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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 an 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.

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3. State/Feder	al Agency Certific	ation						
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Riverdale School Name of Property		Knox County, TN County and State				
5. Classification						
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)	Category of Property (Check only one box)	Number of Resour (Do not include previously	rces within Property y listed resources in count)			
☑ private☐ public-local☐ public-State☐ public-Federal	□ building(s)□ district□ site□ structure□ object	Contributing 1	Noncontributing	_ buildings _ sites _ structures objects		
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Name of related multiple (Enter "N/A" if property is not part		Number of Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register				
Hist and Arch Resources	of Knoxville & Knox Co., TN	0				
6. Function or Use						
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions	s)	Current Functions (Enter categories from ins				
EDUCATION: School		VACANT				
7. Description						
Architectural Classificat		Materials				
(Enter categories from instructions) Classical Revival		(Enter categories from ins foundation BRICK				
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		roof standing se	eam metal			
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Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

Riverdale Elementary School is located east of the City of Knoxville, near the French Broad River. The school building faces Thorngrove Pike, with an address of 7009 Thorngrove Pike. The building is accessed by a crescent shaped paved driveway with entrances on both Thorngrove Pike and Drinnon Street.

Construction of Riverdale Elementary occurred in two phases. The original building, constructed in 1938, consists of three rectangular blocks situated side by side. Designed by the Knoxville firm of Barber & McMurray, the larger central block projects past the flanking blocks on the east and west elevations. This central block accommodates a gymnasium with a stage, restrooms, and offices on the west end. The flanking blocks house classrooms.

The second stage of construction, completed in 1948, and also designed by Barber & McMurray, consists of a basement kitchen and cafeteria and classrooms on the upper level. The addition connects to the original construction on the west elevation, forming a continuation of the south block of the original building and turning north to form an "L" shape. Both the original structure and the latter addition to the Riverdale School display Classical Revival influence.

The original 1938 portion of the school is brick construction, with the bricks laid in American Standard configuration. The walls of the later addition are concrete block with brick cladding the wall. Brick quoins may be found on the corners and at the entrances of the original structure.

Windows in the building are twelve-over-twelve double-hung and made of wood. However, windows along the west elevation of the original central block are eight-over-eight. In addition, circular panel windows, each with four limestone keys and partial cornice returns, are found on the east elevations of each of the original flanking sections of the building.

The school is covered by standing seam metal roofing. The original central portion of the building, the east and west portions, and the addition on the south end of the west elevation are gabled. A tall brick flue, made of brick with vertical corbelling at the corners, is located behind the central block of the school between the gymnasium and office.

The main entrance of the school, located on the east elevation of the central block, exhibits typical Classical Revival detailing. The double doors of the entrance are enclosed in a projecting portico of wood. The portico is supported by four wood columns with enclosed panels on the interior and weatherboard on the exterior. The portico is gabled with a decorative triangular entablature and base.

Two identical entrances are found between the central block and the flanking blocks. These doors are recessed in arched brick porticos, each with three limestone keys. The double doors of these entrances are topped by an arched skylight, consisting of multiple panes. The floors of these entries are cement.

A rear entrance to the school is located on the north elevation of the addition. It opens into a courtyard between the central block and the addition. This entrance consists of double doors, surrounded by partial cornice returns. Concrete stairs lead to the entrance.

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The main corridors of the building are found between the gymnasium and the classrooms. The walls are brick, with plaster ceilings and concrete floors. Stairs leading to the offices are located in both corridors. In addition, a concrete balustrade is found at stairs between the gymnasium and the south flanking block. The stairs lead to the basement cafeteria.

Beyond the main corridors, construction materials vary. The cafeteria lies under the original south flanking block and partially under the addition. The floors are concrete, with concrete block walls. The ceiling is beaded board. At the west end of the south flanking block, an arched passage opens into the 1948 addition. The construction details of the interior of the addition are identical to those of the original building, except that the window sills in the addition are wooden. As in the original classrooms, the classrooms of the addition have wood floors and plaster walls and ceilings. The gymnasium, located within the central block of the building, has a wood floor and concrete block walls. The ceiling is supported by steel trusses. The stage, located at the west end of the gymnasium, is constructed of wood. The offices are constructed with cement floors and plaster walls. Wood rafters are exposed on the office ceilings.

Riverdale School Name of Property	Knox County, TN County and State			
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.)	Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)			
☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.	ARCHITECTURE			
■ 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 who's components lack individual distinction.	Period of Significance			
□ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.				
Criteria Considerations N/A (Mark "x" in all boxes that apply.)	Significant Dates 1938			
Property is: A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.				
☐ B removed from its original location.	Significant Person (complete if Criterion B is marked) N/A			
C moved from its original location.				
☐ D a cemetery.	Cultural Affiliation N/A			
☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.				
☐ F a commemorative property	Architect/Builder			
☐ G less than 50 year of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.	Barber & McMurray; P.W.A.			
Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets	s.)			
9. Major Bibliographical References				
Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on c	one or more continuation sheets.)			
Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A 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: Knoxville - Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission			

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Riverdale School is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under criterion C, for the architectural design, which was executed by the architectural firm of Barber & McMurray for the Public Works Administration (P.W.A.). Charles Barber, a principal in that firm, was renowned for his sensitive interpretation of the revival styles that were popular when this building was built. His emphasis on the revival styles guided the firm of Barber & McMurray from the time of its founding in 1921.

On February 28, 1937, the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, one of the Federal agencies intended to assist the nation in recovering from the economic depression of the 1930s, authorized funding for Knox County, Tennessee in the amount of \$260,182. The purpose of this grant, numbered Docket No. Tenn. 1120-DS, was to "aid in the financing of new school buildings and alterations and additions to existing school buildings." The grant also covered the acquisition of equipment and land as necessary. In order to accept the money, Knox County had to agree to begin project planning within ten weeks from September 28, 1937, to design and construct buildings with adequate fire protection, and to demolish existing grammar schools at Riverdale and a number of other elementary and high schools. Other schools included in this program were Bearden, Blue Grass, Happy Home, Simpson, Armstrong, Clear Spring, Ft. Sumpter, Klondike, Dainty Dale, Concord Woods, Lyons View and Hill Elementary Schools. The P.W.A. moneys were intended to fund forty-five per cent of the completion cost of the project. None of the other schools are known to have survived.

A school had been functioning in the Riverdale community for some time before the current building was constructed, although the date of the first school is not known. On May 5, 1938, a committee from the Riverdale community appeared before the Knox County Board of Education and requested a new building in which to hold a school for the Riverdale community. The estimated cost of Riverdale School at the time of this meeting was \$31,500.00. This meeting began a planning process for Riverdale and a number of other schools in Knox County. On June 9 of the same year, the Knox County Board of Education met in a called session to consider the P.W.A. building program. Mr. F. O. Barber, a principal in the Barber & McMurray firm, presented sketches signed by Charles Barber, and estimates of the proposed school and additions that were included in the P.W.A. moneys. His presentation included Riverdale School.

The Knox County Board of Education was called into session on August 23, 1937 to discuss the schools to be built, with \$25,000 budgeted for the Riverdale School. At the same meeting, the Board voted to increase the allotment for Riverdale School to \$30,000. Bids for Riverdale School were accepted at the November 19, 1937, meeting of the Knox County Board of Education. The low bid for construction of the school was made by V. L. Nicholson Co., which bid \$36, 726.36. On November 22, 1937, the Board accepted the bid of V. L. Nicholson and Co., awarding the bid at \$32,480.00. The Board also instructed the architects, Barber & McMurray, to develop change orders to that the cost of building the school would be within the allotment of \$30,825.00.

Construction of Riverdale School was completed in 1938 by V. L. Nicholson, contractor. An addition, designed by the Barber & McMurray firm, was completed in 1948. By 1962, the school was educating grades one through eight with 210 students. Riverdale School has been closed many years, and has recently been purchased by a group of investors who intend to redevelop the school building as multiple family residences.

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The firm of Barber & McMurray was known for its institutional designs, including schools and churches. While several churches designed by the firm still retain their architectural integrity, most of their school buildings have not met the same fate. Of the schools that still exist, which include these designed for P.W.A. projects, as well as others, only Riverdale School appears to have survived, had relatively few changes, or retained its original structure and integrity.

Riverdale School is the surviving example of the role played by P.W.A. in aiding the growth of the school system in Knox County. In addition to its illustration of educational growth, it retains most of its original architectural integrity. The work, executed by Barber & McMurray, displays a significant interpretation of Classical Revival architecture. This design, its representation of the education system, and its ties with the Depression-era funding afforded by the P.W.A. program, all contribute to its historic and architectural significance in Knoxville and Knox County.

The school meets the requirements for registration as set forth in the Multiple Property nomination for the Historical and Architectural Resources of Knoxville and Knox County, Tennessee.

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Minutes of the Knox County School Board, 1937-1938.

Riverdale School	Knox County, TN				
Name of Property	County and State				
10. Geographical Data					
Acreage of Property Approximately 4 acres					
UTM References Shooks Ga (place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)	ap, TN 147NE				
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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					
organization Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning County Building, 400 Main Avenue City or town Knoxville					
Additional Documentation					
Continuation Sheets Maps A USGS map (7.5 0r 15 minute series) indicating the part of the series of					
Photographs					
Representative black and white photographs of the	property.				
Additional items (Check with the SHPO) or FPO for any additional items					
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Property Owner					
(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.) name Riverdale Partners, Attn: B. Simpson					
street & number 10003 Luttrell Street	telephone				
city or town Knoxville	state TN zip code 37914				

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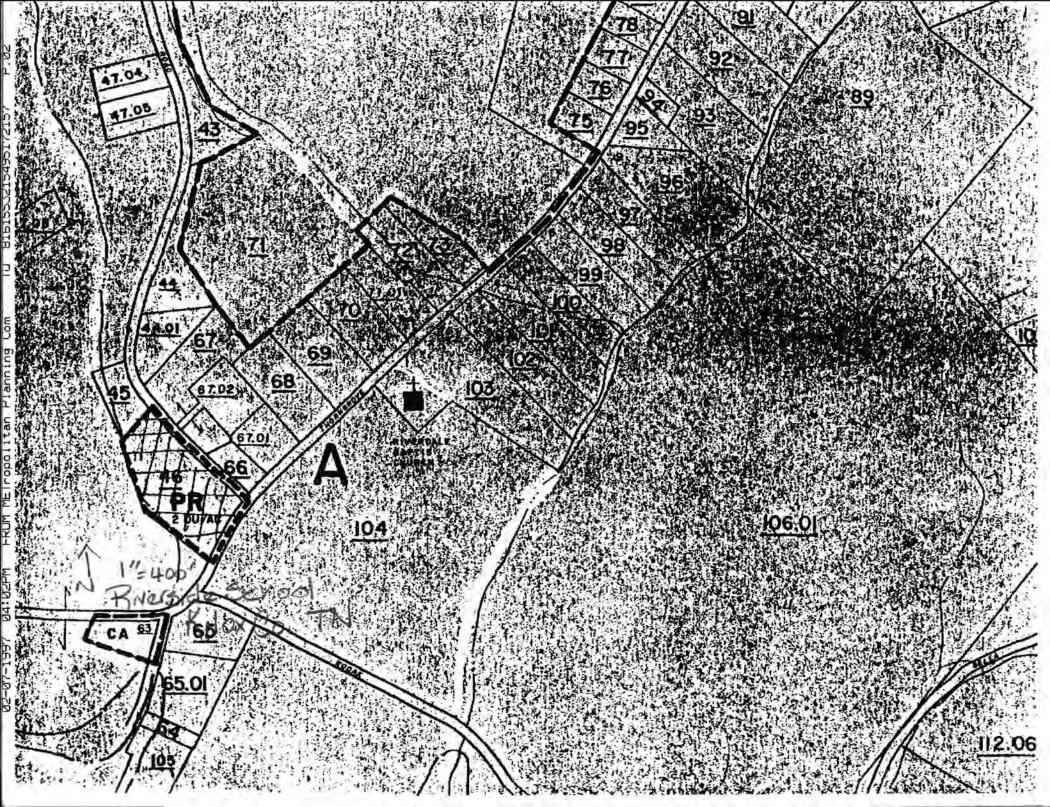
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

All of Parcel No. 46, C. L. T. Map 98, Knox County Records.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The parcel noted above contains Riverdale School and the land historically associated with it.



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PHOTOGRAPHS

Riverdale School 7009 Thorngrove Pike Knox County, Tennessee

Photographs by: Jennifer Hassell

Negatives: Tennessee Historical Commission

Date: May 14, 1994

Southeast facade, looking northwest 1 of 21

Southeast facade, entrance detail 2 of 21

Southeast facade and southwest elevation, looking north 3 of 21

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Southernmost wing of the southeast facade, looking northwest 5 of 21

Southeast facade, entrance detail 6 of 21

Northernmost wing of the southeast facade, looking northwest 7 of 21

Southeast facade, detail 8 of 21

Northwest elevation, looking southeast 9 of 21

Northwest elevation, southernmost wing looking southeast 10 of 21

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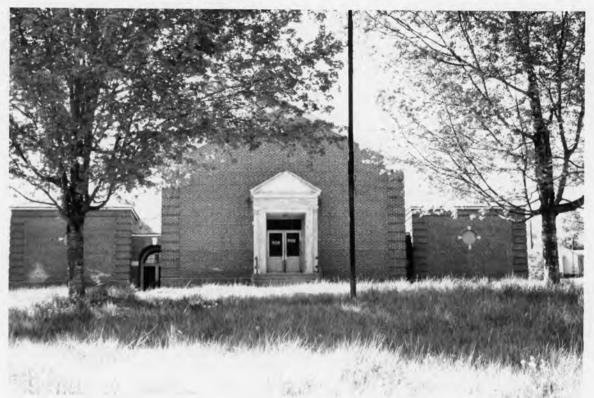
Window detail 17 of 21

Hall detail 18 of 21

Gymnasium and stage 19 of 21

Gymnasium 20 of 21

Basement room 21 of 21



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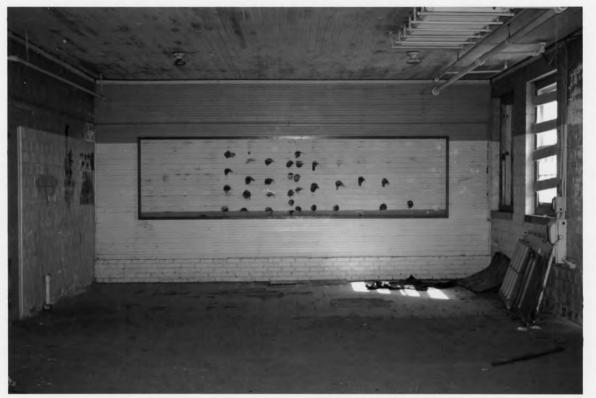
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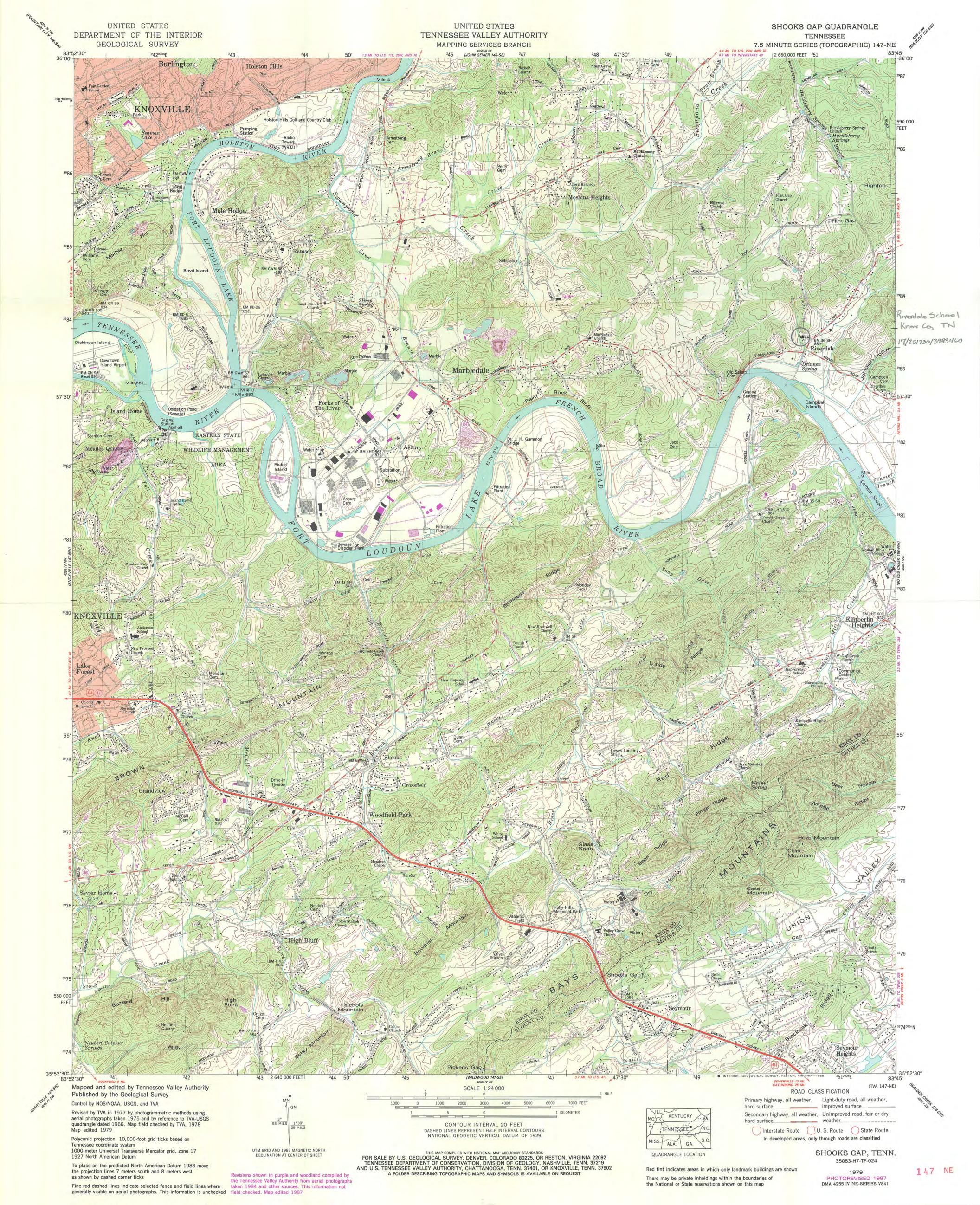
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

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The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME:	Riverdale Scho	ol						
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November 8, 2013

Carol Shull Keeper of the National Register National Park Service National Register Branch 1201 Eye Street NW 8th floor Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find documentation in order to correct the location of the Riverdale School in Knox County, Tennessee which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on March 14, 1997.

If you have any questions or if more information is needed, contact Peggy Nickell at 615/532-1550, extension 128 or Peggy.Nickell@tn.gov.

Sincerely,

Claudette Stager

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

CS:pn

Enclosure (1)