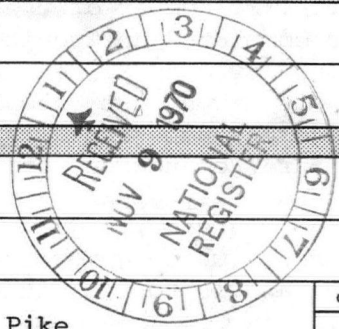


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STATE: Illinois	
COUNTY: Pike	
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**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Pittsfield East School

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
400 E. Jefferson

CITY OR TOWN:  
Pittsfield

STATE: Illinois CODE: 12 COUNTY: Pike CODE: 149

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Pittsfield Community School District #10

STREET AND NUMBER:  
200 E. Washington St.

CITY OR TOWN: Pittsfield STATE: Illinois CODE: 12

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Pittsfield County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
100 E. Washington St.

CITY OR TOWN: Pittsfield STATE: Illinois CODE: 12

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Pike County Historic Sites Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Pike County Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Box 91

CITY OR TOWN: Pittsfield STATE: Illinois CODE: 12

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated  Ruins  Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered  Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved  Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Dr. H. F. Koeper of the Chicago Circle Campus of the University of Illinois has completed an architectural study of the 1862-1866 school building designed by John M. Van Osdel. The following information is from Dr. Koeper's report: The East School is the only building of Van Osdel's still standing which has not been altered. The red brick school building illustrates the Lombard Romanesque motifs (pilaster strips and corbelled detailing), much the same style used by James Renwick in the Smithsonian Institution. Van Osdel's design is grave rather than picturesque and reveals a classical sobriety which governed his designs. The building has a bracketed wood cornice and is topped with a two-stage clock tower.

Dr. Koeper describes the building as follows: "The composition of this building is broken on each face by a pedimented portion which breaks forward from the central mass. The smaller side portions conceal stairs providing each classroom with a double exit. The bearing walls rest on a limestone basement story. The windows of the first floor are segmental arched; those of the second floor round arched. A limestone string course between floors is broken by the pilasters which rise the full height. The building contains four large classrooms (approximately 30' x 40') on each floor."

The Building is in excellent condition with no masonry cracks, with sound roof timbers, and with all but one of the original windows.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1862-66

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

East School was the first public school, as we know them today, built in Pittsfield. The contract price of the building was \$35,000 for which bonds were sold. The actual cost amounted to \$45,000. Leading citizens of the community, such as, Judge Chauncey L. Higbee, Colonel William Ross, and William A. Grimshaw, a lawyer, were the moving spirits toward construction of the building. The building was located in the northeast part of the city. The stone was brought from Joliet by way of the Illinois River and the brick was burned in Pittsfield.

Construction was begun in 1861, interrupted by the Civil War, and completed in 1866. At the time it was considered as one of the largest and finest examples of a modern educational building.

Van Osdel (1811-1891) came to Chicago from Baltimore in 1837 and continued in practice after the Chicago Fire of 1871. His more famous design was for the Executive Mansion in Springfield (1855). However, the East School is the only one of his buildings which has not been altered.

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Pittsfield East School 71000 295

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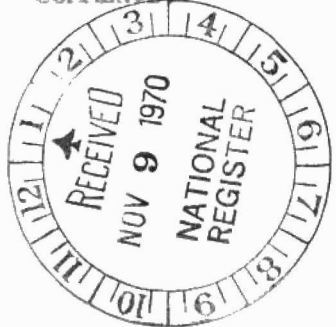
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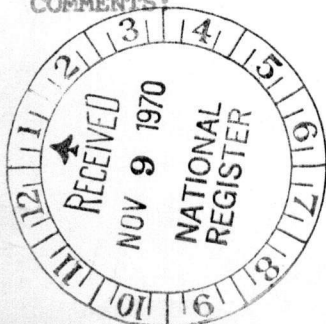
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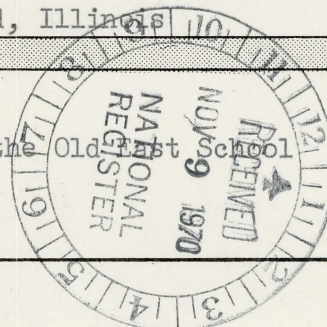
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AND/OR HISTORIC:			
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CITY OR TOWN: Pittsfield			
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DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.  Looking from the south at the main entrance to the Old East School			



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Title

Loc.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE  
IllinoisCOUNTY  
Pike

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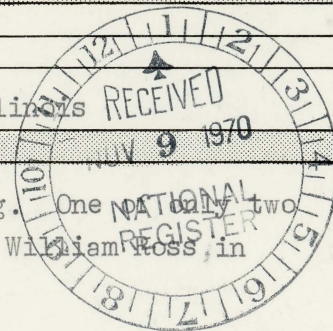
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Clock tower from the southwest corner of the building. One National Register in existence, made in France, and donated by Colonel William Ross, in 1865.



PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



Ca 1900 of East School  
Pittsfield, Illinois

NPS Number 17-2-17-0001

Title: Pittsfield East School

Loc. Cook Co. Illinois ①

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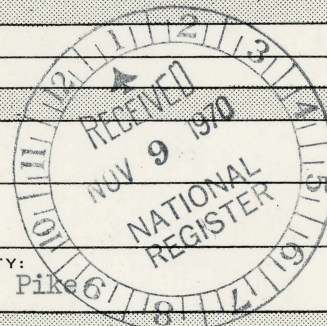
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Looking from the southeast at the school which is remarkably unaltered today.			



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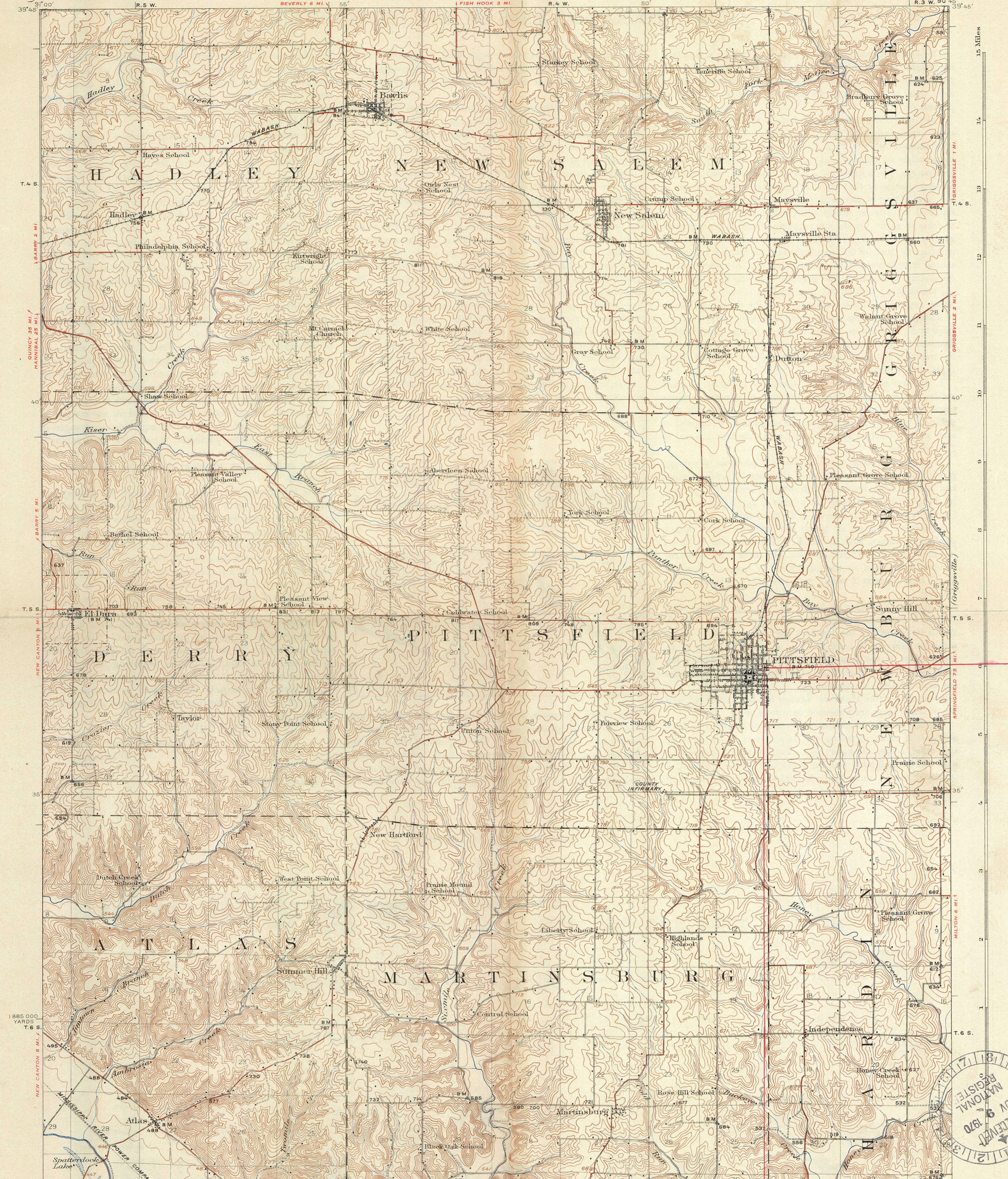
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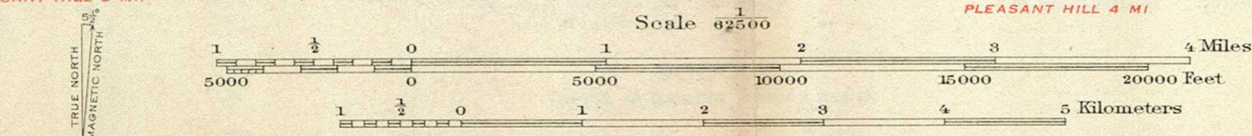




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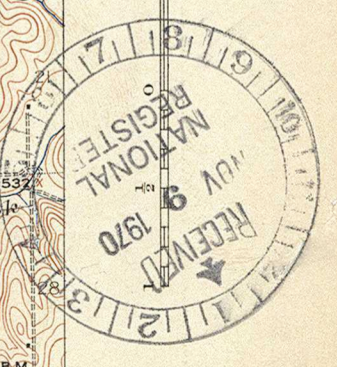
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THROUGH ROUTES SECONDARY ROUTES



Liberty

39°36'36"

90°48'03"

H30-HR

FEB 12 1971

Mr. Henry N. Barkhausen  
Director  
Department of Conservation  
102 State Office Building  
400 South Spring Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Mr. Barkhausen:

We are pleased to inform you that the Pittsfield East School in Pike County, Illinois, has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Senators Charles H. Percy and Adlai E. Stevenson III and Representative Paul Findley are being informed. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed for the property owner. Please withhold any publicity on this until you have received a carbon copy of the Congressional correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ernest Allen Connally

Ernest Allen Connally  
Chief, Office of Archeology  
and Historic Preservation

Enclosure

Entered in the National Register

FEB 12 1971

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FEB 12 1977

Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson, III  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Stevenson:

We are pleased to inform you that the Pittsfield East School in Pike County, Illinois, has been nominated by the State Liaison Officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program in Illinois and has been entered into the National Register of Historic Places. Senator Charles H. Percy and Representative Paul Findley have also been provided with this information. By copy of this letter, the State Liaison Officer, Mr. Henry N. Barkhausen, Director, Department of Conservation, 102 State Office Building, 400 South Spring Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, has likewise been notified. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Director

Enclosure

FEB 12 1977

Entered in the National Register

cc: Mr. Henry N. Barkhausen, Director, Department of Conservation, 102 State Office Building, 400 South Spring Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706

Duplicate letters sent to: Hon. Charles H. Percy  
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Hon. Paul Findley  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

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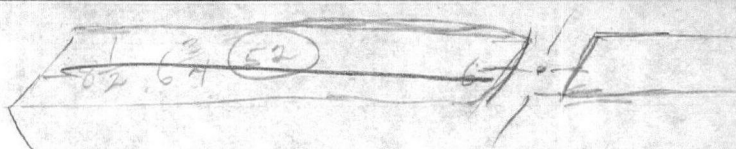
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cc: Director, Northeast Region  
LL: Mr. Melvin

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HR

Congressional - Ask



Dear Mr. Winston:

~~Thank you for your letter of March 10~~

Dr. Connally has asked us if we would respond to your ~~kind letter~~ letter of March 10 in regard to the East School of Pittsfield recently enrolled in the National Register of Historic Places.

The nomination form submitted by Illinois ~~in support~~ discusses only the Civil War schoolhouse and it would appear that this structure is the only one regarded ~~by~~ the State as significant.

# Pike County



# Historical Society

**PITTSFIELD'S LINCOLN**

Taken from an ambrotype by Calvin Jackson in Pittsfield Oct. 1, 1858 six days before the Lincoln-Douglas debate at Galesburg. Photograph is from a portrait in the collection of Frederick Heid Meserve in New York City.

March 10, 1971

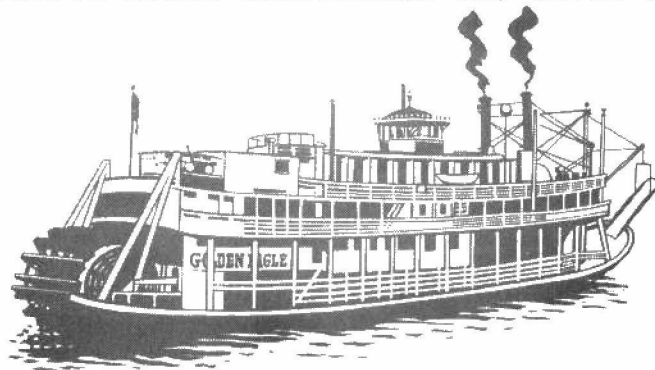
Dr. Ernest A. Connally, Chief  
Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Dr. Connally:

I want to again thank you for assisting Congressman Paul Findley's office, and the Pike County Historical Society in acting on our National Register application. Inclusion of Pittsfield's historic East School on the Register is a significant milestone in the Society's preservation activities. We are indebted for your efforts in our behalf.

Our Unit School Board, as title holders of East School, have raised some technical questions which I feel only your office is qualified to answer.

1. East School is located on a square block with two wooden annexes currently being used by the Unit. Does the Register include this entire square block, or just the Civil War structure?
2. May the Unit School Board have East School removed from the Register? By action of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation?
3. If the School Board demolishes the Civil War building



*Answered by phone 4/2/71  
Mr. Winston satisfied with  
response 4/5/71*

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The "GOLDEN EAGLE" Packet Boat

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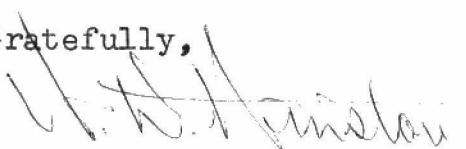
3. without Park Service permission, how will federally assisted programs as hot lunch, title programs, and teaching aids be effected? If such unauthorized demolition occurs, and the property subsequently abandoned and subdivided, would the real estate developer be eligible for federal assistance?
4. How do you police this law? Who files complaints against such aforementioned unauthorized demolition?

Secondly. As a representative of the county historical society, I wish to advise some residents who own historical, and possible National Register properties within the path of a proposed four-lane expressway. In April or May the state highway department will announce the exact location of this limited access expressway. If these properties are nominated and subsequently included on the Register after the highway location announcement, may they still be demolished without National Register review? What if they are included on the Register after the project is funded?

It is my understanding the National Register forced the rerouting of a proposed expressway in New Orleans. Did this or any similar circumstance actually occur? I need to sight precedents to this group of property owners. It is imperative to give them confidence that their historic properties can be saved by National Register recognition.

Thirdly. The Society does not have a copy of the East School National Register application. Is it possible to obtain a Xerox copy for our own files?

Gratefully,

  
Warren Winston, Trustee  
Pike County Historical Society

ww/pm

Pike Co. Illinois

Advisory Council on  
Historic Preservation  
1522 K Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

SEP 13 1978

Governor's Office of Manpower  
and Human Development  
320 W. Washington, 5th Floor  
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Dear Sirs:

We have been informed by the Illinois Department of Conservation that the CETA grant to the Pittsfield Community School District Unit #10, an undertaking of the Department of Labor administered in the State of Illinois by your office, may have an effect on the Pittsfield East School, Pittsfield, Illinois, a property included in the National Register of Historic Places. A copy of the Department's letter is enclosed.

Please investigate this matter to determine whether the nature of the effect requires that you obtain the comments of the Council in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470f, as amended, 90 Stat. 1320). Steps to determine this responsibility are set forth in Section 800.4 of the Council's "Procedures for the Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties" (36 CFR Part 800). A copy of the Council's Procedures is enclosed.

The Council requests that you report the results of your investigation to this office at the earliest opportunity. If you have further questions or require assistance, please call Joseph P. Hough at 202-254-3967.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Myra F. Harrison  
Assistant Director  
Office of Review  
and Compliance

Enclosures