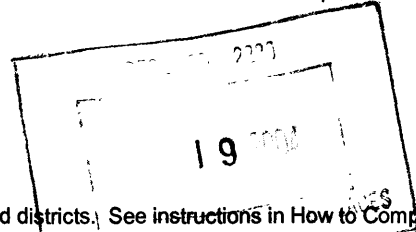


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. 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. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Bishopville High School
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 600 North Main Street not for publication _____
city or town Bishopville vicinity _____
state South Carolina code SC county Lee code 061 zip code 29010

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, 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 nationally statewide x locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Mary W. Edmonds 8/12/04
Signature of certifying official Date

Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, S.C. Dept. of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.
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

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the
National Register

 See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the
National Register

removed from the National Register

other (explain): _____

for
Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Edson H. Beall 10/1/04

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

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

Number of contributing resources previously listed
in the National Register
0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Category: Education

Subcategory: School

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Category: Vacant / Not in use

Subcategory: _____

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick
walls Brick
roof Asphalt
other Cast Stone

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Narrative Description

Bishopville High School is located at 600 North Main Street in the city of Bishopville. The nominated property includes approximately 3.3 acres, bordered on the northwest by North Main Street [US Highway 15], on the southwest by College Street, on the southeast by a parking lot and modern brick building, and on the northeast by an athletic field.

Bishopville High School (built 1936, wing added 1956):

The original L-shaped building is a two-story masonry structure and rests on a masonry foundation. The lateral gabled roof consists of a steeply-pitched A-frame with asphalt shingles. The original building's elongated main block consists of a highly ornate rectangular central section featuring a row of twelve monumental pilasters [pilastrade] and two-story flanking, projecting, gabled entrance pavilions.

The building's main facade features a beveled cast stone water table, which also serves as a base for the two-story cast stone pilasters. Each pilaster, featuring a stylized Corinthian or minimally Art Deco capital, is highlighted with a stack course surround, which gives the building vertical emphasis. Between each pilaster are paired double-hung windows on both the first and second floors, with each containing nine-over-nine-light wood sash, brick sills and soldier course lintels. The original building is constructed in common bond with sixth course Flemish headers. A cast stone architrave rests atop the pilastrade and spans the length of the central section. The central main block also features a large, graduated, corbel-capped brick chimney with dual clay pots at each end. The gabled pediments are clad in stucco.

Each of the identical projecting entrance pavilions flanks the central bay section and features cast stone steps with brick and cast stone capped cheek walls, cast stone quoins, and a cast stone surrounded entry portal containing a frieze and cornice. Glazed and paneled, double-leaf entry doors with multi-light transoms and sidelights are located within the entrance portals. The upper level of each entrance pavilion features a tripartite window, in the Palladian form, that pierces the architrave. A stepped parapet contains cast stone lozenges, sunbursts, lintel and coping, as well as a field of brick in the upper pediment laid in English bond.

At either end of the central block are symmetrical wings that are recessed and less ornate. Each floor of the facade features a set of triple windows and flanking single windows, all consisting of double-hung, nine-over-nine light sash. The cast stone water table of the central block continues on these wings, as does the bond pattern and window accents. Each wing's end gables feature soldier course brickwork, decorative cast stone accents, and semicircular louvered ventilators with keystones.

The rear elevation is less decorative in detailing and fenestration when compared with the building's facade. The only notable features are the gabled wall dormers with segmental, keystone-arched windows that provide natural light for the interior stairwells.

The original gymnasium / auditorium's elevations are also less decorative in detailing. It is constructed of brick and stone and was designed to seat 600 persons. The roof was constructed of steel trusses and was

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originally exposed on the interior.¹ Additions, according to plans by James & DuRant, Architects of Sumter, South Carolina, were made in 1956 to the gymnasium/auditorium wing and along College Street to the rear of the original building. The Avery Lumber Company carried out these renovations and additions. A new gymnasium was constructed in 1965 to the southeast of the 1956 College Street addition, but connected with the original gymnasium/auditorium wing. The original gymnasium / auditorium was renovated to house the school's library. About 1986, other one-story additions were made at the northeast end of the original building and on the southeast side of the 1956 addition to the original gymnasium/auditorium, but these additions do not impact the overall historic architectural integrity of the original high school building.

The interior of the school is accessed at the front through two wide portals located at each end of the building's central block. Within the south portal entrance are the original bronze dedication plaques that contain, on the one hand, the name of the school and the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works [PWA] project number, and on the other, the school board of trustees' names and those of the builders, Sellers & Hogan, the architect, H.D. Harrall, and the date of construction, 1936. On the south corridor wall, just inside the main entrance doors, is another large bronze dedication plaque containing information for the 1956 remodeling of the school.

The building's corridors feature the original wood baseboards and chair rails. The corridors' original ceiling height is approximately twelve feet but was later lowered, perhaps to accommodate adequate artificial lighting. The long corridor is flanked on both sides by high recessed lockers. Most of the classrooms retain their original features including wood baseboards, built-in closets, wood-framed chalkboards, and twelve-foot ceilings.

The plaster on the interior walls shows some signs of cracks and moisture damage but is in good shape overall. Most of the wood window frames show significant deterioration and peeling paint. The first floor wood floor structure seems to remain in good shape but the second floor is showing signs of deterioration caused by roof leaks. These leaks are having larger effects on the building's interior including mold and plaster damage.

¹"\$71,000 High School Begun," *Lee County Messenger* (Bishopville, S.C.), March 5, 1936.

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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 a grave.
- d a cemetery.
- e a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- f a commemorative property.
- g less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1936

Significant Dates

1936

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Harrall, Henry Dudley
Sellers & Hogan

Narrative Statement of Significance

Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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:

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

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Statement of Significance

Bishopville High School in Bishopville, South Carolina, is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C as an excellent example of the type of school architecture that flourished as a direct result of the educational reform campaign in the state of South Carolina in the first quarter of the twentieth century. Additionally, it is an excellent example of the work of Bennettsville, South Carolina, architect Henry Dudley Harrall.

Between 1900 and 1930, the State of South Carolina passed a number of laws aimed at improving education and educational facilities. The 1910 School Building Act, for example, required that buildings constructed with state funds adhere to approved design plans for small one, two, three or four-room schools. For larger schools, school districts were encouraged to use registered architects for design planning. During this period of increased state support for education, new schools such as the Bishopville High School were built across the state by some of the state's leading architects.

In 1933 President Franklin D. Roosevelt set up the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works (PWA), which constructed new roads, dams, and public buildings. The PWA, like many other federal agencies established under the New Deal, was set up to put Americans back to work in order to stimulate the economy following the Great Depression. Bishopville High School was funded in part by this program and is listed as project number 1033-R.

Bishopville High School is also significant as an excellent example of an educational building in the Colonial Revival style built during a period when emergency funds were made available and many projects of this type were completed.

In addition, it is a noteworthy example of the work of a well-respected South Carolina architect, Henry Dudley Harrall, of Bennettsville, South Carolina. A native of Greenville, South Carolina, Harrall received his education from The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, then worked as a draftsman with both the Army Corps of Engineers at Fort Caswell, North Carolina, and the W.B. Smith Whaley & Company in Columbia and Boston. Harrall worked as early as 1906 in New York City, but returned to his native state a few years later and established a practice in Bennettsville, South Carolina, in 1915. He maintained an office there for the next forty years, concentrating his work on projects in the northeastern segment of the state. He served as president of the South Carolina chapter of the A.I.A in 1939-1940. Some of his South Carolina projects include the Bennettsville Presbyterian Church, the Agricultural High School in McColl, the Colored Elementary School in Bennettsville, the Marlboro County Hospital, the Bennettsville Elementary School, the Lee County Memorial Hospital in Bishopville, and Marlboro County Public Library in Bennettsville. Harrall is also well known as the architect for the extensive remodeling of the Marlboro County Courthouse in Bennettsville.²

² John E. Wells and Robert E. Dalton, *The South Carolina Architects, 1885-1935: A Biographical Dictionary* (Richmond: The New South Architectural Press, 1992), 64-65.

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Statement of Significance (continued)

As construction on the building began in early 1936, a local Bishopville newspaper read "Excavation work on Bishopville's new \$71,000 high school building started last week by contractor, W.F. Hogan, of Columbia, who is part of the Sellers Holding Company.³ The new building was to face Main Street and located at the corner of Main and College streets. Part of the property already belonged to the school district as it was the spot where the former building stood. The other portion is to be used as an athletic field and was purchased some time ago."⁴

The former school had been overcrowded for some time and the addition of this building greatly alleviated this condition. The *Lee County Messenger* article continued, "The building alone will cost approximately \$62,000 and is to be constructed of stone and brick. It will have 16 large classrooms, together with offices, cloak rooms, etc., as well as a combination auditorium and gymnasium which will seat approximately six hundred persons. The floor of the gymnasium, according to plans, will be covered with maple flooring. It will be large enough to hold three basketball courts and will have tiers of seats at each end and will also have removable seats which can be placed on the court when it is not used for athletic purposes. The addition of the gymnasium will provide a place for indoor sports during the winter and will no doubt greatly increase the quality of the basketball teams. A suitable court has always been a crying need here."⁵

In addition to the \$62,000 for the building, about \$9,000 was made available at the time to furnish it completely. When completed the building was touted as one of the most modern school plants in the state.⁶ Great pride was expressed throughout the school and surrounding community as it became a new place for sporting events and productions. One Bishopville High graduate recalls marching into the school's gymnasium to listen by radio to President Franklin D. Roosevelt's address to a joint session of Congress calling for the United States' entry into World War II following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.⁷

The school continued to operate, with expansions to its physical plant being made in 1956, 1965 and 1986, until its doors finally closed in 2000. The building has been vacant since. Plans are underway for the Rural Crossroads Institute, a program of the South Carolina Department of Commerce, to help the town of Bishopville fund and design a renovation of the Bishopville High School for a community center in 2004-05.

³ *Lee County Messenger*, March 5, 1936.

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ *Ibid.*

⁶ *Ibid.*

⁷ Betty B. Truesdale, Jewell S. Tindall, Dorothy T. Smith, and Randall T. Burns, *Lee County, South Carolina, Past and Present Volume II* (Bishopville, South Carolina: Lee County Chamber of Commerce, 2002).

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Approximately 3.3 acres

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing
1 17 569930 3787021 3 _____
2 _____ 4 _____

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)
Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Lee County Board of Education
street & number 521 Park Street telephone (803) 484-5327
city or town Bishopville state South Carolina zip code 29010

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Verbal Boundary Description

Bishopville High School is located at 600 North Main Street in the city of Bishopville; the boundary of the nominated property is shown as bold black line marked "Bishopville High School" on the accompanying Lee County Tax Map, City of Bishopville, drawn at a scale of 1" = 100'.

Boundary Justification

The nominated property contains the 1936 school building, its 1956 and later additions, the front lawn with mature plantings, and the building's immediate setting. It excludes at least one modern detached building to the immediate rear of the historic school building and the athletic field to the northeast of the historic school building.

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Location of Property: 600 North Main Street, Bishopville
Lee County, South Carolina

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Date of Photographs: April 27-28, 2004

Photographs 13-26:

Name of Photographer: Andrew W. Chandler, South Carolina Department of Archives and History
Date of Photographs: June 23, 2004

All Photographs:

Location of Original Negatives: South Carolina Department of Archives and History
8301 Parklane Road
Columbia, SC 29223-4905

1. Facade
2. Facade
3. Facade
4. Northeast elevation
5. Central bay, facade elevation
6. East end bay
7. Facade elevation
8. Rear corner of East bay, side gymnasium
9. Typical classroom interior
10. Rear elevation
11. Rear of new gymnasium
12. West elevation of gymnasium
13. Facade
14. Facade and right elevation
15. Facade and right elevation
16. Facade and left elevation
17. Facade, left entrance
18. Facade, right entrance

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19. Facade, pilaster detail
20. 1936 plaque inside right facade entrance (outside main door)
21. 1956 plaque inside right facade entrance (inside main door)
22. Rear elevation
23. Rear elevation
24. Right and rear elevations
25. Chimney detail
26. Typical classroom