

Architectural Elements~ Exterior



Pleasant Hill School, more commonly known as Boogersburg School because of a historic road junction close to the school, is a whitewashed vernacular Greek revival board-and-batten schoolhouse. The land for the school was donated to Patton Township by Centre Furnace ironmaster, Moses Thompson, to build a school for the children of his tenant farmers. Evidence suggests that the school was constructed by architect James B. Mattern, though is not confirmed.

The exterior of the school is board-and-batten **(1)** construction and originally would have been whitewashed. The base of the school is stone that has been overlaid with concrete **(2)**. The central entrance to the schoolhouse is a recessed nook providing a focal point on the façade and practical space for the two coatrooms on either side inside of the school in the rear. The front façade is a gable end and has a pediment-like look with a stringcourse running slightly above the door. One pane wide windows flank the door. **(3 & 4)**

Uniform throughout the building, the top sash of every window extends three panes high, while the bottom panel consists of only 2 panes. The roof features a central wooden bell tower **(5)** that is not original to the schoolhouse, but was constructed based on photographic evidence of what was original to the schoolhouse. The roof itself was originally constructed using cedar shingles (evidenced by scraps found in the attic), however, at some unknown point in time was converted to tin and remains in this condition today. Only minor restoration work has been done to Boogersburg and no significant alterations or additions were done after it closed its doors as a school in 1952.

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