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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

1. Name of Property

historic name: Old Pascagoula High School
other names/site number: N/A

2. Location

street & number: 2903 Pascagoula Street not for publication: N/A
city or town: Pascagoula vicinity: N/A
state: Mississippi code: MS county: Jackson code: 59 zip code: 39567

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this x nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property x meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally ___ statewide x locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Kenneth H. P. Paul FEB. 25, 2000
Signature of certifying official Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:
x entered in the National Register,
___ See continuation sheet.
___ determined eligible for the
National Register
___ See continuation sheet.
___ determined not eligible for the
National Register
___ removed from the National Register
___ other (explain):

[Signature] Beall
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action
Edson W. Beall 4/6/00

(Old) Pascagoula High School
Name of Property

Jackson, Mississippi
County, State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property: Public/local

Number of Resources within Property: Two
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Category of Property: Building

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1		Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

**Number of contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register**

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions: Education/School

Current Functions: Vacant

7. Description

Architectural Classification: Moderne

Materials:

Foundation: brick, concrete

Roof: tar, pebbles

Walls: brick

Other: wood trimming

Narrative Description:

See Continuation Sheets

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- X C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Areas of Significance

Architecture

Period of Significance

1939-1950

Criteria Considerations:

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Significant Person(s)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation(s)

N/A

Architect/Builder

Smith & Olschner/
Newton & Schmoll

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography See continuation sheet.

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey

- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

MS Department of Archives & History
City of Pascagoula, Office of Community
Development

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: Approximately one (1) acre

UTM References:	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	16	350420	3359760	C		
B				D		

___ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title:	City of Pascagoula Historic Preservation Commission, Liz Ford Chairman		
organization:	City of Pascagoula Historical Preservation Commission	date:	31 August 1999
street & number:	P O Drawer 908	telephone:	228-938-6639
city or town:	Pascagoula	state:	MS
		zip code:	39568-0908

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner(s)

name:	City of Pascagoula		
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Narrative Description

The Pascagoula High School, located at the corner of Pascagoula Street and Dupont Avenue, is a public school building significant under Criterion C as an excellent example of Early 20th Century architecture in the Moderne style for the State of Mississippi.

The original building of the old high school maintains a consistent modern image and represents two important stages in the development of modern American architecture from its early years in the 1930's through its widespread acceptance in the 1950's.

The institutional building, built in 1937-38, is H-shaped in plan and consists of broad, horizontal forms anchored by a two story central block at the building entrance. The entrance faces east to Pascagoula Street and is flanked to the south by the auditorium, and to the north by the cafeteria and kitchen. From the entrance, a corridor lined with classrooms leads to the building's west wing which contains classrooms, the old library, and a small auditorium.

The exterior displays the unadorned geometrical massing, curved walls, round 'port hole' windows, which served as accents, and corner placed windows with wood trim, all of which are characteristic features of the Moderne architecture style of the 1930's.

The building's continuous perimeter concrete footings carry masonry bearing walls with individual concrete footings having interior masonry piers. Piers support solid wood sills which, in turn, carry 2 x 8 floor joists at 16" on center. The joist ends are let into the perimeter brick bearing walls and every third joist is secured to the brick wall with a steel strap. Wood cross bridging braces the joists. The interior piers supporting the 1941 addition are of concrete rather than brick, but the wood floor structure and brick perimeter walls replicate those of the original portion.

The roof is supported by built up flat wood trusses, spanning from bearing wall to bearing wall. The cafeteria and kitchen roof consists of steel beams supporting 2x8 wood joists. The auditorium roof is framed with steel trusses supporting 2x8 wood joists.

The exterior walls are of solid brick one (1) foot thick, forming the building's perimeter. Steel angle lintels span crawl space vent openings and I-beams with welded bearing plates span all window and door openings in the bearing walls. The exterior walls are of load bearing multi-

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wythe brick exposed on the exterior and rest on concrete footings. The walls rise above the roof to form a continuous parapet which is topped by a cast stone coping. The brick in the 1938 construction is a random palette of browns and warm grays.

Concrete stairs lead up to each building entrance. The front and auditorium entrance stair treads are of cast stone with unique rounded nosings; the auditorium stairs are flanked with large, low bricks walls with cast stone caps. Secondary entrance stairs are of typical cast in place construction and several were flanked by brick walls with cast stone caps.

Exterior doors are of wood panel, stile and rail construction and are painted red. Wood door frames extend up to enclose transom windows above each door. Each of the four front doors contains five horizontal lites that extend almost the full height of each door. The auditorium doors are of similar construction but with four lites each. All other doors contain three horizontal lites in the top half of the door. The front door hardware consists of solid pull bars without latches or levers.

Auditorium doors and other doors hold thumb latch hardware. Most doors are in generally good condition.

On the inside, the corridor walls are plastered and painted and are detailed with wood base, wainscot, and crown moulding. Banks of red metal lockers line the walls along all corridors. Operable transom windows line the upper corridor walls, opening to the classrooms. Two stairs lead up to the second floor and are simply finished with plaster walls and ceilings and concrete stairs. A tall window lights the north stair while a skylight lights the south stair.

Office and classroom walls are of painted plaster and are detailed with wood base and crown moulding. Ceilings are of wood fiber tiles and floors are of finished wood. Doors to classrooms and offices are of wood stile and rail construction with three horizontal solid panels and a four paned lite at the top of the door. The frames above these doors include a transom above. Remaining original interior door hardware reflects the consistent moderne styling evident throughout the building.

The auditorium walls are of painted plaster and are detailed with wood base. The floor is of concrete, stained red and scored to create a pattern. The main ceiling is divided into bays reflecting the auditorium structure and contains both plaster and lay in acoustical tile. Chairs

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consist of cast iron frames supporting wood seats and backs. Each row of chairs ends in a decorative cast iron panel. Brushed aluminum wall sconces are attached to each column. The floor of the stage is of wood.

The old high school is the most important structure at this public site on Pascagoula Street. It has proven its worth through sixty years of continuous service as a school. This record testifies to the durability and quality of its construction and materials and to the inherent usefulness and flexibility of its design. Most of the building's original finishes remain in place and in good condition, although they will require repair and refinishing. Restoration will result in enhancing the building's solid construction to withstand both the slow processes of natural aging and the unexpected ravages of the coastal climate.

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Statement of Significance

The Old Pascagoula High School served the people of Pascagoula for almost sixty years. During the late 1930's, when the citizens of Pascagoula were still struggling with the desperate conditions of the Great Depression, the construction of the high school was an expression of hope and confidence for the community. Through the years the high school played a role in Pascagoula's growth as an important factor to be considered for the thousands of families moving to the city. For many residents of Pascagoula the old high school represents a source of shared experience and meaningful memories.

In 1937 Mississippi's Department of Education recommended that the City of Pascagoula construct a new high school building. In 1936, the Mississippi State Legislature first authorized the issuing of state bonds for the construction of schools and Pascagoula's new high school. As one of the first schools built under the legislative bond issue act, building costs were funded by a \$100,000 state bond issue and an \$81,000.00 grant from the Public Works Administration of the Federal Government.

The Pascagoula High School was designed by the Mississippi architectural firm of Smith & Olschner located in Gulfport then constructed by Newton & Schmoll, general contractors from Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

The architects began work in December, 1937, and construction was completed by the end of 1938 allowing the new school to open in January of 1939. At the time of its completion, the new school building was one of the most modern in the state since it incorporated state of the art equipment which reflected the latest ideas in school planning. The building's simple, horizontal lines, rounded corners, and repetitive window bays reflect the 'streamline modern' style that was popular during the mid to late 30's in public works projects. Among the amenities included in the new school were a large library, a cafeteria, a clinic, and a public auditorium. Fully equipped workrooms for typing and home economics, practice rooms for band and choral, and a fully equipped science laboratory were also included. In addition to its fire proof construction, the building contained a central heating system, electric lighting, a public address system, and individual lockers for each student.

The new high school was dedicated on Friday, January 27, 1939, and all citizens of Pascagoula were invited to tour the building which was guided by the district superintendent and the faculty. Pascagoula's newspaper, the CHRONICLE STAR, ran a special 'Pascagoula High School Edition' that day in honor of the new school.

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The school reached its student population capacity and by 1941 a new classroom wing was added to the northwest corner of the existing building. The addition included a larger library, a small auditorium, and five classrooms, while the original library was renovated to provide a larger cafeteria with an attached kitchen.

In the past thirty years, the high school experienced many alterations and adjustments to its buildings. As classes were added or removed from the curriculum and as programs grew more specialized, they were moved into quarters that better suited their needs.

Perhaps the most noticeable change to the buildings resulted from the installation of air conditioning in the early 1970's. Individual heating and air conditioning units in each classroom required the installation of large metal vents through the walls beneath each bay of windows. The celestory windows lighting the large auditorium were removed and their openings were filled in, several with vents for the air conditioning system. Despite these minor alterations, the high school buildings have experienced few substantial changes over the years and retain their original architectural character. The Old Pascagoula High School maintains a high degree of integrity and stands as an important example of the Moderne style in Mississippi, qualifying for listing on the National Register under Criterion C in the area of architecture at the local level of significance.

In the mid 90's the student population in Pascagoula High School reached a level that could no longer be accommodated in the old high school. Two new high schools were built, and with the opening of the new high school the old Pascagoula High School was closed in 1997 and has stood vacant since.

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Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of Pascagoula Street and Dupont Avenue thence commencing in a Northwesterly direction along the West side of Pascagoula Street for approximately 480 feet; thence Westerly approximately 420 feet; thence Southeasterly approximately 400 feet to Dupont Avenue; thence East approximately 470 feet to the point of beginning.

Boundary Justification:

The boundary lines were drawn to include the area containing and lying immediately around the Main building of the former Pascagoula High School. The above legal description was determined from the sketch map attached herein which includes the entire Old High School Complex. For purposes of this nomination, however, the above reflects only the High School building itself.

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Photographs

The following information is the same for the photographs of the exterior:

1. Old Pascagoula High School
2. Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi
3. Norma Savage, Photo Market, Pascagoula, MS
4. September 21, 1999
5. Mississippi Department of Archives & History

Photo 1 of 10– Front Entrance and South wing from Pascagoula St. looking Northwest

Photo 2 of 10– Auditorium and second story, view to North

Photo 3 of 10– Auditorium entrance, view to North

Photo 4 of 10– South wing showing auditorium

The following is the same for the photographs of the interior:

1. Old Pascagoula High School
2. Pascagoula, Jackson County, MS
3. WFT Architects, P. A.
4. January, 1999
5. MS Department of Archives & History

Photo 5 of 10– View from stage in auditorium

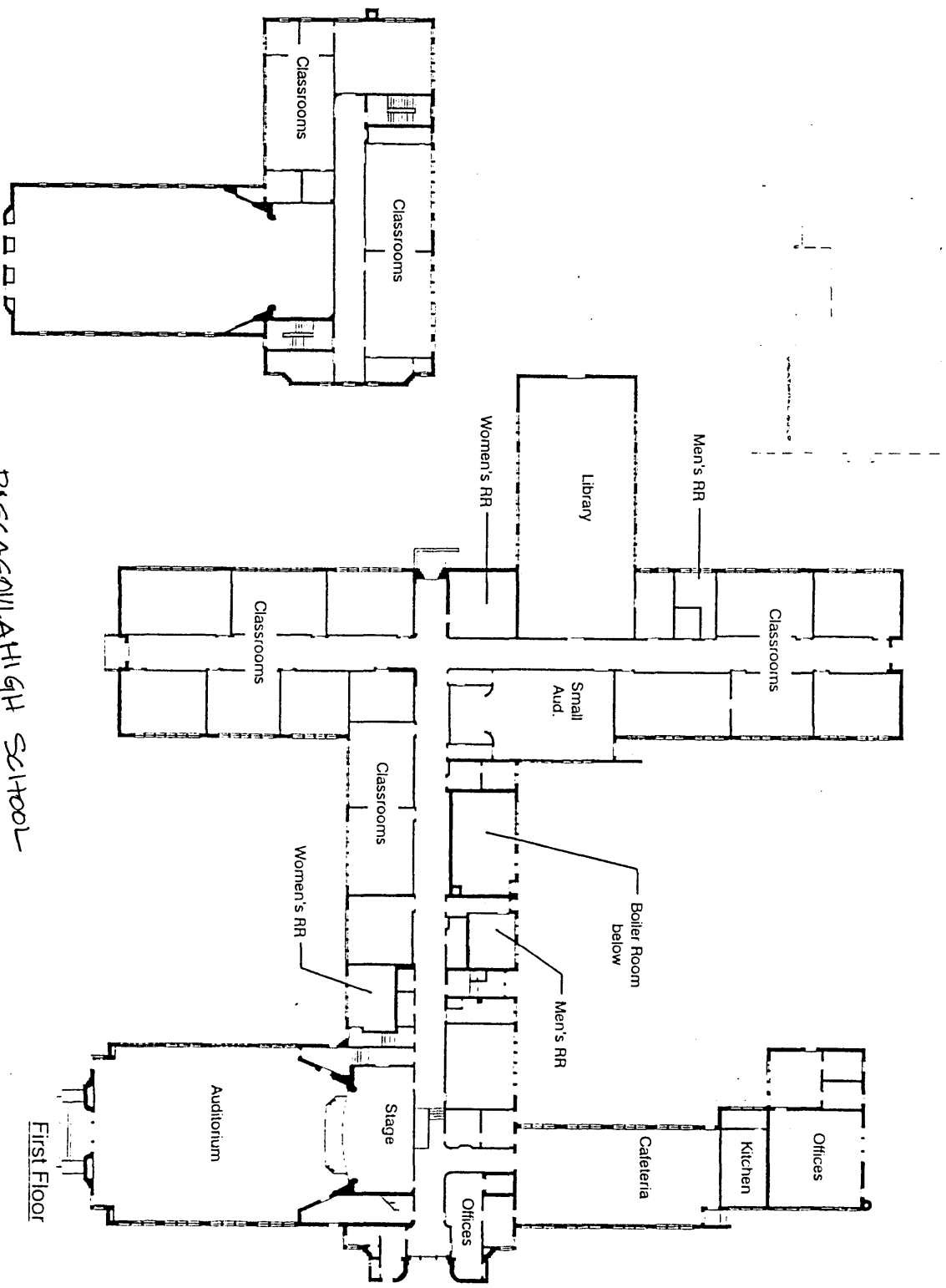
Photo 6 of 10– Curved corner detail at intersection in main corridor

Photo 7 of 10– Curved corner at intersection in main corridor

Photo 8 of 10– Main corridor with skylight

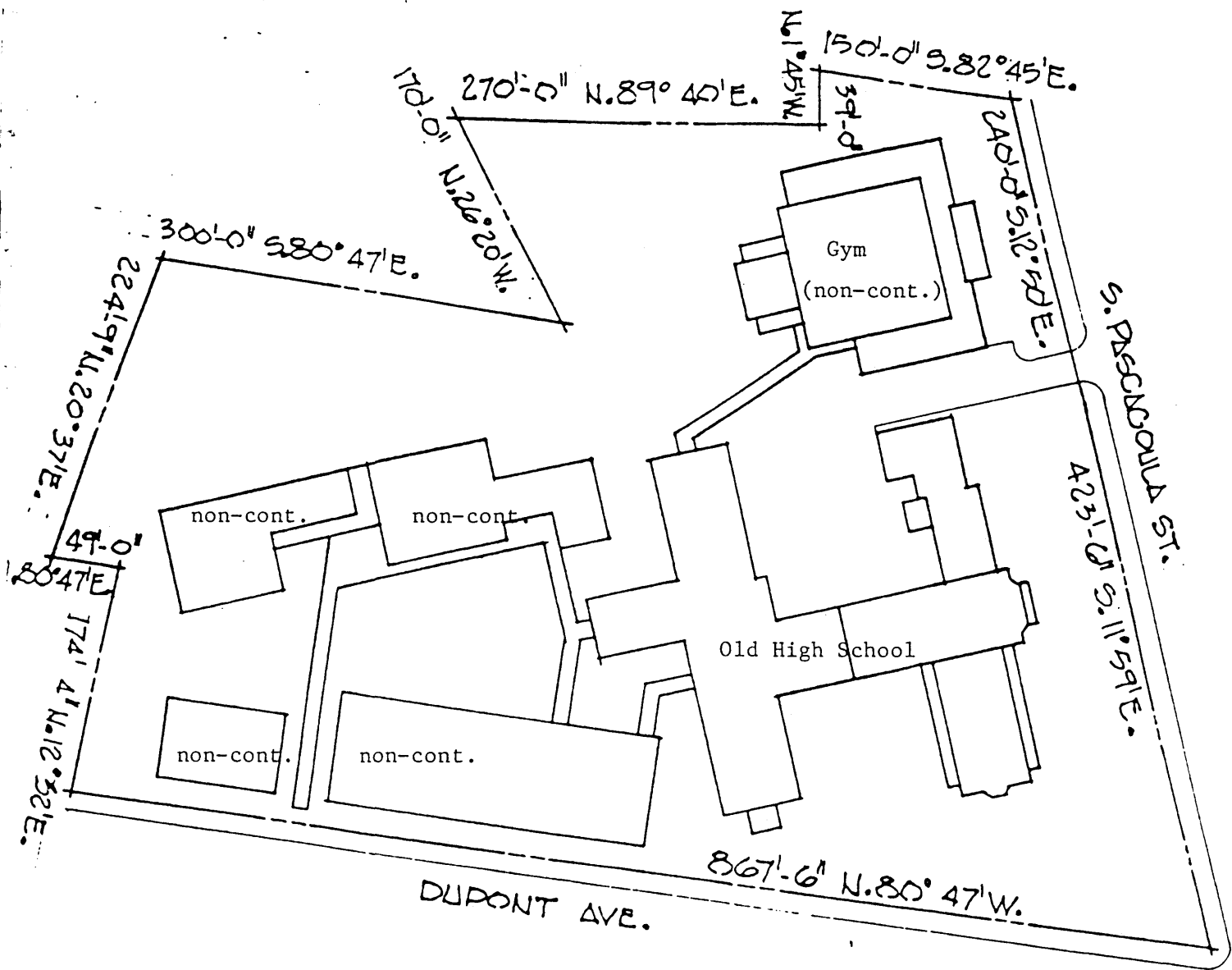
Photo 9 of 10– View from main entry to stage in auditorium

Photo 10 of 10– Detail of auditorium seating



PASCAGOULA HIGH SCHOOL
JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Floor Plan, Main Building
Not to Scale



PASCAGOULA
HIGH SCHOOL

SCALE : 1" = 120' - 0"

APPROXIMATELY 8.95 ACRES
JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Sketch with Main Bldg. and Non-Contributing Bldgs.



Old Pascagoula High School

Pascagoula, JACKSON County, MS

Front Entrance, view to Northwest

Photo 1 of 10



Old PASCAGOULA High School
PASCAGOULA, JACKSON CO., MS
South Wing housing Auditorium,
View to North

Photo 2 OF 10



Old PASCAGOULA High School!
PASCAGOULA, JACKSON Co., MS
Auditorium Entrance,
View to North

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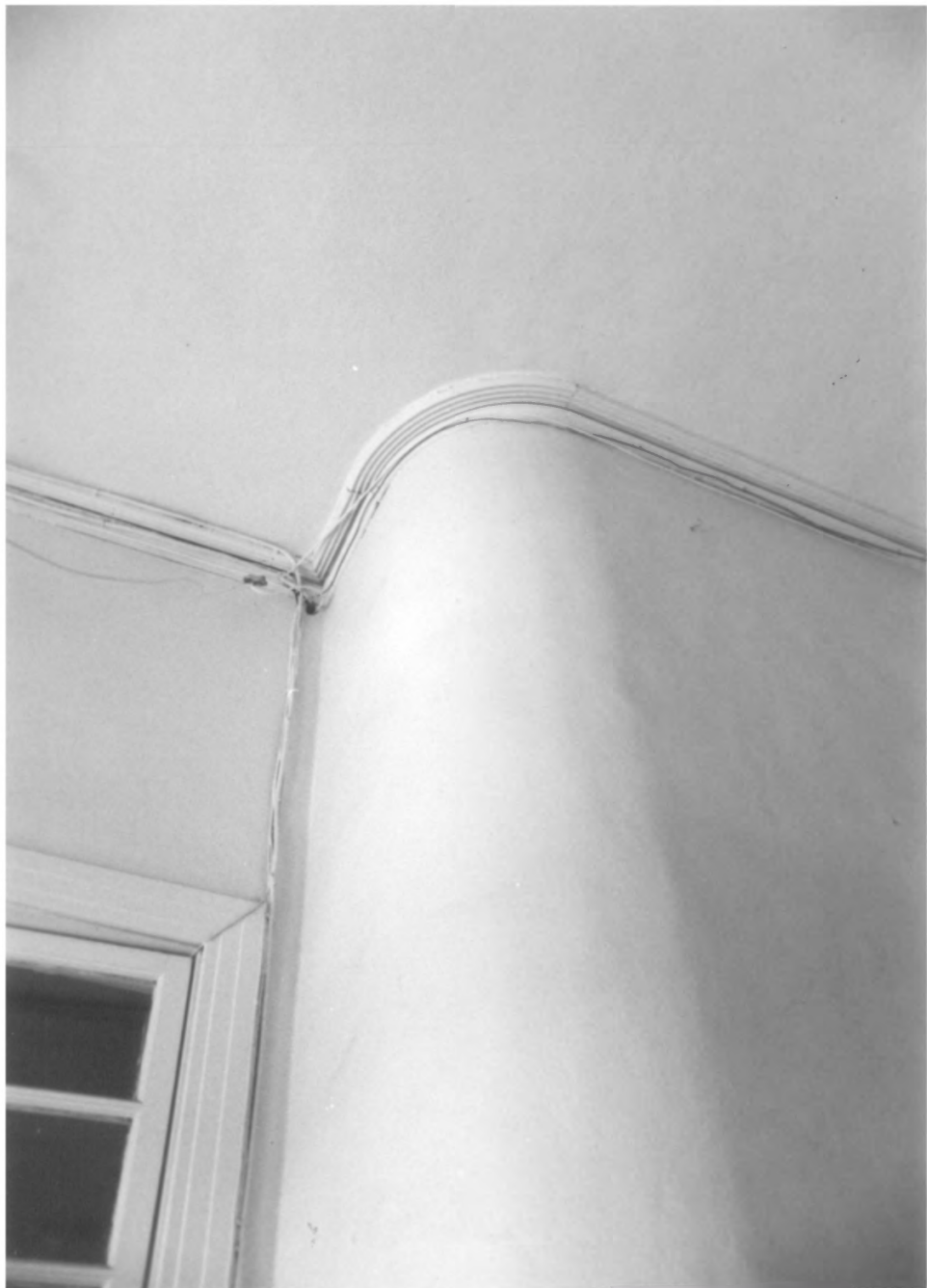
Old Pascagoula High School
PASCAGOULA, JACKSON Co., MS
South wing showing Auditorium,
View to Northwest

Photo 4 of 10



Old Pascagoula High School
Pascagoula, JACKSON Co, MS.
View from stage in Auditorium to exterior
MAIN entry

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Old Pascagoula High School
Pascagoula, Jackson Co. Ms.
Curved corner detail at intersection
IN MAIN CORRIDOR

Photo 6 of 10



ROOMS
6-11
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Old Pascagoula High School
Pascagoula, Jackson Co. Ms.
Curved corner at intersection
in main corridor

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Old PASCAGOULA High School
PASCAGOULA, JACKSON Cty, MS
MAIN CORRIDOR WITH SKYLIGHT

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Old Pascagoula High School
PASCAGOULA, JACKSON Cty, MS
VIEW FROM MAIN ENTRY TO
STAGE in MAIN AUDITORIUM

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Old PASCAGOULA High School
PASCAGOULA, JACKSON Cty, MS

DETAIL OF AUDITORIUM SEATING
in MAIN AUDITORIUM

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Amendment No. 1
Old Pascagoula High School
Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi

The Old Pascagoula High School, Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on March 7, 2000. At that time only the original building, constructed in 1937-38, was fifty years old. The building was listed under Criterion C for Architecture with a Period of Significance 1939-1950. The building was dedicated in 1939. Therefore, based on the Period of Significance, it appears the intent was also to list the building for significance associated with Education. In addition, the Old Pascagoula High School campus was expanded with additional buildings constructed in 1952, 1954 and 1958. The later buildings contribute to the historic significance of the Old Pascagoula High School and are functionally related to the overall educational function of the campus.

The intent of this amendment is to clarify the historic significance of the Old Pascagoula High School and to extend the Period of Significance so that additional buildings can be recognized as Contributing Resources to the nomination. The buildings are Vocational Building B (1952), Vocational Building C (1954), Math and Science Building (1963), and the Band Hall (1964). The Physical Education Building (1958) is noncontributing due to alterations to the building.

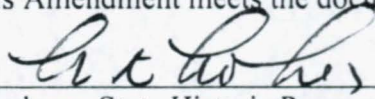
Section 5: Classification

Ownership of Property: Private

	Number of Resources	
	Contributing	Noncontributing
Buildings	4	1
Total	4	1

Section 2: Certification

This Amendment meets the documentation standards for local significance.


ht holmes, State Historic Preservation Officer

5-22-2012
Date

Section 7: Description

Architectural Classification: MODERN MOVMENT

Narrative Description

Contributing Resources

The Vocational Building at the Old Pascagoula High School was originally built as two separate buildings, with the current east wing constructed in 1952 and the current west wing in 1954. In 1970, a

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small hyphen was constructed that joins the two buildings into one larger structure. Each original wing retains its historic appearance and independence. The hyphen is sensitive in style, materials and appearance so that it does not substantially detract from the historic integrity of the original units of the Vocational Building.

The east wing, constructed in 1952, is a one-story masonry building with a flat roof. The building is rectangular on an east-west axis with an L-shaped wing to the east. The roof of the L-shape wing is lower than the rectangular wing, which also has a raised clerestory off set to the north. The exterior is covered with a brick veneer. The building sits just to the west of the 1937-38 building. The east elevation has three metal frame windows with five panels offset the south. All the windows have cast-stone sills. A double-leaf door is inset in a small vestibule. The north elevation of the L-shape wing has paired sets three unit metal frame windows each with five panels. The leg of the ell is slightly recessed and has paired metal frame windows, a single window unit and a triple unit, each with three panels. The north elevation of the rectangular wing has three single metal frame windows with three panels and three quadruple units, each with five panels. The clerestory rises above the roof and has six window units. A projecting one-story screen porch is a recent addition when the building was rehabilitated for residential use.

The south face of the east wing has a double-leaf metal door set in a recessed vestibule at the intersection of the two legs of the L-shaped wing. There are two window units with paired three-panel metal frame windows. The south elevation of the rectangular wing has twenty-two metal frame window units, each with six panels. There is a continuous cast-stone lintel. The wall is slightly inset with a projecting cornice and brick bulkheads at the corners.

The hyphen has a flat roof, lower than the roof of both the east and west wings. The south elevation has three two-panel full height metal frame windows flanking a central entrance the entrance is inset and consists of double-leaf metal frame two-panel doors with a transom and two-panel sidelights. To the west, the solarium is slightly recessed and has four bays. Three bays have triple metal frame two-panel windows. The westernmost bay has paired windows with a single-leaf metal glazed door with a transom.

The west wing, constructed in 1954, is a one-story masonry building with a flat roof and brick veneer cladding. It is roughly L-shaped, with the original south elevation now an interior wall in the solarium. The south elevation mimics the south elevation of the 1952 building with a recessed wall under a slightly projecting cornice. The wall has eighteen six-panel metal frame window units. The west elevation has a single-leaf metal frame glazed door with a transom and a sidelight centered in the wall. The door is accessed by a concrete stoop five steps. A rectangular window is just to the north of the door. The north elevation has two large blocks of multi-light metal frame windows. The windows flank two smaller banks of windows where wooden stairs provide an emergency exit from the interior apartment.

The east wing (1952) wing has a center hall, slightly offset to the south. The interior walls are concrete block. Metal lockers line the hallway. The original flooring was asbestos tile, which has been replaced by new VCT tile. The original plaster ceilings are covered in sheetrock. Two classrooms occupied the

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eastern portion of the structure. Offices and restrooms opened off the center hall. Three classrooms were located south of the hall while a larger library/media center was on the north side. The interior spaces were converted to senior citizens apartments in 2011, but the center hall and lockers remain in place clearing identifying the building's history as a school.

The materials in the west wing (1954) are the same as in the east wing. Three classrooms opened onto an exterior loggia that was enclosed with large windows in c. 1970. A center hall, slightly offset to the south, was flanked by two classrooms to the south and a larger classroom, originally for an ROTC program, to the north. The interior spaces were converted to senior citizens apartments in c.1970.

The Math & Science Building was added to the Pascagoula High School complex in 1963, in order to meet the needs of the ever increasing student population. Designed by Architect Claude Lindsley of Ocean Springs, MS, the simply organized building runs East-West along Dupont Avenue and contains classrooms arranged along a double loaded corridor. An entrance hall bisects the corridor at its mid-point. Exterior materials include brick and painted steel. Interior materials are primarily glazed and unglazed tile. A raised brick and concrete porch faces Dupont Avenue. Aluminum grills and steel frames enclosed the porch. A glass greenhouse was attached to the eastern end of the building but is no longer present. The classrooms and other auxiliary spaces are lit by continuous bays of aluminum awning windows. Upper panels contain green translucent fiberglass and lower panels contain glass. Some window panels have been removed to accommodate air conditioning units. The front and rear entrances are aluminum systems with aluminum frame, glazed double doors flanked by sidelights and topped by fixed transoms. The glass in both sets of doors has been replaced with Plexiglass.

A shallow pitched gable roof covers the building, and along the roof peak runs a line of nine acrylic dome skylights. The foundation consists of concrete footings supporting a perimeter concrete grade beam and continuous slab.

The interior finishes are consistent throughout the building with a few exceptions. Walls are of clay block, glazed to a height of 6'8" and unglazed above. Floors are VCT throughout except in the entrance lobby which contain quarry tile. Ceilings in the central corridor and the classroom are of exposed steel beams, steel bulb tees and tectum deck panels; all painted. Banks of recessed metal lockers line the walls of the central corridor and aluminum framed glass transoms above open directly into the classrooms.

The Old Shop Building, more commonly referred to as the Band Hall, was built in 1964 as an automotive shop for part of the vocational training for students, and was converted to the band hall in the late 70's when an offsite vocational-technology building was constructed. The original architect was Claude Lindsley of Ocean Spring, MS, and Slaughter & Allred of Pascagoula oversaw the conversion. The building faces Dupont Avenue, and occupies the site's southwestern corner. The one story building is of brick and is topped by two roofs, one over the shop area and one over the office area. The exterior walls consist of brick veneer secured to clay block backup. The original windows were removed at some date (possibly during the conversion) and the openings filled in with brick. The exterior doors are

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painted flush wood set in hollow metal frames. Facing DuPont Avenue, a metal roll up door in a steel frame provides access to the old shop area. The foundation consists of concrete footings supporting a perimeter concrete grade bam and continuous slab.

The walls of the shop area are of clay brick, glazed to a height of 5'4". The original stained concrete floor was covered with carpet and the ceiling is of exposed steel and tectum deck panels. The office area contains two sections: a classroom, office and storage room with concrete floors, clay block walls and exposes structure and deck ceiling.

The two buildings are an integral part of the Old PHS campus, and were built in 1963 and 1964 (49 and 48 years ago respectively.) In design, massing, and materials the two buildings are similar to the Vocational Builldings.

Noncontributing Resources

The Physical Education Building was constructed in 1958. The two-story building suffered damage from Hurricane Katrina. The first floor retains its historic appearance with exterior brick walls and multi-light metal frame windows. However, the upper floor has been significantly altered from its historic appearance. The upper floor had large multi-light windows that wrapped around all four corners with projecting brise-soleils. Following Hurricane Katrina the windows were replaced with large single-light panels and the distinctive brise-soleil was removed from all elevations. The original brick veneer was covered with metal walls. A distinctive panel over the entrance was also removed. The changes render the building noncontributing.

Section 8: Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria: A and C

Areas of Significance: Education, Architecture

Period of Significance: 1939-1962

Significant Dates: 1952, 1954, 1958

Architect/Builder: Smith & Olschner (1939)
Hedrick & Lindsley (1941)
Claude Lindsley (1952, 1954, 1958)

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Period of Significance (justification):

The Old Pascagoula High School was constructed in 1939 with an addition in 1941. Additional buildings were added to the campus in 1952, 1954 and 1958. The collection of buildings served the Pascagoula community as a public high school through 1997.

Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph

The Old Pascagoula High School was constructed in 1939 with an addition in 1941. Additional buildings were added to the campus in 1952, 1954 and 1958. The collection of buildings served the Pascagoula community as a public high school through 1997. The high school buildings are eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places for local significance under Criterion A for association with Education. The buildings represent two important steps in the growth of American architecture in the mid-20th century and are eligible for local significance under Criterion C for association with Architecture.

Narrative Statement of Significance

Education

The Old Pascagoula High School served the people of Pascagoula for almost sixty years. During the late 1930s, when the citizens of Pascagoula were still struggling with the desperate conditions of the Great Depression, the construction of a new high school was an expression of hope and confidence for the community. Through the years the high school played a role in Pascagoula's growth as an important factor to be considered for the thousands of families moving to the city. For many residents of Pascagoula the old high school represents a source of shared experience and meaningful memories.

The first school in Pascagoula was a private endeavor organized by Valentine Delmas in 1820. Frederic de St. Ferol, a French trained civil engineer, was hired as the sole teacher. A private school was organized by Grant, Delmas and Krebs families which continued through the Civil War. Following the war, Mrs. Jennie Baptiste taught in her home. Between 1870 and 1890 a number of schools were run in churches and private homes. In 1898, the first public school building was constructed. In 1903 the city issued bonds to finance the brick Central School and by 1904 there were three public schools for white children and one school for black children. With continued population growth, a new high school was needed and a new building was constructed in 1923, with the elementary students remaining in the Central School.¹

¹ *The History of Jackson County*. Pascagoula: Lewis Printing Service, 1989, p. 38-39.

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By the 1930s, the high school-age population in Pascagoula had doubled. In 1937 Mississippi's Department of Education recommended that the City of Pascagoula construct a new high school building. In 1936, the Mississippi State Legislature first authorized the issuing of state bonds for the construction of schools and Pascagoula's new high school. As one of the first schools built under the legislative bond issue act, building costs were funded by a \$100,000 state bond issue and an \$81,000.00 grant from the Public Works Administration of the Federal Government.²

The Pascagoula High School was designed by the Mississippi architectural firm of Smith & Olschner located in Gulfport then constructed by Newton & Schmoll, general contractors from Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

The architects began work in December, 1937, and construction was completed by the end of 1938 allowing the new school to open in January of 1939. At the time of its completion, the new school building was one of the most modern in the state since it incorporated state of the art equipment which reflected the latest ideas in school planning. The building's simple, horizontal lines, rounded corners, and repetitive window bays reflect the 'Streamline Moderne' style that was popular during the mid to late 1930s in public works projects. Among the amenities included in the new school were a large library, a cafeteria, a clinic, and a public auditorium. Fully equipped workrooms for typing and home economics, practice rooms for band and choral, and a fully equipped science laboratory were also included. In addition to its fire proof construction, the building contained a central heating system, electric lighting, a public address system, and individual lockers for each student. The new high school was dedicated on Friday, January 27, 1939, and all citizens of Pascagoula were invited to tour the building which was guided by the district superintendent and the faculty.³

The school reached its student population capacity and by 1941 a new classroom wing was added to the northwest corner of the existing building. The addition included a larger library, a small auditorium, and five classrooms, while the original library was renovated to provide a larger cafeteria with an attached kitchen.

By the 1950s, the student population had again doubled. The school district constructed a new Vocational Building in 1952. The 10,600 square foot building housed a new home economics laboratory, additional classrooms for secretarial training and a shop for industrial arts training.⁴ The building was expanded in 1954 to include additional classroom space. A new Physical Education Building was added to the campus in 1958. A 1963 new science building and a 1964 Shop Building completed the campus. It met the educational needs of the community for the next 33 years.⁵

² "Pascagoula High School Edition," *The Chronicle-Star*, January 27, 1939.

³ *Ibid.*

⁴ "School Bid is Too High by \$10,000." *The Chronicle Star*, October 24, 1952.

⁵ "Old Pascagoula High School. A Feasibility Study for Repair and Reuse." WFT Architects, P.A.

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In the mid 1990s the student population in Pascagoula High School reached a level that could no longer be accommodated in the old high school. Two new high schools were built, and with the opening of the new high school the old Pascagoula High School was closed in 1997.

The old Pascagoula High School sat vacant for many years. However, in January 2010, following an extensive renovation, the buildings were rededicated as apartments for senior citizens.⁶

Architecture

The 1939 Pascagoula High School Building was listed for architectural significance as a local example of the Streamline Moderne style. The 1952, 1954 and 1958 buildings, designed by Claude Linsley, exhibit characteristics of the Modern style. The Modernists rejected historical precedent, ostentatious detail, and sought to have their buildings reflect the component parts. In their feasibility study for reuse of the Pascagoula High School, WFT Architects, a Jackson Firm, describing the three Linsley buildings stated

These simple, elegantly detailed buildings are excellent examples of Modern American architecture from the middle of this century. The old High School buildings, therefore, maintain a consistent image and represent two important steps in the development of modern American architecture from its early years in the 1930s through its undisputed acceptance in the 1950s.⁷

The Vocational Building, the Math and Science Building and the Band Hall are important Modern style public buildings in Pascagoula and Jackson County. The proximity of the 1939 building allows the viewer to compare popular ideas about how “modern” school buildings should appear over a relatively short time span.

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⁶ “Old Pascagoula High School becomes new apartments for seniors.” GulfLive.com, December 22, 2010. <http://blog.gulflive.com/mississippi-press-news/print.html>. Accessed December 23, 2010.

⁷ “Old Pascagoula High School,” p. 24.

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Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Historic Preservation Division, Historic Resource Inventory.

10. Geographic References

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Verbal Boundary Description:

Jackson County Deed Book 1554, page 468:

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Boundary Justification:

This is the property historically associated with the Old Pascagoula High School

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Section 11: Form Prepared By

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Photographs

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City or Vicinity: Pascagoula

County: Jackson State: Mississippi

For Photographs 0001-0015:

Photographer: Chris Chain

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Date Photographed: February 12, 2012

Description of Photograph(s) and number:

- 0001: Vocational Building, south elevation of east and west wings, camera facing west
- 0002: Vocational Building, south elevation of east wing, camera facing north
- 0003: Vocational Building, south elevation of east wing, camera facing north
- 0004: Vocational Building, Solarium entrance between east and west wings, camera facing north
- 0005: Vocational Building, Solarium hallway from east wing to west wing, camera west
- 0006: Vocational Building, South elevation of west wing, camera facing northwest
- 0007: Vocational Building, West elevation of west wing, camera facing east
- 0008: Vocational Building, Northwest elevation of west wing, camera facing southwest
- 0009: Vocational Building: East wing hallway, camera facing west
- 0010: Vocational Building: East wing exit to lobby, camera facing east
- 0011: Vocational Building: Solarium lobby, camera facing southwest
- 0012: Vocational Building: West wing hallway, camera facing west
- 0013: Vocational Building: East wing aluminum windows, camera facing north
- 0014: Vocational Building: Northeast elevation of east wing, camera facing southwest
- 0015: Vocational Building: North elevation of east and west wings, camera facing south

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Photographer: Jeff Rosenberg

Dates of Photographs: Varies, all photographs site checked April 2012

- 0016: Math and Science, southwest corner, camera facing northeast
- 0017: Math and Science, southeast corner, camera facing northwest
- 0018: Math and Science, west elevation, camera facing east
- 0019: Math and Science, interior, center hall, camera facing north
- 0020: Math and Science, interior, representative classroom, camera facing east
- 0021: Band Hall, north elevation, camera facing south
- 0022: Band Hall, interior, camera facing east
- 0023: Physical Education Building, southeast corner, camera facing northwest

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Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

(Follow similar guidelines for entering these coordinates as for entering UTM references described on page 55, *How to Complete the National Register Registration Form*. For properties less than 10 acres, enter the lat/long coordinates for a point corresponding to the center of the property. For properties of 10 or more acres, enter three or more points that correspond to the vertices of a polygon drawn on the map. The polygon should approximately encompass the area to be registered. Add additional points below, if necessary.)

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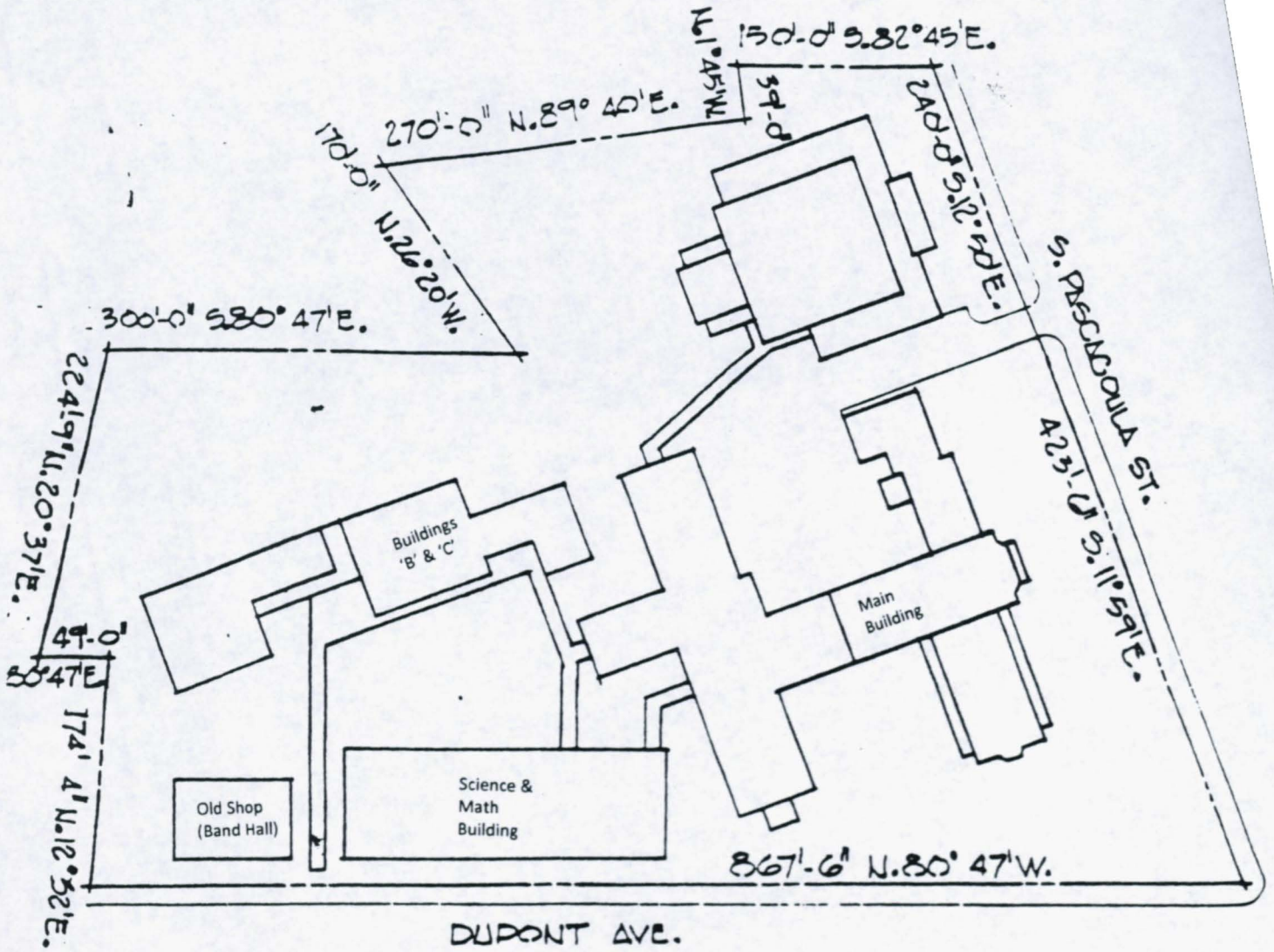
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 ≈ 110,109 SQ. FT.

SERVICES PROVIDED

1. ACCESSIBLE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT
2. CONGREGATE DINING FACILITY
3. SOCIAL/RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS
4. EMERGENCY/ PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE
5. INFORMATION & COUNSELING
6. RECREATIONAL SERVICES

SIGNIFICANT AMENITIES

1. WASHER/DRYER CONNECTIONS
2. CEILING FANS IN LIVING AREAS & BEDROOMS
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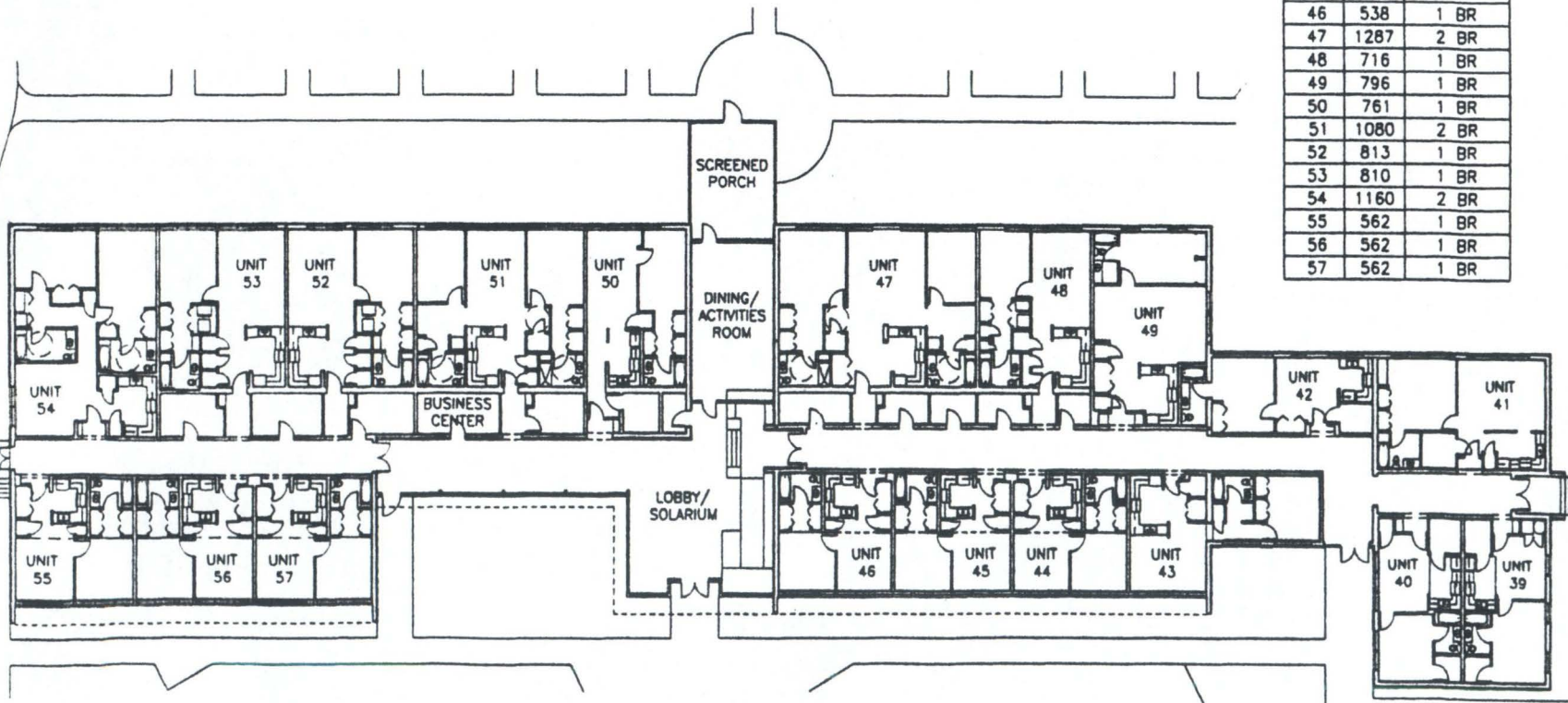
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- DATA (CAT5e CABLE OR BETTER)
- CABLE TV (COAX CABLE)
3. WASHERS & DRYERS PROVIDED IN INDIVIDUAL UNITS
4. COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM
5. COVERED VEHICULAR DROP OFF
6. RESIDENT GARDENS

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

1. ENERGY STAR RATED APPLIANCES
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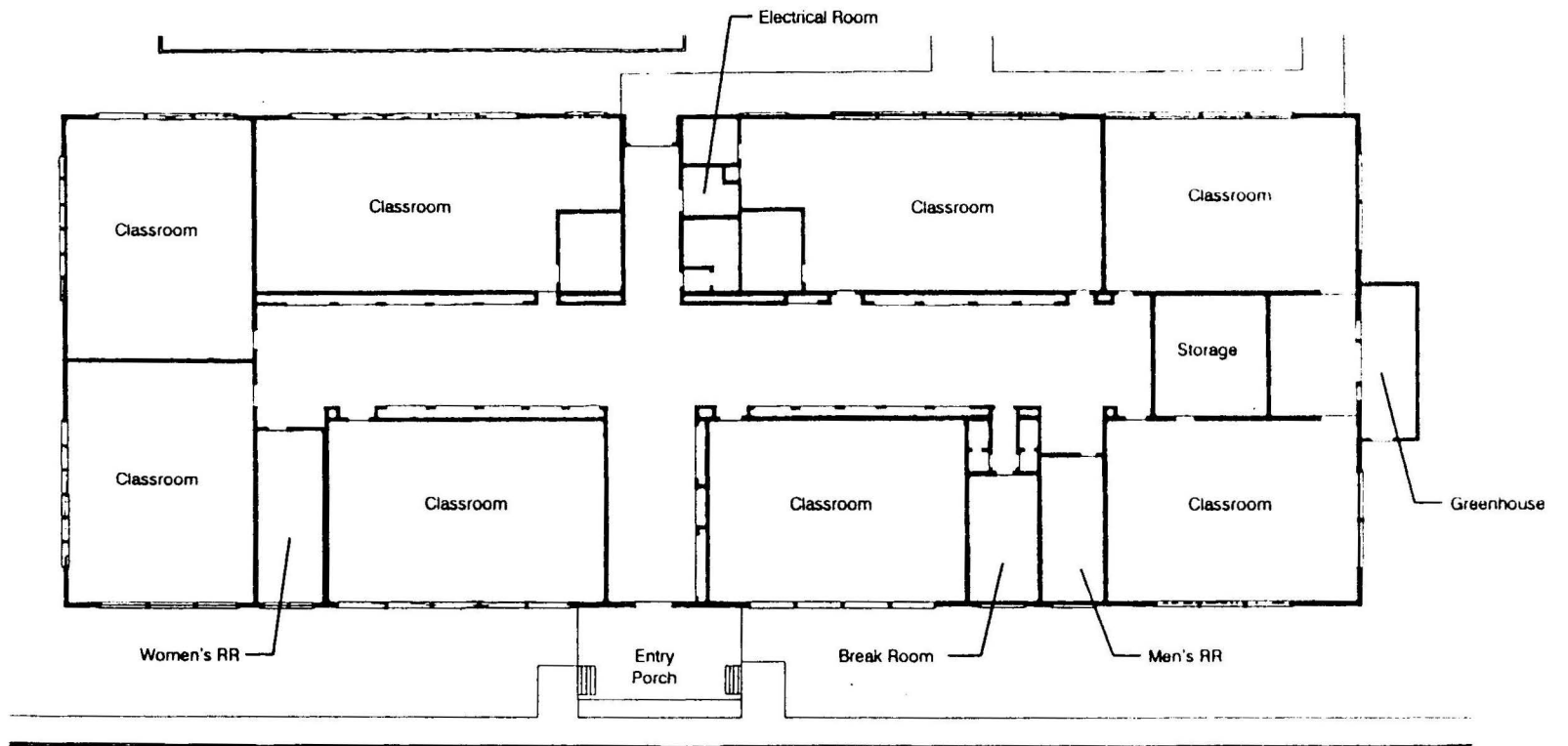
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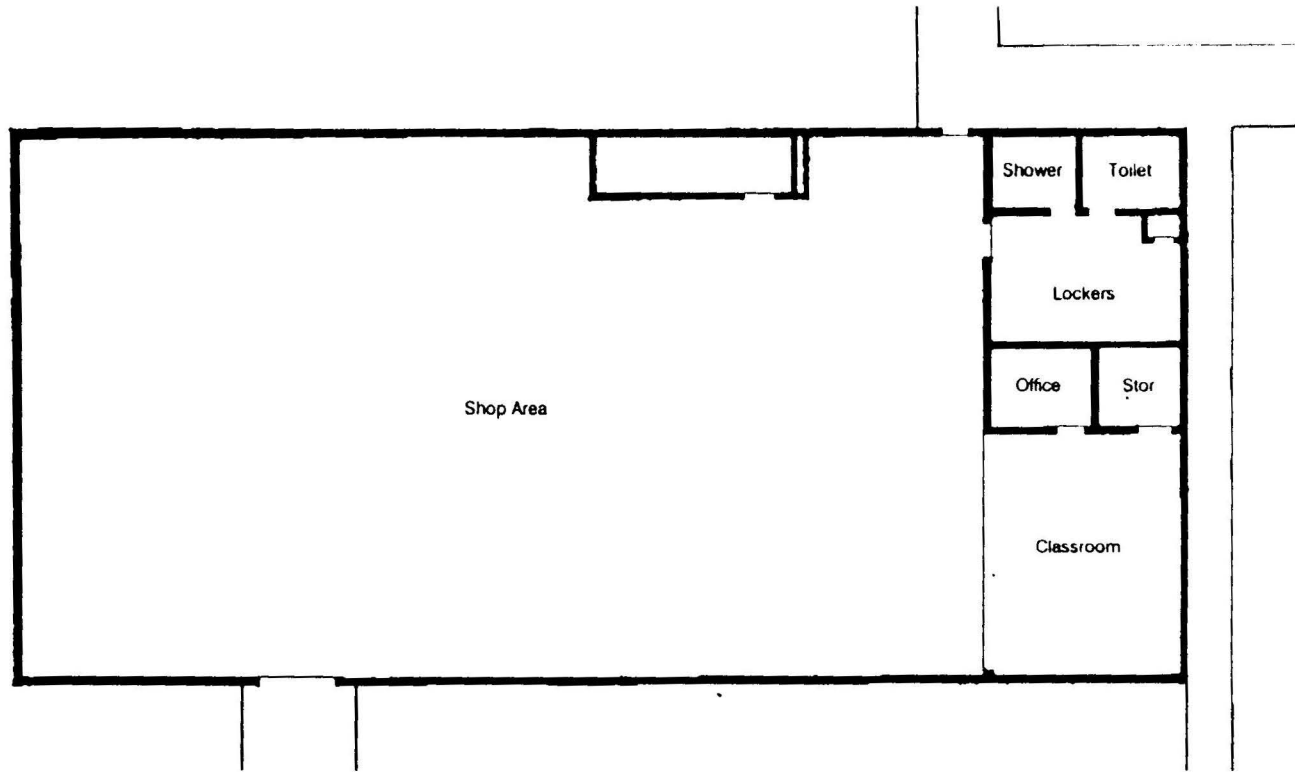


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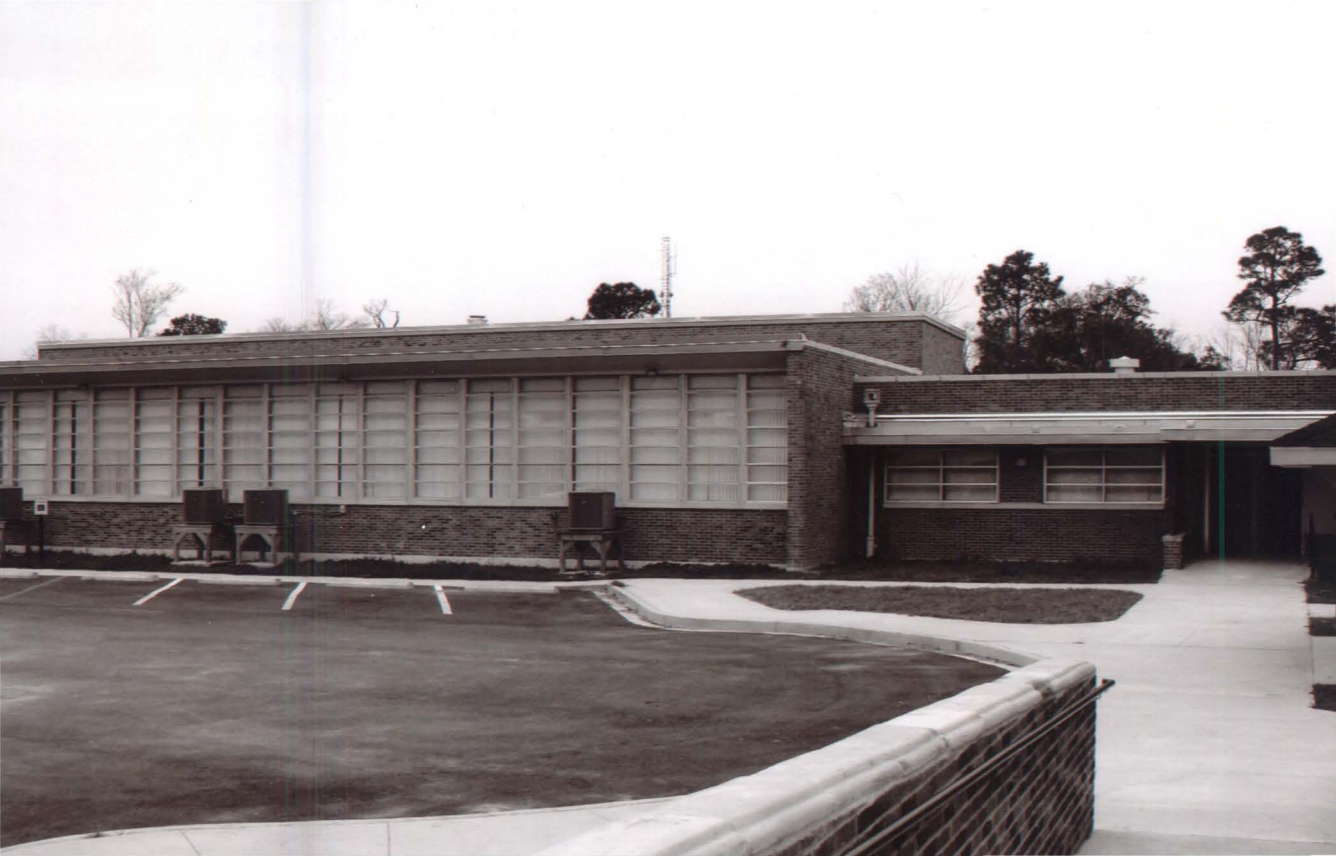


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