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DATA SHEET

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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

**
Fairview Schoolhouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER *E of Columbia on*
~~Fairview Cemetery~~, Dean Road

__ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN *Columbia, N.J.*
~~Knowlton Township~~

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
13th

STATE *New Jersey* CODE *34*

COUNTY *Warren* CODE *041*

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Fairview Cemetery

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Knowlton Township

STATE
New Jersey

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. *Warren County Court House*

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Belvidere

STATE
New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Historic American Buildings Survey (NJ-429)

DATE
1937

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS *Library of Congress*

CITY, TOWN
Washington

STATE
D.C.

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Fairview School, built in 1835, is a cellarless, one story octagonal shaped structure. Its walls are constructed of irregular random pattern stone. An original light coat of scored stucco, visible in an old photograph, was covered in this century with a thick coat of cement. The original wood shingle roof has been replaced with slate shingles, probably early in the 20th century. The eight principal rafters framing the octagonal conical shallow pitched roof are joined at the peak around a small octagonal brick chimney stack.

While presently there are four windows and a door, there appears to originally have been seven windows and a door or an apperture on each of the eight sides. The batten door remains as do batten shutters hung on strap hinges.

The school was heated by a wood burning stove that stood in the center of the one room. Two desks survive that were used by the older students. These desks faced the walls and were hung at window sill height on hinges. The teacher's desk occupied the space opposite the door. The younger pupils sat on backless benches that filled the rest of the space.

Used as a schoolhouse until 1874 since then it has been used as a maintenance shed for the cemetery which surrounds the building.

The walls of the school are 1'7" thick. Each facade is not identical and range from 9'10" to 10'2½". The interior is 21'3½" by 21'4¼".

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
___PREHISTORIC	___ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	___COMMUNITY PLANNING	___LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	___RELIGION
___1400-1499	___ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	___CONSERVATION	___LAW	___SCIENCE
___1500-1599	___AGRICULTURE	___ECONOMICS	___LITERATURE	___SCULPTURE
___1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	___MILITARY	___SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
___1700-1799	___ART	___ENGINEERING	___MUSIC	___THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	___COMMERCE	___EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	___PHILOSOPHY	___TRANSPORTATION
___1900-	___COMMUNICATIONS	___INDUSTRY	___POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	___OTHER (SPECIFY)
		___INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1835

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Builder-George Flummerfelt

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

EDUCATION

The Fairview Schoolhouse is the only survivor among the several octagonal structures known to have been built for educational purposes in Warren County and is one of the few extant octagonal schoolhouses in the United States. The building functioned as a small school for children of area residents from its erection until the 1870's.

ARCHITECTURE

Built in 1835, the Fairview School and its companions may well have provided the archetype for the Octagon style building as advocated by Orson Squire Fowler in the 1840's. Fowler argued that an Octagon House was the perfect form of building. It had more floor space, was pleasing to the eye, and could be more easily heated than conventional buildings. The additional space and ease in heating of the octagon building were probably major considerations in the schoolhouse.

The idea of an eight sided or polygonal building was an ancient one. As early as 800 B.C. the Greeks erected the Tower of Winds, an octagonal tower. The immediate derivation of the building form for the United States, however, may well have been Dutch. Octagonal churches were not untypical in Holland. Upwards as many as twenty octagonal churches were built in the New World in the Hudson River Valley by the Dutch between 1680 and 1850. The most distinctive feature of the building, other than the octagonal form as constructed by the Dutch was steeply pitched octagonal conical roof.

While the octagonal schoolhouses as erected in Northeast Pennsylvania and Northwest New Jersey could have been of Dutch influence it is interesting to note that this region clearly evidences patterns of Pennsylvania - German culture. Dutch settlement where these schools exist limited and although acculturation is possible this is not clearly documented.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE (revisions by Terry Karschner, Curator, Historic Dennis Bertland, Planner Sites, DEP, Trenton)

ORGANIZATION

Warren County Planning Office

DATE

October 1976

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

(609)-292-2023

CITY OR TOWN

Belvidere

STATE

New Jersey

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL X

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

David J. B...

TITLE Commissioner, Dept. of Environmental Protection

DATE December 20, 1976

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

ATTEST: *Charles...*
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 DATE 8/14/77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 DATE 8.11.77

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SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

Primarily built between 1815 to 1840, there is some suggestion that this building type appeared in northwestern part of New Jersey at a relatively early date. In the upper Delaware Valley, the old Dutch Reformed Church at Shapnack is said to have been an octagonal log structure built in 1770 and used until 1822. Aside from this church and two later houses all other octagonal structures known to have been built in the area were schools. One of the earliest, said to have been built in 1792, was located in the Musconetcong Valley just east of Port Colden, Warren County. Others were located west of Flemington and in the Delaware Valley at Columbia. Old photographs and descriptions indicate that these stone buildings and those in Pennsylvania were similar to the Fairview School, the only known survivor of the type in the region. A low-pitched roof is the major difference between these schools and the earlier Dutch Churches. These schools had a scattered distribution in an area where the Dutch were but a minor influence.

According to the records of the Fairview Cemetery Association, this eight-sided school house was erected on part of the Adams' family burial plot in 1835 by George Flummerfelt. His contract price for the work was \$100. By 1874 it had been abandoned for school purposes. Since then it has been used as a tool shed for the cemetery which surrounds it.

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Cannonball House
Springfield Twp.

Union County New Jersey 034

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