

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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.

1. Name of Property

Historic name: Bloomfield Township Graded School
Other names/site number: _____
Name of related multiple property listing:
Indiana's Public Common and High Schools, 1816-1945
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

Street & number: 3020 East US 20
City or town: LaGrange State: IN County: LaGrange
Not For Publication: ☐ Vicinity: ☒

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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

I hereby certify that this X 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 X 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 X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

X A B X C D

Paul C. Dal ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
OF
FIELD SERVICES 10-13-2012

Signature of certifying official/Title:

Date

Indiana DNR-Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology

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

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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

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private: ☒
- Public – Local ☐
- Public – State ☐
- Public – Federal ☐

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s) ☒
- District ☐
- Site ☐
- Structure ☐
- Object ☐

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

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

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 VICTORIAN:Italianate

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Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: STONE

walls: BRICK

roof: ASPHALT

other:

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

The Bloomfield Township Graded School, located in LaGrange, LaGrange County, Indiana, is an example of a two or more room consolidated rural and urban school that evolved into a graded school following Indiana's 1898 school consolidation plan. In 1904, the original one-room schoolhouse, built circa 1874, was expanded by the addition of two single room wings on the front (north) connected to one another and the one-room building by a central hall. Constructed of red brick in a common bond pattern and with a stone foundation, the hipped-roof school with simple Italianate details features a two-story, gable-front entrance, segmental arch window openings, and small brackets along the cornice line. Now in disrepair, a cupola that once held the school bell is perched on the gable roof.

Though in a rural setting, the school sits back on the large property at the corner of a busy two-lane highway and a county road. It is surrounded by large expanses of grassy areas and several clumps of trees.

Narrative Description

Exterior

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Standing on just over an acre of land, the Bloomfield Township Graded School is in a rural setting at the southeast corner of busy US 20 and S 300 E (northwest corner of Section 27) in LaGrange, LaGrange County, Indiana. Situated back on the property from US 20 and slightly off S 300 E, the school is oriented north to south and is surrounded by large expanses of grassy areas and clumps of trees along the north and east property lines. A gravel, L-shaped drive with open parking area exists on the north side of the building.

The school is an example of a two or more room consolidated rural and urban school that evolved into a graded school following Indiana's 1898 school consolidation plan. In 1904, the existing school building at this location, known as "Hoff's Corner," was expanded to include two new school rooms on the north (front) divided by a hallway and the old school building used as a rear room. A sizeable basement under the new part was built to house the furnace, well, and wash basins.¹ This research was unable to determine the construction date of the original building, but an 1874 historical atlas indicates a schoolhouse at the northwest corner of Section 27,² and an 1893 historical atlas indicates "Hoff S.H." at the same site.³ Likely the date of construction is circa 1874.

Constructed of red brick in a common bond pattern, the school's south room (photos 3 and 4) sits on a split fieldstone foundation that increases slightly in height from south to north, while the north rooms (photos 1 – 4) sit on an even taller foundation of fieldstone blocks. The foundation corners are slightly battered. Simple Italianate brackets accent the cornice line of the hipped roof. Other details include a two-story, gable-front entrance (photos 1 and 2), and segmental arch window openings with stone sills. A cupola that once housed the school is perched on the gable roof.

Inset off the back of the north rooms, the south room (photos 3 and 4) has minimal architectural features. Its entire south façade is brick with no door or window openings. The west façade contains two, evenly-spaced window openings of equal size with double-hung, vinyl replacement units. The replacement units are slightly shorter than the openings, so there is wood infill at the top of each. Toward the north end of the east façade is a window opening like those on the west façade, although it contains a replacement casement window in the lower half and infilled with wood in the upper half. To the south of this is an enlarged opening framed and infilled with wood except for a small wood entrance door. A wood board ramp leads to the door.

The west and east rooms are symmetrical in design. On the north façade of each (photos 1 and 2), there are two windows with stone sills and lintels at basement level, and three, evenly-spaced window openings of equal size at the main floor level. Those on the west room (photo 1) contain double-hung replacement units that are shorter than the openings, and thus are topped with a transom. The east and west windows of the east room (photo 2) also contain replacement units, while the center opening is covered with plywood from the inside. The east and west facades

¹ "New School Building," *LaGrange County (IN) Democrat*, 9 December 1904, 1.

² *An Illustrated Historical Atlas of La Grange County, Indiana* (Chicago, IL: Andreas & Baskin, 1874), 38.

³ *Illustrated Atlas and Columbian Souvenir of La Grange County, Indiana* (La Grange, IN: LaGrange Publishing Co., 1893), 31.

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contain four, evenly-spaced window openings. Those on the west (photos 1 and 4) contain double-hung, vinyl replacement units with wood infill at the top. The north and south windows on the east (photos 2 and 3) contain double-hung replacement units of varying sizes, and one contains a small wood-framed window with wood infill above. The remaining window is almost entirely covered in vinyl siding except for the protruding vent from a heating stove. The south facades (photos 3 and 4) of both rooms are solid brick with no door or window openings.

Projecting from the center of the north façade (photos 1 and 2) is a narrow, two-story, gable-front bay topped with a wood cupola that once housed the school bell. The bay's cornice line is accented with brick corbeling, and its gable end contains a large round window outlined in three courses of header bricks. Set in the brick wall below the window is a tan stone block etched with "BLOOMFIELD TP A.D. 1904 GRADED SCHOOL." The east and west facades of the bay each contain a window opening with a double-hung, vinyl replacement unit. A small, projecting entry gable is located on the first floor of the bay. It features brick corbelling along the cornice line and a brick segmental arch opening which provides shelter for two, wood-framed doors with paneled segments on the lower half and glass in the upper half. Over the windows is a wood-framed fanlight composed of four glass segments.

Interior

Interior spaces consist of south, east, and west rooms arranged around a central hallway that bisects the school from north to south. Details include painted plaster walls and ceilings, though some small areas have been drywalled and some are missing coverings altogether exposing the wood-framed structure underneath. The flooring consists primarily of narrow wood boards, though the hallway is covered in plywood as is a small area of the east room, and wide wood trim surrounds door openings. Some areas retain their wide wood baseboards.

Entering the foyer through the double-front doors, a split, wood staircase with beadboard walls leads up to the main level and down to the basement, though the west basement stair is covered with plywood. Entrances to the east and west rooms, each containing a wood-paneled door with two-light transom, connect off the central hallway at the top of the stairs (photos 5 and 6). In the west room (photo 7), the deep window sills are trimmed in wood, and approximately centered on the south wall is a modern gas fireplace. Toward the east end of the south wall is a very tall and wide opening containing two large wood-paneled doors that open into the south room. To the west of the door opening, a small, window-like opening has been cut into the wall through to the south room. In the south room, this opening has been covered over with plywood. It appears as if the doorway between the west and south rooms was likely wider by the width of a third door and was modified to create the window-like opening. Continuing in the south room (photos 9 and 10), vertical woodboard wainscoting covers the lower quarter of the west and north walls, and small portions of the south and east walls. A blackboard spans the width of the south wall. Centered on the north wall is the entrance to the hallway topped with a three-light transom. To the west of the entrance, a small, window-like opening has been cut into the wall through to the hallway. On either side of the entrance, the outlines of infilled windows, likely the original front windows from when the south room was a one-room schoolhouse, are still visible. Toward the east end of the north wall is a very tall and wide opening, similar to that on the west end, but

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containing three large wood-paneled doors that open into the east room (photo 8). On the east wall of this room is the heating stove that vents to the outside through a window. On the west wall, two rectangular, window-like openings have been cut into the wall through to the hallway. The north opening is covered in Plexiglass while the south opening is covered with plywood.

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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.)

- ☐ 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

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

ARCHITECTURE

EDUCATION

Period of Significance

c. 1874 – 1962

Significant Dates

1904

Significant Person (last name, first name)

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder (last name, first name)

Mohler, A.D.

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Period of Significance (justification)

The period of significance for Bloomfield Township Graded School begins circa 1874, the estimated year the original one-room school was constructed, and ends in 1962 when it ceased being used for educational purposes.

Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary)

Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Bloomfield Township Graded School is significant under the National Register of Historic Places Criterion A as an outstanding example of a rural district schoolhouse that contributed to the education of students in LaGrange, Indiana, over a period of nearly ninety years.

The school is also significant under Criterion C as an outstanding example of rural schoolhouse architecture that exhibits characteristics of the Italianate style. It also meets the registration requirements outlined in *Indiana's Public Common and High Schools Multiple Property Documentation Form* as an example of a two or more room consolidated rural and urban school that evolved into a graded school following Indiana's 1898 school consolidation plan. The school retains its rural setting, brick construction, massing, form, and pattern of openings. Inside, the original one-room building retains its blackboard and wood wainscoting, and the floor plan is intact and has not been modified by the addition or deletion of walls. The school's construction and operation as a publicly-funded township educational facility is supported by documentation in historical atlases and newspaper articles.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

Education

The Bloomfield Township Graded School is significant under the National Register of Historic Places Criterion A as an outstanding example of a rural district schoolhouse that contributed to the education of students in LaGrange County, Indiana, over a period of some ninety years.

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When Bloomfield Township was created in the county in 1835, the area was densely forested with oak, beech, hickory, ash, elm and walnut. The first tract of land was purchased four years earlier from the United States by Hugh R. Hunter, and the probable first white settler was David Hanson, arriving in 1833. By 1836, thirty families lived in the township.⁴

Early on in its development, LaGrange County established “subscription” or “select” schools, the first of which was set up in a vacant log cabin in 1830 near what is now Brighton, Indiana, in Greenfield Township.⁵ In 1838, the first schoolhouse in Bloomfield township, also a log cabin, was built on the southeast corner of Section 23.⁶ By 1839, every township in the county had a school. The typical design was “a log structure with a hole in the roof for the exit of smoke from the fireplace and slabs on pins driven into walls about the room for desks.”⁷

Indiana’s 1851 Constitution provided for a common school system, and in 1852, the general Assembly passed the “school law” that promoted a township school system.⁸ Those in LaGrange County were proponents of incorporating the free school system. In the early 1870s, the County Board of Education was established which consisted of a Superintendent, township trustees, and the president of the school boards of incorporated towns.⁹ In 1873, LaGrange County schoolhouses in operation were Hoagland, McKibben/Olmstead, Pleasant Hill, Cline, Nasbys, McCally, Hill’s Corners, and Biglow.¹⁰ By 1874, Bloomfield Township had at least seven schoolhouses distributed among sections 1, 6, 14, 17, 25, and 27. There were two in section 27, one of which was in the location of the present-day Bloomfield Township Graded School.¹¹ In 1882, there were nine schoolhouses in the township exclusive of the town of LaGrange.¹² In 1893, the following Bloomfield township schoolhouses were known:¹³

Section 1 - Nasby

Section 6 - Hoagland

Section 10 - Oak Grove

Section 14 - Minnich

Section 17 - Pleasant Hill

Section 25 - name not known

Section 27 – Hoff (location of present-day Bloomfield Township Graded School)

⁴ *Counties of LaGrange and Noble, Indiana: historical and biographical* (Chicago, IL: F.A. Battey & Co., 1882), 128-129.

⁵ Herbert S. Gilhams, “Development and Growth of LaGrange County School System,” in *LaGrange County Centennial History 1828-1928*, ed. John W. Hanan (LaGrange, IN: LaGrange Publishing Co., 1928), 30.

⁶ *Counties of LaGrange and Noble, Indiana: historical and biographical* (Chicago, IL: F.A. Battey & Co., 1882), 133.

⁷ Gilhams, 30.

⁸ Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, *Indiana’s Public Common and High Schools Multiple Property Documentation Form*, 1998, E3.

⁹ *Counties of LaGrange and Noble, Indiana: historical and biographical*, 73-74.

¹⁰ Mrs. Fred Deal, *History of LaGrange Schools* (LaGrange, IN: by the author, 1964), 12.

¹¹ *An Illustrated Historical Atlas of La Grange County, Indiana*, 38.

¹² *Counties of LaGrange and Noble, Indiana: historical and biographical*, 134. The locations of these schoolhouses are not mentioned in the text.

¹³ *Illustrated Atlas and Columbian Souvenir of La Grange County, Indiana*, 31.

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Section 29 - Thompson

Section 32 - Sargent

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By this time, too, the name of Biglow had been changed to Hoff's Corners.¹⁴

Indiana's school system continued to progress, and in 1898, the school State Superintendent David Geeting recognized the need for graded schools, which would require larger buildings, resulting in a call for consolidation and the closing of one-room schools.¹⁵ In early December 1904, it was reported that the new school building at Hoff's Corners in Bloomfield Township was nearing completion. The old school building would be used as the rear room while the new part would be divided into two school rooms and a north-south hallway. Students in high school and upper grades would use the front rooms, which could accommodate 40 students each, while the rear room, with seating for 45 students, would accommodate younger students. Bloomfield Township Trustee Andrew Decker gave "the work his personal attention," and "procured...an excellent building."¹⁶ Later in the month, the school was dedicated with an address by then former State Superintendent Geeting,¹⁷ and continued educating area students for the next 58 years.

In 1961, the Lakeland School Corporation (LSC) was formed with jurisdiction over the Town of LaGrange; and Bloomfield, Greenfield, Johnson, and Lima townships as well as the eastern part of Clay Township.¹⁸ The following year, the LSC added onto Parkside Elementary School in LaGrange to accommodate students attending the Bloomfield Township Graded School. Bloomfield School was then closed at the end of that school year.¹⁹ It was the last to operate in Bloomfield township outside of the town of LaGrange.²⁰

The school is the oldest of three extant historic schools in Bloomfield Township, LaGrange County, as cataloged in Indiana's State Historic Architectural and Archaeological Research Database (SHAARD). At the southeast corner of E 250 N and N 325 E, approximately 2.5 miles to the northeast, is the District 8 schoolhouse, built circa 1897. It no longer functions as a school. The third school structure in the township, Ford School, was built circa 1920 and has been relocated for use as a garage.²¹

Architecture

The Bloomfield Township Graded School is also significant under Criterion C as an outstanding example of rural schoolhouse architecture exhibiting characteristics of the Italianate style. It is

¹⁴ Deal, 12.

¹⁵ *Indiana's Public Common and High Schools Multiple Property Documentation Form*, E10.

¹⁶ "New School Building."

¹⁷ "New School Building Dedicated," *LaGrange County (IN) Democrat*, 30 December 1904, 5.

¹⁸ "School Unit Obtains Land," *South Bend (IN) Tribune*, 23 March 1962, 4.

¹⁹ "Board Plans New School," *South Bend (IN) Tribune*, 20 May 1962, 20.

²⁰ Deal, 12.

²¹ Indiana DNR, "State Historic Architectural and Archaeological Research Database,"

<https://secure.in.gov/apps/dnr/shaard/welcome.html> (accessed 1 April 2021).

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also an example of a two or more room consolidated rural and urban school that evolved into a graded school following Indiana's 1898 school consolidation plan. It retains a high amount of integrity associated with the property type as identified in *Indiana's Public Common and High Schools Multiple Property Documentation Form*.²² Still intact are its rural setting, brick construction, massing, form, and pattern of openings. The single class space of the south room with blackboard and vertical wood panel wainscot is indicative of the one-room schoolhouse era. The gable-front entrance, split stair, and east and west wings with internal hallway exemplify the time period when schools needed to expand to accommodate graded classrooms. These spaces have not been modified by the addition or deletion of walls.

Prevalent in the United States from about 1840-1885, Italianate architecture was popularized by pattern books of Andrew Jackson Downing published in the mid-1800s. Beginning in England as part of the Picturesque movement, emphasis was placed on rambling, informal Italian farmhouses,²³ and adding ornamental variation to a simple box form.²⁴ Identifying features of the style present on the Bloomfield Township Graded School include the low-pitched roof with decorative brackets along the cornice line; tall, narrow, segmentally-arched windows; and cupola that once housed the school bell.²⁵

As mentioned earlier, the school is only one of three extant historic schools in Bloomfield Township, LaGrange County. It is comparable in architectural details to the one-room District 8 schoolhouse which features red brick construction, stone block foundation, gable-front entrance, and bell cupola. It lacks discernible Italianate features such as arched windows or brackets, however. The Ford School is a wood clapboard structure that bears no similarities to the Bloomfield School.

The 1904 part of the Bloomfield Township Graded School was designed by Huntington, Indiana, architect A.D. Mohler.²⁶ Mr. Mohler was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, in 1848, and arrived in Huntington, Indiana, in 1865. After graduating from DePauw University (Greencastle, Indiana) in 1873, he found work as the principal of Muncie (Indiana) High School, and later as superintendent of schools in LaGrange and Lima, Indiana, as well as Huntington County, Indiana. He also worked in the newspaper and building contracting businesses before moving to Fort Wayne, Indiana, to assist architect Frank Kendrick.²⁷ In 1894, he returned to Huntington to do architectural work,²⁸ and passed away on May 15, 1911.²⁹ Mr. Mohler attained a reputation in Indiana as an architect of schools and other structures.³⁰ Five buildings attributed to him are identified in SHAARD (the Indiana SHPO database). These include the Akron United Methodist

²² *Indiana's Public Common and High Schools Multiple Property Documentation Form*.

²³ Virginia McAlester and Lee McAlester, *A Field Guide to American Houses* (New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1997), 212, 214.

²⁴ Gerald Foster, *American Houses: A Field Guide to the Architecture of the Home* (New York, NY: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2004), 250.

²⁵ McAlester and McAlester, 211-215.

²⁶ "New School Building."

²⁷ "Former City Editor of Gazette Dies," *Fort Wayne (IN) Journal-Gazette*, 17 May 1911, 20.

²⁸ "The Deaths – Mohler," *Fort Wayne (IN) News*, 17 May 1911, 15.

²⁹ "Former City Editor of Gazette Dies."

³⁰ "Alonzo D. Mohler Dies as Result of Cancer," *Huntington (IN) Weekly News Democrat*, 19 May 1911, 8.

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Church (Akron), First United Brethren Church (Huntington), First United Church of Christ (Huntington), Horace Mann School (Huntington), and Central College Administration Building (Huntington).³¹

Developmental History/Additional historic context information

³¹ Indiana DNR.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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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): 087-419-25025

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1.15

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Use the UTM system

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

☐ NAD 1927 or ☒ NAD 1983

1. Zone: 16	Easting: 635937	Northing: 4611231
2. Zone:	Easting:	Northing:
3. Zone:	Easting:	Northing:
4. Zone:	Easting :	Northing:

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Beginning at the northwest corner of the northwest quarter of Section 27, Township 37 North, Range 10 East, proceed east 220 feet; then proceed south 228 feet; then proceed west 220 feet; then proceed north 228 feet to the place of beginning.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundary description encompasses the contributing resource, Bloomfield Township Graded School, of this nomination.

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11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 3000x2000 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: Bloomfield Township Graded School

City or Vicinity: LaGrange

County: LaGrange

State: IN

Photographer: Jill Downs

Date Photographed: February 2, 2021

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

- 1 of 10. North and west facades, looking southeast.
(IN_LaGrange County_Bloomfield Township Graded School_0001)
- 2 of 10. North and east facades, looking southwest.
(IN_LaGrange County_Bloomfield Township Graded School_0002)
- 3 of 10. South and east facades, looking northwest.
(IN_LaGrange County_Bloomfield Township Graded School_0003)
- 4 of 10. South and west facades, looking northeast.
(IN_LaGrange County_Bloomfield Township Graded School_0004)
- 5 of 10. Hallway, looking south.
(IN_LaGrange County_Bloomfield Township Graded School_0005)
- 6 of 10. Hallway, looking north.
(IN_LaGrange County_Bloomfield Township Graded School_0006)
- 7 of 10. West room, looking northwest.
(IN_LaGrange County_Bloomfield Township Graded School_0007)

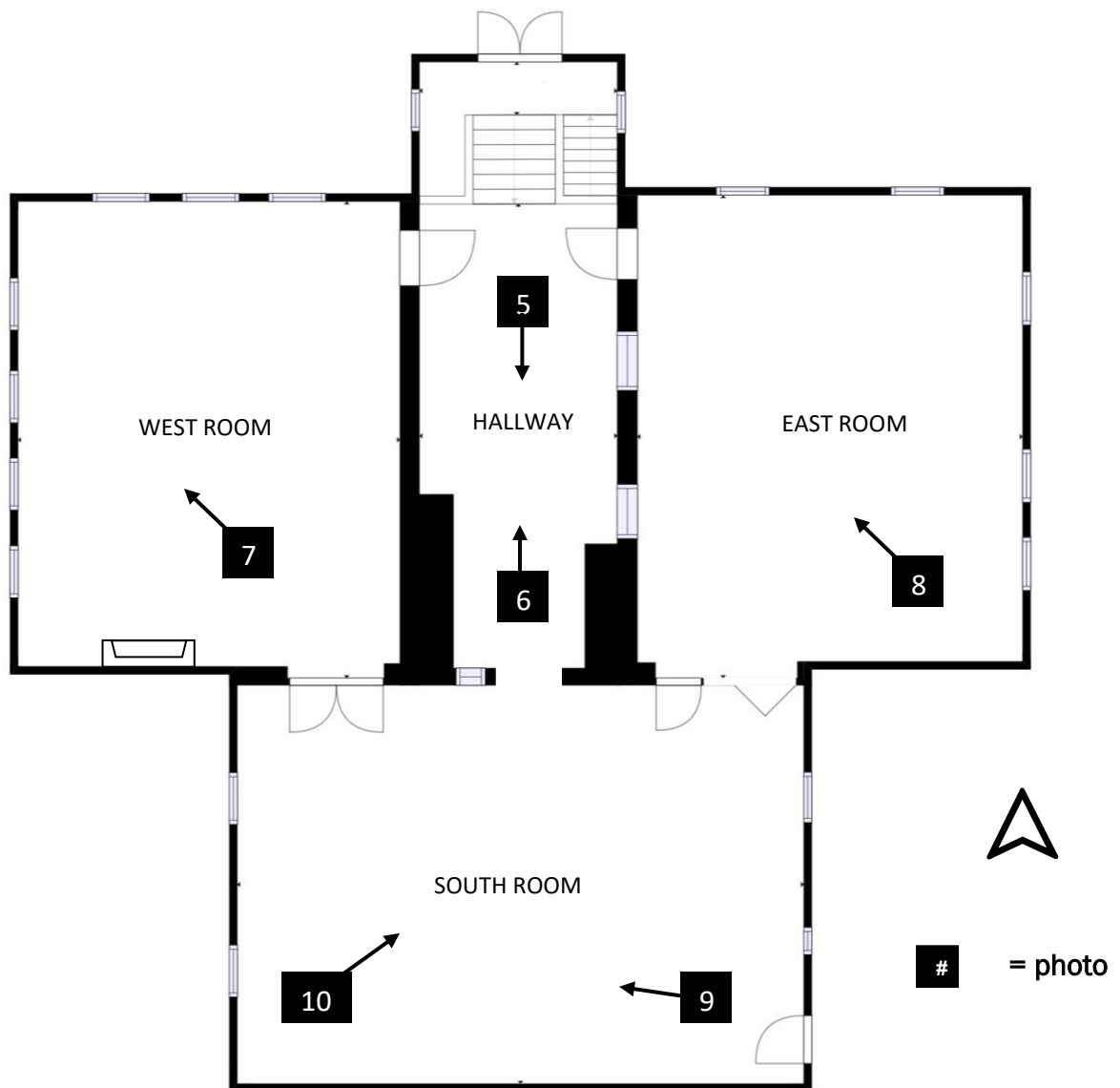
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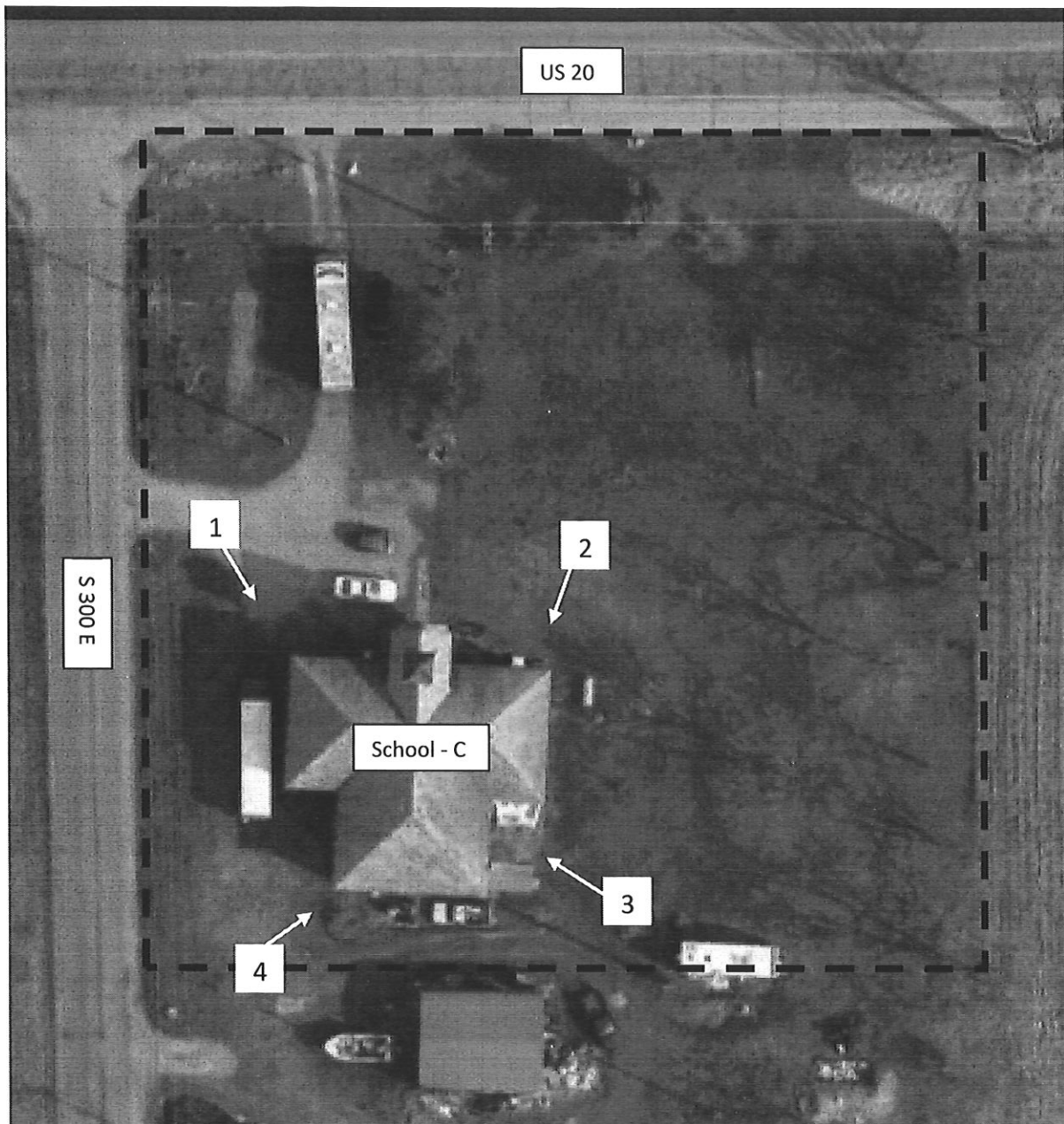
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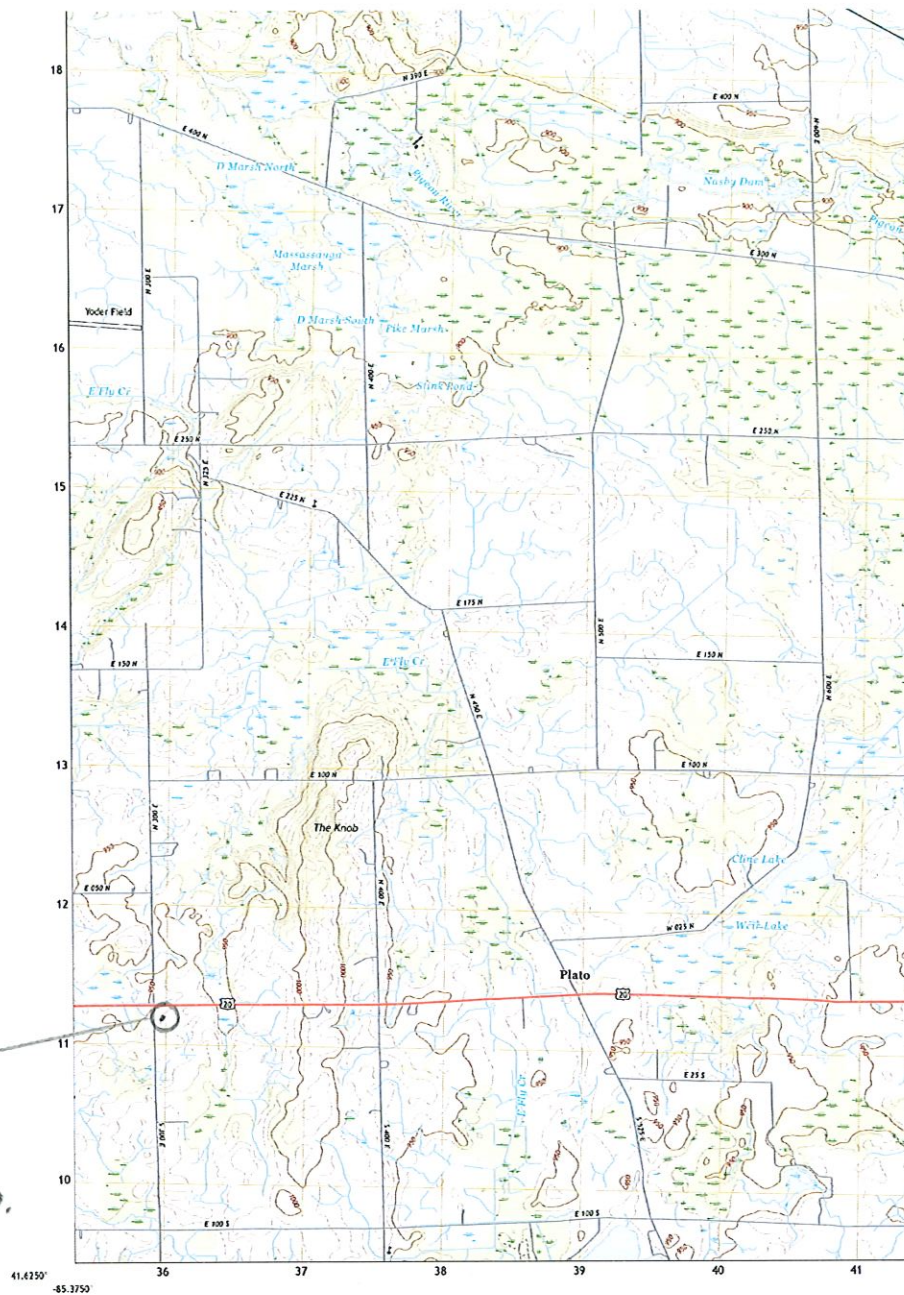
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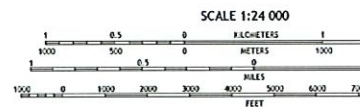
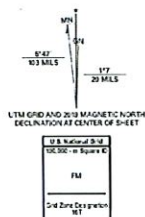
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