

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 91001645

Date Listed: 11/15/91


West Clay County Agricultural School
Property Name

Clay
County

MISSISSIPPI
State

Clay County MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.


Signature of the Keeper

7/10/92
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Section No. 10: The verbal boundary description is amended to read: "The nominated property consists of a rectangular portion of Parcel 19 in Section 21, T 20 N, R 13 W, as indicated on Clay County tax map No. 101; and is defined as follows: From a point on Pheba Street #8 (which forms the east side of Parcel 19) 300' south of Mississippi Highway 50, running south along Street #8 for 350', then west approximately 425' to Pheba Street #7 (which forms the west side of Parcel 19), then north 350' along Street #7, then east approximately 425' to the starting point."

This information was provided by Richard Cawthon, of the Mississippi SHPO (2/20/92).

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
- Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name West Clay County Agricultural School

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Between Pheba Streets #7 & #8, S of Hwy 50

N/A not for publication

city, town Pheba

N/A vicinity

state Mississippi

code _____

MS

county Clay

code _____

25

zip code 39755

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

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

Category of Property

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

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Clay County Multiple Resource Area

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Kenneth H. P. Paul

SEPT. 19, 1991

Signature of certifying official

Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. 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:)

Patricia Andrews

11-15-91

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Education: school

Education: education-related housing

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Vacant/not in use

Civic: community center

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Other: Vernacular Craftsman

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls brick

roof metal

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The West Clay County Agricultural School buildings sit on a double city block that has been used for school purposes since the Pheba High School was dedicated in 1909. The block is to the northeast of the center of what was a busy railroad town at the school's opening.

The two story brick school, with its truncated hip roof was made into the main classroom building of the agricultural school in 1912. To it were added girls' and boys' dormitories (in 1915 and 1917,) and small laboratory buildings for training in home economics and agriculture. None of those early additions to the campus survive, but a 1920s Craftsman style brick veneer, two story boys' dorm which replaced the original after a fire, still shares the block. The two buildings sit in the open, with some large trees around the edges of the school yard and walkways. Both buildings are owned by Clay County, and both are presently boarded up and in need of repair. (See photo #1.)

The main building has five bays on the first floor (window, window, door, window, window), and six windows on the second. The two central windows are paired, located above the entry. Entry to the building was through a recessed porch in a brick-outlined round arch. (See photo #2.) The original doors, barely visible in old photographs, appear to have been double-leafed, of glass and wood. The entry is filled in with plywood now, and has hollow core double-leafed doors. (See photo #3.) The plan is a central hall with classrooms to both sides on both floors. Stairs are located in the hall. A wide, one story metal building has been added to the building on the eastern elevation. (See photo #4.)

The Craftsman style boys' dorm, used most recently as a Community Club, originally had a five bay facade on the first floor and three bays, all windows, upstairs. A hipped porch with exposed rafters and thick square brick pillars on brick bases is the most striking facade feature. The left side of the porch has been filled in by an added room. (See photo #5.) Traces on the north wall indicate that the dormitory had a one-bay, one story side porch at one time, and plywood infill at the rear indicates that a screened porch was probably located at the left rear (northeast) corner. (See photo #6.)

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8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
Education

Period of Significance

1912-1932

Significant Dates

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The West Clay County Agricultural School at Pheba is significant as the only local example of the local agriculturally-aimed boarding schools established near the turn of the 20th century for the training of students in improved farming and homemaking methods. The part the agricultural schools played in the history of educational development in Mississippi is explained in the Educational Resources section of the Historic Context statement in the nomination. The period of significance, 1912 to 1932, covers the years during which the school offered Clay County students agricultural training.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Historic Context bibliography.

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 # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Miss. Dept. of Archives & History

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Approximately 2 acres

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries for the West Clay County Aricultural School are Pheba Streets # 7 and 8 on the west and east and the area immediately surrounding the main school building and the dormitory at the north and south.

Section 21, Township 20, Range 13

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Boundary Justification

The boundaries include the two remaining buildings from West Clay County Agricultural School and the land traditionally associated with the school between Pheba Streets #7 and #8.

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11. Form Prepared By

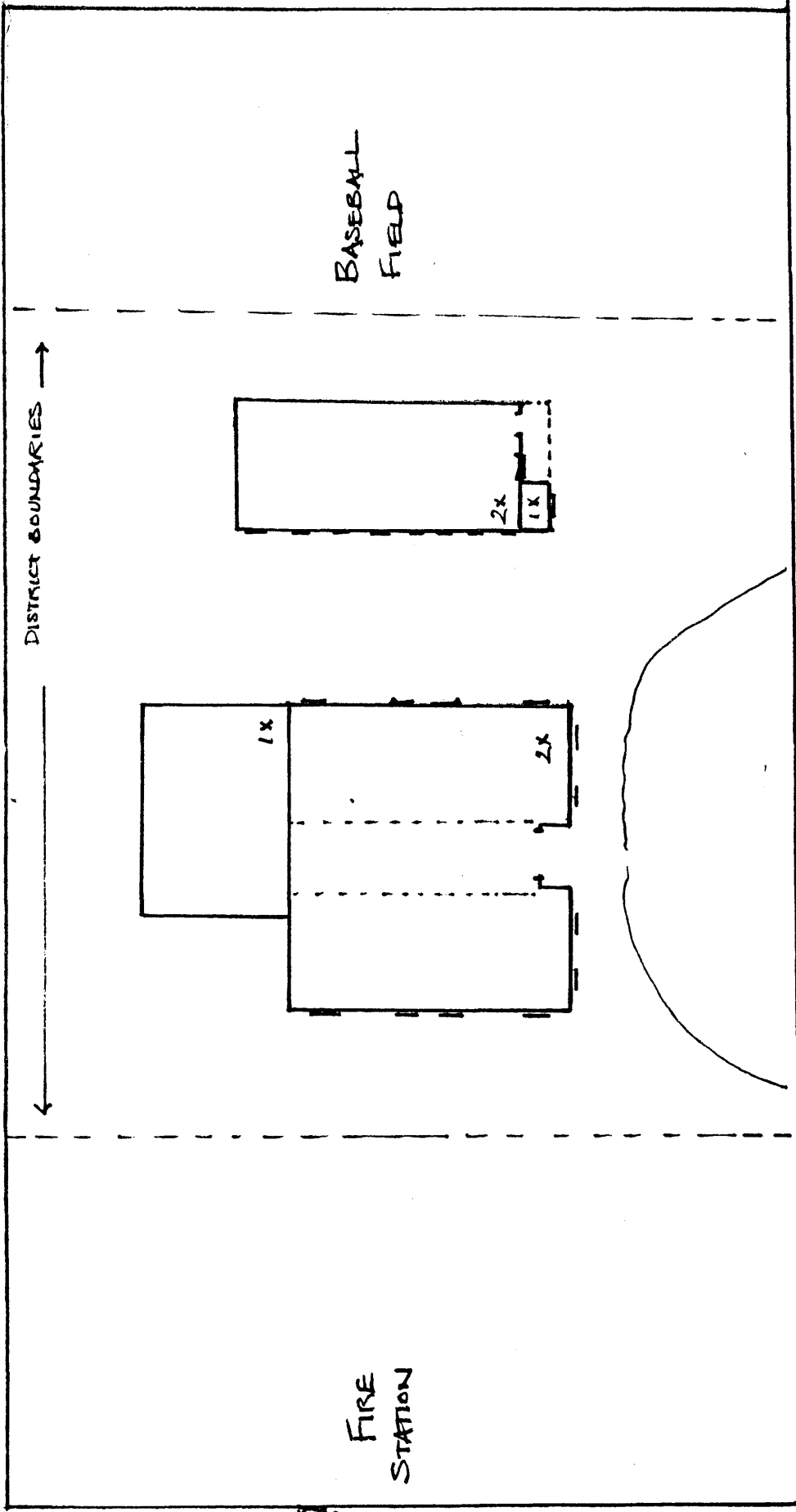
name/title Joan Embree
organization Preservation Consultant date 8/4/89
street & number 20 Lake Valley Road telephone (601) 324-0410
city or town Starkville state MS zip code 39759

Owner: Clay County Board of Supervisors, c/o David Winfield, P.O. Box 205, West Point, 3977



PHEBA STREET # 8

DISTRICT BOUNDARIES →



Hwy 50

FIRE STATION

BASEBALL FIELD

PHEBA STREET # 7

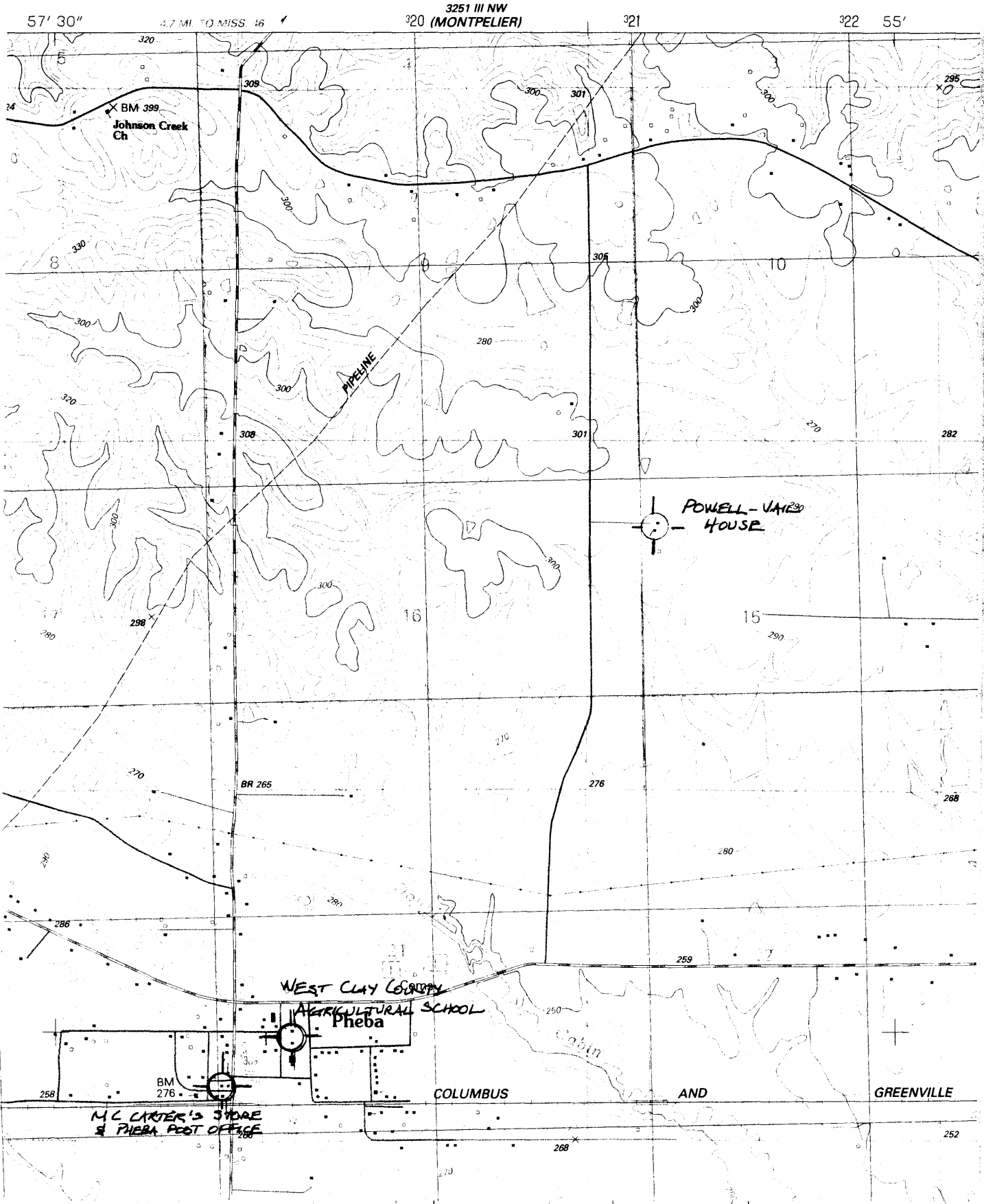
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Clay County Agricultural School

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY NAME: Clay County Agricultural High School

MULTIPLE NAME: Clay County MPS

STATE & COUNTY: MISSISSIPPI, Clay

DATE RECEIVED: 5/08/03 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 6/22/03
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 91001645

NOMINATOR: STATE

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: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

___ACCEPT ___RETURN ___REJECT _____DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Additional Documentation Accepted

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept

REVIEWER Edson Beall

DISCIPLINE Historian

TELEPHONE _____

DATE 6/22/03

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

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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Clay County Agricultural High School
(formerly listed as West Clay County Agricultural School)
Pheba, Clay County, Mississippi

NRIS Reference number: 91001645

AMENDMENT

(Change of name)

The purpose of this amendment is to change the name of the property that was listed on the National Register on November 15, 1991 as the West Clay County Agricultural School. Recent research into the history of public schools in Mississippi has indicated that the correct historic name for this property was the Clay County Agricultural High School.

Section 1: Name

Historic name:

Change from: West Clay County Agricultural School (incorrect name, by which the property was listed)
Change to: Clay County Agricultural High School (correct historic name)

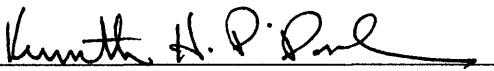
Section 9: Major Bibliographical References

State of Mississippi. Department of Education. "Clay County, West Point Separate District, School Survey"
Unpublished report, circa 1954. (Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson. Official Records,
Record Group 50, Series 1653: Department of Education Records, Clay County – School Building Surveys
from the Act of 1953.)

Section 11: Form prepared by

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CERTIFICATION



Kenneth H. P'Pool
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May 6, 2003
Date