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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. Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).

1. Name of Property

historic name Carr High School

other names/site number Weddleville High School

2. Location

street & number Old U.S. Highway 50; 10059 W CR250 S not for publication

city or town Medora vicinity

state Indiana code IN county Jackson code 071 zip code 47260

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

Signature of certifying official

Date

Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer
Title

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

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)

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

- private
- public - Local
- public - State
- public - Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	district
0	0	site
0	0	structure
0	0	object
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Indiana Public Common and High Schools

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION: school

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL: meeting hall

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

MID-19th CENTURY

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation: stone
walls: BRICK
STONE
roof: METAL
other: WOOD

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance of the property. Explain contributing and noncontributing resources if necessary. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, setting, size, and significant features.)

Summary Paragraph

Carr High School is a simple, brick, two-story, gable-front building set on rolling terrain about one half mile west of the unincorporated town of Weddleville in Carr Township, Jackson County, Indiana. The building, approached by a long curving driveway through an open field, is adjacent to a rural cemetery. Agricultural and forested land comprise its general setting. Its bracketed entablature along the flanks and in returns on the gable ends of the building provide evidence that Italianate taste had arrived in southern Indiana by 1857 when the school was completed. However, its square-headed window and door openings demonstrate the persistence of vernacular Federal/Greek Revival notions of style. Except for replaced window sash and the insertion of stone lintels and sills on the first floor openings, the building has endured relatively few alterations since its completion.

Narrative Description

The school, which measures 24' by 40', rests on a coursed quarry-faced limestone foundation. Its walls are constructed of soft, red, handmade brick laid in common bond with every eighth course being headers. The brick was fired locally. Some of the brick, particularly adjacent to openings, recently has been repaired. Three tie bars with face plates are evenly spaced across the north-south elevations between the first and second floors. Two tie bars with face plates at the second floor and attic level appear on the east and west elevations.

Today the building's roof is sheathed in metal. However, a historic photo indicates that in the late 19th century the school had a wood shingle roof. Bracketed wood entablatures terminate both the north and south elevations with returns on the gabled (east, west) elevations. Most of the brackets on the north and south entablatures have survived but some are missing from the returns and raking friezes on the gabled ends. Although the entablatures are currently painted white, in one historic photograph the brackets appear to have been painted a darker color for contrast. A simple, square brick chimney extends through the peak of the roof close to the west end of the building. This chimney is no longer functional. In a historic photograph a chimney in approximately the same location appears but seems to have been more rectangular in dimension.

Window openings occur on the north and south elevations. All windows measure 73" by 37". On the north elevation three windows and a doorway that gives access to the second floor stairway are distributed across the ground floor with a window above each opening on the second floor. Ground floor openings are shuttered while second floor openings are covered with plywood. A historic photograph shows that six-over-six double hung sash filled each window opening while a paneled double door with five light transom filled the doorway. The same photo reveals that originally a header course of brick occurred immediately above each opening on both floors. All of the windows had wood sills. Today, the ground floor windows on both elevations have quarry-faced stone sills and lintels that exceed the dimensions of the openings. The six-over-six sash that appeared in the historic photo has been replaced by two-over-two, horizontally divided sash. The doorway also has a quarry-faced stone lintel and has been extended at its foot so the opening is closer to the ground. The addition of the stone sills and lintels probably accounts for the modifications in the brickwork noted above.

Eight window openings, four on each floor, appear on the south elevation. On this elevation too, the ground floor openings are shuttered while the second floor openings are covered in plywood.

A 55" by 90" doorway that gives access to the ground floor is centered on the east elevation. Its double door with five light transom configuration closely match the north elevation door as it appeared in the historic photograph. A single, plywood-covered window with quarry-faced stone sill and lintel is centered above the doorway at the second floor level. The west facing gable end does not have any openings.

The interior consists of one large room on each floor with the second floor room accessed by means of the 77" wide stair at the building's west end. Small cloakrooms are located in the stair hall on each floor. Interior walls are lathe and plaster and floors are wood planking. Doors and windows are trimmed with wide, painted wood boards. A hole in the middle of the first floor ceiling accommodated a stove.

In recent years, the school has received a new roof, some of the brickwork has been repaired, interior plaster repaired and painted on the first floor and the floor painted. Windows with the replacement sash have been restored to functional condition. Future work will concentrate on the stairwell and second floor.

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)

Property is:

- 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.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1857-1934

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

N/A

Period of Significance (justification)

The school was constructed in 1857 on land given to the "inhabitants of Carr Township" by George W. Carr the previous year. The first classes in the new school were taught in March, 1858 and classes continued to be held in the school until 1934.

Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary)

Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance and applicable criteria)

Carr High School is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its association with education in Carr Township, Jackson County from shortly after the Indiana General Assembly passed the "school law" of 1852 until instruction in the building ended in 1934. It falls into the category of "one-room schoolhouses" defined as an associated property type for the Multiple Property Listing Document entitled, *Indiana's Public Common and High Schools* and meets the registration requirements established for that property type. In addition, Carr High School is eligible for listing under Criterion C as a rare and outstanding example of a two-story nineteenth century school building. Built in 1857, it is one of the first generation of school buildings constructed after passage of the 1852 "school law" and is one of the oldest township school buildings still standing in Indiana.

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

On June 21, 1856, the stockholders of the Carr Township High School Association met "at the site fixed upon to erect a suitable building for a high school in Carr Township, Jackson County, Indiana". George W. Carr was clerk of the meeting and was elected as a member of the Board of Trustees for the school. The site was 1.32 acres given to the residents of the township by George W. Carr and his wife Fannie a short distance west of the newly-platted town of Weddleville. Carr had served as president of the Indiana Constitutional Convention of 1850-51. He was a state representative who had served in the General Assembly six times between 1838-1849, the last two years serving as Speaker of the House.

Construction on the building began in 1857. Originally it was intended to be a one-story building. However, the decision was made a short time later to increase the size of the building to two stories. Shares in the building were sold at twenty dollars per share to cover the cost of the additional floor. In March, 1858 the first term of instruction was conducted and while it was in session, work began on the second story. Upon completion of the building, the township took over the expense of the building and hiring faculty.

It is unclear exactly when the school began to accommodate teaching elementary students in addition to high school students. A 1929 history of Carr High School by Homer B. Turrell in *The Medorian* states that in the 1880s the high school was going strong and primary grades were taught in the lower room at that time. Instruction continued in the building until 1934. In 1940 the Lutheran Federation of Jackson County began using the building for church services and at a later point another congregation held intermittent services in the building until 1964. The building remained vacant and largely unused until recently when the current owner, the Weddleville Cemetery Association, began phased work to preserve the school.

The Multiple Property Listing Document, *Indiana's Public Common and High Schools*, identifies one-room schoolhouses as an associated property type. The discussion of the property type in that document points out that "the term 'one-room' is a misnomer" because by the 1860s planners were already increasing the size of school buildings. Carr High School is a rare, if not unique example of a school originally intended as a one-story 'one-room' building, but expanded almost immediately to accommodate a second floor classroom. Most surviving early township schools in Indiana follow the prototypical "one-room" format. Carr High School is all the more interesting because when expanded, it followed the model of county seminaries which were typically two stories in height with proportions resembling an I-house.

The registration requirements for one-room schoolhouses established in the multiple property listing document identify location as a key factor for listing. Carr High School, in exactly the same location today that it was when constructed in 1857, clearly meets that requirement.

The overall design of the building also is the same today as it was in 1858. There have been no additions or removals to compromise its design integrity. While the insertion of stone lintels and sills on the north, south, and east elevation openings has caused some damage to the adjacent brickwork, the size and location of the openings has not changed. The original six-over-six double hung sash which had become seriously warped when the building was abandoned was replaced by two-over-two sash some time after 1977. The interior configuration of the school is today the same as it was during the building's period of significance.

The roof sheathing today is metal and not wood shingle that appears in one historic photograph but the pitch and configuration of the roof have not changed. Other materials including the exterior brick, interior plaster walls, wood trim around windows and doors and the wood construction of the stair hall at the west end of the building have been repaired or restored but not replaced with other material.

Architecturally, with its two story height and long, narrow proportions, the school shares features in common with county seminaries built prior to 1852. Stylistically, the school's bracketed entablature running along both flanking elevations and following the rake of each gable indicates Italianate style influence, not surprising for the 1857 construction date. At the same time, the simple, flathead window and door openings, plain paneled doors, and delicate sash/transom mutins demonstrate the persistence of late eighteenth/early nineteenth vernacular building traditions. Typically, one-room schoolhouses were one-story buildings, although as the MPLD indicates, were increasing in size by the 1860s. Carr high school is a remarkably intact example of school building from that transitional design period and as such meets National Register Criterion C.

Developmental history/additional historic context information (if appropriate)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form)

Carr, William. Public Life of George Whitfield Carr unpublished manuscript, Jackson County Geneology Society.

Indiana Historical Bureau. Indiana History Bulletin. Vol. 39, No. 1 (January, 1962)

Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory. Jackson County Interim Report. Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, 1988

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Martin Bernice. History of Carr High School and Reminiscences of the Weddleville Community. Self-published booklet, Medora, IN, 1979

Mercer, Cornelius S. "History of the Democratic Party of Jackson County" in John B. Stoll History of the Indiana Democracy 1816-1916, Indianapolis, 1917

Turrell, Homer B. "Carr High School", The Medorian (Medora High School, 1929)

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 # _____

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): 071-398-55007

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 1.32 acres
(Do not include previously listed resource acreage)

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing

Verbal Boundary Description (describe the boundaries of the property)

Beginning at the N.E. corner of the S. E. quarter of section 30, Township 5 North of Range 3 East. Thence South 6°40", East along the section line two hundred and fourteen and one half feet. Thence South 84°50", West one hundred and sixty five feet. Thence North 6°40" West one hundred and fifteen and one half feet. Thence South 84°50" West two hundred seventy two and one half feet. Thence North 6°40" West ninety nine feet. Thence North 84°50" East three hundred eighty seven and one half feet to the beginning corner containing one acre and 32/100 more or less.

Boundary Justification (explain why the boundaries were selected)

This boundary describes the acreage given by George W. Carr to the citizens of Carr Township in 1856 and deeded in 1874 for the purpose of erecting a school. It includes the school building and its immediate setting.

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

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

Photographs:

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map.

Name of Property: Carr High School
City or Vicinity: Medora
County: Jackson **State:** IN
Photographer: Vanessa Wright
Date Photographed: May 6, 2010

Description of Photograph(s) and number: East elevation, photographer facing west
1 of 5_.

Description of Photograph(s) and number: view of the north and east sides of the school, photographer facing southwest
2 of 5_.

Description of Photograph(s) and number: view of the north and west sides of the school, photographer facing southeast
3 of 5_.

Description of Photograph(s) and number: view of the south and west sides of the school, photographer facing northeast
4 of 5_.

Description of Photograph(s) and number: view of the south and east sides of the school, photographer facing northwest
5 of 5_.

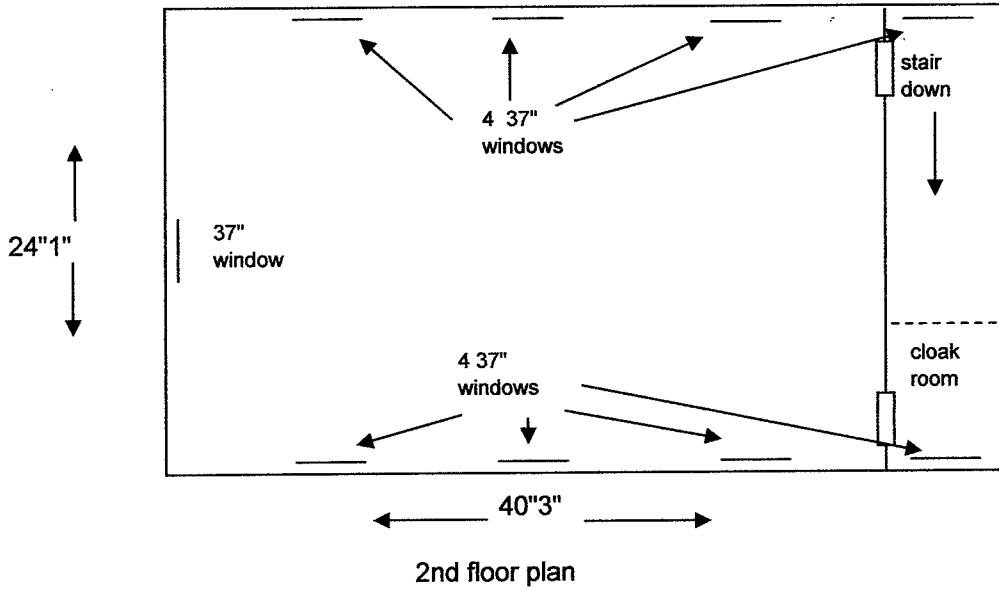
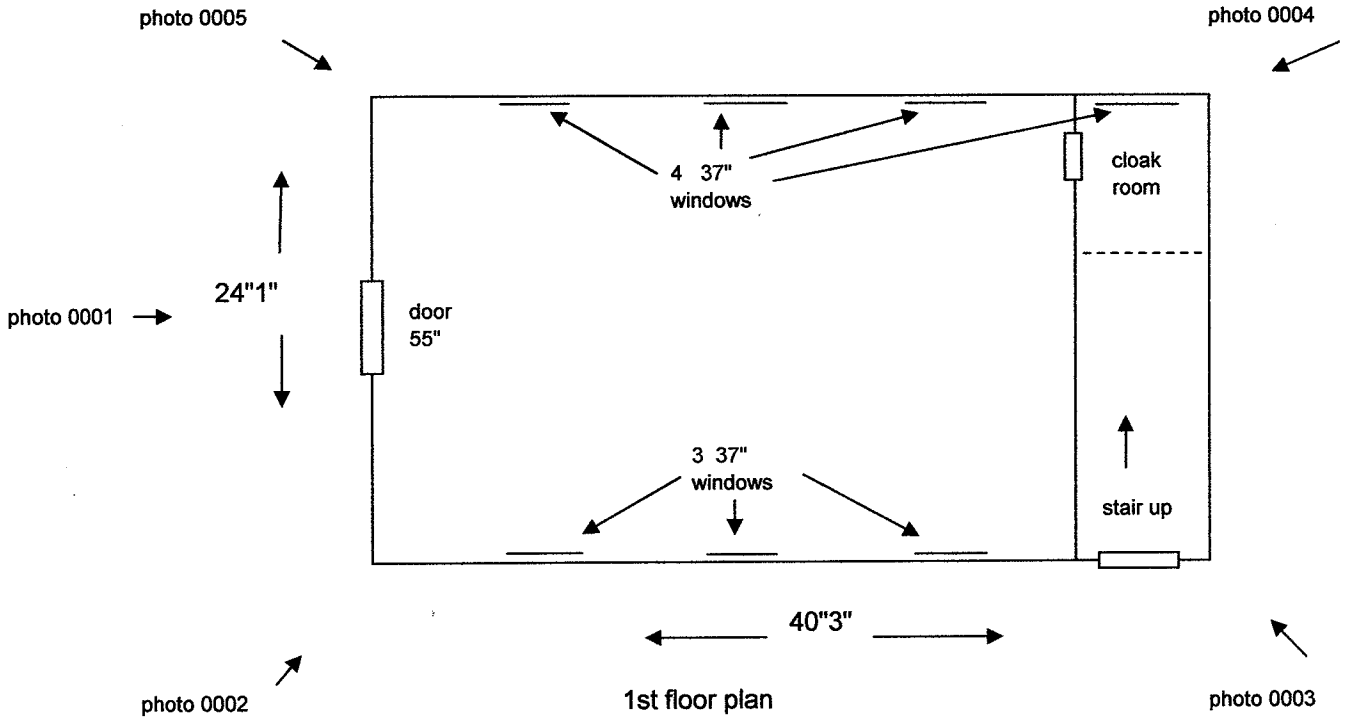
Property Owner:

(complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO)

name Weddleville Cemetery Association
street & number 10673 W CR 150 S telephone 812-966-2515
city or town Norman state IN zip code 47264

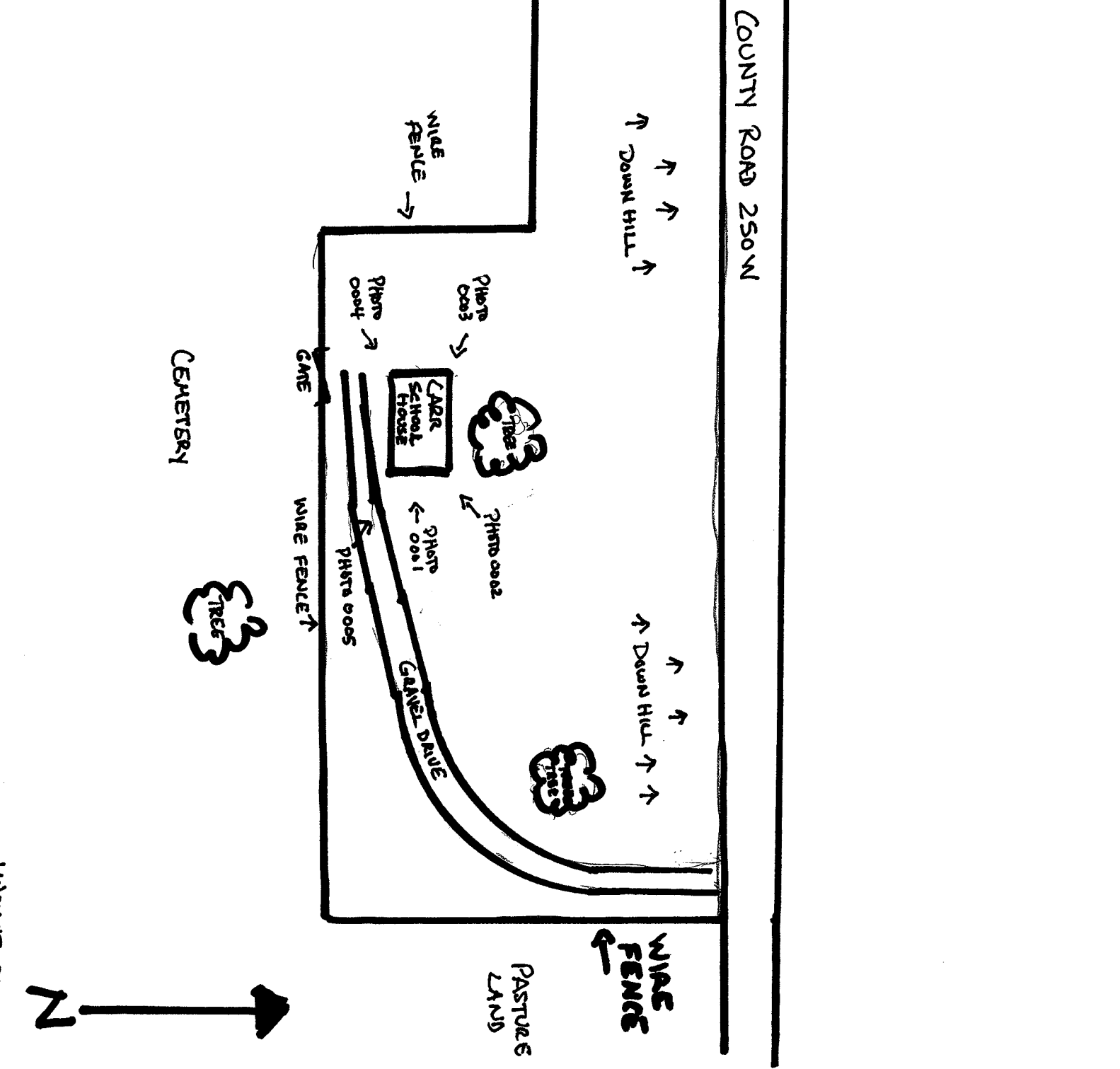
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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.



Carr High School
Jackson County, Indiana

CARR HIGH SCHOOL
JACKSON COUNTY, IN
SITE PLAN



COUNTY ROAD 250W

UNBODED
AREA

Down Hill

Down Hill

Down Hill

WIRE
FENCE

PASTURE
LAND

WIRE
FENCE

WIRE FENCE

CEMETERY

CARR
SCHOOL
HOUSE

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GRAVEL DRIVE

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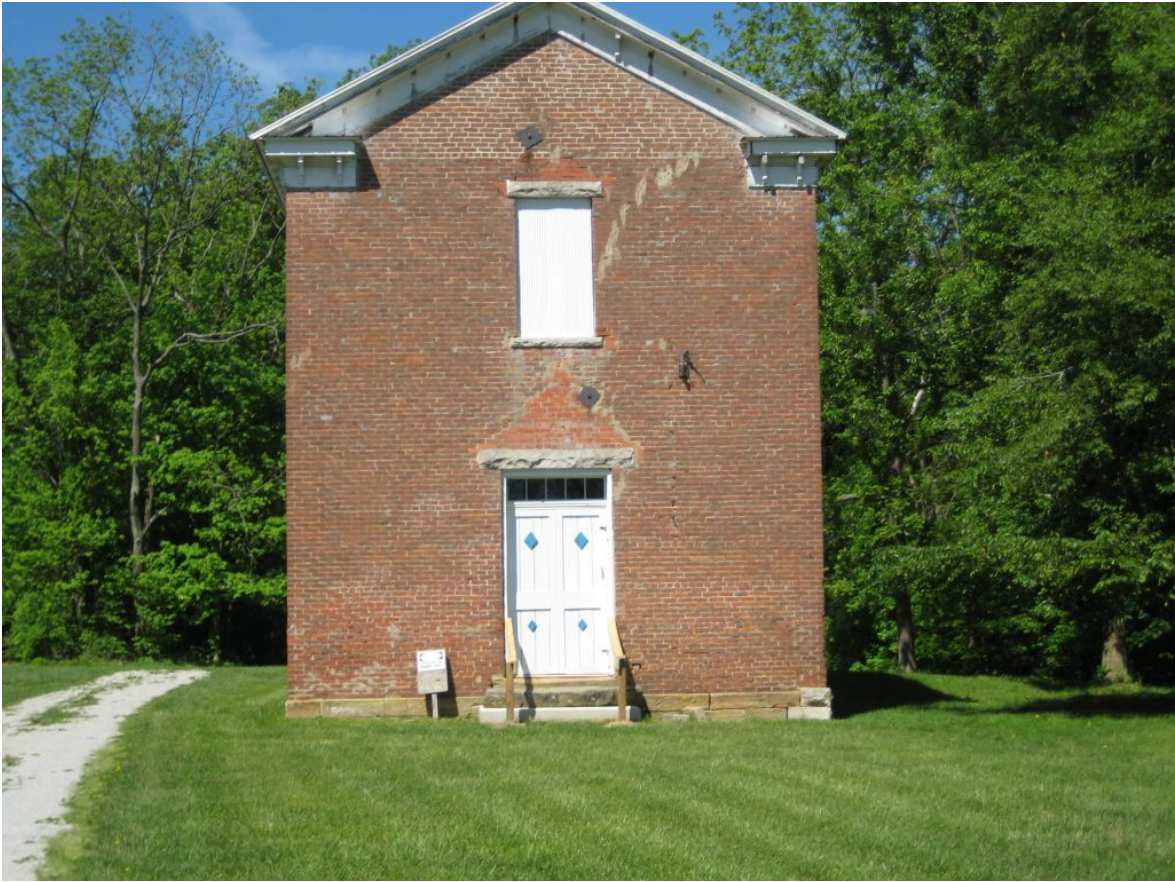
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Carr High School, Jackson County, IN. Photo 0001



Carr High School, Jackson County, IN. Photo 0003



Carr High School, Jackson County, IN. Photo 0004



Carr High School, Jackson County, IN. Photo 0008



Carr High School, Jackson County, IN. Photo 0010



Carr High School, Jackson County, IN. Photo 0012