

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 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 Millen High School
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 100 Cleveland Avenue
city, town Millen () vicinity of
county Jenkins code GA 165
state Georgia code GA zip code 30442

() not for publication

3. Classification

Ownership of Property:

- () private
- (X) public-local
- () public-state
- () public-federal

Category of Property:

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

Number of Resources within Property:	<u>Contributing</u>	<u>Noncontributing</u>
buildings	2	1
sites	0	0
structures	0	0
objects	0	0
total	2	1

Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A
Name of previous listing: N/A
Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

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 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 the National Register criteria. () See continuation sheet.

Richard Coover

Signature of certifying official

10-31-02

Date

for

W. Ray Luce
Historic Preservation Division Director
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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 or bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register

determined eligible for the National Register

determined not eligible for the National Register

removed from the National Register

other, explain:

see continuation sheet

Daniel J. Vivian *11/21/02*

for

Keeper of the National Register

Date

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:

EDUCATION/SCHOOL

Current Functions:

OTHER/VACANT

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS/CLASSICAL REVIVAL

Materials:

foundation	Brick
walls	Brick
roof	Metal/Tin
other	N/A

Description of present and historic physical appearance:

Millen High School is located on a large corner lot in a residential area of Millen, the county seat of Jenkins County. Three buildings, two contributing and one noncontributing, constructed at different times, make up the school campus.

The earliest building was constructed in 1922 to supplement a two-story brick school built in 1898 (no longer extant). Designed by the firm of Scroggs & Ewing of Augusta, and constructed by Arnold Construction Company of Elberton, Georgia, the two-story, T-shaped building (photographs 1 and 2) is wood-framed with a brick veneer and standing seam metal hipped roof. The building features Classical Revival details such as a symmetrical façade, tall, narrow arched windows, and projecting pavilions at each end (photograph 3). The entry is recessed and features an arched entry with double doors and a half-round transom (photograph 4). The interior includes a 500-seat auditorium (photograph 12) and eight classrooms (photographs 6, 7, and 8). The foyer and auditorium form the center section of the building (photograph 5). A hall runs the length of the building ending at a classroom at each end. There is a stairwell at each end of the hall leading to the second floor (photograph 9). The center of the second floor is the balcony of the auditorium (photographs 13 and 14). It is flanked by two classrooms on each side, including two added in 1941 (originally the wings flanking the main section were only one story high). The walls are plaster. Doors are paneled and feature transoms (photographs 10 and 11). The floors and window trim are wood (photograph 6).

The 1943 building (photograph 16) was begun in 1941 by a Works Progress Administration crew and was completed in 1943. Designed by Brown & Eve of Augusta, it was constructed as an elementary school to replace the 1898 building. The one-story, L-shaped building is wood-framed with a brick veneer and standing seam metal roof. Like the earlier building, the 1943 building features Classical Revival details such as symmetrical façade, full-height pedimented entry portico, projecting pavilions

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at each end, and cupola (photographs 16 and 18). The entry is recessed and features double entry doors and a multi-light transom (photograph 18). The front doors open into a large foyer. Tall plaster arches separate the foyer from the double-loaded hallway that runs the length of the building (photograph 19). A stairway at the east end of the hall leads to the basement that was used as a lunchroom. At each end of the hallway, double doors open to the exterior (photograph 19). The ell section of the building is on the east side and contains five classrooms (photographs 22 and 23). The walls are plaster with wainscoting (photograph 22). Doors contain nine lights in the upper half and are paneled on the bottom (photographs 20 and 22). Windows are large, square, multi-light, set individually or in banks. Floors are wood and window trim is metal (photographs 19 and 20).

The third building was constructed as a lunchroom in 1962 (photographs 25 and 26). Designed by William Hughes and Robert McCreary of Augusta and constructed by Ergle-Reid Builders of Augusta, it is a rectangular building constructed of concrete and brick with ribbon windows and a flat roof. It is located between the two earlier buildings and accessed by covered walkways. The building is divided into a cafeteria area and a kitchen and storage area. The cafeteria is a large open space lined with windows. All interior walls are concrete block and the floor is tile. Due to the date of construction, this building is a noncontributing resource.

Landscaping on the property includes foundation plantings, playgrounds, and parking areas (photographs 12, 16, and 27).

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): N/A

A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions):

Architecture
Education

Period of Significance:

1922-1952

Significant Dates:

1922-Construction of first building
1943-Construction of elementary school building

Significant Person(s):

N/A

Cultural Affiliation:

N/A

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

Scroggs & Ewing-architects, 1922 building
Arnold Construction Company-builder, 1922 building
Brown & Eve-architects, 1943 building

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Section 8--Statement of Significance

Statement of significance (areas of significance)

Millen High School was constructed between 1922 and 1962 to serve the white children of the Millen community. The complex is significant in the area of architecture as a good and intact example of a school constructed over time for a small Georgia community. The 1922 building was constructed to enhance the existing 1898 school (no longer extant) by adding classroom space and an auditorium. Built in the Classical Revival style the character-defining features of the building include the symmetrical façade, projecting pavilions, arched windows, and arched entry. The 1943 building was constructed to replace the 1898 school building. Built in an L-shape, the character-defining features of the Classical Revival-style building are the full-height entry portico, symmetrical façade, projecting pavilions, and cupola. The 1962 nonhistoric cafeteria building was constructed to further enhance the campus by providing a modern facility to replace the cafeteria housed in the basement of the 1943 building. Millen High School is also significant in the area of education for its function as the only public educational facility for the white community in Millen and the typical activities that occurred there during the historic period.

National Register Criteria

Millen High School is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A in the area of education for the typical activities that occurred as the only school for the white community in Millen during the historic period and under Criterion C in the area of architecture as a good and intact example of an early 20th century community school in Georgia. It is an integral part of the historic school campus and the last major building built for this educational facility.

Criteria Considerations (if applicable)

N/A

Period of significance (justification)

The period of significance for Millen High School begins in 1922, the construction date of the High School/Auditorium building, and ends in 1952, the end of the historic period.

Contributing/Noncontributing Resources (explanation, if necessary)

The High School/Auditorium building and the Old Elementary School building are the two contributing resources on the nominated property. The 1962 cafeteria building is the one noncontributing building on the property.

Developmental history/historic context (if appropriate)

****NOTE: The following history was compiled by Art Johnson, Manager, Millen Better Hometown, November, 2001. On file at the Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia.**

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Millen High School, a three-building campus, was constructed between 1922 and 1962, and served different grade levels for the white community of Millen until 1993. The High School and Auditorium building, completed in 1922, was constructed to supplement a two-story brick school built in 1898 (no longer extant) that stood where the playground and parking lot are today. In 1921 \$36,000.00 worth of bonds was sold for the construction of the building. It served as the white high school for Jenkins County until 1952 when a new high school was constructed on another site. This property then became a part of Millen Elementary School from 1952 until the elementary school was moved to another location. The Jenkins County Primary School continued to use the building until it was relocated in 1993. The auditorium, located in the building, was a center of community events. It was closed to public use in 1996.

In the years between 1922 and 1962 two additional buildings were added to the property. The Old Elementary School building was begun in 1941 by a WPA crew and was completed in 1943 at a cost of approximately \$40,000.00. It was constructed to provide needed space for the Millen Grammar School, which was occupying the 1898 building. The 1943 building served as the Millen Grammar School until 1952 when the high school, which was occupying the 1922 building on the same property, moved to a new location. By 1952 all the white grammar schools in the county were consolidated into the one grammar school in Millen. With the exit of the high school from the two-story building, the grammar school expanded into this building also and became Millen Elementary School. In 1970 when Jenkins County Schools were integrated, the elementary school moved to another school complex that was originally an African-American school, and the 1922 and 1943 buildings became the Jenkins County Primary School. This new facility was known as Millen Grammar School. In 1993 the primary grades were moved to another location. After remaining empty for two years, the Jenkins County Head Start used the building from 1995 until June, 2001. The building is no longer used because fire marshal requirements have not been met.

A modern lunchroom was added between the two buildings in 1962 for the students of Jenkins County Elementary School. The former lunchroom for these students had been in the basement of an adjacent building completed in 1943. The cost of the building was \$64,032.96. The State School Building Authority contributed \$58,649.35.

When the elementary school was moved in 1970, the lunchroom continued to be used by the primary students until they moved in 1993. The Jenkins County Head Start Program used the lunchroom from 1995 until June, 2001 when the adjacent buildings were closed to use.

The property received a Georgia Heritage grant in 2001 for predevelopment.

9. Major Bibliographic References

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Section 9—Major Bibliographic References

Previous documentation on file (NPS): (X) N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested**
- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been issued
date issued:**
- 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, Specify Repository:**

Georgia Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): N/A

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 3.24 acres

UTM References

A) Zone 17 Easting 411784 Northing 3629917

Verbal Boundary Description

The proposed boundary of the nominated property is indicated on the attached map by a heavy black line.

Boundary Justification

The proposed boundary of the nominated property includes the buildings that make up the Millen High School campus and the acreage historically associated with the school.

11. Form Prepared By

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(X) **other:** Local government

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Photographs

Name of Property: Millen High School
City or Vicinity: Millen
County: Jenkins
State: Georgia
Photographer: James R. Lockhart
Negative Filed: Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Date Photographed: December, 2001

Description of Photograph(s):

Number of photographs: 27

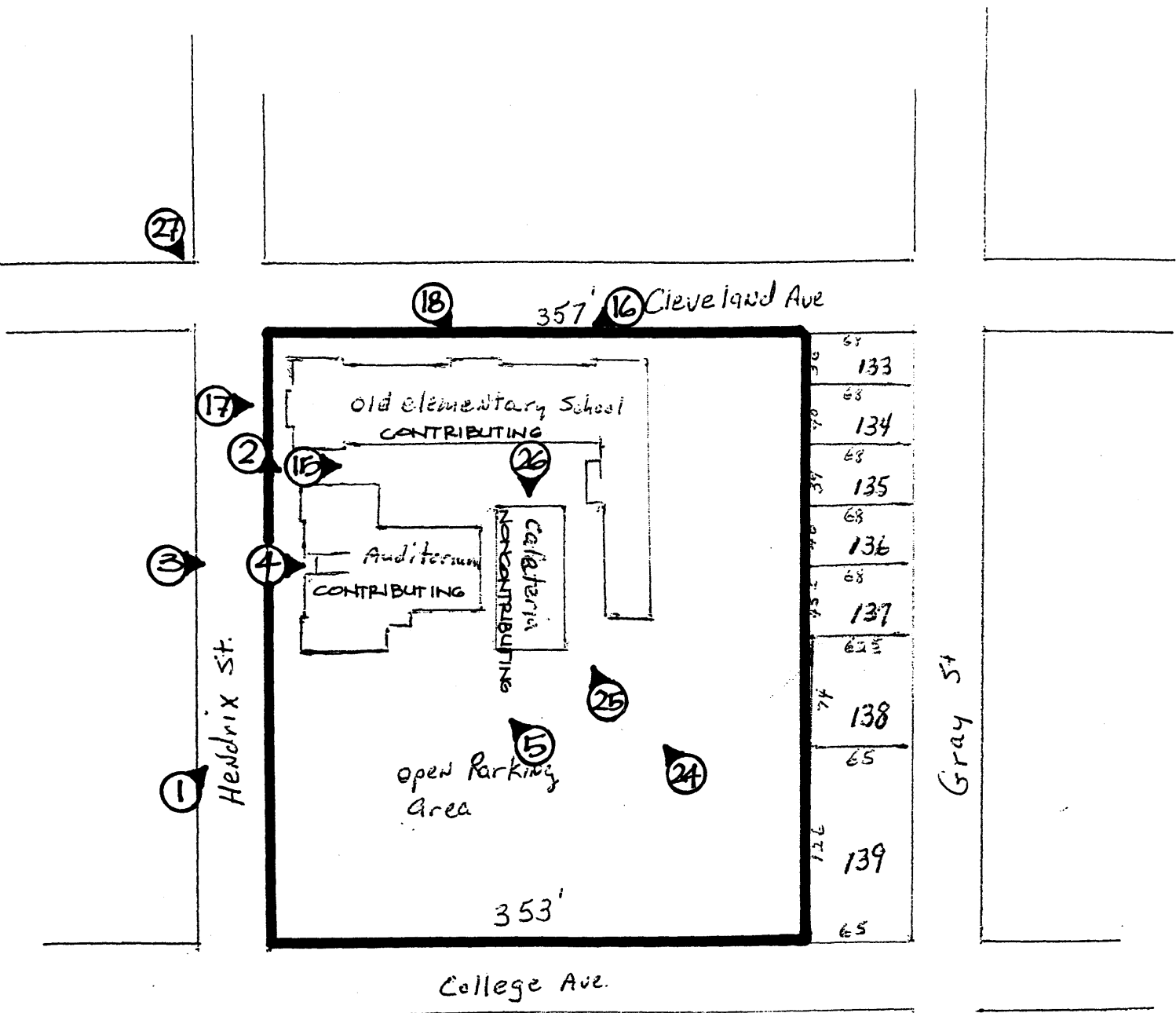
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2. 1922 Building, front façade and north façade; photographer facing southeast.
3. 1922 Building, front façade; photographer facing east.
4. 1922 Building, detail, front entrance; photographer facing east.
5. 1922 Building, south façade and auditorium; photographer facing northwest.
6. 1922 Building, interior, first floor, classroom; photographer facing southwest.
7. 1922 Building, interior, first floor, classroom; photographer facing northeast.
8. 1922 Building, interior, first floor, classroom; photographer facing southeast.
9. 1922 Building, interior, first floor, stairwell to second floor; photographer facing southeast.
10. 1922 Building, interior, second floor, classroom; photographer facing west.
11. 1922 Building, interior, second floor, classroom; photographer facing north.
12. 1922 Building, interior, first floor, auditorium; photographer facing east.
13. 1922 Building, interior, second floor, auditorium; photographer facing east.
14. 1922 Building, interior, second floor, auditorium; photographer facing northwest.
15. 1922 Building (at right) and Old Elementary School Building (1943 Building) (at left); photographer facing northeast.




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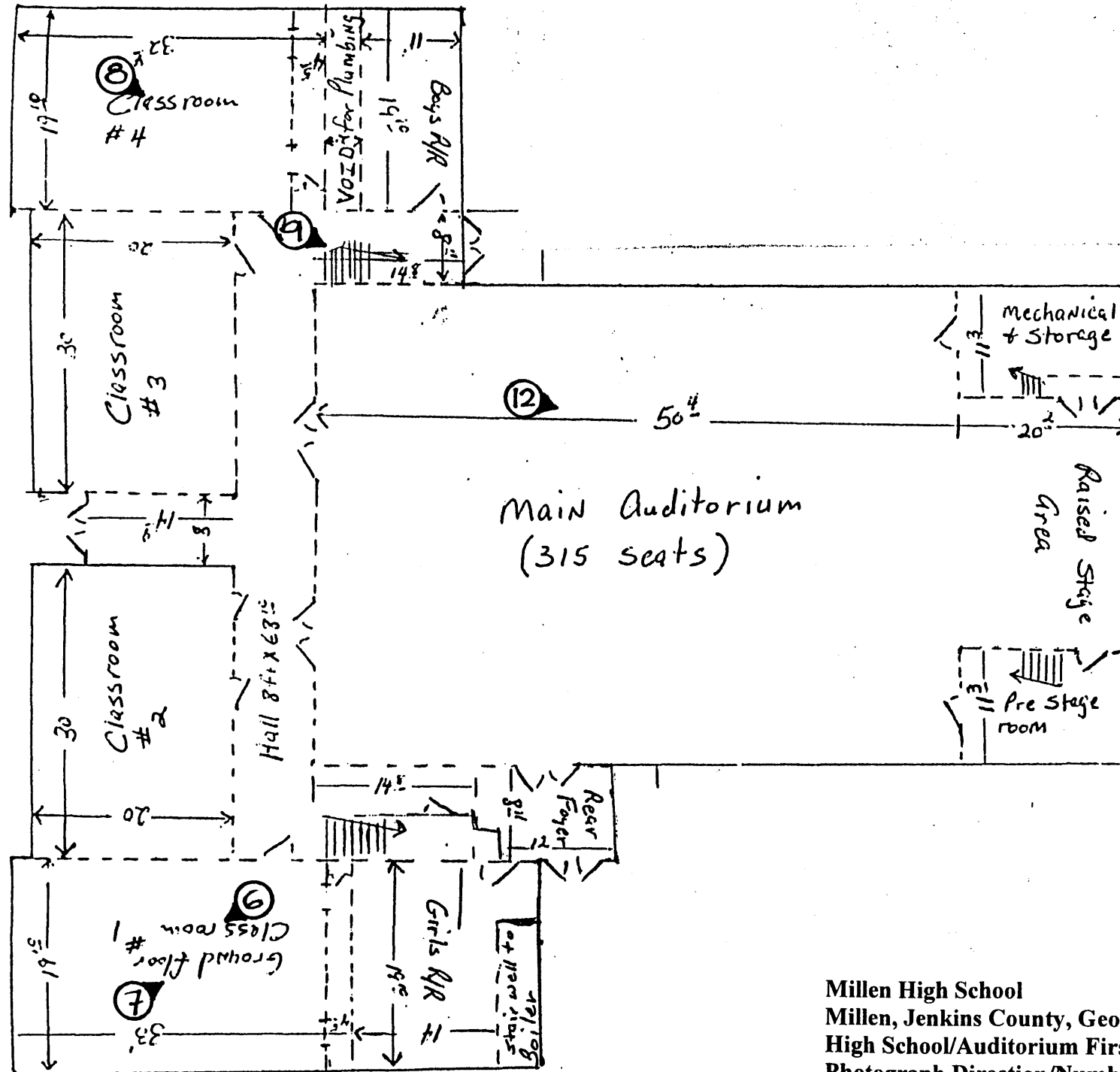
Photographs

16. Old Elementary School Building, front (north) façade; photographer facing southwest.
17. Old Elementary School Building, west façade; photographer facing east.
18. Old Elementary School Building, detail, front entrance; photographer facing southeast.
19. Old Elementary School Building, interior, foyer and hallway; photographer facing east.
20. Old Elementary School Building, interior, classroom; photographer facing east.
21. Old Elementary School Building, interior, classroom; photographer facing southwest.
22. Old Elementary School Building, interior, hallway; photographer facing south.
23. Old Elementary School Building, interior, classroom; photographer facing southeast.
24. Old Elementary School Building (center), cafeteria (at left), and 1922 Building (left background); photographer facing northwest.
25. Cafeteria; photographer facing northwest.
26. Cafeteria, detail, front entrance; photographer facing south.
27. Old Elementary School Building (at left) and 1922 Building (at right); photographer facing southeast.

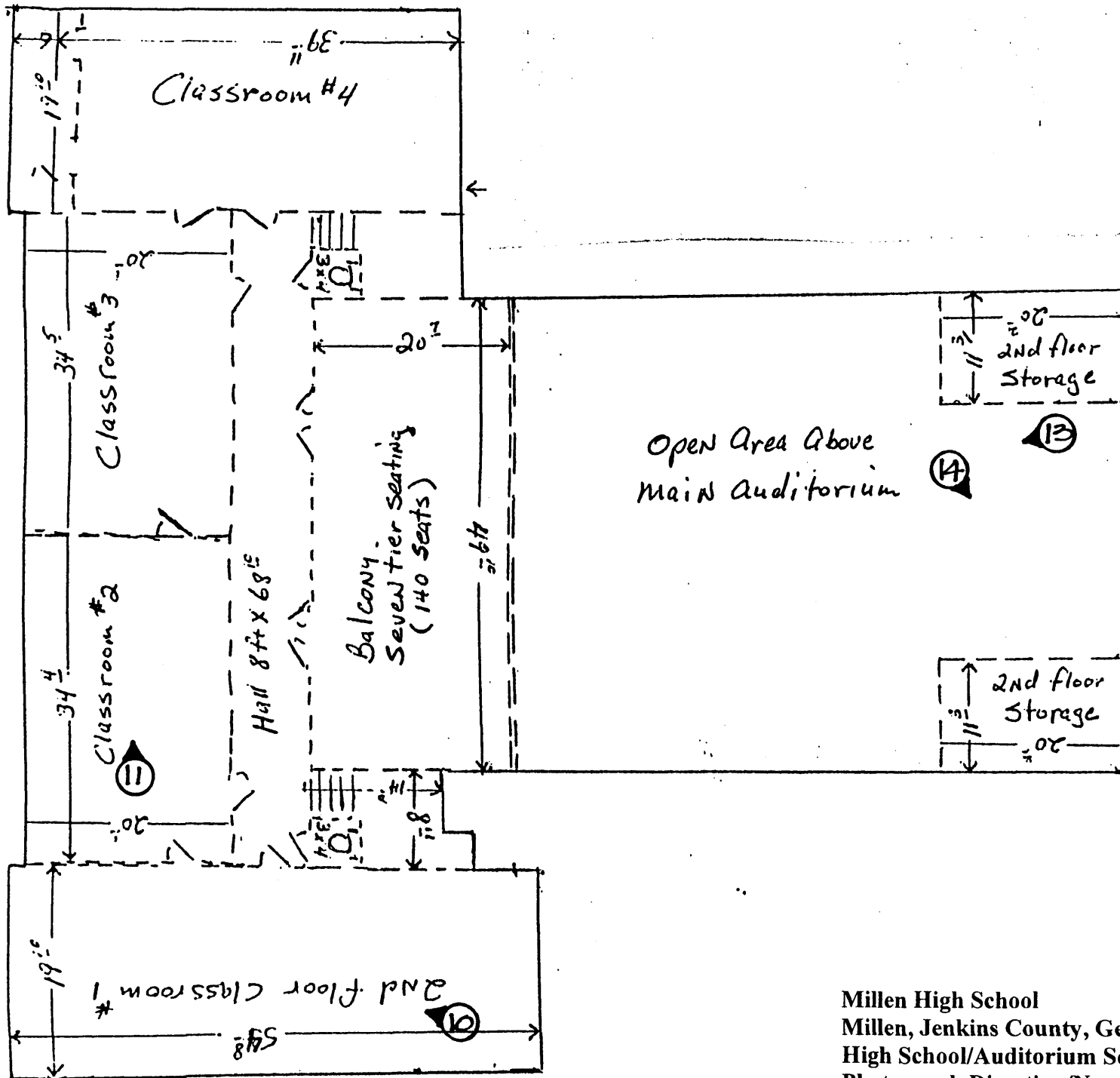
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Millen High School
 Millen, Jenkins County, Georgia
 Site Plan
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Millen High School
 Millen, Jenkins County, Georgia
 High School/Auditorium First Floor Plan
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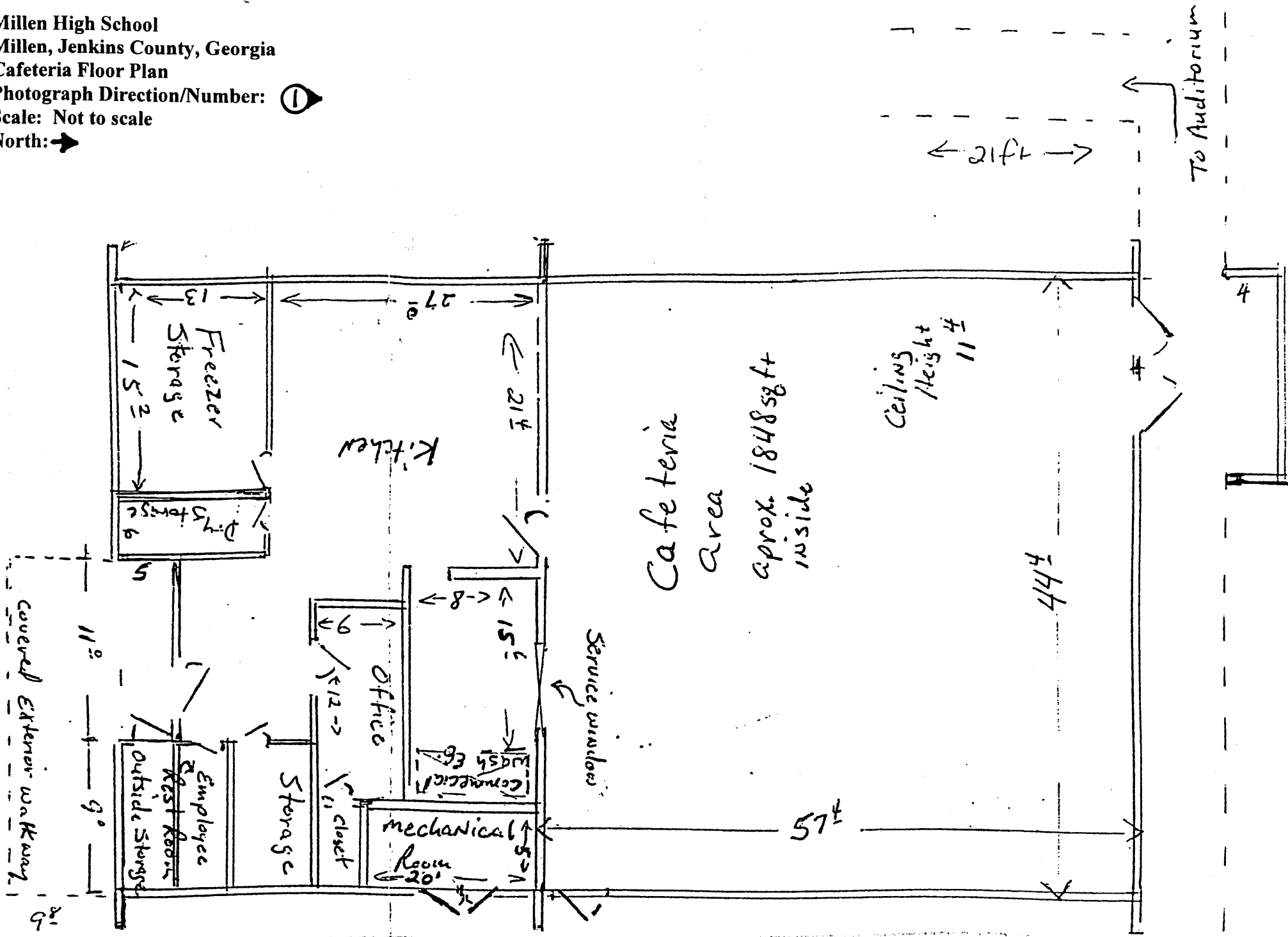
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 Millen, Jenkins County, Georgia
 High School/Auditorium Second Floor Plan
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Millen High School
Millen, Jenkins County, Georgia
Cafeteria Floor Plan

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Millen High School
 Millen, Jenkins County, Georgia
 Old Elementary School Floor Plan
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