

**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 How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an 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 entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Old Southport High School
other names/site number Old Southport Middle School 097-392-85348

2. Location

street & number 6548 Orinoco Avenue N/A not for publication
city or town Indianapolis N/A vicinity
state Indiana code IN county Marion code 097 zip code 46227

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 36CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] Date 8.8.03
Signature of certifying official/Title
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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Name of Property

Marion IN
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building
- district
- site
- structure
- object
- landscape

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

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

Indiana's Public Common & High Schools

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION: School

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION: School

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

19th & 20th c. REVIVALS: Colonial Revival

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls BRICK

STONE: Limestone

roof ASPHALT

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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.)

- Criteria A, B, C, D with checkboxes and descriptions.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION
ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1930-1952

Significant Dates

[Blank lines for dates]

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

McGuire & Shook

Bryant, Roy C. (general contractor)

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- Criteria A through G with checkboxes and descriptions.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographic References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- Criteria for preliminary determination, previously listed, etc.

Primary location of additional data:

- Criteria for State Historic Preservation Office, Other State agency, etc.

Name of repository:

Southport High School Alumni Library

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 2 acres

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 16 574120 4391430
Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

2

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Indianapolis state IN zip code 46202

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

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.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Perry Township School Corporation
street & number 6548 Orinoco Avenue telephone 317/789-3700
city or town Indianapolis state IN zip code 46227

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Narrative Description

The old Southport High School is located in a tree-lined, residential neighborhood adjacent to the Homecroft historic district. It is positioned at the corner of Banta Road and Orinoco Avenue in Perry Township, which is at the southern edge of Marion County. The school is set back from Orinoco Avenue with a small, arching parking lot between it and the street. A wide concrete walk leads from the drive to the main entry. The athletic fields are located behind or to the west of the building, along Banta Road. The school building, designed by McGuire and Shook architects of Indianapolis, is constructed of steel, concrete, brick, and limestone. Several additions were made to the school as the population of Perry Township continued to grow. However, the original building's north and east facades are intact and original features are unaltered.

The two-story, Colonial Revival school was designed with a 'U' shape footprint and completed in 1930. The original seven bay wide structure is constructed of common bond, red brick with a limestone base and detailing. The end-gabled roof, located on the wings and center bay of the original building, is covered with black asphalt shingles. The end gables extend past the roofline and are trimmed with limestone.

The east façade contains the main entrance, which is defined by a grand, two-story Corinthian column portico. (See Photo 1) The six, Corinthian capitals have been replicated during the recently completed renovation and retain their original appearance. The fluted columns are elevated upon a concrete pedestal, which support a limestone entablature. The entablature contains dentil molding as well as one carved rosette above each column. The name "Perry Township High School" is carved within the frieze. An octagonal, wood louvered cupola is centered above the main entrance. The roof of the cupola is constructed of copper with a thin metal antenna. (See Photo 2)

The symmetrical wings, set back on either side of the main entrance, terminate in large piers supporting the elevated end gables. Each pier is topped by a carved limestone block. The wings are divided into bays by brick pilasters and crowned by a simple white, wood cornice.

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The current windows are not original and have been replaced several times through renovations. However, an attempt has been made to match the original design. The main entrance has five, six-over-six, double hung windows with a simple limestone sill on the second floor. Five pairs of double doors are located below on the first floor. The original doors had divided lights in the upper two-thirds and solid construction in the lower third, topped with a decorative fanlight. Currently, the doors are of metal frame and glass construction with a decorative fanlight above. Both the doors and windows on the main entrance have keystone, limestone lintels. The windows located on the second floor of the wings of the original building are paired, nine-over-twelve, double hung with a limestone sill. The first floor has a fixed, divided light above paired, six-over-six double hung windows which are topped with a decorative brick header.

The north façade of the original building faces Banta Road and it is five bays wide. The limestone base continues around to the north elevation. A second entry is located on the western most bay and is grandly presented with a one and a half-story arched, limestone surround. The surround projects approximately three feet from the façade and forms a balcony for the window located behind it. A scrolled crest containing the letter 'S' tops the door surround. (See Photo 8) Decorative brickwork forms a large, rectangular shape next to the entrance, which reaches higher than the limestone surround. Limestone quoining can be found along the roofline and along either side of the limestone entry. A Palladian window is centered on the second story, decorated with a limestone surround and keystone detailing.

The next three bays are similar to the wings on the east façade. Its east end-gable roof intersects with that of the east elevation. The end-gable at the west end rises above the roofline and is trimmed in limestone. Brick pilasters divide this portion of the building into three bays, which is anchored by a brick pier decorated with limestone. As on the north façade, the brick pier is topped by a carved limestone block. The simple white, wood cornice continues on these three bays. The windows on the second floor are paired, twelve-over-twelve double-hung with limestone sills. The first floor windows are paired, six-over six double hung with a fixed single light above. The first floor windows are topped with a vertical brick header. Vents have been filled in below the windows on the first and second floors.

The fifth bay differs in appearance from the remainder of the north façade. It is recessed approximately five feet and has a flat roof. The limestone base is continued from the other four

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bays, however the placement of a limestone cornice and stringer are a variation from the design. Between the cornice and stringer are two rectangular patterns of decorative brickwork. The first floor originally had two pairs of six-over-six double-hung windows with a fixed single light above. These were topped by a vertical brick header. The pair on the left was replaced by a full glass door with a sidelight.

In 1956, due to the growing population in Perry Township, a new wing was added to the high school which included additional classrooms, a new cafeteria and kitchen to serve 900 students, restrooms, and band practice rooms. The southern most two-story addition is constructed of common bond, red brick and has a flat roof. The roofline is capped with a thin course of limestone, which provides continuity with the original structure. Other two-story additions built along the southern façade were completed in 1958, 1960, and 1963 to sustain the growing student body. The subsequent additions are all constructed with red brick and retain a similar flat roofline. Currently, the southern façade takes an overall U-shaped appearance and is flanked by two double-door entryways that are assessable via stair and ramp.

The most extensive addition was constructed on the west façade during the early to mid 1970's. Red brick is once again used as the primary source of siding and the roofline remains consistently flat. The central portion of the addition is broken into six bays by seven two-story limestone pilasters. A series of double-hung windows on both the second and first floors are separated by beige metal plating that maintains a louvered appearance.

The interior has seen many renovations through the decades of student body growth and change. The main entry is once again open to the second story through the recently completed renovation. Glazed brick lines the walls to a height of seven feet with painted plaster above. Two stairways were originally located on either side of the main entry. One stairway has recently been returned during the newly completed renovation. (See Photo 17) A field of white terrazzo with a black terrazzo border covers the floor in the entry and hallways. The hallway walls were originally covered with a tan glazed brick to a height of four and one-half feet with painted plaster above. Today, the glazed brick has been covered with painted plaster, while the upper half has been replaced with drywall. A strip of decorative wood trim now separates the lower painted plaster from the upper drywall section. The second floor originally had wood strip flooring, but now the hallways have been covered with carpeting. The two-story, centrally located gymnasium had

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brick walls, a wood strip floor, a theatre stage, and fixed wooden bleachers. The gymnasium, filled to capacity, held 2,500 people. (See Photo 11) Today, the stage is gone as well as the wooden bleachers replaced with modern metal retractable seating.

An addition to the property was made in 1936, when funds from the Works Progress Administration (W.P.A.) made possible Roosevelt Stadium, a football and track and field facility. Concrete stands, as well as a concrete wall enclosing the athletic fields were constructed. The wall has fluted arched entrances with metal gates. The name Roosevelt Stadium is stamped into the arch. A city water connection was installed in 1945. The stadium has not been included in the nomination due to the tremendous amount of alteration and addition that has since taken away from its overall historical appearance.

The most recent renovation efforts began in 1996 and have substantially improved the overall historic appearance of Old Southport High School. The large ramp, that once significantly altered the historic north façade entrance, has been replaced with a new stair and floor framing system that does not distract from the original decorative limestone design. In addition, many of the replacement windows and doors have been refurbished to closer match the original millwork. Historic photographs were used to help determine exterior renovation materials as well as establish many of the interior ceiling heights. The newly designed community entrance on the northwest façade has been sensitively approached by implementing similar masonry and limestone units found throughout the original expression. Today, Old Southport High School retains much of its original integrity and remains a viable center for civic and educational outreach.

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Narrative Statement of Significance

The 1930 old Southport High School in Perry Township is nominated for significance under both Criterion A for its long association and interaction with the community and Criterion C for its unique style of architecture that helps convey the development of education in Indiana. The school served to rally and draw the community together as well as provide the main source of entertainment during the lean years of the Great Depression. The high school became the center of community pride, a gathering place, and a morale builder. Community activities associated with the school included: Exhibit Day, in which each department displayed work done throughout the year; numerous athletic events; and Easter sunrise services, the last one being held in 1958. Three community churches joined together for Easter sunrise services held in Southport Stadium. Three thousand people regularly attended each year and the program was broadcast on an Indianapolis radio station.¹

Criterion C may also be applied to the school for its distinctive Colonial Revival characteristics. Old Southport High School serves as the first and only Colonial Revival school building within the township and remains unique in its function and design today. The building not only represents distinguishing stylistic features not often associated with school architecture in Indiana, but also serves as a surviving example of the development of education within Indiana. As with most school buildings, a series of additions and alterations have been completed since its construction. However, the integrity of this building remains in the spirit of the original design created by the architectural firm of William C. McGuire and Wilbur Shook. Architects McGuire and Shook are noted for the design of other historic buildings including: Howe High School, Indianapolis; Indianapolis Public School #82 (NR 1995); Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis; and Indianapolis Public School #97 renamed "Horizon Alternative School."

Old Southport High School falls within the parameters of the multiple property document entitled Indiana's Public Common and High Schools, which continues to be the standard for historic school and public common spaces in Indiana. The section entitled "Two or More Room Consolidated Rural and Urban Schools" is applicable and encompasses this nomination. The history of education in Indiana has been well established in the multiple property document and does not warrant further consideration within this proposal. Instead, this nomination focuses on

¹ "Easter Worshippers," *Indianapolis Star*, April 7, 1947.

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the development of education in Perry Township and other extant examples of period school buildings within the township.

In 1822, the county commissioners defined the boundaries of Perry Township and in 1824 it became an independent township, when separated from Franklin. Platted in 1849, Southport became the first incorporated community in Perry Township in 1853. The construction of an elevated railroad track in 1905 opened the way into Perry Township allowing development to expand southward from the city of Indianapolis. The Indianapolis interurban trains serviced Perry Township, assisting in the development of newly planned residential neighborhoods such as University Heights (1906), Edgewood (1907), and Homecroft (1923).

The first school in Perry Township, a one-room log structure, was built in 1823. By 1884, there were fourteen school districts with the same number of schoolhouses, two frame structures and twelve of brick. The daily attendance averaged 450.² In 1890, the Perry Township board of trustees made the decision to consolidate the upper grades. The first high school class met on the second floor of the school on the corner of Southport and Madison roads in 1891. Mr. J.S. Puett, principal, established the township's first three-year high school program.³ The year 1894 saw the first graduation with seven students. However, a four-year program was needed for certification and Principal Puett worked toward that goal. The first graduating class of the four-year high school was in 1898. Southport was certified by the state of Indiana as a high school in 1907 and commissioned by the state in 1910.⁴

Southport's population continued to grow assisted by the access supplied by the Indianapolis interurban. By 1907 there were 160 teachers in Marion County and schooling requirements had been established for both teachers and principals at the county level. In 1906, Perry Township had twenty-one teachers and or principals. Eighteen of the twenty-one had at least one year of post high school education.⁵ The two, two-year high schools in Perry Township--Glenns Valley

² Sulgrove, B.R., *History of Indianapolis and Marion County*, Philadelphia: L.H. Everts & Co., 1884, 594.

³ Orme, Edward L., "Early School History of Indiana, Perry Township and Southport High School," 5.

⁴ Orme, Edward L., "Early School History of Indiana, Perry Township and Southport High School," 6

⁵ Reese, Olive L., "The History of the Development of Perry Township Schools of Marion County, Indiana," Master Thesis, Butler University, 1954, 27.

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and No. 9--were combined into one high school at Southport in 1910.⁶

Education was a low national priority during World War I with the illiteracy rate reaching 7.7% in 1910.⁷ However, both Perry Township and Southport continually held high standards for education. A new ten-room building was constructed in 1912 and the high school classes, grades 9-12, again met on the second floor.⁸ To fund this project, the tax rate for Southport was higher than that for Indianapolis.⁹ Manual training, domestic science and agriculture classes were added to the high school curriculum in 1913.¹⁰ By 1915, there were eight Perry Township school buildings.

The twenties brought prosperity to Perry Township, which translated into a larger population, new businesses, and new roads for the increasing number of automobiles. The high school enrollment increased as well, with the class of 1929 graduating 47 students. This decade also saw additions to the high school's activities: a school newspaper was started in 1922, the first student council was elected in 1924, and the first yearbook was printed in 1925.¹¹

Mr. J.S. Puett, former principal of Southport High School, sold land to the township for the construction of a larger facility to house the growing student body.¹² However, as a result of the stock market crash in 1929, money was tight and nearly one out of four people were out of work. The construction of a new high school met with resistance from the community. Dedication to excellence in education won out and the \$250,000 school opened in 1930 and was "equipped with every modern device, including drinking fountains, [indoor] restrooms and a library" as

⁶ Smart, William, *The Development of the Village of Southport*, Paper written for class at Southport High School April 10, 1947, 10.

⁷ Wright, Terry and Southport High School's 1986 IDEA History Class and Henley-Marshand, *A Century of Pride and Progress: Southport High School 1894-1994*, N.p., 21.

⁸ Reese, Olive L., "The History of the Development of Perry Township Schools of Marion County, Indiana," Master Thesis, Butler University, 1954, 27.

⁹ Wright, Terry and Southport High School's 1986 IDEA History Class and Henley-Marshand, *A Century of Pride and Progress: Southport High School 1894-1994*, N.p., 13.

¹⁰ Reese, Olive L., "The History of the Development of Perry Township Schools of Marion County, Indiana," Master Thesis, Butler University, 1954, 35.

¹¹ *Ibid*, 19.

¹² Orme, Edward L., "Early School History of Indiana, Perry Township and Southport High School," 6.

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reported by the *Indianapolis News* in 1933.¹³

Being the only high school in Perry Township, it was designed to house 700 students, which was double that of the total enrollment in 1929. New curricula were adopted for the students to choose from including home economics, industrial arts, commercialism, and of course academic work. The school day was changed to accommodate those students who must work to assist their families by incorporating the five, one-hour class schedule.¹⁴

Athletics were an important focus in 1930, embodied by the adoption of the motto "Athletics for Everybody" by principal Ray Addington. The gymnasium's capacity reached 2,500 and the athletic fields included room for a baseball diamond, tennis courts, football field, and track and field facilities. With the addition of the Works Progress Administration's Roosevelt Stadium in 1936, the athletic fields were complete and could now provide the needed entertainment for the community. The enthusiasm generated by the sports activities also assisted in boosting the community's morale.

In the 1940's, when the United States entered World War II, Southport High School strived to make a contribution to the war effort by preparing students for an active roll as well as financially supporting our military. Southport High School became involved with the war effort by selling defense stamps during lunch and instead of corsages for dances. Money was donated from skating parties and school plays. At this time, the U.S. Office of Education instituted regulations to improve education in the nation's schools. Activities that did not assist the war effort were dropped at Southport and the primary focus was on physical and mental readiness for all students. Academic and physical tests were given to determine ability for military service.

The end of the war brought about a national population increase that also affected Perry Township. Due to overcrowding in 1958, the school board voted to move the high school students to the more spacious junior high school building. The high school building was then

¹³ "Speaking of Chesty Communities, Hear about Southport and Her Neighbors, Boasting Chuck Klien, Hildy Hildebrand and Other High School Notables." *Indianapolis News*, December 16, 1933.

¹⁴ Wright, Terry and Southport High School's 1986 IDEA History Class and Henley-Marshand, *A Century of Pride and Progress: Southport High School 1894-1994*, N.p., 23.

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renamed Perry Junior High School. Through the ensuing years, the Old Southport High School continued to serve the community as a freshman campus, a junior high, and presently as an alternative school.

Colonial Revival architecture became popular in Indiana around the turn of the twentieth century. No doubt the patriotism associated with the American Centennial that took place in (1876), played a large role in its popularity. The Columbian Exposition of 1893 also included many examples of Colonial Revival architecture. Several stylistic details associated with Colonial Revival include dentils, heavy cornices, entrances with fanlights and sidelights, pedimented dormer windows, keystones, and quions. The floor plans generally tend to follow the Georgian plan with a central hall, balanced façade, and classical motifs. The style remained popular until the 1950's, but slowly grew out of favor and was replaced by the trend toward modernity in the 1960s.

According to the *Perry Township, Marion County Interim Report* published in 1992, over 940 sites were surveyed within Perry Township.¹⁵ Varying architectural styles consume this densely populated area and Colonial Revival representations are rare in existence. Only nine sites surveyed throughout the entire township were designated stylistically as Colonial Revival and Old Southport High School serves as the solitary extant school building. In total, only four school buildings qualified to be surveyed and Old Southport High School, built in 1930, is the only school to earn the (N) Notable designation in Perry Township. The three remaining school examples include; #082, Beech Grove Elementary, Educational Vernacular, (C), 1924; #163, St. Roch School, Mission Revival, (C), 1922; #254, Indiana Central Administration Building, NeoClassical, (O), 1904.¹⁶

In the adjacent townships of Decatur and Franklin, only five schools qualified for inclusion under the survey criteria and the most notable, New Bethel High School, has since been razed.¹⁷ Other school buildings included are primarily noted for vernacular or t-plan styles and lack the distinctive stylistic qualities found in Old Southport High School. Not only are Colonial Revival

¹⁵ "Decatur, Perry and Franklin Townships, Marion County," *Interim Report*, Indianapolis: Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana, 1992, p. 41-142.

¹⁶ *Ibid*, 44, 51, 63.

¹⁷ *Ibid*, 135.

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school examples rare within adjacent townships, but Old Southport remains the only high school example of the style within the densely populated area of Marion County.

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Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at the point of the southwest corner of the intersection of Banta Road and Orinoco Avenue, proceed west 465 feet, then proceed due south to Loretta Drive, then proceed east 465 feet to Orinoco Avenue, then proceed north to the point of origin.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the school and the grounds immediately surrounding the school building.

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Photographs

The following information is the same for all of the photographs:

Name of property: Old Southport High School

County and state: Marion County, Indiana

Name of photographer: Matthew Rector

Location of original negatives:

Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology
402 West Washington Street
IGC South, Room W274
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2748

Date of photographs: April 10, 2002

1. Exterior view, east façade, facing west
2. Exterior view, east façade, facing southwest
3. Exterior view, southeast 1950s addition, facing northwest
4. Exterior view, south side of school, facing northeast
5. Exterior view, south side of school, facing north
6. Exterior view, west side of school, facing southeast
7. Exterior view, new entrance on northwest corner, facing southeast
8. Exterior view, door, north façade, facing south
9. Exterior view, detail of northern most Corinthian column, central entrance, east façade, facing northwest
10. Interior view, first floor east entrance, facing northeast
11. Interior view, gymnasium, facing southeast
12. Interior view, first floor hallway, facing north
13. Interior view, first floor classroom, facing northeast
14. Interior view, first floor hallway in 1950s addition (southeastern portion of building), first floor, facing southwest
15. Interior view, first floor meeting room, facing northwest
16. Interior view, new first floor addition, northwest corner, facing southeast

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17. Interior view, first floor stairwell, facing east
18. Interior view, second floor conference room, facing southwest
19. Interior view, second floor corridor, facing northwest

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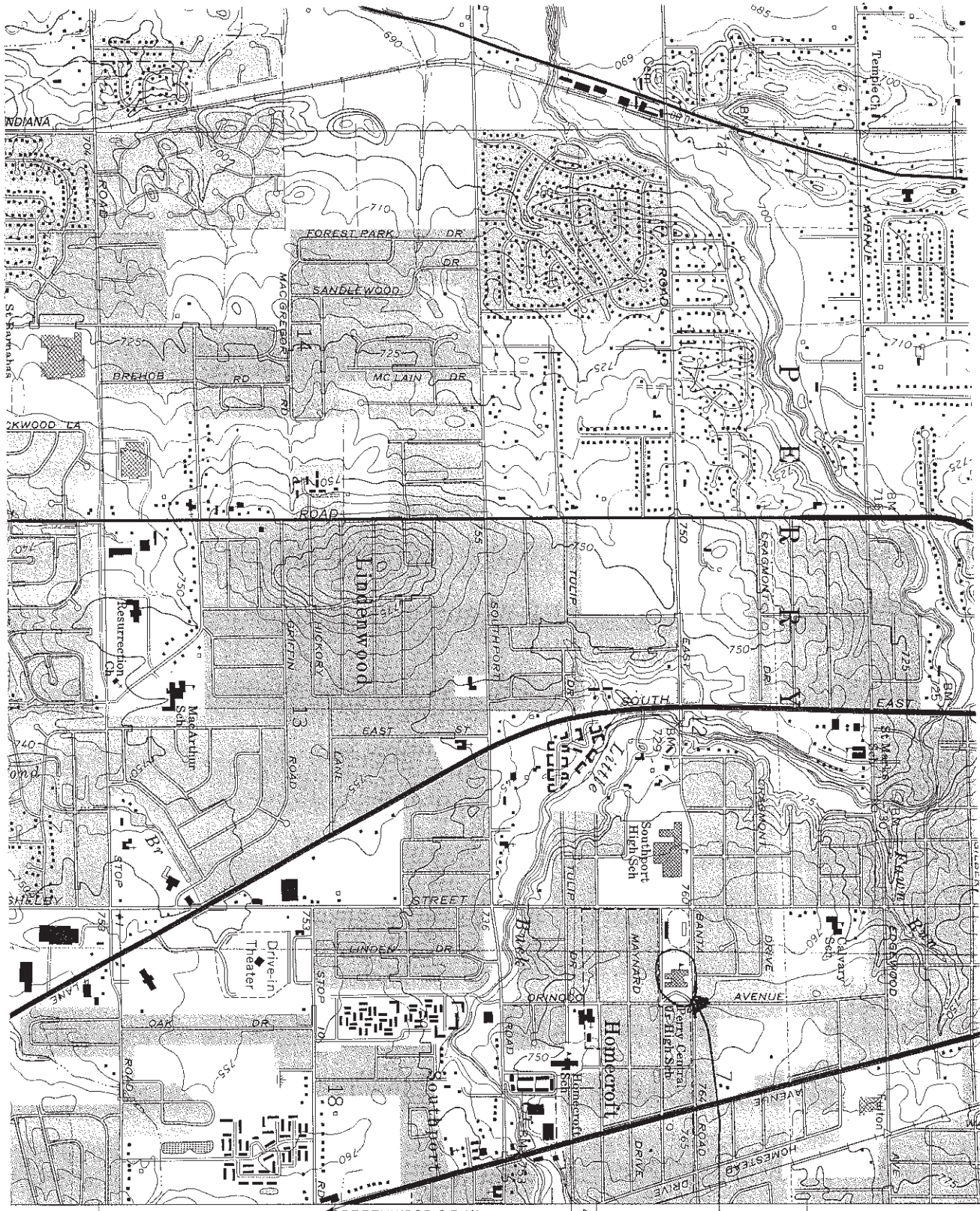
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TIMELINE FOR THE OLD SOUTHPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 1930 The New Southport High School building was built at a cost of \$250,000.
- 1931 The first graduating class from the new building.
- 1936 September 25 - Roosevelt Stadium, funded by the Works Progress Administration, was dedicated.
- 1945 City water was installed into the high school
- 1956 A new wing to the high school, in matching red brick, is under construction – it will include a cafeteria and kitchen to serve 900 students, four classrooms, two restrooms, and a music room at a cost of \$310,000.
- 1958 Enrollment outgrew addition and the name Southport High School was transferred to the former jr. high.
- 1959 The Southport High School building was renamed Perry Junior High School.
- 1962 The building was again renamed, it was then called Perry Central High School and housed the 7th, 8th, and 9th grades.
- 1970 The building housed only the freshman campus for Southport High School.
- 1973 The school closed for the 1973/1974 school year due to the opening of Perry Meridian High School.
- 1974 The school reopened in the fall as Southport Middle School.
- 1989 The school closed in June due to the Perry Township School Corporation's financial difficulties.
- 1995 The Alternative Education Program for junior and senior high students is initiated in the old Southport Middle School building.



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