

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Anna Russell Cole Auditorium, Tennessee Preparatory School

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number Tennessee Preparatory School ^{campus} Foster Avenue not for publication

city, town Nashville vicinity of _____ congressional district Fifth

state Tennessee code 047 county Davidson code 037

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name State of Tennessee, Department of Finance and Administration

street & number Capitol Building

city, town Nashville vicinity of _____ state Tennessee 37219

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Registrar's Office

street & number Davidson County Courthouse

city, town Nashville state Tennessee 37201

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Tennessee Historical & Architectural has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date July 1979 federal state county local

depository for survey records Tennessee Historical Commission

city, town 4721 Trousdale Drive, Nashville state Tennessee 37220

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Anna Russell Cole Auditorium is located on the moderately wooded campus of the Tennessee Preparatory School in Nashville. The facade, or west elevation, of the building fronts on Foster Avenue.

A limestone block foundation supports the rectangular, stretcher bond brick building. The composition shingle hip roof is broken by six attic vents. A plain brick chimney rises on the east elevation. The dentiled terra cotta cornice and plain brick frieze are perimetric. The combination of sheer size and simple adornment is typical of the Richardson Romanesque style. Every feature is carefully arranged in a symmetrical manner.

The facade has eight bays. The central bay is distinguished by a partially enclosed, brick portico. The round arch of the portico entrance springs from two squat brick columns of the Tuscan order. The entrance door is surmounted by another round arch which springs from a decorated entablature. The entablature and brick pilasters frame small, flanking windows. An enclosed vestibule has been added in front of the door. The name of the building is inscribed in the portico frieze. Each of the remaining bays has a twelve over twelve round arched window with a brick lintel.

The south wing, with two eyebrow vents, a basement entrance, and a rear entrance has been added. The east elevation is characterized by a pavilion designed to house the stage. Three half round windows and two twelve over twelve, arched side windows light the pavilion. The north wing, with three-panel trabeated windows and a covered entrance was also added.

The original west entrance opens into an 850-seat auditorium. A stage and lobby span the south and north additions, respectively. An interior balcony has also been added to the north end of the original building. An alcove, opposite the original entrance, houses a stage and M.D. Muller pipe organ. A basement has also been added.

All additions were made in 1940. Care was taken to match the design and materials of the additions to the new building.

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The central core of the building is original, with an addition to both the north and south elevations. The main entrance, west elevation, is unchanged. On the rear, or east elevation, portions of the windows on the bay extension have been bricked up. It was necessary for the north and south additions to be built to accommodate an enlarged student body. The Auditorium, with the exception of the ceiling, remains much the same as when it was constructed, and an alcove contains the pipe organ.

The building maintains a large degree of integrity, even though changes have been made. Previous efforts had been made to raze the building, but much support has been generated for its continued use. Since it is the oldest surviving building on the campus, it is of great importance to the school which has had a long and very important history in the social programs of the community.

There are no other structures on the campus that possess sufficient significance to be included in the nomination.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1894, 1940

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

In 1885, Colonel Edmund W. Cole opened the Randall Cole Industrial School for dependent and wayward children in Nashville. Two years later, Colonel Cole donated the school and ninety-two acres to the state of Tennessee and the name was changed to Tennessee Industrial School.

Children of all races have customarily been admitted to the school by their respective county judges with the advice of social workers. For many years a child's expenses were shared by his county, the state, and the child as he or she earned wages. Now the state pays all the bills, including the college expenses of the most promising graduates.

Dr. W.C. Kilvington served as superintendent of the twelve year school for the first thirty years. Under his leadership, industrial, agricultural, and trade shops were established. The printing shop continues to produce all campus publications as well as various other state publications. Art and music have always been integral elements of the liberal arts curriculum.

In 1894, the Anna Russell Cole Auditorium was finished. Colonel Cole's second wife was a noted benefactor of the school. In 1940, the building was remodeled with the assistance of the student body and a pipe organ was donated by Nashville businessman Tony Sudekum. Although the basement has been condemned, the auditorium itself is still in use.

Tennessee Industrial School came under the supervision of the Department of Institutions in 1923. In 1937, the school was transferred to the Department of Education and eleven years later it came under the control of the State Board of Education. In 1955 the name of the school was changed to Tennessee Preparatory School.

The Anna Russell Cole Auditorium is the oldest surviving building on the campus of the only school operated for the benefit of dependent children by the state of Tennessee. The auditorium has served as a center of student activities including religious services, concerts, plays, films, and lectures for eighty-five years.

9. Major Bibliographical References

The Beacon, the yearbook of the Tennessee Preparatory School, Nashville: Tennessee Preparatory School, 1966.

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10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property .33 acre
Quadrangle name Nashville, East, Tennessee

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the Anna Russell Cole Auditorium nomination is shown as the red line on the accompanying map entitled Tennessee Preparatory School, and drawn at a scale of 500 feet to the inch. The property nominated includes the building and grounds immediately

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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date September 18, 1979

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state Tennessee 37220

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Herbert E. Hays

title Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission

date 9/24/79

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

for W. Ray Juce
Keeper of the National Register

date 4/17/80

Attest:

Kristin O'Connell

date 4/17/80

Chief of Registration

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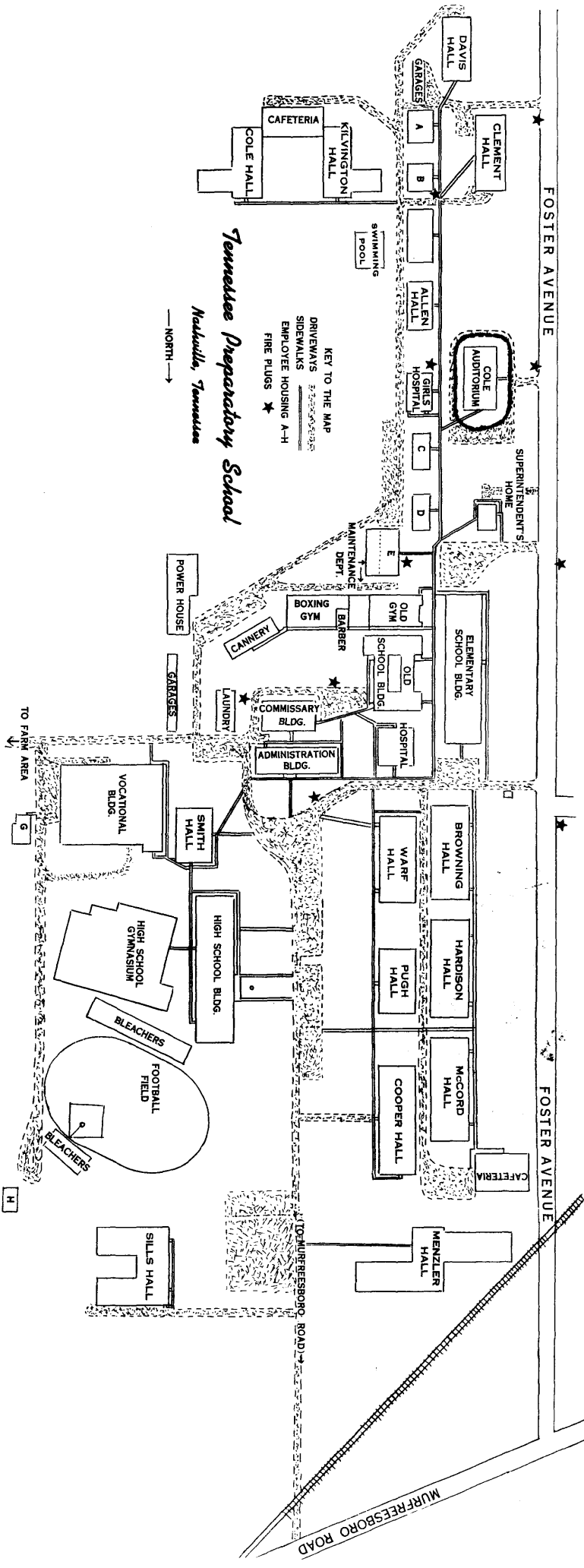
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surrounding it; the tract is defined by a driveway which encircles the building.



Yemelle Preparatory School
Nashville, Tennessee

KEY TO THE MAP
 DRIVEWAYS
 SIDEWALKS
 EMPLOYEE HOUSING A-H
 FIRE PLUGS

— NORTH —

Scale 1" = 500'