

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

AL-VI-B-096

Park Street & Main Street, Lonaconing
ca. 1890

The Central High School is a large brick building constructed of brick which displays the eclectic style popular in the late 19th century. The building was constructed during the 1890's in an effort by County Government to upgrade the public educational system.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

(Central) Lonaconing High School

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Park Street & Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

 VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth
COUNTY

STATE

Maryland

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Allegany County Commissioners

Telephone #: 724-5710

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, Prospect Square

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

 VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21502

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 483

Folio #: 769

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Central or Lonaconing High School is located on the west side of Main Street in Lonaconing, Allegany County at the intersection with Park Street.

The old school basically consists of a two story, six bay wide, rectangular shaped main block. The main block is flanked by two story wings on the north and south side and they are of identical construction. The entire facade is laid in American Common Bond brick construction and the walls feature pilastered supports. The entire facade is supported by a low stone foundation with a plain water table. The roof of the structure is hipped in three sections; those being the main block and each of the wings and is covered with the original tin materials. The main block roof includes a cross gable dormer on both the east and west side, while the wings each include small cross gable dormers and peaked parapets on both the east and west side. The eaves of the structure exhibit a wide soffit and return ends on the cross-gables, and the main block includes scrolled brackets with brick architrave. Ventilators are found in the cross-gables and peaked parapets. Windows in the structure include double hung wooden sash frames with six over one and four over one lights and plain trim. The main entrance to the structure is located on the front eastern side and features replaced, paneled, double doors with transom and transom lights. A flight of cement steps leads to the entrance level. Six original corbeled brick chimneys are found within the facade, two on the interior of the main block and the remaining are found on the flush ends and outside ends of the wing additions.

The building is structurally sound; however, it has been condemned for use as a school building.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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		
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<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	ca. 1890's	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Central or Lonaconing High School was built in the 1890's, resulting from a wave of upgrading of free school's curriculums. At this time institutions began to give preference to teachers with professional training. The establishment of a state-supported teacher training school in Frostburg came in to being in 1889, and this school upgraded educational progress in the area.¹ "Frostburg, Lonaconing, and Westernport also opened high schools during the 1890's decade even though their curriculums and staffs may not always have merited the advanced title."² The illiteracy rate reduced by half by 1900 and there was a slightly lower percentage of illiterate voters in Allegany County then in Baltimore City.³

The building is structurally sound and remains an architectural reminder of the progress made in education in Allegany County.

1 Stegmaier, Harry; Allegany County - A History (Allegany County Commissioners, 1976) p. 265
 2 Ibid
 3 Ibid

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Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

Stegmaier, Jr., Harry; Allegany County - A History (Allegany County Commissioners, 1976)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 238' x 150' x 180'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

2/24/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. AL-VI-B-096

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DATE: February 8, 1977

238' x 150' x 180'

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

(Central)

NAME OF PROPERTY: Lonaconing School, High School

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Park Street & Main Street, Lonaconing, Maryland

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: East

NAME OF OWNER: Allegany County Commissioners 724-5710

ADDRESS: Prospect Square

Cumberland, Maryland 21502

STORIES: 1() 2(X) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6(✓) 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Two

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
(X) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
() LOG
() Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other(X) 6/1 + 4/1
pegged () nailed() wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: East

HARDWARE: original() replaced(X)

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Brackets Parapets
original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,

Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original(✓) replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 6 BRICK(X) STONE() CORBELLED(X) original(X) replaced()

LOCATION: Flush end(X) Inside end() Outside end(✓) Central() Interior (✓)

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

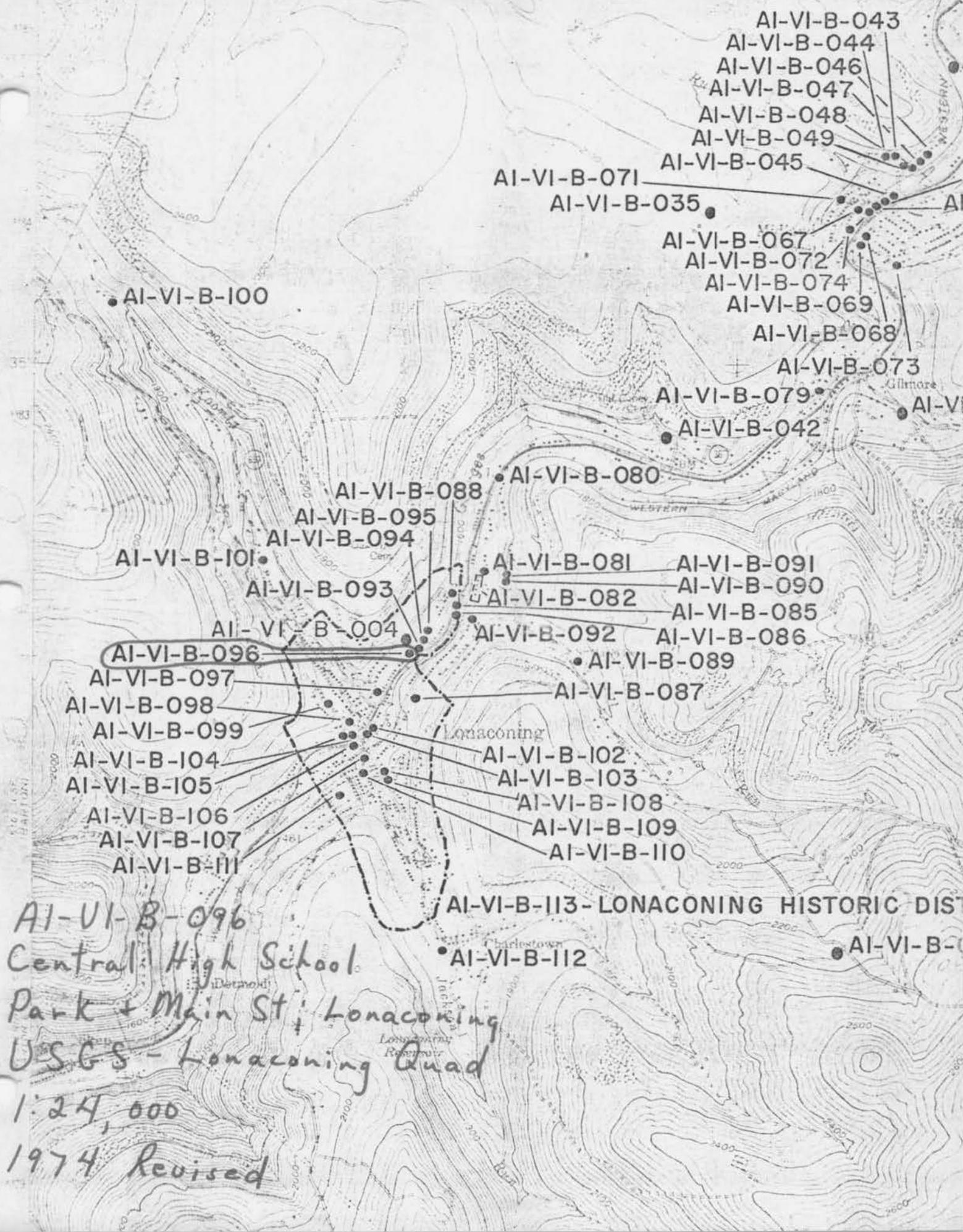
COMMENTS:

Use - Vacant

Significance - Architecture/Education

Date Constructed - 1911

Condition - Fair



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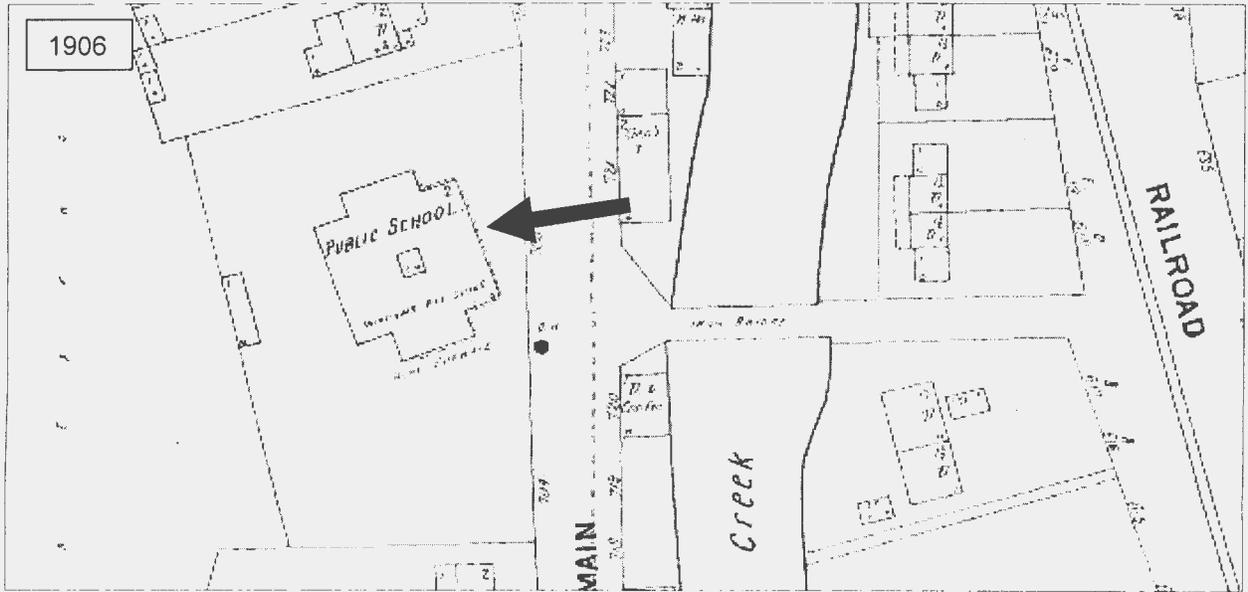
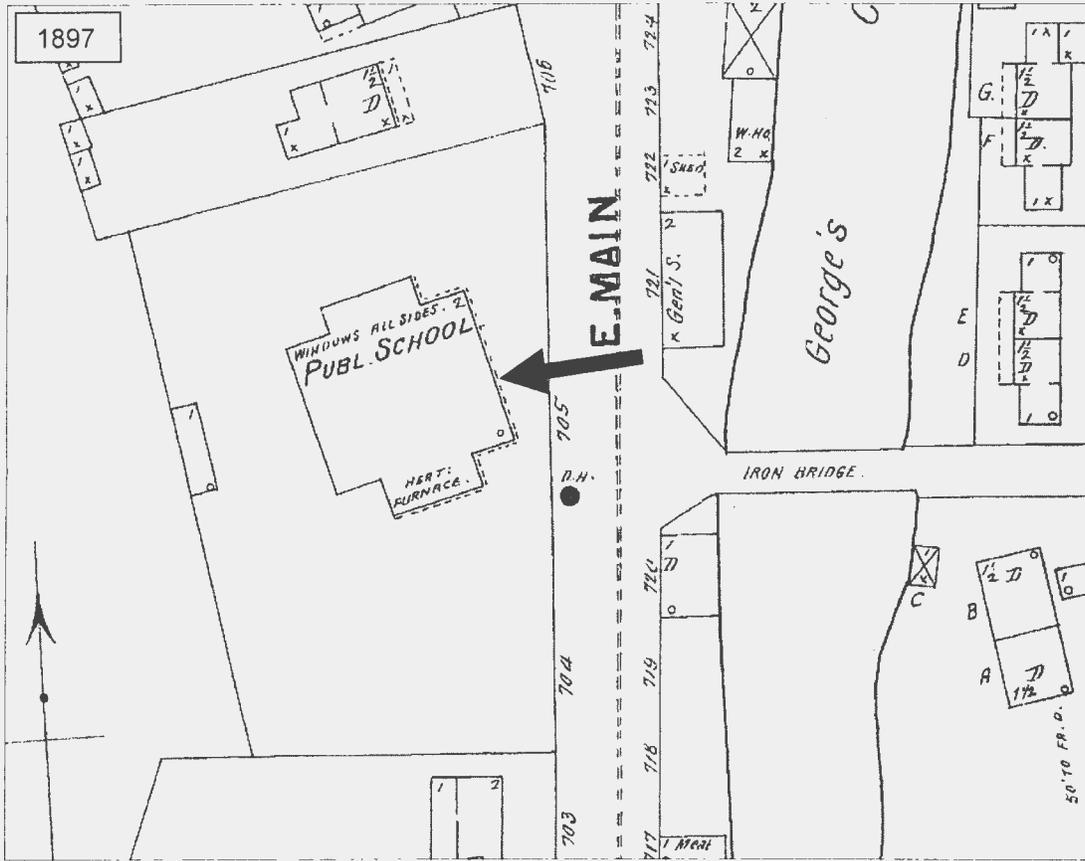
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 Central High School
 Park + Main St; Lonaconing
 USGS - Lonaconing Quad
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Central High School (Lonaconing High School)
E. Main Street, Lonaconing
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps

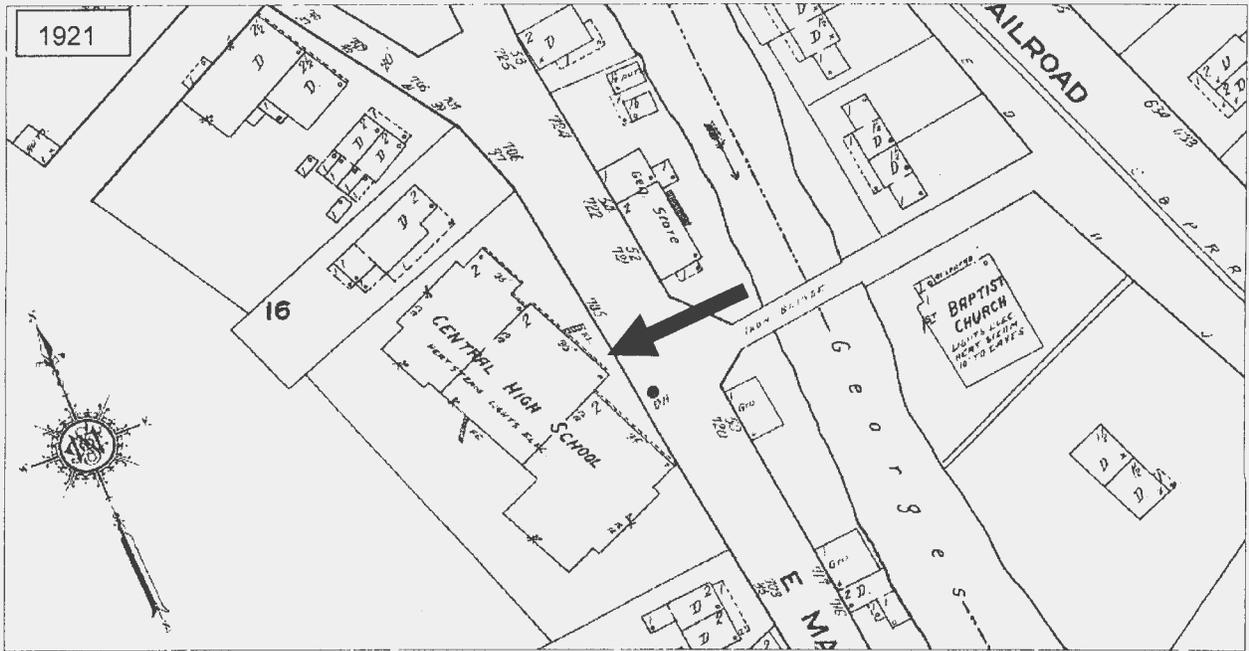
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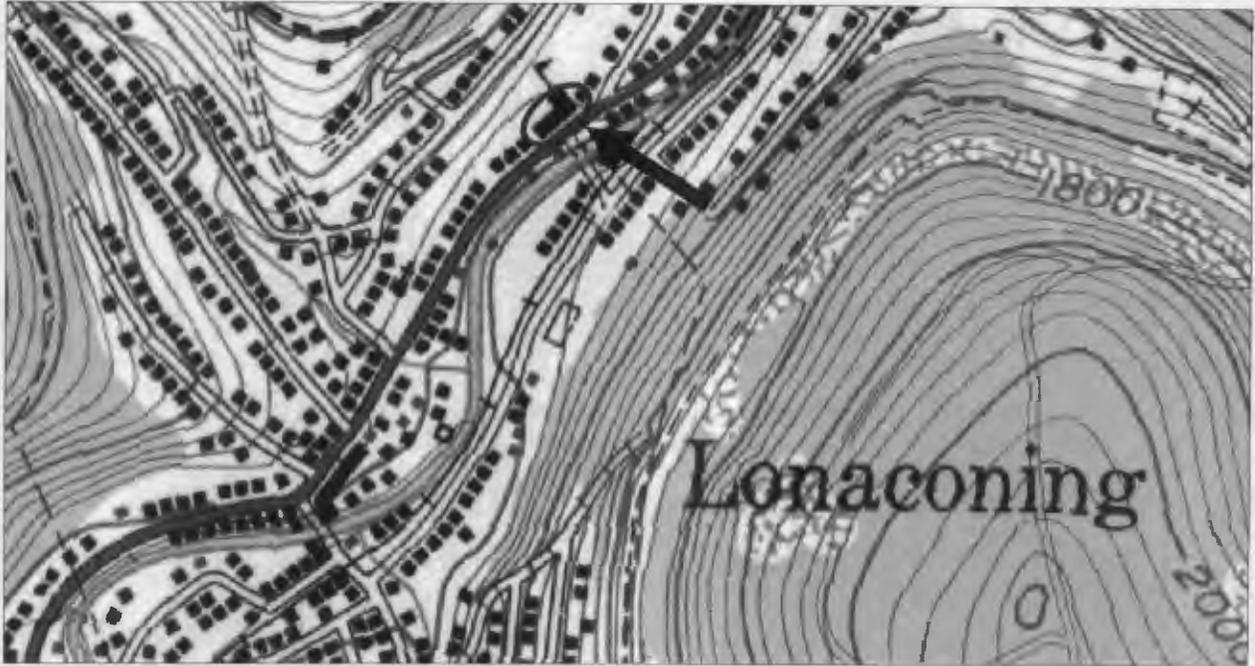
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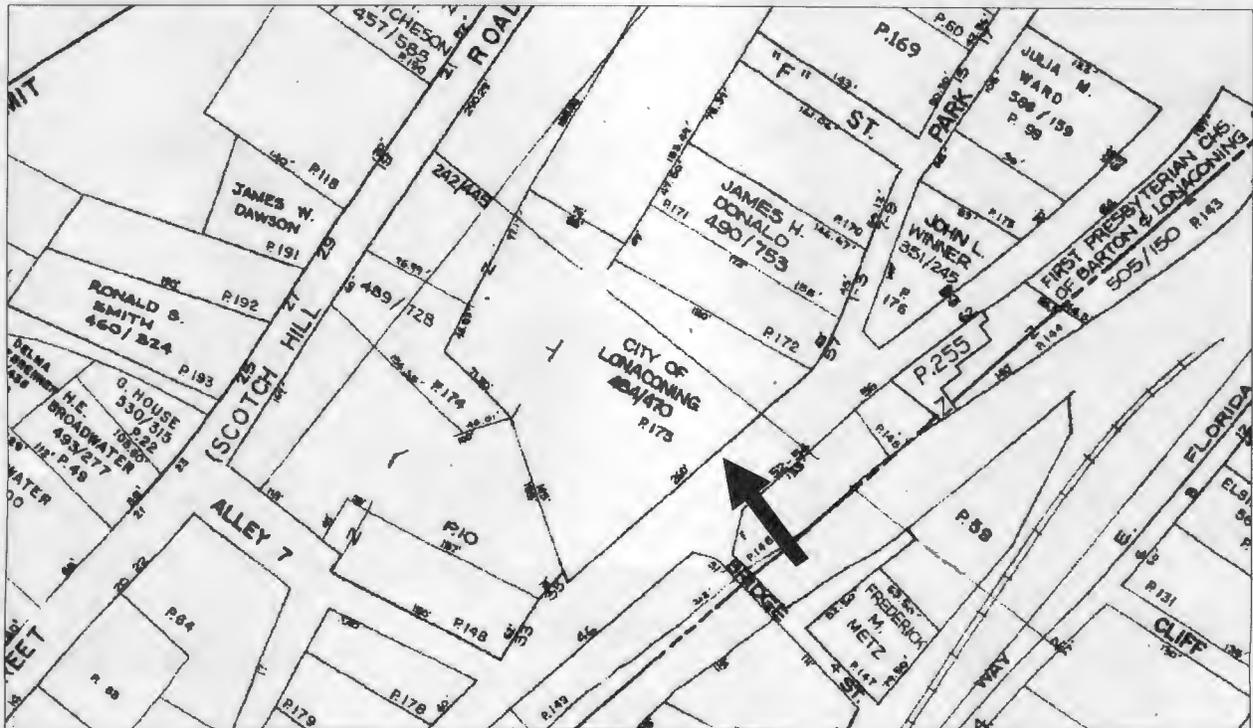
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Central High School (Lonaconing High School)
E. Main Street, Lonaconing
Lonaconing quad 1950, Photorevised 1981

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Allegheny County Tax Map 21, Parcel 173



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Lonaconing (Central) High

Park + Main St., Lonaconing

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John E. Nelson

East



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Lonaconing (Central) High

Park + Main St., Lonaconing

2/8/77

John E. Nelson

Southwest