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In Reference: Indiana Register of Historic Places
Division Street School
New Albany (Floyd County), Indiana
(Interim Report #043-446-34056)

Mr. Hurdis:

This letter is to request enrollment of the Division Street School into the Indiana Register of Historic Places.

The New Albany School City received and accepted bids on 21 June 1884 for the construction of the Division Street School, a one-story wood-frame building known then as a "Colored School", to serve the East End neighborhoods of New Albany. The low bid was \$1,752.

The structure served as a neighborhood elementary school for African-American students until 1951. Its use was converted to storage for the current New Albany -- Floyd County Consolidated School Corporation. The building is no longer in day-to-day use by the School Corporation.

The building is in fair condition as the enclosed photographs indicate. There has been no encroachment on the integrity of the site, which is surrounded by public rights-of-way on all four sides. The building had been altered sometime after 1945 with a large addition across the rear (south) elevation. This alteration has since been removed and the original appearance of the building has been restored on that elevation. Original nine-over-nine double-hung sash windows remain, as does the original wood weatherboard siding. The center hallway and flanking classrooms (east and west) also remain relatively unaltered, although the basement has been altered.

The New Albany -- Floyd County Consolidated School Corporation is the present owner of the building. The Corporation is currently negotiating the lease of the Division Street School to the Friends of Division Street School, Incorporated, for restoration and use as an interpretive educational structure.



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The Division Street School was inventoried for the *Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory: City of New Albany; Interim Report* (published 1994) and is listed at "New Albany Scattered Sites", Inventory Number 043-446-34056, page 119). The building was rated "Outstanding" in the survey, and is significant in the areas of "Education, Ethnic Heritage, and Vernacular/Construction".

I hope that you agree that the Division Street School is an important historic structure that warrants listing in the Indiana Register of Historic Places.

If there is any further information you require, please contact me at this office.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Benton Wood". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Scott Wood, Historic Preservation Specialist

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