

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR NPS USE ONLY

RECEIVED APR 17 1975  
DATE ENTERED MAY 6 1975

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

South Side School

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

209 South College Avenue

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Geneseo

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

19th

STATE

Illinois

61254

CODE

17

COUNTY

Henry

CODE

073

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Geneseo Community Unit School District Number 228

STREET & NUMBER

209 South College Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Geneseo

VICINITY OF

Illinois STATE 61254

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Henry County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

West Court

Illinois 61238

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Illinois Historic Structures Survey

DATE

1972

FEDERAL  STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

1800 South Prairie Avenue

Illinois

CITY, TOWN

Chicago

STATE

60616

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The old South Side School is a brick structure on stone foundations, two stories, basement, and attic in height. The exterior is entirely brick and cut stone except for the roof which is slate, and details such as the terra-cotta balustrade on the north side, the window frames, door frames and doors which are wood. Besides the plate glass of the windows, there is considerable colored glass and some art glass.

Its formal plan is centered on the north side which appears to contain the main entrance. This and secondary entrances lead on the north and south sides to spacious central hall oriented north-south. Staircases at either end of this access communicate with the upper floors and the basement. The large classrooms are in the corners on each floor with assembly hall and library in between on the north side of each floor. In the tower on the north side there is a polygonal office on each floor.

Interior finishes are especially high quality for a school with maple floors and wooden ceilings. There is considerable wainscoting in the classrooms though nearly all of it has been painted. The halls are still varnished and relatively untouched. It is in the halls that one finds varnished wainscoting, finely finished doors and frames, intricate turned balusters on the staircases, more wooden ceilings and the already mentioned art glass.

# 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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      1889-1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

As one of three most monumental buildings (the high school, a large hotel of 1878, and the old South School), the old South School is one of the pivotal foci in the urban environment of Geneseo. Its handsome Romanesque architecture, full of the rich and subtly contrasting tones of stone and brick, and organized into tight simplified masses in a varied and picturesque arrangement of form makes the building one of the better school designs of its type in the state. That its interiors, finely finished for an educational building of this type, have come down to us in such pristine condition gives added value to the building. Having been in active use for eighty years, the building is intimately tied to the memories of a large number of the residents of Geneseo, as it will continue to do for decades to come.

HISTORY

The old South School at Geneseo, Illinois, was first proposed at a school board meeting in June, 1888 by the school superintendent who thought the existing buildings outmoded and dilapidated. In August \$1500 was provided out of a \$10,000 school budget for repairs of school buildings unless a new school was constructed. The building had been designed by February 1889 when the Geneseo Republican reported a local controversy about funding the project.

The architect, a J.W. Ross, otherwise unknown, is not mentioned in the local press except as his name appears in the annual statement by the school board of accounts paid. His design was constructed by the Volk Construction Company of Rock Island from May through December, 1889. Interiors were finished up during the winter of 1890 and the building was dedicated at the end of March, 1890. Its cost was \$158 above the estimate for a total of \$60,158.

The old South School building was the first building built especially to be a high school by a local school system that had recognized the importance of a high school 15 years before an Illinois Supreme Court decision of 1871 which included high schools within the state school system.

The ground on which the property is located was donated to the Geneseo Manual School (an academy) in 1852 by Franklin Youngs Vail, who was President of college for women, "College Hill", near Cincinnati, Ohio.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Geneseo Centennial History: 1836-1936  
Geneseo Homecoming, 1915 Page 23

Page 62,63

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 (Two)

*UTM OK  
CD*

UTM REFERENCES

A 15 7 373 110 4 592 154.0  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B           
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C         

D         

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

Janice M. Borkgren, Secretary

David F. Corbin

ORGANIZATION

Save Our School Committee Incorporated

DATE

November 26, 1974

STREET & NUMBER

410 North State Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Geneseo

STATE

Illinois 61254

## 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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

*Anthony J. Ryan*

TITLE

State of Illinois-State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

4/11/75

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

*5/6/75*

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

*5.1.75*

*A. J. Montross*  
*Cheryl...*  
*achy*

75002142

Property South Side School

Henry

State Illinois

Working Number 4.17.75.682

**TECHNICAL**

Photos   
Maps

*UTM incorrect level of significance  
not checked.*

**CONTROL**

*OK 4/17/75*

*As long as you are calling: what of its history since 1890? Sign. in education is implicit, but should be a little more explicit.*

**HISTORIAN**

*Call - if danger:  
Accepted  
W.R. Luce  
4/22/75*

~~LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE?~~

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

**STRUCTURE ALTERED, BUT IT SAYS UNALTERED.  
DOES NOT MENTION TOWER WHICH IS MOST SALIENT FEATURE.**

*Accepted*  
~~Call~~  
**LEBOVICH**  
**4-22-75**

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

*Accepted  
Cole  
4-22-75*

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

*Accepted  
Henry  
for Murdock  
5-1-75*

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_

Entered MAY 6 1975

Federal Register Entry 7-1-75

Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

INT:2106-74



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with photograph)

STATE	
Illinois	
COUNTY	
Henry	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
MAY 6 1975	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: South Side School

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

209 South College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Geneseo

STATE:

Illinois

CODE

61254

COUNTY:

Henry

CODE

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Times-Democrat, Geneseo Office

DATE OF PHOTO: November 1974

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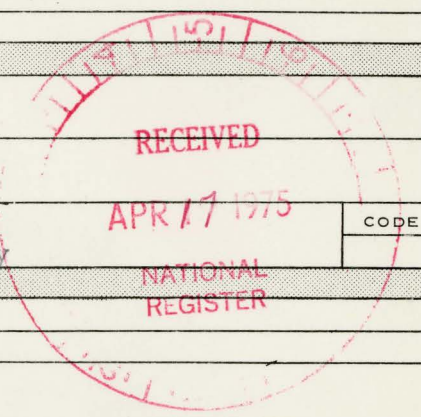
Times-Democrat, Geneseo Office

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

East facade, viewed from street on east edge of property.

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AND/OR COMMON

South Side School

**2 LOCATION**

CITY, TOWN

Geneseo

\_\_\_VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Henry

STATE

Illinois

**3 MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE Geneseo Quad

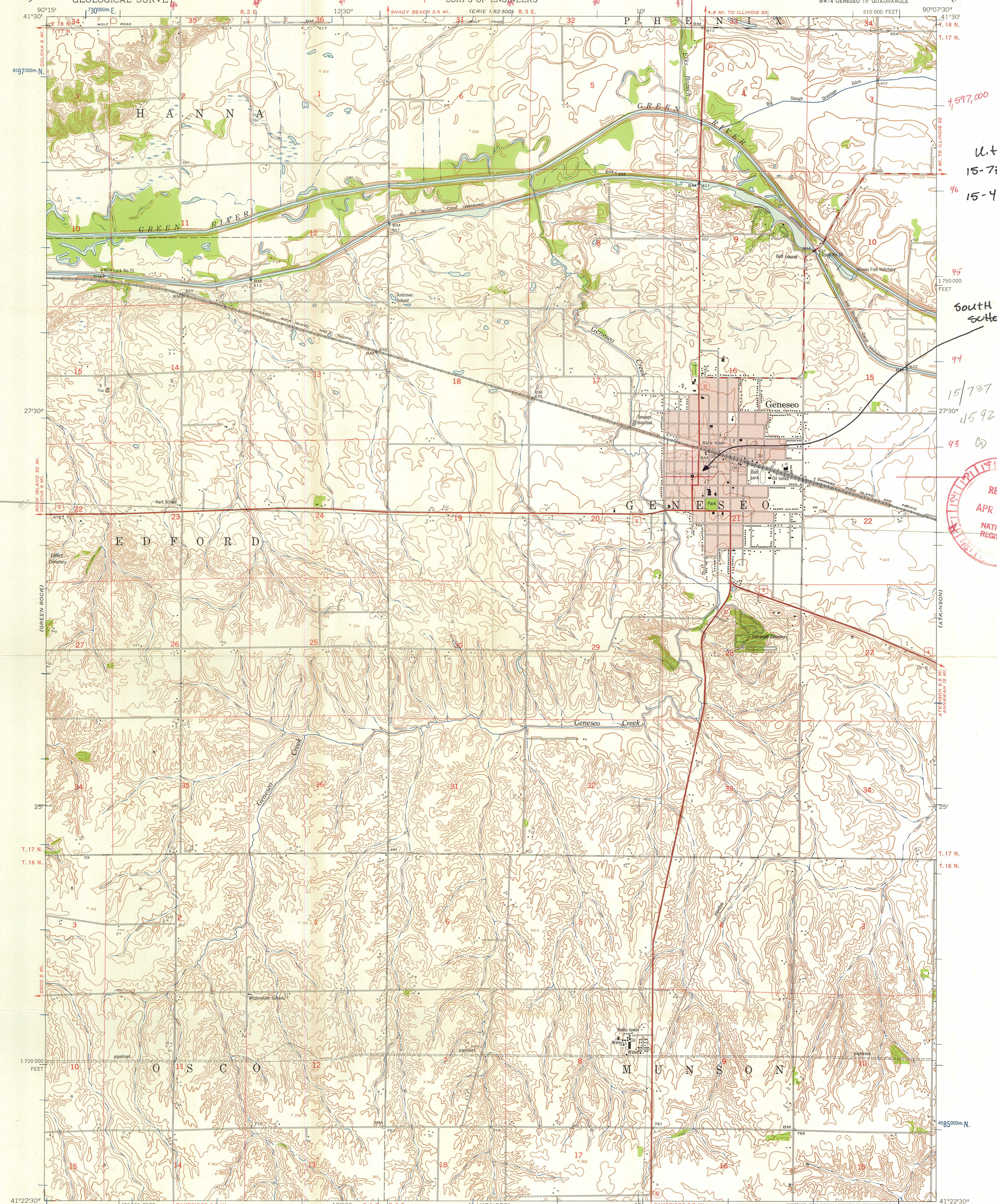
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DATE 1953

**4 REQUIREMENTS**

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

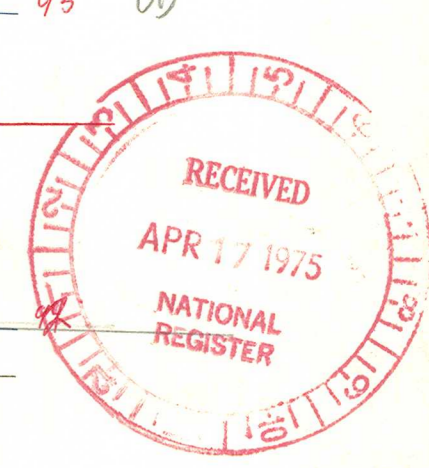
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2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES



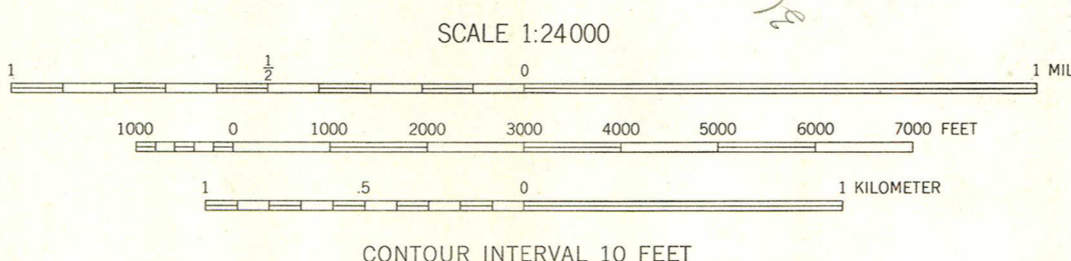
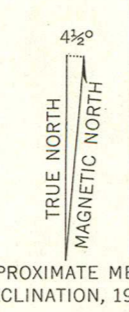
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15-737,310 E  
15-4,592,540 N

South Side School

15/737 310  
4592 540



Mapped by the Army Map Service  
Published for civil use by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USCE  
Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods  
Aerial photographs taken 1952-1953. Field check 1953  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Illinois coordinate system, west zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 15, shown in blue  
Red tint indicates area in which only  
landmark buildings are shown  
Unchecked elevations are shown in brown



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.  
AND BY THE STATE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, URBANA, ILLINOIS  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U. S. Route	State Route

GENESEO, ILL.  
NW 1/4 GENESEO 15' QUADRANGLE  
N 4122.5—W 9007.5/7.5  
1953



STATE OF ILLINOIS

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

605 STATE OFFICE BUILDING  
400 SOUTH SPRING ST.  
SPRINGFIELD 62706

CHICAGO OFFICE—1227 S. MICHIGAN AVE. 60605

April 14, 1975



Mr. William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the Register  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
Department of Interior  
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Murtagh:

The following is a list of National Register sites in Illinois which we feel should be considered for pictures in the Bicentennial edition of the National Register. This is an adenda of the list that was sent to you on April 10, 1975.

William Reddick House, Washington Park Historic District  
Ann B. Halsted House, Chicago  
John Wood House, Quincy  
Rock Island Arsenal  
St. James Episcopal Church, Lewistown  
Denkmann-Hauberg Home, Rock Island

Also, enclosed are National Register nomination forms for the Page Brothers Building, Chicago; Ellwood Mansion, DeKalb; South Side School, Geneseo; Old Iroquois County Courthouse, Watseka; and the Pabst Site, Birkbeck vicinity, Illinois.

Sincerely,

*Bill Farrar*

WILLIAM G. FARRAR  
Director  
Illinois Historic Landmarks Survey  
P. O. Box 986  
Carbondale, Illinois 62901

Enclosures  
WGF/kpg

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE      **ILLINOIS**

Date Entered      MAY 6      1975

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>South Side School</b>	<b>Geneseo Henry County</b>

Also Notified

✓ Hon. Charles H. Percy  
✓ Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson, III  
Hon. Thomas F. Raileback  
Regional Director, Midwest Region

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Mr. Anthony Dean  
Director, Dept. of Conservation  
602 State Office Building  
400 South Spring St.  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

PR      MMott/row      5/7/75

Braxton 6/3  
Sherman  
Herrington  
Far Murtagh  
Rogers  
T. Wood  
6/3  
W. Wood 6/3

Henry Co.

H34-PR

JUN 6 1975

Honorable Charles H. Percy  
United States Senator  
600 East Monroe, Room 117  
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Dear Senator Percy:

Thank you for your inquiry on behalf of Mrs. Carl Schefsky concerning  
the South Side School in Geneseo, Illinois.

We are pleased to advise you that the school was entered in the National Register of Historic Places on May 6. Enclosed is a leaflet which describes the National Register program and explains the degree of protection offered by the National Register listing.

We recommend that Mrs. Schefsky consult the Illinois State Historic Preservation Officer, Anthony Dean, Director, Department of Conservation, 602 State Office Building, 400 South Spring Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, concerning the possibility of transferring this property to the State of Illinois or other means of preserving the school. In order for the school to be established as a unit of the National Park System as a national historic site, it must be judged to possess national significance and to meet standards of suitability and feasibility for park purposes. The determination of national significance is made by the Secretary of the Interior under authority of the Historic Sites Act of 1935. Such determinations are usually based on the recommendations of the Secretary's Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings, and Monuments. We should note that the State Historic Preservation Officer evaluated the property as being of State significance.

We appreciate your interest in the historic preservation program of the National Park Service.

Sincerely yours,  
Ernest Allen Connally  
Associate  
Director

Enclosures Constituent's letter returned  
cc: Your Washington Office

bcc: Mr. Anthony Dean  
Director, Department

~~of Conservation~~  
of Conservation) w/c of inc.

Reg. Dir. - Midwest Reg.)

6-2  
Weg

KMFNP:JThorman:dar:6-2-75  
BASIC FILE RETAINED IN PR

Director's Reading File  
DI P PH PR) L) LS)  
LS-TWood-Dir.'s Chron.

343 E Palace Row  
Geneseo, Illinois  
61254

Vic  
I think we've  
already  
written  
Pls check

The Honorable Tom Railsback  
House Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Railsback,

My sincerest wishes are extended to you, hoping ~~that~~ your problems with your voice will soon be normal. I wish the very best to you.

W P S  
MAY 8 1975  
INFO. OFFICE

I am also contacting you concerning our old South School. On March 7th, 1975 the Illinois Department of Conservation commission voted 7 to 4 to nominate old South to be declared a national historic site and a complete brochure of information was sent to the National Conservation Department, Washington D.C.

I am quite concerned as to what progress has been made to declare Old South a historic site to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. I understand if it is so declared no further encroachments can be made upon it, in demolishing it. Am I correct on this or am I wrong?

Professor Titus M. Karlowicz of the University of Western Illinois, Macomb, who teaches history of art and architecture, appeared before our City Council on March 26th, 1975 and declared to the City Council that the Old South School was one of the buildings selected by a state survey team, under the Federal Preservation Law of 1966, to be preserved.

Please Mr Railsback, could you check into the matter for me to see how much progress has been made by the National Conservation Dept. to place it on the National Register! It is most urgent as the building is still standing and nothing has been done recently to demolish it any further. Please let me know at once.

Sincerely  
Mrs Carl Schefsky  
(Mrs Carl Schefsky)

I am sending the carbon copy to the Department of the Interior in case this letter does not reach you shortly. Perhaps they would know something and could give me some information. Would it be possible for the President of the United States to use executive power to place it on the Federal Register in order to prevent its demolition by the local school board?

United States Dept of Interi

Dear Gentlemen,

Please read  
my letter addressed  
to Hon. Tom Kaulback.  
perhaps you could  
give me the advice,  
information, that I  
am seeking much  
sooner than Congressman  
Kaulback, due to his  
illness.

I would appreciate  
this very much with  
my deepest thanks you.  
Sincerely Mrs Carl  
Schefsky

MAY 20 1975

Honorable Charles H. Percy  
United States Senator  
600 East Monroe  
Room 117  
Springfield, Illinois 62701

Dear Senator Percy:

I am pleased to acknowledge your inquiry on behalf of Mrs. Carl Schefsky concerning the old South School in Illinois.

We appreciate your interest in this matter and will provide you a reply at our earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) Gary Everhardt

Gary Everhardt  
Director

cc: Your Washington Office

bcc:  
/LS (2)) w/c of inc.

FNP:HCGilley:clb:5-19-75

The Honorable Charles Percy  
Senate Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Sir;

343 E. Palace Row  
Geneseo, Illinois  
61254

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7/11/75

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Certainly the State or Federal Government could take it over and run it as I have seen this done elsewhere. Is there any chance of doing this ? Due to the fact that according to State Laws there is not enough footage for a new school to be placed there and the Citizens want it saved for a historic place, part of it to be used for a museum . Could the State or Federal Government take it over and run it , just as they do National Parks?

Please let me hear from you at once .

(Secretary S. C. Sincere)  
Sincerely,  
Daniel Walker

I am sending a carbon copy to the Honorable Governor of our State Daniel Walker in hopes that he may be able to do something to make certain that this valuable building remains standing.

DATE 5-27-75  
TIME OF CALL 10:30 AM  
PM

TELEPHONE REPORT

1. CALL  TO;  FROM (Name)  
Mrs. Clifford Bourkogen

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)  
309/944-2680

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.  
South Side School, Geneseo, Ill.

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION  
School building is still standing. Press release has not yet gone out, wanted to know why -  
Spoke to Martha Blakely in Tom Railsback's office to tell her that Bldg. was still standing - wanted me to check on it

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL Jan Sherman TITLE OFFICE

DATE

5-286

TIME OF CALL

10:10

AM  
PM

TELEPHONE REPORT

1. CALL  TO:  FROM (Name)

Lorna Thompson,  
Sen. Percy's Office

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

224-3921

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

So. Side School, Geneseo, I/I

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

Date of entry on NR (they throw out notices), implications of NR listing, other steps that could be taken to preserve school (I recommended a local ordinance or local people purchasing it)

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

Thorman

TITLE

OFFICE

Thorman  
6/4/75  
6-4-75  
CSHull

Henry  
Co. JUN 11 1975

H34-PR

Mrs. Carl Schefsky  
343 East Palace Row  
Geneseo, Illinois 61254

Dear Mrs. Schefsky:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the South Side School in Geneseo, Illinois.

We are pleased to advise you that the South Side School was entered in the National Register of Historic Places on May 6, 1975. Enclosed are materials which describe the National Register program.

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN PR

Listing on the National Register is Federal recognition that a property possesses historic values and is worthy of preservation. Inclusion of a property in the National Register insures that the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is given an opportunity to review and comment upon any undertaking licensed, funded, or executed by a Federal agency that may affect the property. In addition, preservation projects on properties listed in the National Register, in accordance with an approved State Historic Preservation Plan, can qualify for either acquisition or development grants-in-aid.

Listing has no other effect on the property; it does not affect, in any manner, the range of actions an owner could take, as long as Federal financing is not involved; and it gives no governmental unit any authority or control over the property, its use, or disposition.

We appreciate your interest in historic preservation.

Sincerely yours,

Acting Charles A. Herrington (Sgd.)

William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Anthony Dean  
Director, Department of Conservation  
602 State Office Building  
400 South Spring Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62706 w/c inc. )

bcc: Regional Director, Midwest Region )  
Director's Reading File  
DI  
PR )  
FNP: J Thorman:fd 6-3-75

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**TOM RAILSBACK**  
19TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

ROOM 2431  
RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515  
AREA: 202-225-5905

COUNTIES:

CARROLL	MC DONOUGH
FULTON	MERCER
HANCOCK	ROCK ISLAND
HENDERSON	WARREN
HENRY	WHITESIDE
ADAMS (LIMA, MENDON AND Ursa TWPS. ONLY)	
BUREAU (FAIRFIELD, GOLD, GREENVILLE AND MANLIUS TWPS. ONLY)	
LEE (EAST GROVE, HAMILTON, HARMON, MARION-NELSON, PALMYRA, AND SOUTH DIXON TWPS-ONLY)	

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C. 20515**

ROOM 228  
FEDERAL BUILDING  
211-19TH STREET  
ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS 61201  
AREA: 309-794-1681

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
COMMITTEE

July 22, 1975

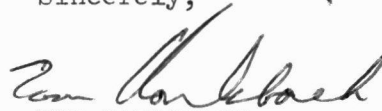
Congressional Liaison  
Department of the Interior  
National Park Service  
Washington DC 20240

Gentlemen:

I would appreciate your forwarding information concerning the present status of the South Side School in Geneseo, Illinois. I was notified in late spring that the school was placed on the National Register of Historic Places on May 6 and that thereafter considerable controversy arose as to possible demolition of the school.

Would you please advise me if the school has been or is in the process of being razed. Also, I would appreciate your informing me whether sites selected for listing in the National Register are protected from destruction. I have requested the same information from the Illinois Department of Conservation.

Sincerely,

  
TOM RAILSBACK  
Member of Congress

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July 28, 1975

Honorable Tom Railsback  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Railsback:

I am pleased to acknowledge your letter of July 22 concerning the South Side School in Geneseo, Illinois.

We appreciate your interest in this matter and will provide you a reply at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Gary Everhardt  
Director

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July 29, 1975

Mr. William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the Register  
National Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service  
Department of Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Murtagh:

This letter is a request that you delete the Old South School  
Geneseo - Henry County from the National Register of Historic  
Places.

Unfortunately, the School was demolished in the early part of  
this month.

Thank you for your action on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anthony T. Dean".

Anthony T. Dean  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Honorable Tom Railsback  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Railsback:

Thank you for your letter concerning the present status of the South Side School in Geneseo, Illinois, entered in the National Register of Historic Places on May 6, 1975.

We have consulted the staff of the Illinois State Historic Preservation Officer concerning this property and have found that it was demolished in July 1975. Thus, it has been removed from the National Register.

National Register properties are provided a limited degree of protection from projects funded, licensed, or executed by the Federal Government. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation must be given an opportunity to comment on any such Federal project affecting a property on the National Register. However, listing does not affect in any manner the range of actions an owner could take as long as Federal financing is not involved, and listing gives no governmental unit any authority or control over the property, its use, or disposition.

Enclosed is a summation of the National Register Program.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Allen Connally

Associate

Director

Enclosure

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