



Myers Grade School (est. 1868)
Myers Grade School (Free School), located on the corner of 6th and Taylor Streets, has served the community of Cannelton as a public elementary school since 1868. It is the oldest continuously used school building in the state of Indiana and it is believed to be the oldest in the country. Called Cannelton High School in 1868, it first serviced grades 1-8. It was renamed Myers after the retirement of a much-loved teacher, Oscar "Daddy" Myers. It houses grades 3-6 now with one class per grade, the elementary school office, a cafeteria, and special classrooms for art and library. Much of the school building is original such as slate chalkboards and the original staircases and woodwork, yet it also has modern technologies such as computers in every classroom and access to the Internet. Myers Grade School is a success story for preserving history while keeping its focus on educating students for the future.



St. Michael's Church (est. 1859)
St. Michael's Catholic Church, located on Main and 8th Streets, was built of native sandstone in 1858 with its opening to the public in 1859. It is a beautiful church featuring a spire 156 feet high and a bell tower containing four bells. It also has a large clock which chimes every half hour. Once inside the church you see beautiful stained glass windows and hand-painted statues. The rectory was built in 1872 but was removed in 1981. In the basement there is a beautiful Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. A Wicks pipe organ was added in 1950 and mass is held every Sunday.



Perry County Courthouse Museum (est. 1896)
This building, built of yellow brick and Bedford Limestone, was the county seat of Perry County and served as the Perry County Courthouse from 1896 until 1994. It is located along state highway 66, a National Scenic Highway, and is now the Perry County Museum. As a museum, it holds many artifacts and exhibits of Perry County history. The exhibits include Native American artifacts, Perry County fossils and minerals, Cotton Mill textile artifacts, antique photographs, a blacksmith shop and so much more. It is open on Sundays 1-4 and by appointment. Tours are welcome. For more information call the museum at 812-547-5568.

St. Luke's Church (est. 1845)

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1983, St. Luke's Church, built in 1845 by the American Cannel Coal Company, was Cannelton's first official church. It is now an Episcopal Church, but it has also been used for other denominations. The church, located on Third Street with the high school and Newcomb Home, has many beautiful original features including the original pews and the original bell. It also has stained glass windows from England and displays many original artifacts including record books from the 1850's. It still holds church services to this day.



St. Michael's School (est. 1915)

This school on 8th Street serves Cannelton as a public primary school for grades K-2. It is part of Cannelton Elementary School, with Myers building serving grades 3-6. It is a brick building with four main classrooms, a basement with cafeteria and restrooms, and an auditorium in the upper level. It has always been considered a part of Cannelton Schools, but was officially named that in the early 1960's. St. Michael's Catholic church is just down the street from the School.



Flood Wall and Mural (est. 1950)
The flood wall is actually a wall built during the 1940's to keep the Ohio River from flooding the towns of Cannelton, Tell City, and Troy after the terrible flood of January 1937. Sunday, January 24, was named "Black Sunday" because this flood damaged and destroyed so many buildings along the river. The wall was finished in September of 1950. It has stood the test of time ever since. In 2001 a flood under the direction of artist Rex Robinson. It depicts the history of Cannelton... which could easily be compared to many rivertown histories. Featured on the mural are Cotton Mill, Myers Grade School, as well as Barges, riverboat, flatboats and more..



Cannelton Junior/Senior High School (est. 1922)

Cannelton Jr./Sr. High School (photo left), built in 1922 by Hafele Supply Company, serves Cannelton grades 7th through 12th. It is on Third Street, next to the Mason/Newcomb home. CHS offers progressive education to its students. One recent renovation is the computer lab which is state of the art!

Newcomb House (Est. 1868)

This Third Street house, built in 1868, is best known as the home of Dwight Newcomb, who was manager of the Cannelton Cotton Mill for a while. It was built by Judge Charles Mason and later owned by the Sulzer family. In later years it was owned by the Knights of Columbus and then sold to the Cannelton City Schools. It was used as the office to the School Superintendent for a while and is now owned and used by a local church.

