding streets facing the school are middle-class single-family residences that date from the school's construction. While the neighborhood has suffered some intrusions, it is basically intact with the Washington School serving as its visual anchor.

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 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
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<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 1895¹ **Builder/Architect** Sevey & Ehrhart/Frank Shaver Allen¹

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Washington School is an important Appleton building because it embodies distinguished characteristics of the Richardsonian Romanesque style in a public educational building.

As stated in a preliminary determination of eligibility from the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Washington School "stands as one of the best examples of historical design in the city."² With its richly contrasting brick walls and flared, cut-stone foundation, elegant, two-story bow windows set into gabled pavilions, and tower asymmetrically integrated into the front facade, the school is a well resolved composition of standard elements of Richardsonian Romanesque design and latter nineteenth century influences, including the Queen Anne.

As a product of 1890's large-scale school construction, the Washington School is bolder and more elegant, more expressive of Richardsonian Romanesque period influences than other comparable schools in Appleton. The Lincoln School, Columbus School, and St. Joseph School, all designed in the same decade, are less lively in form and less coloristically rich. Broken into larger parts, the Washington School is more strongly reminiscent of libraries and academic buildings designed by master H. H. Richardson. Its irregular silhouette speaks more forcefully of the late Victorian era. Contrast with later schools, like the "Collegiate Gothic" Roosevelt Jr. High School, strengthens the significance of the Washington School as the preeminent interpretation of Richardsonian form in Appleton.

Frank Shaver Allen lived in Joliet, Illinois³, when commissioned to design the school building. His work has been identified throughout the Midwest and southern California, yet the most representative examples of his work are in the Joliet area. Allen's work shows his familiarity with Richardsonian principles. His more representative commissions include the Barber Building, Central High School (placed on the National Register 1979), and his former residence, all in Joliet. Allen was selected by the school board to design Washington School to replace the original Washington School, which was located adjacent to the site. The original school was considered too small for Appleton's expanding school population. It should be noted that classes were held in the original school up to a week prior to opening of the new school. At that time a fire, believed to be arson, consumed the original school.

¹ Appleton Post, 22 August 1895.

² Richard A. Erney. "Washington School Acquisition-1980 CDBG." SHSW: 644-80, 11 June 1980.

³ Joliet Herald-News, 27 October 1979.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2.3
 Quadrangle name Appleton, WI Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

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	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification The Washington School is located on an entire block in the city of Appleton bordered by Bennett Street to the west, West Elsie Street to the north, Locust Street to the east, and West Lorain Street on the south.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Richard Flintrop
 organization N/A date November 8, 1983
 street & number 3631 Shangri-La Road telephone (414)235-3380
 city or town Oshkosh state WI 54901

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature [Signature] date May 1, 1984
 title Director, Historic Preservation Division, SHSW

For NPS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>[Signature]</u> Keeper of the National Register	Entered in the National Register date <u>6/7/84</u>
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	