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

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

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Old Franfort Stone High School  
AND/OR COMMON  
Old Stoney

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
301 East Clinton  
CITY, TOWN  
Frankfort  
STATE  
Indiana

VICINITY OF  
Seventh

NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

COUNTY  
Clinton

CODE  
018

CODE  
023

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<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:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
Community Schools of Frankfort, Indiana  
STREET & NUMBER  
50 S. Maish Road  
CITY, TOWN  
Frankfort  
STATE  
Indiana

VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Clinton County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN  
Frankfort  
STATE  
Indiana

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
None  
DATE  
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located near the center of Frankfort on the east bank of Prairie Creek, the Old Frankfort High School is a two-and-a-half story building on a raised basement. The exterior consists of Amherst sandstone with some cherrystone along the watertable at grade. Indiana limestone was used for trim and the steps. Five belt courses are used to divide the sandstone facade. The structure has an overall rectangular shape with a few irregular projections. A semi-circular apse is located in the center of the west elevation. The dominant feature of the Richardsonian Romanesque structure is a round, four-story tower with a tall conical roof attached to the northwest corner. The truncated hipped roof and tower roof have green clay tiles. Beneath the roof is a boxed metal cornice with dentils. There are four large stone chimneys.

The main (north) elevation features a large round arched entrance which is reached by a short flight of stairs. The second story windows are capped by round arches over slight indentations in the stone. This same window treatment is repeated in the dormer windows. A center gable is flanked by large gable dormers with three windows in each dormer. The window treatment is repeated in the dormer windows. A center gable is flanked by large gable dormers with three windows in each dormer. The window treatment on the east and west sides is the same as that on the north elevation. The south elevation duplicates the north side but lacks the corner tower. There are few single-window gable dormers on the east and west sides.

The building contains a basement, two-and-a-half finished stories, and an attic. There is an auditorium on the second floor. The light fixtures and woodwork date from 1926. Although the structure was originally constructed in 1892, a severe fire in 1922 gutted the interior, leaving only the exterior masonry walls standing. Originally, the building had four levels; however, the school was reconstructed in 1922-26 with three-and-a-half stories. Since 1976 when the building was leased to Old Stoney, Inc., a number of interior rooms have been painted and the woodwork has been refinished; otherwise, the structure is relatively unaltered from its 1926 appearance.

## 6 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	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<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 checked="" 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 1892  
1926

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Pierce and Morgan/ A. LaBelle  
J. Paden/ R W Leonard

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Old Frankfort Stone High School is important to the Frankfort community for historical and architectural reasons. The structure is the county's best example of Richardsonian Romanesque and is one of the more outstanding public buildings in the county. The Richardsonian style is indicated by the use of stone, a hipped roof, and round arched entrances and window embellishments. The dormer windows suggest a Jacobethan Revival influence. The Frankfort High School is also notable in the use of stone for the exterior. Most public school buildings constructed in Indiana at the turn of the century used brick rather than stone for the primary facade material. Stone was more often used in churches and city and county government buildings.

A. LaBelle was the original architect, and Pierce and Morgan were the contractors for the 1892 structure. The building had seventeen rooms and four stories and cost \$50,000. A disastrous fire on February 27, 1922, gutted the interior, leaving only the masonry walls standing. The school was rebuilt as a three-and-a-half story structure, using the original exterior walls. Rodney W. Leonard was the architect and John Paden was the contractor. The work was finished in 1926 at a cost of \$147,143.36.

Old Frankfort High School is important to the City of Frankfort for its role in the educational development of the community. The city's first high school had been constructed in 1873-74 to provide facilities for both the city and students commuting from the county. The growth of the city and the influx of county students soon dictated the construction of a new building in 1892. In 1962 Old Stoney became a junior high school and was used as such until 1974. In 1976 a group of citizens formed Old Stone, Inc., and secured a 99-year lease from the school board. This organization has restored a number of the classrooms and has used the building for offices, commercial activities and community activities. As an educational center for eighty years, the structure has been an important element in the lives of four generations of Frankfort citizens.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Indianapolis STAR, May 23, 1976  
 Roettger, David A., Old Stoney, A Feasibility Study, Indianapolis, 1976  
 Claybaugh, Joseph, History of Clinton County, Indiana. Indianapolis:  
 A.W. Bowen & Co., 1913  
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 of the Past Century. Frankfort, Indiana: n.p., 1930.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.48 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Frankfort

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 541745 4458750  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B           
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Building sets in middle of 1.48 acre plat, bounded on the North by the curblines of East Clinton Street, on the west by Prairie Creek, and on the South by the curblines of East Walnut Street, and East by an alley.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Frederick Dale Brown

DATE

ORGANIZATION

Old Stoney, Inc.

January 18, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

301 E. Clinton Street

TELEPHONE

317/659-4911

CITY OR TOWN

Frankfort

STATE

Indiana

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE   

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER