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Fairview School Madison County, Mississippi

Description

Fairview School is located on the grounds of the Fairview Missionary Baptist Church in a rural section of Madison County, Mississippi just off U.S. Highway 51. It is a one-story frame building, facing west, with wood drop siding that has been partially covered with tar paper and plywood. The school building is a 24' 7" x 44' 8" rectangle which sits on a concrete block foundation. The building was moved in 1995 from the south side of the lot to the north side of the lot when a new church building was erected. The church building is set to the right of the school and does not block the view of the school from the highway. The school building is in nearly an identical location, as the distance of the move was about fifty (50) feet, and retains integrity of setting. The school is topped with a corrugated metal gable roof and there are no eaves. The single center bay on the façade is filled with a six-light, three-panel wood door. The rear elevation has one center bay as well; however the door is missing. There are five bays on the south elevation and four bays on the north elevation which are filled with 4/4 double-hung wood sash, some of which are missing and others which are covered with metal panels.

During the building's use as a school, the interior was divided into two rooms. This stud wall has been removed and in its place are 4x4 posts supporting the 9' 11" ceiling. Interior walls are sided in tongue-and-groove wood siding and the floor is tongue-and-groove as well. Two of the original benches and one of the original tables that were used by the students remain in the school, as does the shelf and cabinet used to store lunches, books and coats. An enclosed stair in the southeast corner provides access to the attic where, according to the school's alumni, firewood was stored for use in the cast iron stoves that provided the building's only heat. The stoves are no longer in the building.

While the building is in serious need of rehabilitation, it does retain its integrity of design, setting, workmanship, feeling, association and a majority of materials. Its significance as a two-room rural school that provided education for hundreds of African American children within the Fairview neighborhood makes its preservation and rehabilitation essential.

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Major Bibliographical References 9. See continuation sheet.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS)

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Fairview Missionary Baptist Church

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Significance

Criterion A- Education and Ethnic Heritage/Black

The Fairview School is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A-Education and Ethnic Heritage/Black, being locally significant in the field of African American education. The building served as the neighborhood school for hundreds of African American children beginning possibly as early as 1890 through the early 1960s.

Criteria Considerations

Fairview School is owned by a religious institution, but derives its significance from its historical importance as an African American school. While the building was moved a short distance from its original location, it maintains essentially the same setting in the same neighborhood and since the significance derives from its history as a school in the neighborhood, the move of fifty feet does not affect its significance.

Historical Summary

Fairview School was established about 1890 in a building that originally housed a Masonic lodge. Oral history recounts that the original two-story lodge was renovated for use as the school by removing the second floor and installing a partition wall dividing it into two classrooms, the front classroom being of a smaller area than the back room. State Department of Education records from the 1950s, however, place the building's date of construction in the 1920s, and the physical evidence, including a light framing system and drop siding seem to support this later date. Possibly the Masonic lodge was indeed adapted for the school, which was then later rebuilt in the 1920s.

The two-room school building is located on land owned and occupied by the Fairview Missionary Baptist Church (established in 1889). In the early years of the public school system in Mississippi, it was normal for public schools to be established by churches on church property. With the advent of consolidation in the 1910s, white schools began to move onto their own publicly owned property, but black schools commonly remained attached to churches in small, unconsolidated schools such as Fairview until the 1950s. Church history recounts that the school was housed in the church until the Masons merged with another lodge and the school was moved into their building. An average of

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forty students in grades first through eighth attended the Fairview School. One teacher instructed the first three grades in the front classroom. The curriculum included writing, reading, spelling, language, and math and was taught with students sitting on six or seven long handmade wooden benches, using kerosene lamps for light. Another teacher occupied a table in the back room with students in grades four through eight occupying eight or ten similar benches. When it was time for a particular grade's instruction, those students would move to a bench in front of the teachers' desk.

The building was heated with a cast iron wood stove which the students kept filled from a wood pile in the attic or under the stairs to the attic. The blackboard was two wide horizontal boards painted black. The bathroom was a privy behind the school building and the playground was a flat, grassy area in front where the children would play stickball and other games. Prior to recess the students would retrieve their lunches from a cabinet in the corner of the back room and their coats and hats from nails at the rear of the room.

Part of a segregated county school district in the Jim Crow-dominated South, Fairview School was a rural neighborhood school with students walking up to a mile and a half to attend. After completing the eighth grade at Fairview School, students who were able were sent to Madison Rosenwald School in the town of Madison to complete their education. Fairview School was the focus of the surrounding rural community as it served as a meeting place for the glee club, the 4H Club, and for other community functions. In the early 1960s the school was closed and the students were moved to Madison Rosenwald.

Three miles south of Fairview School was a one-room school called True Vine (not extant) and another one-room school, Good Hope (not extant), was located about four miles to the north. In all, around 50 small rural African American schools similar to Fairview dotted the landscape of Madison County in the early to mid-twentieth century. Today, Fairview School is one of only two 2-room African American schools remaining in Madison County, and is the older of the two. The other 2-classroom school is Andrews Chapel School, built in 1943 and abandoned for many years. Andrews Chapel is in a state of serious deterioration, and although it would be eligible for the National Register if it were appropriately repaired, its later date reflects a different period of school building in Madison County, and therefore it is not completely comparable to Fairview School. A three-room school for African Americans, Zion

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Chapel School, is located northeast of Canton. Built in the 1920s, it is also still owned by its church congregation but has not been proposed for National Register nomination. Regardless, the fact that as late as the 1950s, Madison County contained at least 46 public rural schools for African American students and that only a handful of these once ubiquitous buildings remain, means that this small remaining percentage should be considered eligible for the National Register, if any of the buildings retain their historic integrity.

During the early decades of the 20th century, most rural white students in Madison County also attended elementary classes in two and three-room frame buildings (none extant) and advanced to brick, multi-room high schools in Madison, Flora, and Canton. The only brick elementary schools in the county for white or black children were located in Madison, Canton, and Flora. Town schools that were built for black students in Madison County and still remain are Camden Colored School (1947), A. M. Rogers Grammar School (1953), Cameron Street Elementary School (1937) and Madison Rosenwald (established 1920 but no buildings earlier than 1952 still extant)–all of these date to a later time and as city schools are in a different class of architecture than the Fairview School.

Fairview School has been minimally maintained by the Fairview Missionary Baptist Church throughout the years since its closing. Although some unsympathetic changes have been made, and the building suffers the effects of deferred maintenance, the negative cosmetic appearance of the building is far outweighed by its value as one of only a few surviving examples of a small rural African American schools in Madison County. When the church was in the process of erecting a new building in 1995, a campaign was launched by Franklin Jefferson, an alumnus of the school, to save and restore the school building. Plans for the new church required the land where the school building was located. The only way to preserve the building was to move it about fifty feet from its original location. Jefferson, a social studies professor at Jackson State, produced a video detailing the history of the building and the need to preserve this part of African American history. It was at this time that a new foundation was poured on the opposite side of the church's lot and the building was moved. Unfortunately, Mr. Jefferson died shortly after making the video plea and little rehabilitation has occurred since. United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

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Although Fairview School is deteriorated, it continues to be a source of pride for those who attended the school and for those who live in the neighborhood. There is a great interest by the alumni of Fairview to rehabilitate the building and recognize the school for having been a place for hundreds of neighborhood children to learn.

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Section 10. Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description

The property on which the school building sits is owned by the Fairview Missionary Baptist Church, whose two buildings and playground also occupy the land. The school building is located 159' from the east edge of North Old Canton Road, 12' to the north and 11 ½' to the east of the old church building. It is also 77' to the north of the new church building. The boundary includes the area on which the school building sits with a six foot buffer on each side of the building. The Madison County parcel number is 831-30-005/00.00.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes only the part of the property on which the school building sits with a six foot buffer on each side of the building.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Fairview School NAME:

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MISSISSIPPI, Madison

DATE RECEIVED: 2/04/08 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/25/08 DATE OF 16TH DAY: 3/11/08 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/19/08 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

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IN REPLY REFER TO

United States Department of the Interior

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National Register of Historic Places Evaluation/Return Sheet

Property Name:

Fairview School, Madison County, MS

Reference Number:

Reason for Return

This nomination is being returned for technical and substantive reasons.

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The areas of significance chosen for this school are "Education" and "Ethnic Heritage: Black." Criteria considerations chosen are "a" and "b" for a moved property owned by a religious organization.

The nomination raises a number of questions concerning its areas of significance. In the areas of Education and Ethnic Heritage, there is no context provided in which to evaluate the Fairview School. Some questions worth investigating that could flesh out the context include: How large of an area did this school serve? How many African American schools are/were in the area? Are any left? How many were two-room schools? What kind of facilities did white children have? How did the educational experience of African American children in the area differ from their white counterparts? Was this a terminal school, or did African American children have to opportunity to go beyond 8th Grade? If so, where did they go?

The building is somewhat deteriorated and has had alterations. Some of these, including the tarpaper, most likely date to the period of significance. Others, such as the OSB panels on the rear elevation, are obviously newer. How do these changes and the deterioration, coupled with its new location, affect its eligibility? Does its significance in the local community overcome its diminished integrity?

Criteria Considerations "a" and "b" are not specifically addressed in Section 8. Provide justification for listing under these considerations.

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Technical Issues

Section 2 Location This property is located at least seven miles outside of Canton. Please check "Vicinity."

Section 7 Narrative description

The narrative states that the building was moved in 1995 and "retains integrity of setting." Please elaborate on this statement. Describe the original location and setting and the current location and setting. How does the new church building impact the setting? How big is the lot? It was moved from the south to north side of the lot; how far was this?

At the bottom of the page is the heading "Significance" and the beginning of Section 8. Please delete this.

Section 10 Verbal Boundary Description and Justification

The boundary provided (County Parcel number 082G-25D-035/05.00) would appear to include all of the property that the church owns, but the nomination specifically says that the church building is outside of the nomination's boundaries. Please clarify with a more accurate boundary description.

Supplemental Materials

The CD-R submitted contains a proprietary software program with the images embedded in a file folder. The images themselves are incorrectly labeled. The images are also black and white; color images are preferred. Please provide a new CD-R with .tiff images labeled as outlined on the National Register Photo Policy found on our website.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this nomination and hope that you find these comments useful. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached at (202) 354-2275 or email at <<u>James_Gabbert@nps.gov></u>.

Sincerely

Jim Gabbert, Historian National Register of Historic Places 3/13/08

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REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

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MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MISSISSIPPI, Madison

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January 8, 2009

Pastor Fairview Missionary Baptist Church 1278 N. Old Canton Road Canton, MS 39046

Re: Fairview School, Canton vicinity, Madison County

Dear Pastor:

After further discussions with the National Park Service, we have determined that it is not necessary to present the amended nomination for the Fairview School to the Mississippi Professional Historic Preservation Review Board. Therefore, I have removed the nomination from the agenda of the January 15, 2009 meeting.

We will finalize the nomination and supporting materials and resubmit them to the National Park Service. We hope to accomplish this by Friday, January 22, 2009. If you or other members of the Fairview Missionary Baptist Church community wish to make comments on the nomination I will be happy to enclose those with the nomination packet.

We appreciate your patience and continued interest in preserving this important place.

William M. Gatlin National Register Coordinator

Cc: Nancy Bell

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Dr. Janet Snyder Matthews Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places and Associate Director for Cultural Resources National Park Service 1201 Eye Street, NW (2280) Washington, D.C. 2005

Dear Dr. Matthews:

We are pleased to enclose the nomination form and supporting documents to nominate the following properties to the National Register of Historic Places:

Fairview School, Madison County, Mississippi

The properties were approved for nomination by the Mississippi Historic Preservation Professional Review Board at its meeting on January 17, 2008. However, the nomination was returned in March 2009. The nomination has been redrafted to address the substantive and technical issues raised. The owner and local public officials were given an opportunity to comment on the revised draft.

We trust you will find the enclosed materials in order and will let us hear from you at you convenience.

Sincerely,

Kenneth H. P'Pool Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

By: William M. Gatlin

National Register Coordinator