



14318 Aboite Center Rd – Details & Info

Schoolhouse finished in 1883. Classes present until 1938. Aboit township #4 (No "e" on Aboite, this was how it was spelled originally). John Wing was the architect. The Architectural & Community Heritage site has quite a bit of information (see link below). Property was purchased several years ago from owner, John Popp, who had purchased it back in the 1960s. John Pop's grandfather taught in the school house approx 1906, so he wanted it saved. He refused to sell, if it was not restored. He has toured the house since the restoration and signed the slate remembrance door along with other past visitors.

From the DNR Outstanding historical report: This outstanding schoolhouse was built around 1890 and signifies features of stick style architecture. It exemplifies late Victorian architecture. School is also historically significant as an intact one-room school. It appears to meet the registration requirements for one room schools in "Indiana's Public Common and High Schools" MPDF.

<https://archfw.org/resources/local-architects/john-f-wing/>

John F. Wing was a prominent architect in Fort Wayne Indiana in the late 19th century and early 20th century. Knowledge of Wing's early life is limited by the available information about it, newspapers tended to focus more on his business life rather than his personal. He was married, and he and his wife and they had one child. Wing was a part of the architecture firm of Wing & Mahurin until 1907, which up to that point was one of Fort Wayne oldest architecture firms before their partnership ended. Their firm of Wing & Mahurin was located the Pixlev and Long Block. Together Wing and Marshall Mahurin worked with Guy M. Mahurin, as well other architects. John Wing designed and helped supervise many public and private buildings throughout his career and worked with several firms and collaborated with other architects. Wing & Mahurin were awarded the contract to design the Purdue Gymnasium in September 1906. John Wing and Marshall Mahurin were quite successful in their partnership; they landed a \$150,000 job for the New State School Buildings in 1906. The partnership firm of Wing & Mahurin came to an end in 1907, when Marshall Mahurin left and started a new firm with his nephew Guy M. Mahurin. The West Central Neighborhood west of downtown contains many works done by the successful architecture firm Wing & Mahurin

