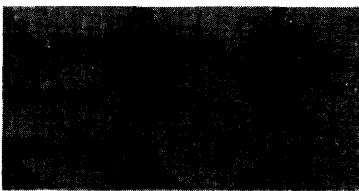


United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



See instructions in How to Complete National Register Forms
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Mechanicsville School

and/or common Mechanicsville School

2. Location

street & number St Corner of Third and Florida Avenue not for publication
city, town ~~Doraville~~ ^{Norcross via} vicinity of congressional district 9th - Edgar L. Jenkins
state GA code 013 county Gwinnett code 135

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: community center

4. Owner of Property

name Mechanicsville Community Association
street & number Mrs. Elizabeth Gorman, President
4620 Kingsdown Court
city, town Atlanta vicinity of state Georgia 30338

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court
street & number Gwinnett County Courthouse
city, town Lawrenceville state Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title none has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date federal state county local
depository for survey records
city, town state

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7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Mechanicsville School occupies a prominent corner location in the community of Mechanicsville. The nominated acreage is less than one acre.

The Mechanicsville School, built in 1911, is a one story frame schoolhouse. A centrally located entrance with tower projects from the symmetrical front (southeast) facade. The northeast and southwest facades have two sash windows and are symmetrical. The rear facade has two doors; the steps were removed. The foundation of the school is brick piers. A new roof was added in 1976.

The Mechanicsville School is essentially a one room schoolhouse. A folding partition that divided the room has been removed but the partition is stored in the schoolhouse. A small room was partitioned off on the west end of the structure in the mid-1930's. Located on the east end of the structure is a low stage. The walls and ceiling are sheathed in tongue and groove board.

The land immediately surrounding the schoolhouse has been cleared but the land northwest of the school is forested.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below					
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)		

Specific dates 1911

Builder/Architect Stokes Womack - builder

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Mechanicsville School is significant in the architectural and educational history of Mechanicsville. Architecturally, the Mechanicsville School is an expression of early twentieth century rural school architecture. It is one of the oldest principal structures in the Mechanicsville community. The school served the educational needs of the elementary school children of Mechanicsville and also served as a center for the community's social activities.

Architecturally, the Mechanicsville School, built in 1911, reflects typical qualities of the early twentieth century one room schoolhouse. The centrally located entrance tower once housed the school bell. The low stage on the east end of the structure and the folding doors to divide the large room are features that were commonly found in rural schools. The structure was built by a local citizen, Stokes Womack. It is one of the oldest principal structures to remain in Mechanicsville.

In terms of education, the Mechanicsville School served the elementary school children for 28 years. The Mechanicsville School was organized in the late nineteenth century and, as the enrollment increased, the school's board of trustees hired Stokes Womack to build a new school building in 1911. The school served the elementary children of the farming community of Mechanicsville. Most of the children lived on nearby farms; however, some commuted to Mechanicsville from surrounding communities. While operating as a school, the Mechanicsville School served as the social center for Mechanicsville. Since there were no other large, community oriented structures in the community, the school was used for organizational meetings such as the Boy Scouts and for home demonstrations by the county agricultural extension office. A small room was partitioned off the west end of the school to accommodate an increase in school enrollment and to provide better accommodations for social activities. The Mechanicsville School served the educational needs of Mechanicsville until the consolidation of the schools in Gwinnett County in 1939. At that time, the elementary children of Mechanicsville began attending school in the nearby community of Norcross. When the school no longer performed its educational function, the building was used as a Sunday School and church and it continued as a community meeting center. The county school system owned the property until 1976. At that time, the Mechanicsville Community Association was organized with the main goal of preserving the schoolhouse so that it may be used as a community center.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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 Flanigan, J. C. History of Gwinnett County, Volumes I and II. Hapeville: Longino and Porter, Inc., 1943 and 1959.
 Joiner, Oscar H., general editor. A History of Public Education in Georgia. Columbia, S.C.: The R. L. Bryan Company, 1979.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Norcross, GA

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated boundaries are indicated by heavy black line on the enclosed Mechanicsville School Plat Map. The nominated acreage is the intact historic acreage.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kacy Ginn, National Register Researcher

organization Historic Preservation Section
Department of Natural Resources

date July 30, 1980

street & number 270 Washington Street, SW

telephone (404) 656-2840

city or town Atlanta

state Georgia

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Elizabeth A. Lyon
Elizabeth A. Lyon

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 8/11/80

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

James W. Ray, Jr.
Keeper of the National Register

date 10/16/80

Artist Paul Dubie

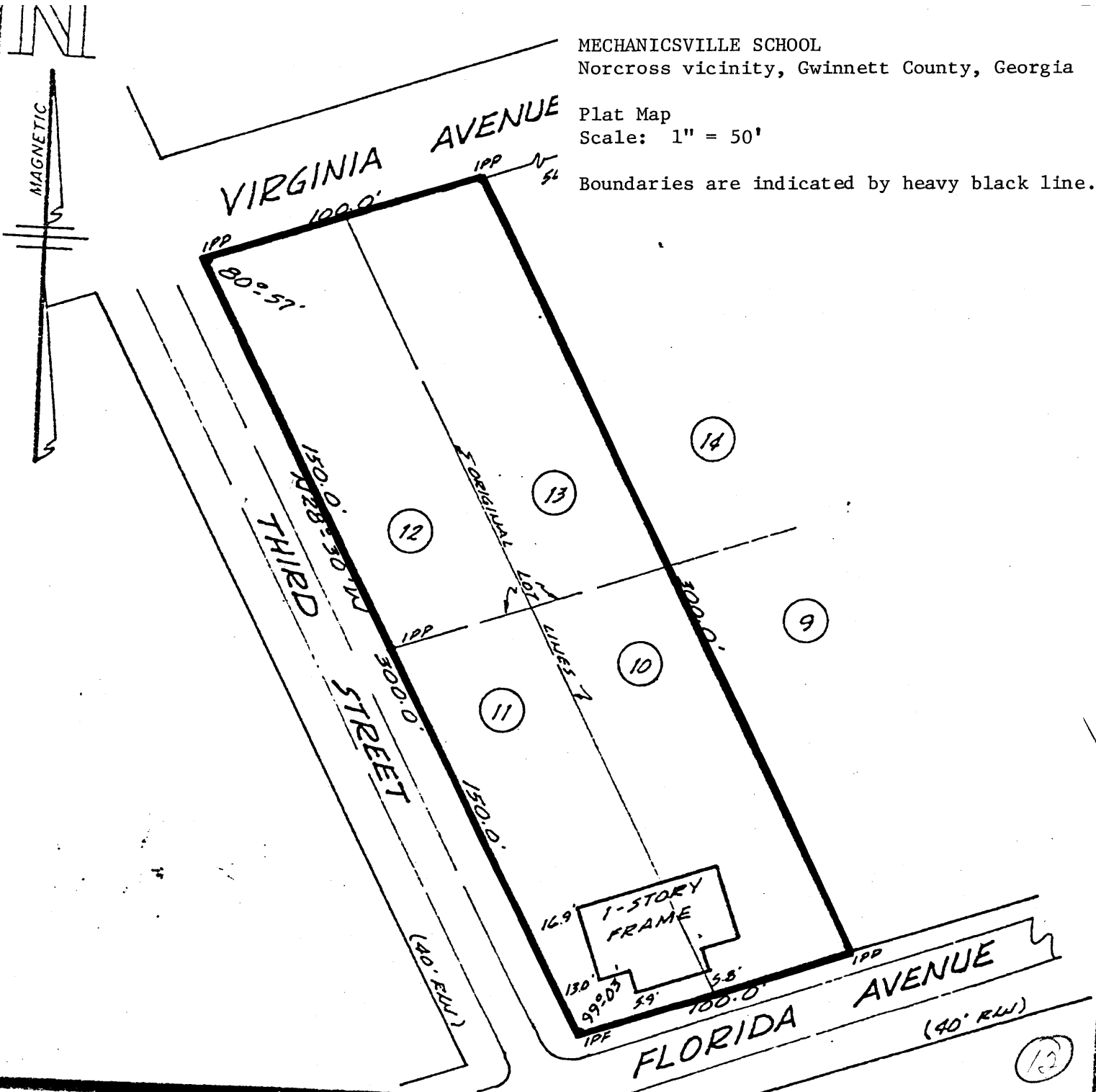
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Chief of Registration

MECHANICSVILLE SCHOOL
Norcross vicinity, Gwinnett County, Georgia

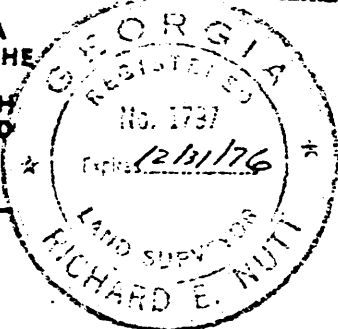
Plat Map
Scale: 1" = 50'

Boundaries are indicated by heavy black line.



IN MY OPINION THIS PLAT IS A
CORRECT REPRESENTATION OF THE
LAND PLATTED AND HAS BEEN
PREPARED IN CONFORMITY WITH
THE MINIMUM STANDARDS AND
REQUIREMENTS BY LAW.

Richard E. Nutt
MEMBER GA. ASSN. REG. LAND SURVEYORS



SURVEY FOR
**MECHANICSVILLE COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

PEACHTREE CITY SUBD.	REVISIONS
LOTS 10, 11, 12, & 13 BLOCK 11	
LAND LOTS - 251	
DISTRICT - 6TH	
COUNTY - GWINNETT	CC - RN
STATE - GEORGIA	DWN - L CHKD - RN
DATE 7-21-76	JOB NO.
SCALE 1" = 50'	

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