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REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Name of Property

historic name: Tate County Agricultural High School Historic District

other name/site number: Northwest Mississippi Junior College
Northwest Mississippi Community College

2. Location

street & number: 510 North Panola Street

not for publication: N/A

city/town: Senatobia

vicinity: N/A

state: Mississippi code: MS county: Tate code: 137 zip code: 38668

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant _____ nationally _____ statewide locally. (____ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Kenneth H. P. Pool
Signature of certifying official

February 1, 1994
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

6. Function or Use

Historic: EDUCATION
EDUCATION

Sub: school
education-related

Current : EDUCATION
EDUCATION

Sub: college
education-related

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

Classical Revival
Craftsman
Colonial Revival

Other Description: Art Moderne

Materials: foundation BRICK
walls BRICK

roof ASPHALT
other cast stone

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 8. Statement of Significance
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APPLICABLE NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE

A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

ARCHITECTURE

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.

PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE

1914-15 to 1938

D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

CRITERIA CONSIDERATIONS N/A

SIGNIFICANT DATES

1914-15

Property is:

1938

A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes

B removed from its original location.

C a birthplace or grave

SIGNIFICANT PERSON

D a cemetery

N/A

E a reconstructed building, object, or structure

CULTURAL AFFILIATION

F a commemorative property

N/A

G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

ARCHITECT/BUILDER

Various, Unknown

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 X 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:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State historic preservation office | Local government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other state agency | University |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal agency | Other |

Specify Repository: Mississippi Department of Archives and History

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property: Approximately three acres

UTM References: Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

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G	<u>16</u>	<u>227745</u>	<u>3835210</u>	H	<u>16</u>	<u>227840</u>	<u>3835210</u>

 See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description: See continuation sheet.

Boundary Justification: See continuation sheet.

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11. Form Prepared By

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PROPERTY OWNER

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Telephone: (601) 562-3200

City/Town: Senatobia

State: MS

Zip Code: 38668

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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The Tate County Agricultural High School Historic District is composed of a group of four buildings on the campus of Northwest Mississippi Community College, which is located on North Panola Street (U.S. Highway 51) at its intersection with Porter Street in the northwestern quadrant of Senatobia, Tate County, Mississippi.

The site selected for the school is gently rolling in character, with the original buildings placed on a gently rolling knoll above the grade of North Panola Street. The four buildings which make up this historic district are arranged facing a semi-circular drive leading to and from North Panola Street. The drive is separated from North Panola Street by a deep large lawn, shaded by a number of mature trees, including oak, maple and red gum. Smaller-scale shrubs and bushes are featured along the fronts of some buildings as foundation plantings.

The qualities of setting form an important part of the character of the district, as evolved over time. It goes without saying that the basic site plan was set at the time that the school was first built, though a complete landscape plan was not likely part of this work. Original elements of the site plan include the choice of the building sites for the complex and the arrangement of the buildings around the circular drive and lawn. Development of the existing landscaping for the campus was likely developed informally over the first few years of its existence.

A small group of structures were built between 1914 and 1938 within the matrix of this original site plan. Of these, three are larger-scale buildings of a scale and architectural character that reflect their use as institutional structures. The site and its complex of larger buildings focus upon the Administration Building, which is appropriately the most highly-designed of the three. The fourth building is the Physical Plant Building, which is discretely placed behind the larger buildings of the complex.

At the time of the preparation of this proposal for nomination, each of the four buildings in the district contribute to its historical character and significance, and thus, are identified with the letter "C" in the inventory that follows. The historic pattern provided by the original site plan and its landscape elements contribute highly to the qualities of setting for the district. These historic elements-- its trees, walks, lawn, driveway and secondary plantings-- are not included in the inventory of structures, but are accounted for in the overall number of resources as one contributing site. The buildings included in the district are:

- 001 C High School/Administration Building
Two-story, five-bay, school institution building with
Neo-Classical Revival influence, built 1915. Flat roof

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Administration Building, continued:

behind plain parapet wall, topped with a terra-cotta coping. Windows are 9/1 DHSL. Partial-width, flat-roofed porch with peaked parapet, supported by columns with Doric capitals. Entrance has a metal-frame, single-light replacement door.

- 002 C Boys Dormitory/Tate Hall
Two-story, seven-bay, brick veneered institutional building with Craftsman influence, built 1915. Hip roof with exposed rafter tails, covered with asphalt shingles. Windows are 9/1 DHSL. Partial-width, hip-roofed porch supported by brick piers, with a wrought iron replacement balustrade. Entrance contains a metal-frame, single-light replacement door.
- 003 C Girls Dormitory/Yalobusha Hall
Two-story on raised basement, seven-bay, brick veneered dormitory building with Colonial Revival influence, built 1938. Flat roof covered with built-up asphalt roofing, with metal band cornice. Windows are 6/6 DHSL and 2/2 metal frame replacement sashes, some in pairs. Partial-width, flat-roofed porch supported by boxed piers, with a wrought iron balustrade. Entrance contains a single-light, metal frame double-door.
- 004 C Physical Plant Building
One-story, three-bay, brick veneered physical plant with Art Moderne influence, built ca. 1938. Flat roof covered with asphalt roofing, with a cast stone coping. The parapet cornice is made of belt courses. Windows are thirty-light, center swing-sash metal casement windows, with flat sailor arch lintels. Entrance contains a louvered metal replacement double-door.

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NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Tate County Agricultural High School Historic District is proposed for nomination under criterion C in the area of architecture as a locally-significant collection of public buildings in the Craftsman, Neo-Classical Revival and Art Moderne styles.

The origin of the Tate County Agricultural High School can be traced to a letter of proposal put forward by Dr. J. W. Crawford on May 15, 1913. The proposal prompted a series of public meetings, which resulted in the resolution to establish the school for the benefit of students in Tate, DeSoto, Tunica and Panola counties. The City of Senatobia offered to acquire the "Haden place" for the site of the new school at a cost of \$3,000.00. (At the time, the Haden place was a 78 acre plantation complex, which contained a two-story antebellum house at its center).

The enthusiasm for the project began to translate into reality with the offering of two bond issues in 1913 and 1914, which provided \$46,000.00 in development capital for the school. Construction began in 1914 and was completed with the opening of the school for the Fall semester of 1915.

The original campus of the new agricultural school was composed of four major buildings. Two of these-- Tate Hall and the Administration Building, remain from the original construction period. The Administration Building was constructed as a notable example of the Neo-Classical Revival style; Tate Hall was built as a notable example of the Craftsman style. Both were apparently architect-designed, though the identity of the personality responsible for their design has not been discovered.

A third building-- the Girl's Dormitory, was apparently replaced with Yalobusha Hall during the ca. 1938 building program. The fourth building was the antebellum Haden residence, which was employed as the principal's residence. This structure was located about sixty feet to the south and west of the south side of the Administration Building. Local history suggests that the Haden residence burned in the 1930s. The site of the Haden residence has not been included in this nomination, since archaeological testing of the site was beyond the scope of this project. It appears as though a more modern building may have been constructed on a portion of the Haden house site. The location of significant outbuildings, especially slave quarters, is not known, and may exist elsewhere on the campus remote from this site.

The Tate County Agricultural High School was upgraded by the state to

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offer a Junior College curriculum beginning in 1928. Consolidation of the local city schools begun in 1932 resulted in all high school curriculum being taught here until 1943, at which time the Senatobia City School District was accorded full high school status at its location on College Street.

A building program in 1938 resulted in the renovation of some of the earlier buildings, as well as the construction of Yalobusha Hall and the campus' Physical Plant Building. The construction of both structures effectively closes the period of historical development for the campus.

Following World War Two, and especially in the years since the 1970s, Northwest Mississippi Junior College, now renamed Northwest Mississippi Community College, has grown at an astonishing pace to include about thirty buildings today. The original campus circle remains a viable part of campus life, save for Yalobusha Hall, which is currently vacant. Even so, these buildings provide a sense of place and purpose to the mission of the college in service to the needs of Northwestern Mississippi.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Verbal Boundary Description

The property in nomination includes a portion of Block 1 of Map 99C as shown on the Property Tax Maps of the Office of the Tax Assessor of Tate County, Mississippi; and specifically, beginning at the northwestern corner of the intersection of Porter Street and North Panola Street in Senatobia, then west with the north line of Porter Street three hundred (300) feet, then due north two hundred and seventy five feet (275), then west one hundred (100) feet, then north four hundred and seventy five (475) feet to the north line of the Northwest Mississippi Community College campus, then east with the north line two hundred and seventy five (275) feet, then south two hundred (200) feet, then east one hundred and twenty-five feet (125) to the western right-of-way of North Panola Street (U.S. Highway 51), then south five hundred and twenty-five (525) feet to the point of beginning, as delineated in the heavy black line on the accompanying Tate County Property Tax map 99C.

Boundary Justification

The boundary of the property in nomination was selected to include all that land associated with the buildings developed as the Tate County Agricultural High School between 1914-15 and 1938. The newer buildings of the campus not reflective of the period of significance have been excluded.

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PHOTO LIST

TATE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

Senatobia, Tate County, Mississippi

Photographer: John Linn Hopkins

Date: July, 1993

Negatives: Mississippi Department of Archives and History Survey Files

Photo 1 of 4 (MDAH 2695:10)

View of Yalobusha Hall, looking generally west.

Photo 2 of 4 (MDAH 2695:12)

View of the Administration Building, looking generally southwest.

Photo 3 of 4 (MDAH 2695:17)

View of Tate Hall, looking generally northwest.

Photo 4 of 4 (MDAH 2695:15)

View of the Physical Plant, looking west.

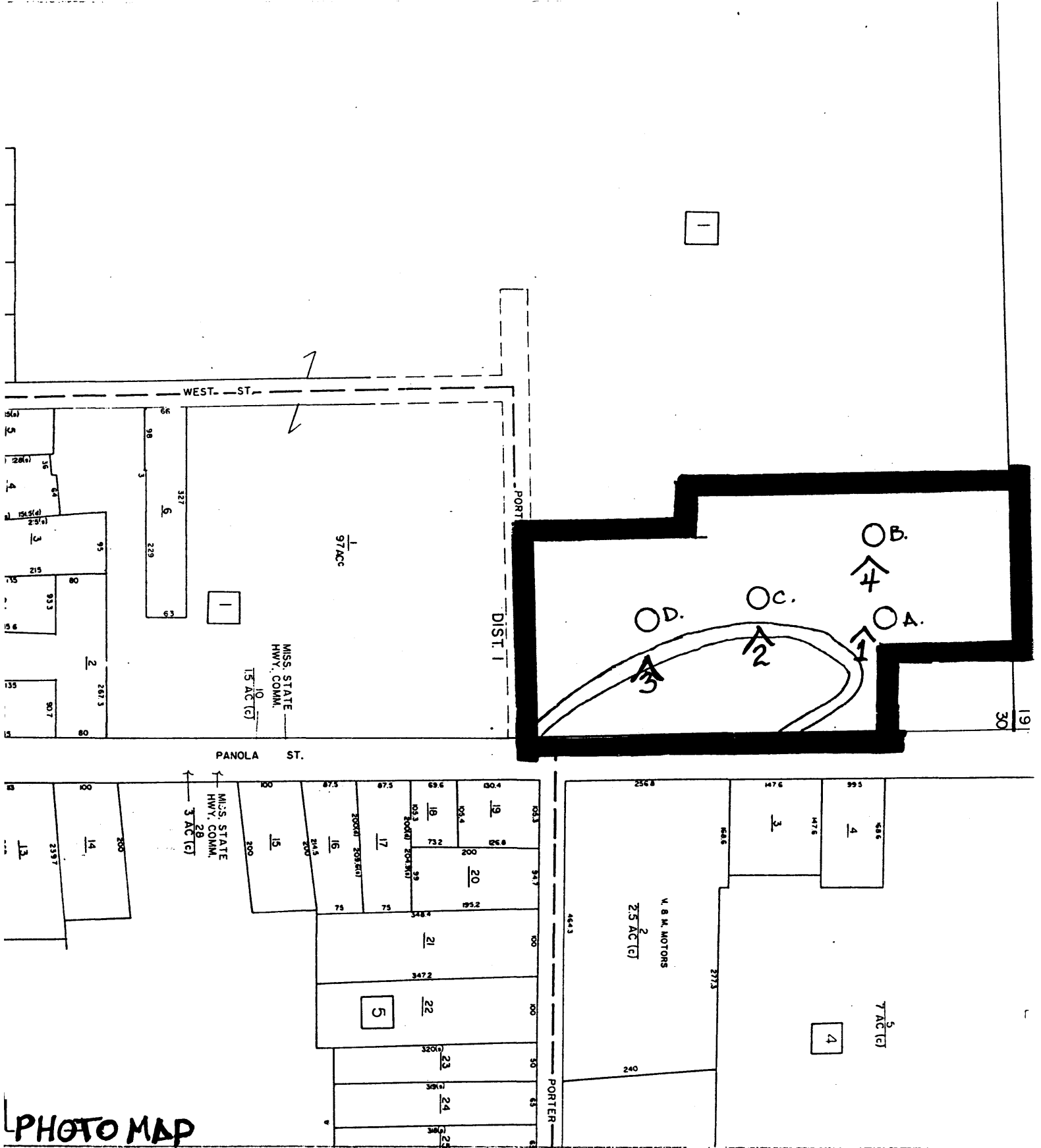


PHOTO MAP

TATE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL
 HISTORIC DISTRICT
 SENATOBIA, TATE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
 SCALE: 1" = 200'



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