

Historic Sites Survey

Inventory No. 2



State of Mississippi
Department of Archives & History
P. O. Box 571, Jackson, MS. 39205

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The old Seashore Campground School is a two-story, thirteen-by-three-bay, hip-roof, frame building with wide overhanging eaves. The facade fenestration is delineated into three distinct sections and consists of a central three-bay section flanked by two tiers of five, closely-spaced, nine-over-nine, double-hung, sash windows. The first-story level of the central section is composed of a double-leaf entrance, sheltered by a Bungaloid portico and flanked by double-hung sash windows. Having exposed rafters and structural braces, the portico roof is supported on compressed columns that rest upon the clapboarded balustrade which encloses the porch. The upper portion of the central three-bay section contains a central tripartite window flanked by double-hung sash. Centered on the roof is an octagonal, Colonial Revival lantern with glazed openings and an ornate finial.

ALTERATIONS: None

OUTBUILDINGS: None

LANDSCAPE FEATURES: Building is surrounded by majestic mass-draped live oak trees.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Seashore Campground School was established as a private school in 1892. It was part of the well-known Seashore Campground established in the late-nineteenth century by the wealthy New Orleans soap manufacturer and philanthropist, John Henry Keller (who lived in the Hermann House from 1871 to 1908). The property, still in use by the Methodist Church today, was the site of the Annual Camp Meetings of the New Orleans, Mobile, and Seashore district conference. The Seashore Campground School is the oldest remaining structure in the complex.

NAME: Seashore Campground School

STREET NO: ~~On Seashore Campgrounds grounds~~, corner Leggett Drive and Chalmers Street

TOWN/VIC: Biloxi

COUNTY: Harrison

BLOCK/LOT:

PRESENT OWNER: Seashore Methodist Assembly
ADDRESS 132 Seashore Campgrounds, Biloxi 39530

PRESENT USE: Arts and Crafts Center

FORMER USE: School

DATE: Ca. 1915

STYLE: Bungaloid

ARCH/BUILDER: Unknown

SOURCE OF DATE: The Buildings of Biloxi

ENVIRONMENT: Campus environment

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD

LOCAL X

STATE

NATIONAL

PHOTOS

NEG. #

SITE OR AREA PLAN WITH NORTH ARROW AND SHAPE OF STRUCTURE:

CONTINUATION:

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

N/A

THREATS:

N/A

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The nominated property, contains less than one acre. Identified on the enclosed map entitled "Individually Listed Properties," it includes the area within the red line as delineated on the Official Property Map of Biloxi, Mississippi, adopted by the city in 1976.

ACREAGE: less than 1 acre

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