

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**



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

1. Name

historic Bostick Female Academy

and/or common Triune School

2. Location

U.S. 41A

street & number Highway 41 A N/A not for publication

city, town College Grove vicinity of Sixth congressional district

state Tennessee code 047 county Williamson code 187

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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<u>N/A</u> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Donald West

street & number 5003 Meta Drive

city, town Nashville N/A vicinity of state Tennessee 37211

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Williamson County Courthouse

street & number Public Square

city, town Franklin state Tennessee 37064

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date N/A N/A federal state county local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town N/A state N/A

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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

Located west of Highway 41A less than a mile south of the community of Triune in Williamson County, Tennessee, the Bostick Female Academy sits atop a hill overlooking several hundred acres of farmland. An example of Victorian eclectic architecture built circa 1892, the two and a half story, L-shaped brick building has a hip roof, five interior brick chimneys, and a coursed ashlar foundation. Although in a deteriorated condition, the Bostick Female Academy retains its variety of Victorian treatments such as semi-circular arched windows used in combination with rectangular windows; polychromatic exterior finish; decorative brickwork; and a recessed end porch with Romanesque arched openings.

The building sits on a coursed ashlar foundation and is decorated with a stone water table and a corbelled string course on the second story. Its roof, with wide eaves and plain wood trim, is covered with asbestos shingles which overlay original wood shingles. Accenting the building's seven bay east facade is an elaborately carved pedimented wood portico with plain columns; the portico covers an arched opening containing a single-leaf door surrounded by an arched transom and rectangular sidelights. The two openings north of the entrance and the seven openings of the second story contain 2/2 light windows with semi-circular arched heads. The three windows south of the entrance are 2/2 light windows with rectangular transoms. All windows are accented by stone sills and brick radiating voussoir lintels.

The south side elevation of the Bostic Female Academy features a recessed porch, supported by large semi-circular brick arches, and a central single-leaf door with an arched transom and rectangular sidelights. Corresponding with the arches of the porch are three 2/2 light windows set between brick corbelling on the second story. A gabled brick dormer with arched window opening is centered on the roof above. On the opposite or north side elevation are a long arched window and two rectangular windows on the first story. Above these are two short arched windows, brick corbelling, and gabled brick dormer which match those of the south side elevation.

A one story brick ell, with a hip roof and 4/4 light windows, projects from the north side of the rear or west elevation of the building. In the corner of the "L" formed by this section is a two story brick ell with a hip roof and arched windows. A dilapidated later frame addition, with 2/2 light transomed rectangular windows, was attached to the south side of the two story ell and the building's rear elevation. It was recently removed, causing the building's rear wall to collapse.

Although damaged by vandalism and weather due to roof leakage and broken windows, many original interior details remain including doors, woodwork, hardware, mantles, flooring, and staircases. Blackboards from the Academy cover windows, and school desks and bookcases remain.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1892 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Criteria A,C

The Bostick Female Academy, built circa 1892, illustrates the influence and eclectic usage of Victorian architectural elements on a rural educational building in Middle Tennessee. Although in a deteriorated condition, it retains its distinctive architectural character and serves as a reminder of educational development in Williamson County.

As an example of schoolhouse architecture during the Victorian era, the Academy is embellished with a variety of Victorian architectural features. Its semi-circular arched windows used in combination with rectangular windows, polychromatic exterior finish, decorative brickwork, and a recessed porch with Romanesque arched openings demonstrate a unique, eclectic combining of various architectural elements of the period for an educational facility. Its plan illustrates the use of the building as a single, self-contained facility to house, board, and educate young females in the late nineteenth century.

A prominent citizen of the Triune community, Dr. Jonathon Bostick, moved from the town soon after the Civil War to Tunica, Mississippi where he died and left provisions in his will for establishing a new school for girls in Triune. Bostick had formerly served as trustee for the Porter Female Academy, a girl's school in the area which had been burned by northern forces in the 1860s and had not been replaced. His trustees purchased eleven acres of land in Triune of the Samuel Perkins estate in 1891 for the site of the new school building.

The Female Academy was begun in 1892 with classes in the liberal arts as well as music and art. Classrooms, a dining room, and the kitchen occupied the first floor of the building with nine dormitory rooms on the second floor. As many as 75 girls attended the Academy at one time, with overflow borders housed in the surrounding neighborhood. Around 1900, the public school system improved and private education was no longer the choice of many parents for their children. Thus, eliminating the need for the Female Academy. The trustees' control of the property converted to the county, and it served as the Triune School. It continued to serve as a public school with grades ranging from first through twelfth grades, until 1957 when it closed. Ownership then reverted back to the trustees. It has since been used as a community meeting place, and has stood vacant for several years. The building was recently sold by the trustees to a private individual who intends to rehabilitate it for residential use.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bowman, V. Mc Historic Williamson County, Old Homes and Sites
Nashville: Blue and Grey Press, 1971.

History of Tennessee Nashville: The Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1886.

Jordan, John L. "Triune in the Civil War" Tennessee State Library and Archives, 1937.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Approximately 2

Quadrangle name College Grove, Tennessee

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

UTM NOT VERIFIED

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Zone	Easting			Northing										

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries of the Bostick Female Academy are outlined in red on the accompanying Williamson County Property Assessor's Maps #s 113 and 114, parcel 67. The boundaries conform to the dimensions of building owner's property.

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

state N/A N/A code county N/A code

state N/A N/A code county N/A code

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Nashville, TN 37219
Nashville, state TN

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.

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer signature Michael L. Bryan

title Executive Director, Tennessee Historical Commission date 3/3/82

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

for Melba Byers date 4/15/82
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

Bostick Female Academy
Highway 41 A
Triune, Williamson County, Tennessee
(Vicinity of College Grove, TN)

Scale 1" = 400'

