

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.



## 1. Name of Property

Historic name: Howell School

Other names/site number: Dothan College Grammar School; Dothan Manufacturing Company

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

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

## 2. Location

Street & number: 408 E. Newton St.

City or town: Dothan State: AL County: Houston

Not For Publication:  Vicinity:

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

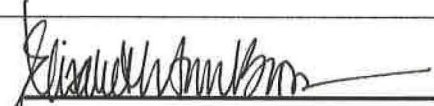
I hereby certify that this X nomination \_\_\_ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property X meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

\_\_\_ national \_\_\_ statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

X A \_\_\_ B X C \_\_\_ D

	Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer	<u>3 May 2013</u>
Signature of certifying official/Title:		Date
<u>Alabama Historical Commission</u>		
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government		

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.	
Signature of commenting official:	Date
Title :	State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

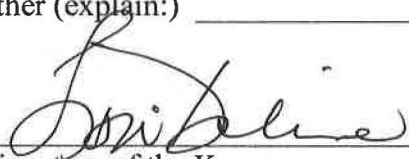
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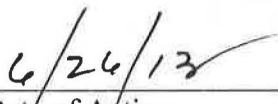
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**4. National Park Service Certification**

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:)

  
Signature of the Keeper

  
Date of Action

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

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**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	sites
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	structures
<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

EDUCATION  
INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION/manufacturing facility

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

VACANT/Not in Use

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## 7. Description

### Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

LATE VICTORIAN: Romanesque/Renaissance

**Materials:** (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: WOOD, BRICK, STONE, METAL, GLASS

### Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

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### Summary Paragraph

Howell School is a two-story brick educational building with a hipped composition shingle roof that is now covered with protective wrapping. Stylistically, the school is an eclectic blend of Late Victorian influences including the Romanesque Revival and Renaissance Revival styles and it once featured a now lost Mansard style tower. The building faces west and is located off-center on a city block that is surrounded by E. Newton, N. Cherry, E. Burdeshaw, and N College Streets. The T-shaped plan has a rectangular 17 by 7 bay core with a 4 by 5 bay T wing centered to the rear. A 4 by 1 bay brick addition (circa 1947) with a hipped composition shingle roof now covered with protective wrapping extends from the west bay of the south elevation and a modern one-story concrete block addition with a flat roof was constructed along its west façade circa 1965. Two modern metal industrial buildings were added to the south elevation of the concrete block addition circa 1985.

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### Narrative Description

The entire first floor level of the principal west façade is obscured by the circa 1965 concrete block addition. The addition was butted against the existing building and all of the first floor masonry and window and door openings remain intact, with the exception of two windows that were converted into doors. The façade is 17 bays wide. The three outer bays at either side project slightly from the plane of the inner bays, as does the central bay. The outer projecting bays are articulated with corner brick pilasters with Corinthian terra cotta capitals and molded terra cotta bases. The center bay is articulated by similar double pilasters. The pilasters rise the full height of the building to an entablature that consists of a plain brick architrave, a plain brick frieze set above a molded terra cotta band, and a molded pressed metal cornice with modillions. Rectangular attic vents with cast iron grilles are spaced along the frieze. The cornice extends the full width of the façade except where it breaks to allow two hipped dormers to rise. The dormers are centered above the recessed bays.



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A narrow sandstone band caps the raised foundation at the first floor level and serves as a sill for its windows. Windows were historically located in all but the three center bays of the first floor level within rectangular openings and had wooden six-over-six double hung sash. Only the northernmost window was converted into a door when the addition was constructed circa 1965. All other window openings remain unaltered and retain their wooden window frames, although their sash have typically been removed. A similar sandstone band serves as the common sill for the second floor windows. The band extends between the pilasters rather than the full-width of the building as it does on the first floor. Rectangular window openings similar to those at the first floor are located in the fourth, eighth, tenth, and fourteenth bays of the second floor. Remaining bays have round arched openings. Round arched windows have molded terra cotta hoodmolds supported by similar molded brick imposts. The imposts connect between the windows at the projecting outer bays and do not connect at the interior bays. The rectangular openings have sandstone lintels. Window openings on the upper floor have been bricked in except at the second, fourth, center, tenth, and seventeenth bays that retain their historic wood six-over-six light sash with rounded arched upper sash. A decorative terra cotta band extends between the pilasters between the first and second floor levels.

The north elevation of the core is similar in overall design to the façade. Its central bay projects slightly beneath a gable dormer. The corners of the projecting bay are articulated with double pilasters and the single pilasters adorn the outer corners. Rectangular window openings at the outer bays of the first floor have modern replacement aluminum windows. An entrance with modern steel double leaf doors is located at the central bay and accessed by a wide single flight of masonry stairs. The entrance has a shed awning that appears to have been added circa 1947. Round arched window openings at the outer bays of the second floor level are set in groups of three beneath molded terra cotta hoodmolds supported by similar connecting molded brick imposts. A pair of similar windows is centered at the center bay. All windows have been infilled with brick. The rear T wing has two-story round arched window openings at its western bays with molded terra cotta hoodmolds supported by molded brick imposts. An entrance at the eastern bay has sandstone lintels above the entrance and a former transom. A round window is centered above the entrance. All of the openings have been infilled with brick. The south elevation is similar to the north elevation. The three western bays of the first floor are obscured by the circa 1947 addition. The entrance at the center bay retains its round arched multi-light transom but has replacement steel doors and a modern shed canopy. All but two of the second floor windows at the core retain their historic wood six-over-six light sash with rounded arched upper sash. The three first floor windows at the core have been infilled with frame or brick enclosures.

The east (rear) elevation is similar in design with rectangular windows at the lower level and round arched openings above. The T wing extends across the four center bays and has a pair of full-height windows at its center bays, a former entrance at its northern bay, and a rectangular window opening at its southern bay. All of the openings have been infilled with brick and a modern entrance with a steel roll-up door has been added off-center below the rectangular window opening. A modern concrete block loading dock with a flat metal canopy supported by pipe columns extends across the three southern bays.

A 4 by 1 bay brick addition was constructed across the western three bays of the south elevation circa 1947. The addition has a hipped composition shingle roof that is now covered

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with protective wrapping. The west elevation of the addition is exposed within the circa 1965 addition and has three rectangular window openings at its northern bays and has a cargo entrance opening at its southern bay. The east elevation has rectangular window openings with wooden six-over-six light double hung sash. The northernmost window has been covered with plywood. The south elevation is largely obscured by the easternmost of two circa 1965 metal industrial building additions. The additions had low-pitched industrial metal roofs and industrial metal siding.

As originally constructed, the building had two floors of classrooms on either side of a hallway that was centered within the core of the building and ran its entire width. A cross hall intersected the hallway and extended west to the main entrance. A two-story auditorium at the rear T wing extended to the east wall of the hallway. Open well staircases opened to the east immediately north and south of the auditorium. The auditorium had a stage at its east end. The interior was extensively altered in 1947 when the building was converted for use as an industrial plant. At that time, most interior partitions were removed from the first and second floor levels of the core and an intermediate floor level was installed in the auditorium. The southern staircase also appears to have been removed at that time. A series of office partitions were installed in the northeast corner of the first floor. Otherwise the building remains essentially open in plan. New steel columns and beams were added to support the second floor and roof at that time. The northern staircase remains and it retains its historic newel post and balustrade. Some historic window and door trim remains, as does beaded board wainscoting.

A one-story concrete block addition was added along the entire façade of the building circa 1965 and contained a single large open room. Industrial metal building additions were constructed along the south elevation of the concrete block addition circa 1985 and housed additional manufacturing and storage spaces. These additions do not physically impact the historic core of the building.

The building has suffered from deferred maintenance in recent years. Temporary membrane roofing was installed recently to prevent further water leakage that had already damaged some ceilings and flooring in the historic portion of the building. Otherwise, the building is in good overall physical condition. The circa 1965 addition is in near ruinous condition due to water penetration over the years.

#### Archaeology

An archaeological assessment of the study area was not completed as part of this project. However, given the nature of the resource's history, there is potential that subsurface remains could provide additional information about the historical development of the area.

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## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- 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.
- 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.

### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Industry  
Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Period of Significance**

1902-1963  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Significant Dates**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

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**Cultural Affiliation**

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**Architect/Builder**

Baughman, J.W.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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### **Period of Significance (Justification)**

The period of significance for the resource extends from 1902, the year of its construction, through 1963 reflecting the National Register program's fifty-year cutoff. This period reflects the years the building was used for its original purpose as a school and its historic use as a factory after 1947.

**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph** (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Howell School is locally significant under Criterion A and C. The building is historically significant in the area of Industry for its role in the post World War II industrial development history of Dothan, having served as a textile factory from 1947 through 1997. The building is also architecturally significant as an excellent example of the eclectic blending of Late Victorian styles that was popular in institutional architecture in Alabama around the turn of the twentieth century.

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

#### Industry

Howell School is historically significant in the area of Industry for its role in the post World War II industrial development history of Dothan. The Dothan Chamber of Commerce actively promoted the city as a site for industrial development in the years immediately following World War II. In 1947, the former Howell School was converted into a textile factory for the Indian River Textile Company. The plant was one of several textile-related industries that moved to Dothan as a result of the Chamber's work and is the only one that appears to have been located in an existing building. The plant was operated under successive owners until its acquisition by the Dothan Manufacturing Company who produced pajamas there from circa 1953 until 1991. Dothan Apparel Company then operated the factory until 1997.

#### Architecture

Architecturally, Howell School is an excellent example of the eclectic blending of Late Victorian styles that was popular in institutional architecture in Alabama around the turn of the twentieth century, exhibiting both Romanesque Revival and Renaissance Revival style influences. The building is the finest example of the style in Houston County and is one of a small collection of surviving examples across the state. The exterior retains integrity despite a circa 1965 addition that now obscures the lower level of the façade. The historic first floor level remains intact within the interior and the addition simply abuts the building, making it a readily reversible alteration. The large, metal additions are attached to the 1965 addition, not the south elevation of the original building.

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### Developmental History/Additional Historic Context Information

Howell School was constructed in 1901-1902 as a grammar school for the city of Dothan. The \$40,000 building was financed by a municipal bond and was constructed to replace a \$15,000 grammar school that had been constructed in 1898 and destroyed by fire in 1901.<sup>1</sup> The architect/builder for the school was J. W. Baughman. The building is shown on a 1907 Sanborn map as the "Dothan College." No explanation has been found to explain the name, but it appears that the school was originally named the Dothan College Grammar School. An auditorium is shown in the rear wing and the map notes that the building had open grate heating and electric lights in the auditorium. The 1920, 1924, and 1932 editions of the map refer to the building as "Dothan College Grammar School." As originally constructed, the building had a fire escape:

It was made of heavy sheet metal, a tube-type thing, large in diameter and crooked like a snake. The opening was in a sixth-grade classroom on the second floor in the southeast corner of the building. We had fire drills quite often, and most classes on the second floor used this fire escape. Most of the time, the door was locked, and, after school, the fire escape was 'off limits.' But that did not keep the neighborhood boys from climbing up and sliding down.<sup>2</sup>

The building was renamed in honor of Dr. John Robertson Graves Howell in 1916. Howell, a physician who had relocated to Dothan to establish his practice in 1887, had served as mayor at the time the first grammar school was built. He died in 1916.<sup>3</sup>

Howell School served as Dothan's primary grammar school for white children in the then-segregated city. African-American students were educated in other facilities in the community.<sup>4</sup> A second grammar school, the Rose Hill School, was constructed in 1911. In 1915, Howell School had an enrollment of 428 students, compared with 156 students at the Rose Hill School and 180 students at the high school.<sup>5</sup> Howell School was replaced by the Minnie T. Heard Elementary School in 1942 and was closed as a school.

During World War II, the Howell School building was converted for use by the Salvation Army's Red Shield Club. An article in the July 6, 1943 edition of the Dothan Eagle noted:

The club is operated exclusively for soldiers, providing them mainly with shower and sleeping facilities. Major Bergren [Dothan Salvation Army post] said six showers have been installed in the building and 200 beds put into use. The beds are distributed 15 or 18 to 12 former classrooms, he said, adding that clean linen is provided every time a bed is occupied. A large living room has been decorated and lounging furniture installed and a kitchen will be added later, Major Bergren said, adding that divisional Salvation Army headquarters has authorized him to

<sup>1</sup> C. C. Moseley, "History of the Dothan Schools" (Dothan, AL: Dothan Board of Education, ca. 1932) pp. 7-8.

<sup>2</sup> Mary Lucy Floyd, "Recollections with Mary Lucy Floyd, Howell School, 1898-1942," undated clipping in the files of the Dothan Landmarks Foundation, Dothan, AL.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> Annamarie Saliba Martin, The Story of Dothan, Houston County (Montgomery, AL: Community Communications, Inc., 1998), n.p.

<sup>5</sup> Schools Open; Crowds Rush to Clerk's Office, Dothan Eagle, September 6, 1915, p. 1.



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redecorate the entire building and beautify the grounds. So far \$2,500 has been spent on the project and approximately that same amount will be spent again in making the club one of the best that the Salvation Army operates throughout the country, he added. Many window panes had been smashed since it was last used as a school."<sup>6</sup>

According to the article the club was operated twenty-four hours a day and soldiers could use it for free, although a twenty-five cent per day donation was requested.

The Dothan Chamber of Commerce took out a full-page advertisement in the December 31, 1946 edition of the Dothan Eagle with the title "Let's Look at the Future." In the ad, the Chamber announced that nine manufacturing plants "that when completed will represent a capital investment estimated at \$4,000,000 and will give employment to 2,000 persons." The companies included Huntingburg Furniture Co., furniture; The Nurre Companies, Inc., mirrors; Indian River Textile Co., pajamas – shorts; Covington Planter Co, farm implements; J. E. Howell Lumber Co., veneers and plywoods; King Furniture Co., furniture; an expansion of the Dothan Silk Hosiery Mill, hosiery; and the Kingan Packing Co., meat products.<sup>7</sup>

The Indian River Textile Company announced in the January 21, 1947 edition of the Dothan Eagle that it would begin production at its new plant in "the old Howell school building" by the end of that month. The article stated: "All of the second story of the converted building is complete and most of the ground floor is ready for use. The machines are being installed and materials are coming now, and the automatic sprinkler system, long a holdup to completion of the building, is almost finished." The article continued: "The plant will employ [a] hundred people" and Arthur Johnson, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, made this invitation: "The establishment is now open for public inspection, and everybody is invited to go out and look it over."<sup>8</sup>

The 1948 update to the 1931 Sanborn map shows the building as the "Indian River Textile Co.," manufacturers of Cotton Garments. The map indicates that the building had a "Watchman with Clock," electricity, steam heat and that it was arranged with a cutting room on the first floor, a sewing room on the second floor, with a pressing room at the first floor of the auditorium and supply rooms at its second floor. Indian River closed the plant in February 1949.<sup>9</sup>

Ozark Industries reopened the facility as a pajama factory in June 1950. An article in the Dothan Eagle of June 2, 1950 noted:

Yesterday was open – house at a new pajama plant where production is expected to get underway in two weeks. When the peak is reached, an estimated 250 to 275 pairs of men's pajamas will be turned out daily. And some 200 men and women will be employed. The story of Ozark's new plant, according to Mayor

<sup>6</sup> "Salvation Army's Red Shield Club in Operation Here," Dothan Eagle, July 6, 1943, p. 1.

<sup>7</sup> Dothan Eagle, December 31, 1946, p. 7.

<sup>8</sup> "New Textile Mill Opens Here Soon," Dothan Eagle, January 21, 1947, p. 1.

<sup>9</sup> Ed Driggers, "Ozark Plays Host At Open House For Inspection of Pajama Plant," Dothan Eagle, June 2, 1950, page 1.

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Douglas Brown, is an example of what wide-awake people can do with cooperation and the will to see a thing done.”<sup>10</sup>

The article continued that the plant is “being reopened under new colors, those of Ozark Industries and Phillips-Jones Mills:

Ozark Industries was formed after announcement was made that Indian River would cease operations. The building was purchased for \$45,000 and re-worked completely. The latter cost \$10,000.” The article also noted that “Those who work in the pajama plant will do so under ideal conditions. Green and other colors, restful to the eyes, have been used and the plant has been equipped with a modern air-conditioning system. The 22,000-foot floor space has been replaced with varnished hickory.

From 1951 to 1953, the plant was listed in city directories as Ainsbrooke, Inc., clothing manufacturers. Ainsbrooke was based in New York City and was organized on July 26, 1950.<sup>11</sup>

Dothan Manufacturing Company was organized on December 16, 1952 in New York City with Max Scharf serving as an incorporator and the company’s president.<sup>12</sup> The company was operating out of the Howell School building by circa 1953 but did not acquire the property from the City of Dothan until May 1956.<sup>13</sup> The company sold the property in October 1991 to Dothan Apparel, Inc. but continued to be listed in the Dothan city directories until 1993.<sup>14</sup> Dothan Manufacturing Company became inactive as a corporation on February 21, 1996.<sup>15</sup> Dothan Apparel is listed at the address in 1994 but Dothan Industries is listed there from 1995 to 1997. The plant ceased operations about 1997. Sheringham, Inc., a New York corporation and successor by merger to Dothan Apparel, Inc. sold the property to the Southern Alabama Regional Council on the Aging in March 2003.<sup>16</sup> The City of Dothan acquired the property in May 2008 and transferred it the following year to the Dothan Downtown Redevelopment Authority.<sup>17</sup>

The building has sat vacant in recent years. At the present time, plans are underway to convert the building into a senior living facility. Those plans call for the removal of the intrusive modern additions from the façade and south elevation of the building.

## Architecture

The Howell School building is an excellent example of the eclectic blending of Late Victorian styles that was popular in institutional architecture in Alabama around the turn of the twentieth century. The building combines elements of the Victorian Romanesque style with those of the Renaissance Revival style. As originally constructed, the building also had a Mansard style

<sup>10</sup> Driggers.

<sup>11</sup> New York and Surrounding Territory Classified Business Directory (New York: Directory Company, 1965), p. 618.; Bizapedia, <http://www.bizapedia.com>, “Ainsbrooke, Inc.”

<sup>12</sup> Bizapedia, <http://www.bizapedia.com>, “Max Scharf.”

<sup>13</sup> 1955 City Directory; Deed Book 131, page 137.

<sup>14</sup> Deed Book 436, page 126.

<sup>15</sup> BusinessProfiles.com, <http://businessprofiles.com>, “Dothan Manufacturing Co.”

<sup>16</sup> Deed Book 593, page 194.

<sup>17</sup> Deed Book 667, page 29; Deed Book 679, page 28.

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tower centered at its façade. Romanesque elements include the extensive use of round arched openings, including grouped windows at the second floor that have molded terra cotta hoodmolds supported by connecting molded brick imposts, and the use of contrasting stone banding and terra cotta details. Renaissance Revival details include the distinct division of the levels of the façade with horizontal banding and the classical use of Corinthian pilasters that support an entablature cornice. Howell School is the finest example of this type of late Victorian eclecticism in Houston County and, according to Robert Gamble, Senior Architectural Historian with the Alabama Historical Commission, is one of only a small handful of institutional buildings in the style surviving in the state.<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>18</sup> Interview with Robert Gamble, Alabama Historical Commission, Montgomery, Alabama, January 2, 2013.

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**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 # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
  - Other State agency
  - Federal agency
  - Local government
  - University
  - Other
- Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):** \_\_\_\_\_

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### 10. Geographical Data

**Acreage of Property** 3 ac.

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

#### Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: \_\_\_\_\_

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

- |              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| 1. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 2. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 3. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 4. Latitude: | Longitude: |

**Or**

#### UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or  NAD 1983

- |             |                 |                   |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Zone: 16 | Easting: 653496 | Northing: 3455847 |
| 2. Zone:    | Easting:        | Northing:         |
| 3. Zone:    | Easting:        | Northing:         |
| 4. Zone:    | Easting :       | Northing:         |

#### Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The nominated boundaries include the entire current tax assessment parcel 38-09-06-13-4-013-001.000 as recorded in the Assessor's Office of Houston County.

#### Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundary represents the historic parcel associated with the subject resource.



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### 11. Form Prepared By

name/title: David B. Schneider (reviewed by Susan Enzweiler, AHC NR Coordinator)  
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street & number: 411 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
city or town: Anniston state: AL zip code: 36207  
e-mail dbschneider@bellsouth.net  
telephone: 256-310-6320  
date: December 31, 2012

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### Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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### Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

### Photo Log

Name of Property: Howell School

City or Vicinity: Dothan

County: Houston State: AL

Photographer: David B. Schneider

Date Photographed: December 2012

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

Photo #1 (AL\_HoustonCo\_HowellSchool\_0001)  
North (right) and east (left) elevations, camera facing southwest

Photo #2 (AL\_HoustonCo\_HowellSchool\_0002)  
North elevation, camera facing south

Photo #3 (AL\_HoustonCo\_HowellSchool\_0003)  
West elevation, camera facing east

Photo #4 (AL\_HoustonCo\_HowellSchool\_0004)  
West (left) and south (right) elevations, camera facing northeast

Photo #5 (AL\_HoustonCo\_HowellSchool\_0005)  
North (right) and east (left) elevations, camera facing southwest

Photo #6 (AL\_HoustonCo\_HowellSchool\_0006)  
East (right) and south (left) elevations, camera facing northwest

Photo #7 (AL\_HoustonCo\_HowellSchool\_0007)  
West (left) and south (right) elevations, camera facing northeast

Photo #8 (AL\_HoustonCo\_HowellSchool\_0008)  
South elevation, detail, camera facing northwest

Photo #9 (AL\_HoustonCo\_HowellSchool\_0009)  
South elevation, detail, camera facing northwest

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Photo #10 (AL\_HoustonCo\_HowellSchool\_0010)  
Interior, first floor, camera facing south

Photo #11 (AL\_HoustonCo\_HowellSchool\_0011)  
Interior, first floor, detail of staircase, camera facing northeast

Photo #12 (AL\_HoustonCo\_HowellSchool\_0012)  
Interior, first floor, camera facing southeast

Photo #13 (AL\_HoustonCo\_HowellSchool\_0013)  
Interior, first floor, camera facing southeast

Photo #14 (AL\_HoustonCo\_HowellSchool\_0014)  
Interior, first floor, detail of lower level of historic facade, historic entrance, camera facing northeast

Photo #15 (AL\_HoustonCo\_HowellSchool\_0015)  
Interior, first floor, detail of lower level of historic facade, camera facing northeast

Photo #16 (AL\_HoustonCo\_HowellSchool\_0016)  
Interior, first floor, addition, camera facing west

Photo #17 (AL\_HoustonCo\_HowellSchool\_0017)  
Interior, second floor, camera facing north

Photo #18 (AL\_HoustonCo\_HowellSchool\_0018)  
Interior, second floor, camera facing southeast

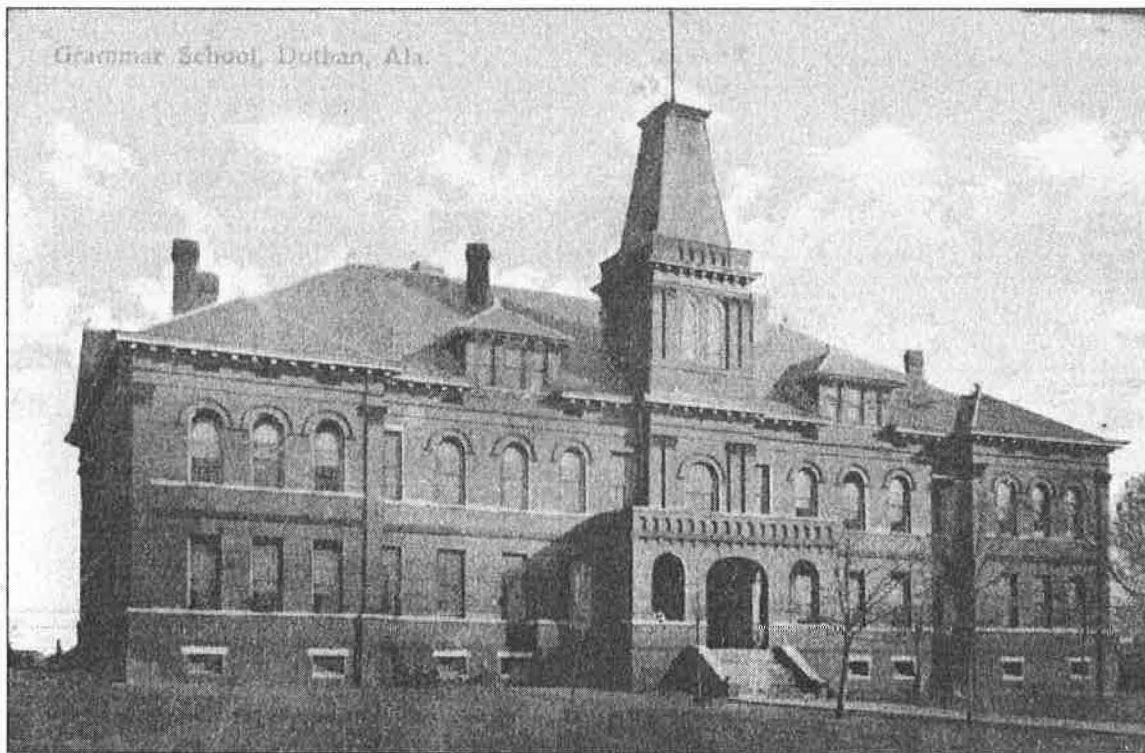
**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C.460 et seq.).

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 100 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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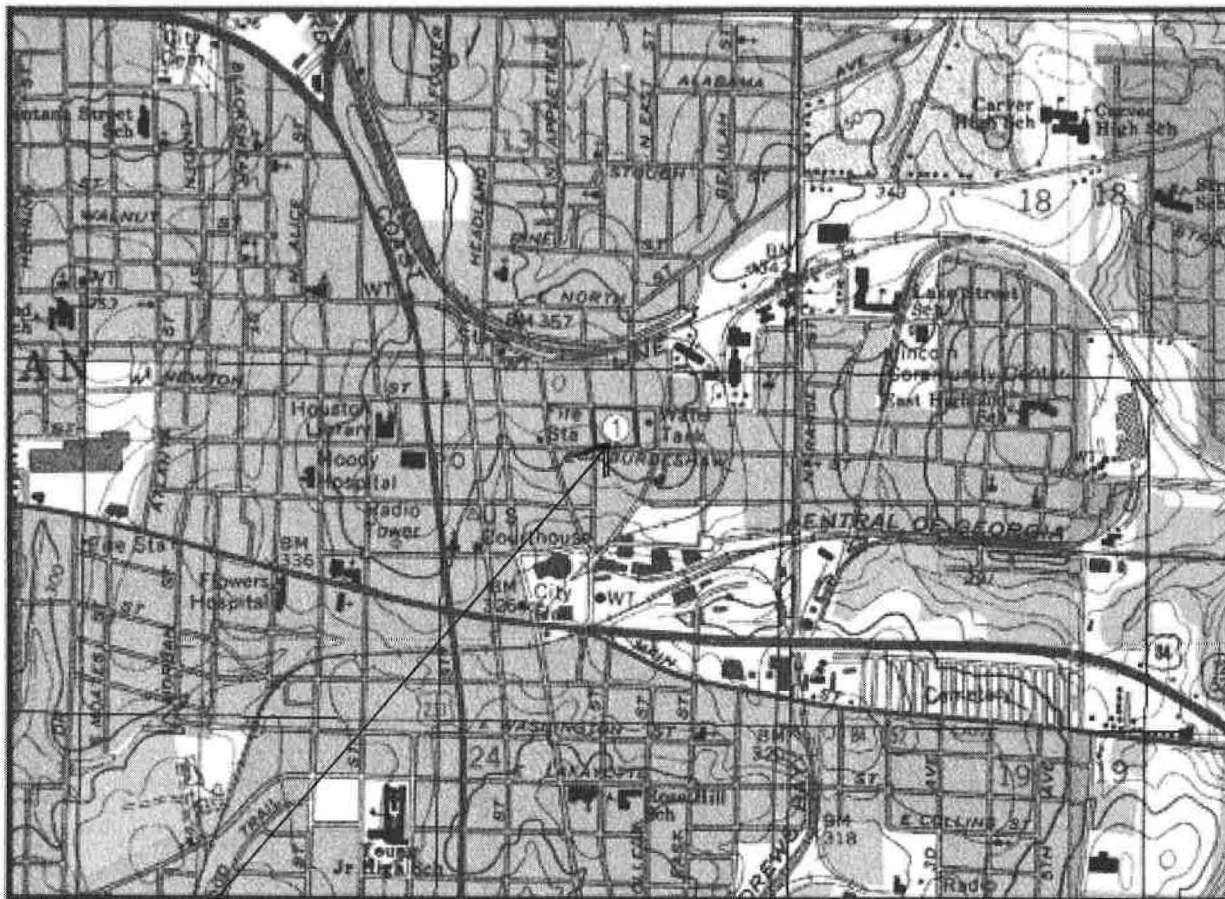
Historic Postcard View



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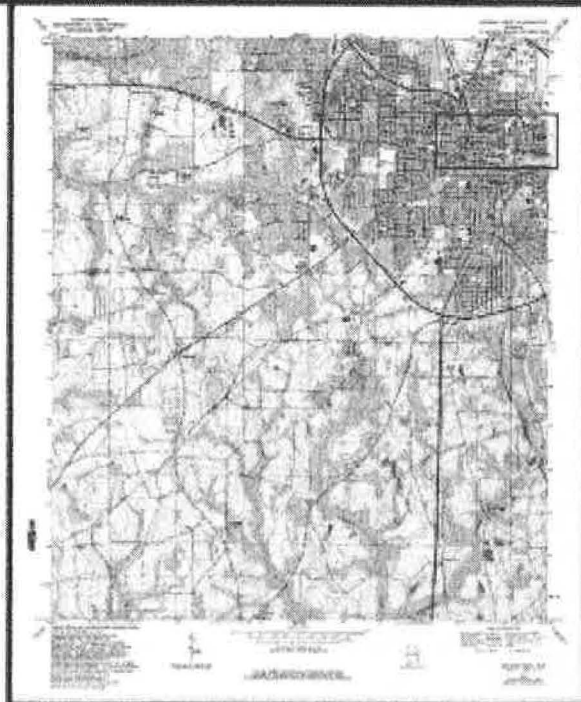
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U.S.G.S. Topographic Map  
Dothan West Quadrangle

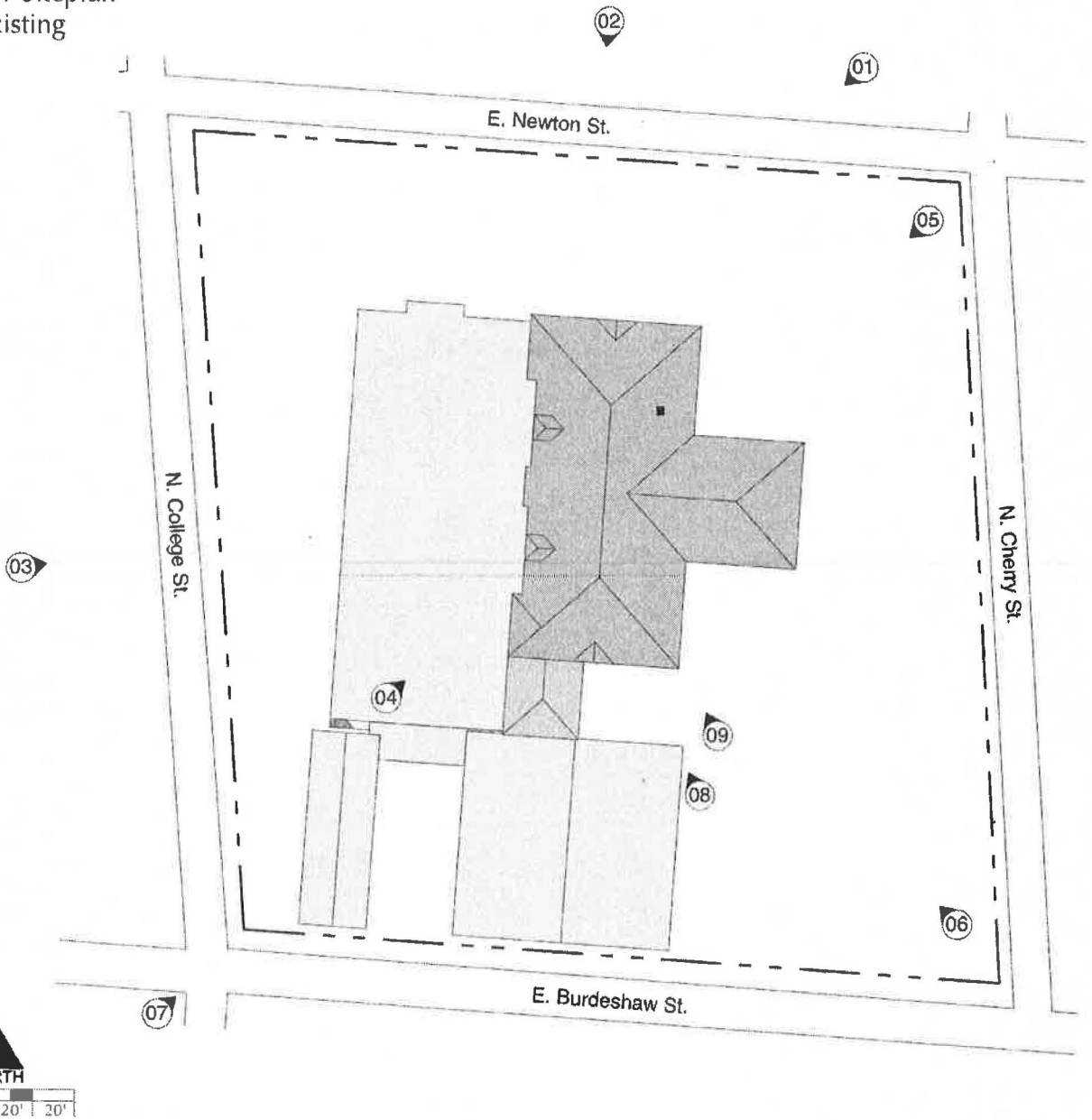
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S-1 Siteplan  
Existing

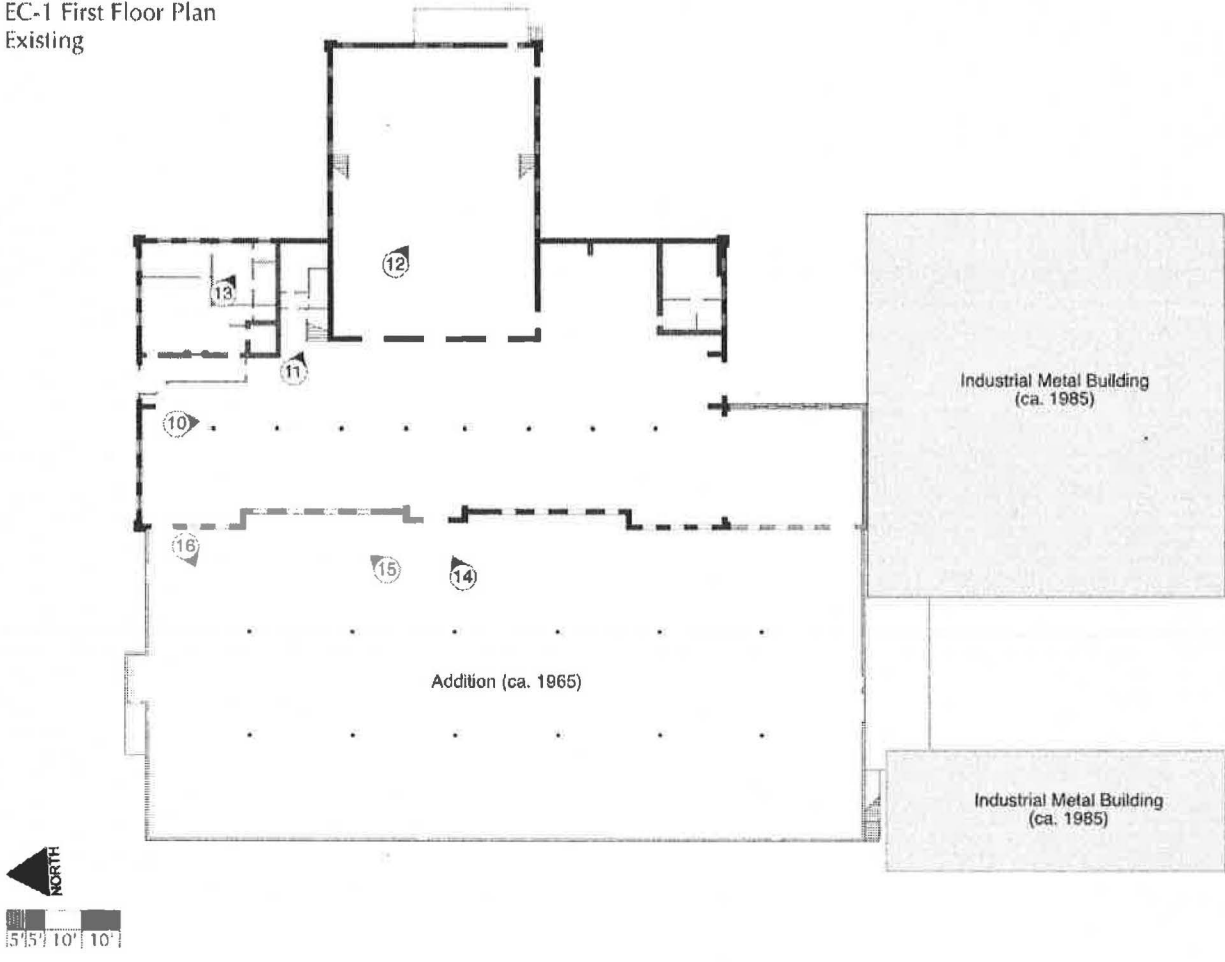




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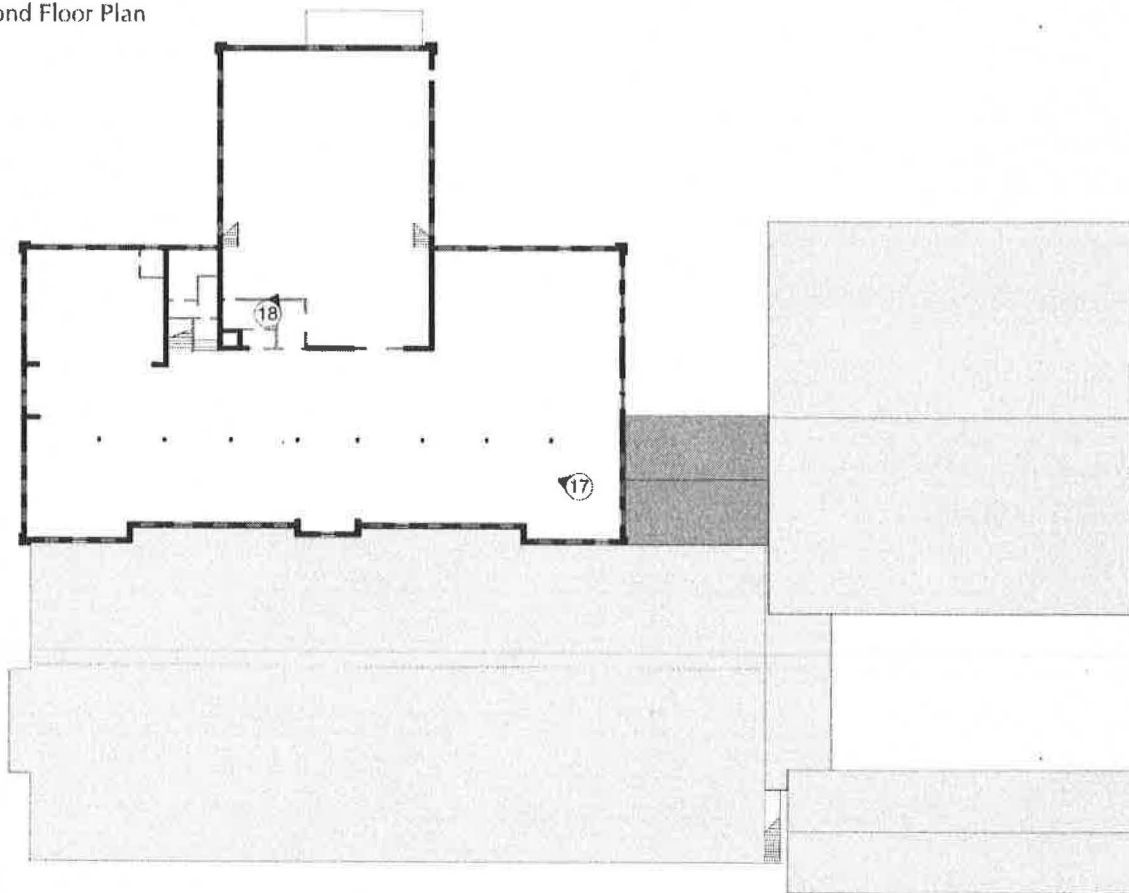
EC-1 First Floor Plan  
Existing



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EC-2 Second Floor Plan  
Existing





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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 NAME: Howell School

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ALABAMA, Houston

DATE RECEIVED: 5/10/13      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 6/07/13  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/24/13      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/26/13  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 13000406

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: Y SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: Y NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT     RETURN     REJECT    6/26/13 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*AOS - education & architecture  
local level*

RECOM./CRITERIA A & C  
REVIEWER [Signature]      DISCIPLINE Historic  
TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_      DATE 6/26/13

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA

A public hearing was held by the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Dothan, Alabama, on **Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.**, in the City Commission Chambers, 126 North St. Andrews Street, Room 203, of the Roy L. Driggers Municipal Building.

The following items were reviewed at the meeting:

1. **Approval of Agenda** *Approved with the additional item of Proposal for a Bylaw Change under "New Business."*
2. **Approval of February 14, 2013 Meeting Minutes** *Approved.*

### Old Business

3. **Enforcement Case HPC-12-0594:** Signage & painting of the exterior of building at Colby's Restaurant, 191 North Foster Street Suite 101, B-1 District, Robin Thagard. *Approved with staff recommendation.*

### New Business

4. **HPC-13-0141:** Request a Certificate of Appropriateness for storefront alterations, building signage, canopy addition, side exit door addition and relocation of existing iron fence, 135 North Foster Street, B-1 District, Andrew Gosselin representing Jeanne Tarwater. *Approved with conditions.*
5. **HPC-13-0146:** Request a Certificate of Appropriateness for signage, Saint Andrews Market, 193 South Saint Andrews Street, B-1 District, Ignacio Handal. *Approved with conditions.*
6. **HPC-13-0147: Howell School Nomination for Historic Register Status** *Concurred.*
7. Proposal for a Bylaw Change *To be considered at the April 11, 2013 meeting.*
8. **Adjourn.**

*Anyone interested in any item listed on this agenda is encouraged to contact the Planning and Development Office at 615-4410 for further information.*



STATE OF ALABAMA  
ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
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May 3, 2013

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Ms. Carol Shull  
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U. S. Department of the Interior, NPS  
Cultural Resources  
National Register, History & Education Programs  
1201 "I" Street NW (2280)  
Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear ~~Ms. Shull:~~ *Carol:*

Enclosed please find the nomination and supporting documentation to be considered for listing the following Alabama resource in the National Register of Historic Places:

Howell School  
Dothan, Houston County, Alabama

Your consideration of the enclosed National Register of Historic Places nomination is appreciated.

Truly Yours,

Elizabeth Ann Brown  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures