



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 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 any 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.

1. Name of Property

historic name Willow Consolidated High School  
other names/site number Norway Consolidated High School; Norway Junior High School; Norway Middle School

2. Location

street & number 2750 Cope Rd. (S-38-978) not for publication N/A  
city or town Norway vicinity N/A  
state South Carolina code SC county Orangeburg code 038 zip code 29113

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant \_\_\_ nationally \_\_\_ statewide X locally. ( \_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Mary W. Edmonds 5/25/06  
Signature of certifying official Date

Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, S.C. Dept. of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property \_\_\_ meets \_\_\_ does not meet the National Register criteria. ( \_\_\_ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. 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):

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Linda McClelland

July 11, 2006

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**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources)

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

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

Contributing	Noncontributing
2	1
_____	_____
_____	_____
2	1

buildings  
sites  
structures  
objects  
Total

Name of related multiple property listing  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)  
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed  
in the National Register  
0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Category: Education  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Subcategory: School

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Category: Vacant/Not In Use  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Subcategory: \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)  
Late 19th and 20th Century Revivals  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)  
foundation Brick  
walls Brick  
roof Asphalt  
other Wood

**Narrative Description**  
(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**Description**

Willow Consolidated High School, at 2750 Cope Road (S.C. Highway 332 East), is one-quarter mile east of U.S Highway 321 in the town of Norway, Orangeburg County, South Carolina.

The school is an inverted "T" shaped one-story brick veneer building with an auditorium located at the center of the rear elevation and the administrative / classroom section in the front section or top of the "T", including the administrative offices and eight classrooms. The piers are brick with a continuous brick foundation wall. The building contains 12,250 square feet including the auditorium, stage and dressing areas. It features a raised wood frame floor structure and wood frame walls. The original slate roof has been replaced with composition shingles that maintains a similar appearance. The roof form is gable-on-hip with projecting cross gables at the center and ends of the building's facade. The gables-on-hip, at either end of the lateral section and at the southern end of the auditorium ell, consist of three triangular, tripartite, louvered roof ventilators. The roof slope is a 7:12 pitch. In addition to the gable ventilators, six smaller louvered vents punctuate the roof, two on the front slope, two on the rear slope to either side of the rear auditorium ell, and one each on either side of the auditorium ell's roof. The roof edge is comprised of exposed rafter tails trimmed with a fascia and crown molding. The windows on the building's façade are paired, nine-over-nine, double-hung sash.

The main entrance consists of a double-leaf, partly glazed and partly paneled door with glazed surround, all recessed within a segmental arched portal that features a wall buttressed surround of brick and cast stone and a brick and cast stone tablet inscribed with "Willow Consolidated High School." Flanking the main entrance are paired windows, six-over-six, double-hung sash, above which are horizontally oriented cast stone lozenges. A small segmental arched louvered vent accents the upper gable, while purlins punctuate the raking cornices of the projecting central and end gables. The gable fronts at either end of the building's façade also feature large blind panels with double-loaded decorative brick surrounds. In the uppermost area of each gable is a small segmental arched louvered vent. The central entry door lies perpendicular to the main corridor and is on axis with the auditorium. The exterior walls are wood framing with brick veneer. The brick is a natural red clay tone with white mortar joints. The exterior walls and corridor walls serve as the bearing support for the roof structure. The interior foundation piers and perimeter foundation walls act to support the wood floor. The building is in sound structural condition.

There are five primary means of egress and three secondary means of egress on the school building. Double doors are found at the western end of the main hall, at the main entry on the front of the building, and on either side of the auditorium. Simplified arched entry portals similar to that of the main entrance are present on the side [outer] elevations of each end wing/pavilion. The original double doors on the end of the eastern hall have been replaced by a single door. There are two secondary doors on the south side of the building. One is adjacent to the restrooms and the other the auditorium. There is a secondary exit door on the south side of the auditorium behind the stage area.

The interior of Willow Consolidated High School consists of eight classrooms arranged symmetrically down the east-west main corridor. This main corridor is bisected in the middle by a shorter cross corridor which creates the main entry of the building. The entry hall is flanked by several offices. The 60' x 40' auditorium is directly behind the front entry. The auditorium seats 350, has a raised 24' x 12' stage, a dressing area behind the stage, and has been the setting for many educational as well as civic functions in the community. The auditorium has finished woodwork and original seats, and retains its architectural character.

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All of the interior walls are true plaster on the upper section with a beaded board wainscoting. The plaster in the building is over wood lath. In most areas, the plaster is still in good condition. The finished interior floors are made of three quarter inch thick by two and a half inch wide, tongue and groove heart pine flooring and are in good condition. The floor system in the toilet areas is constructed of cast-in-place concrete on piers. The concrete appears to be original and is about 4" thick.

All of the ceilings are tongue and groove, beaded board wood; except for plaster ceilings in the restrooms. The majority of the ceilings were found intact and any damage has been repaired. The building has plain wood trim, bases, and wainscoting. In some areas where pieces were removed they have been found and put back in place. Minor repairs have been completed in several rooms. All of the interior doors are five-panel stile and rail wood doors.

The town of Norway began renovating Willow Consolidated High School in 2001. The renovation of the entire school is approximately 75% complete as of the winter of 2005-06. Nivens and Nivens, Inc. have been assisting the Town with fund development through grants as well as the renovation process. Upon completion of a current S.C. Department of Transportation grant's scope of work it is estimated that the entire front portion of the school will be completed by November of 2006. Many partners have been involved in the restoration process including the Town of Norway, S.C. Department of Archives and History, S.C. Department of Transportation, S.C. National Heritage Corridor, Orangeburg County, and private citizens.

The lighting and electrical systems have been brought up to current code. The old electrical system posed a fire hazard to the building and its occupants. The new lighting and electrical systems have been installed in a manner which minimizes damage to the historical aspects of the building. Electrical conduit and wiring have been placed in concealed areas such as underneath the building and in the overhead attic space.

The town intends to use several rooms in the building as a museum exhibit. These rooms will require the addition of track lighting in the future. These additional lights will be installed in a manner which minimizes damage to the historical aspects of the building.

The building's plumbing has been reworked because piping was cracked, clogged or broken. Originally the building had a large septic tank system. That system has been abandoned and the building has been connected to the public sewer system.

The building originally had steam heat and no air conditioning system. In order to make the building as useful as possible, the town has installed central heating and air conditioning throughout the building. The steam radiators have been left in place to preserve the historic character of the building, though the old steam boiler system is no longer operating.

An agricultural building (1940) on the southeast side of the campus also contributes to the historic and architectural significance of the property. It is a wooden frame building with a V-crimp metal roof, gable front and arched entrance. The foundation is concrete with tile floors in the interior classrooms and concrete in the work area of the shop. This building housed the original agricultural and shop classes for the school; today it is used by a local charity that provides food and clothing.

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A small pyramidal roofed brick storage building, likely contemporaneous with the main building, is included within the boundaries of the nominated acreage but is in poor condition and does not contribute, and a brick gymnasium (1957) at the rear of the campus is not included in the boundary of the nominated property.

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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)

- \_\_\_ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
\_\_\_ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
[X] 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 whose components lack individual distinction.
\_\_\_ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- \_\_\_ a owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
\_\_\_ b removed from its original location.
\_\_\_ c a birthplace or a grave.
\_\_\_ d a cemetery.
\_\_\_ e a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
\_\_\_ f a commemorative property.
\_\_\_ g less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1926

Significant Dates

1926

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance

Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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 # \_\_\_

Primary location of additional data:

- [X] State Historic Preservation Office
\_\_\_ Other State agency
\_\_\_ Federal agency
\_\_\_ Local government
\_\_\_ University
[X] Other
Name of repository:
Norway Museum, Norway, S.C.

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**Statement of Significance**

The Willow Consolidated High School, built in 1926 in the town of Norway, Orangeburg County, South Carolina, is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as an excellent example of school architecture typical in small American towns in the first half of the twentieth century. It is an especially intact, distinctive and tangible expression of the movement toward consolidation of schools in rural areas of South Carolina and the South.

Norway was founded in 1891 as a station on the railroad from Columbia to Savannah, and though railroad officials first gave it the name of Pruitt, the local citizens already living in the area preferred the name Norway. The first public school was built in 1895, and by 1918 there were six school districts in the Norway Township, four of them named for the nearby Willow Swamp: North Willow, West Willow, Middle Willow, South Willow, Norway, and Two Mile Swamp. The fourth year of high school was added to the Norway High School in 1922.

In March 1926 several years' work to consolidate the township's small high school into one culminated with an act of the South Carolina General Assembly establishing a Norway high school district—officially designated Orangeburg County Consolidated School District #4. G.S. Hunter, who came to Norway in 1930, served as superintendent of the consolidated school district until 1973.

This school, built for the white high school students of Norway and the surrounding communities, was completed in time for the opening of the 1926-27 school year and dedicated on January 14, 1927. It served the town as its high school until the 1960-61 school year, when it became Norway Junior High School.

In 1969-70 Orangeburg Consolidated School District #4 created the Hunter-Kinard school system, served by Hunter-Kinard Elementary and Hunter-Kinard High School, located between Norway and Springfield. The new schools served both Norway and Springfield and consolidated the elementary and high schools in both towns; they later became Hunter-Kinard-Tyler Elementary and Hunter-Kinard-Tyler High School.

In 1973 Norway Junior High School became Norway Middle School; it closed in the late 1980s and has been vacant since. In 1999 the consolidated school district sold the building to the Town of Norway.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Will-O'-The-Wisp* (Willow Consolidated High School/Norway Consolidated High School Yearbook), 1926-1969; Sarah W. Williamson, ed., *Norway Bicentennial Chronicle* (Norway, S.C., May 29, 1976); Orangeburg County Plat Books, Orangeburg County Courthouse, Orangeburg, S.C.

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**Sources**

Orangeburg County Courthouse, Orangeburg, S.C.  
Plat Books

*Will-O'-The Wisp*. (Willow Consolidated High School/Norway Consolidated High School Yearbooks),  
1926-1969.

Williamson, Sarah W., ed. *The Norway Bicentennial Chronicle* (Norway, S.C., May 29, 1976).



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## 10. Geographical Data

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**Acreeage of Property** Approximately 3 acres

### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone Easting Northing  
17 48553 3700769

\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.) SEE SHEETS

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Rena R. Copeland, Project Resource Director, with assistance from the SHPO staff  
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## Additional Documentation

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

### Continuation Sheets

#### Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

#### 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

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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Town of Norway  
street & number P.O. Box 127 telephone (803) 263-4300  
city or town Norway state SC zip code 29113

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary of the nominated property is shown as the black line marked "Willow Consolidated High School" on the accompanying Orangeburg County Tax Map # 060-01, Norway, District 13, Parcel 12, Lot 4, dated 1997 and drawn at a scale of 1" = 100'.

**Boundary Justification**

The nominated property is restricted to the 1926 school, the 1940 agricultural building, and their immediate settings.

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The following information is the same for each of the photographs:

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Location of Property: 2750 Cope Road, Norway  
Orangeburg County, S.C.

Name of Photographer: Rena R. Copeland, Nivens and Nivens, Inc.  
Date of Photographs: August / September 2005  
Location of Original Negatives: S.C. Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.

1. Northern elevation, view from Cope Road
2. Southern elevation, with the auditorium in the center of the photo
3. Western elevation
4. Eastern elevation
5. Western elevation, auditorium
6. Agricultural building, with gymnasium in rear
7. Agricultural building
8. Interior view
9. Interior view of one of eight classrooms
10. Interior view, auditorium with raised stage
11. Southern view of campus, with gymnasium and agricultural building on right