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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

Mooresville Friends Academy Building

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

244 N. Monroe Street

CITY, TOWN

Mooresville

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

6th

STATE

Indiana

CODE

18

COUNTY

Morgan

CODE

029

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

Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation

STREET & NUMBER

202 North Indiana Street

CITY, TOWN

Mooresville

VICINITY OF

Indiana

STATE

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Morgan County Courthouse page X-478 Book of Deeds for 1861

STREET & NUMBER

Square

CITY, TOWN

Martinsville

STATE

Indiana

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE

April 1971

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Washington D.C.

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Originally constructed 1860-61 this two story bearing wall brick structure was rectangular in shape with a low gabled roof, a plain cornice and very low relief pilasters, four on the front and five on each side. Two of the side pilasters towards the rear extended through the roof as chimneys. This two classroom school, 34' x 44', cost \$3702.03 including a stove, desks, seats, and a set of chairs for each room. A hallway and stairwell ran across the front of the building to give access to the rooms. The main or front facade of this building had a centered door with a semicircular arch, an arched window on the second floor with two units, each arched to form a three arch pattern. The nine over nine sash windows have segmental arched lintels and louvered shutters.

A 24' addition in 1867 across the rear of the building was compatible with the rest of the building. The composition of the main facade was maintained and the rhythm of the pilasters was maintained. This addition did change some of the Greek revival feeling by lengthening in the building so it was not so close to having temple proportions.

In 1883 a 72' x 32' addition was placed across the front of the building but this was removed in 1936. It now contains two school rooms with fifteen foot ceilings and is being used by the Morgan County Historical Society for storage and offices.

The building is in good condition and structurally sound and appears much as it did after the 1867 addition.

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Mooresville Friends Academy Building is important for its association with the development of education in Indiana and because it is a surviving example of quality pre-Civil War educational architecture. The Quakers had strong influence on the development of education in Indiana and this building illustrates the Quakers' and local interest in and need for higher education facilities through the quality of construction and design. Until 1883 when the town of Mooresville took over the school it was managed by the Quakers but was clearly not a school intended only for Quakers. In 1865 records indicate that out of 102 students 80 were Quakers. This building served its educational purpose from 1861 until 1971 with the exception of a few months in 1936 and 1966.

Constructed with private funds supplied by the White Lick Meeting and the townspeople of Mooresville it was known as the Quaker Academy because of a sophisticated curriculum offering Astronomy, Geometry, Trigonometry, Calculus, Geology, Latin, German, and Greek.

Architecturally, it maintains the simple lines, classic proportions, and sound construction typical of the period while very mild classic references reflect the Quaker preference. One of the last Quaker Academy Buildings left standing in the state it perhaps has the most integrity of any. The Mooresville Friends Academy also continues its role in education by housing the Morgan County Historical Society which is moving forward with plans for renovation.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Katrina Ragsdale, "Development of Education in Mooresville under the Influence of the Friend's Society", 1953, Butler University, Unpublished Manuscript, copy at Indiana State Library.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3

UTM REFERENCES

UTM changed per STAARD 4/18/11

A | 1 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING
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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING
 D | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Henry Youngblood, Chairman of the Board of Directors

ORGANIZATION

Morgan County Historical Society

DATE

January 14, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

R. R. #1, Box 468

TELEPHONE

317-996-3433

CITY OR TOWN

Monrovia

STATE

Indiana

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

TITLE

Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

February 3, 1975

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER