

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME: Girard High School      HISTORIC NAME: Girard Elementary School  
 STREET ADDRESS: Sandfort Road      CITY: Phenix City      COUNTY: Russell  
 PRESENT OWNER: Phenix City Board of Education c/o Mr. Clifford Smith      MAILING ADDRESS: 1212 9th Avenue (P.O. Box 460)  
 CITY: Phenix City      STATE: Alabama      ZIP CODE: 36867  
 CURRENT USE: Vacant      ACREAGE: *less than one acre*  
 U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Phenix City      U.T.M. REFERENCE: *16 687610 3593060*  
 V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 57-05-06-14-3-303-287-43 - *SEE ATTACHED MAP.*

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Neo-Classical; two stories, hip roof with pedimented dormers on north and south facade, and gable ends over pavilion on east and west facades, rectangular floor plan with pavilion on east and west facades; brick construction laid in American bond, asbestos shingle roof, brick foundation with watertable; facades of building have inset brick panels with a 2/2 double hung sash window with granite lintel, sill is also of granite and runs the width of each recessed panel, entrances are varied with one type being inset from an arched entrance and the other being a double-leafed entrance with a transom, corners of the main building and pavilion have granite quions, building has (CONT.)

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER: Phenix City Board of Education      ORIGINAL USE: Elementary School  
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: D.F.L. Jones      HISTORIC ACREAGE: *NA*  
 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1909      DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: Rear wing added c. 1950.  
 HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): The first public school in Girard was built on this site in 1867. In 1883 the Alabama legislature passed an Act creating the Elementary School of Girard. The Treasurer of the School Board, in 1909, succeeded in interesting Gunby Jordan, President of the Eagle and Phoenix Mills, in helping to build a new school building. In 1923, it became an accredited High School and the name changed from Girard Elementary School, to Girard High School. It was closed at the end of the 1969-70 school year.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Education      LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local  
 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): ARCHITECTURE: This building is architecturally significant as an example of Neo-Classical architecture as interpreted in school building. It is the only one of this style in Phenix City. It employs some Italianate features as well, including the pavilions and low, flat roof with wide projecting eaves. EDUCATION: The Girard Elementary School is significant to the educational history of Phenix City as the first brick, public school in Girard. It provided classes for both blacks and whites, which was unusual at the turn-of-the-century in this area.

V. SOURCES

FORM PREPARED BY: Nancy Alexander      ORGANIZATION: Lower Chattahoochee APDC  
 ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1908      TELEPHONE NUMBER: 404/324-4221  
    Columbus, Georgia 31904  
 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: **NONE**  
 SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Records of the Phenix City School Board. Research by Lewis Jones, A.I.A., Phenix City Historical Preservation Society.



PHOTOGRAPHER: Susan Mahan

DATE: August, 1980

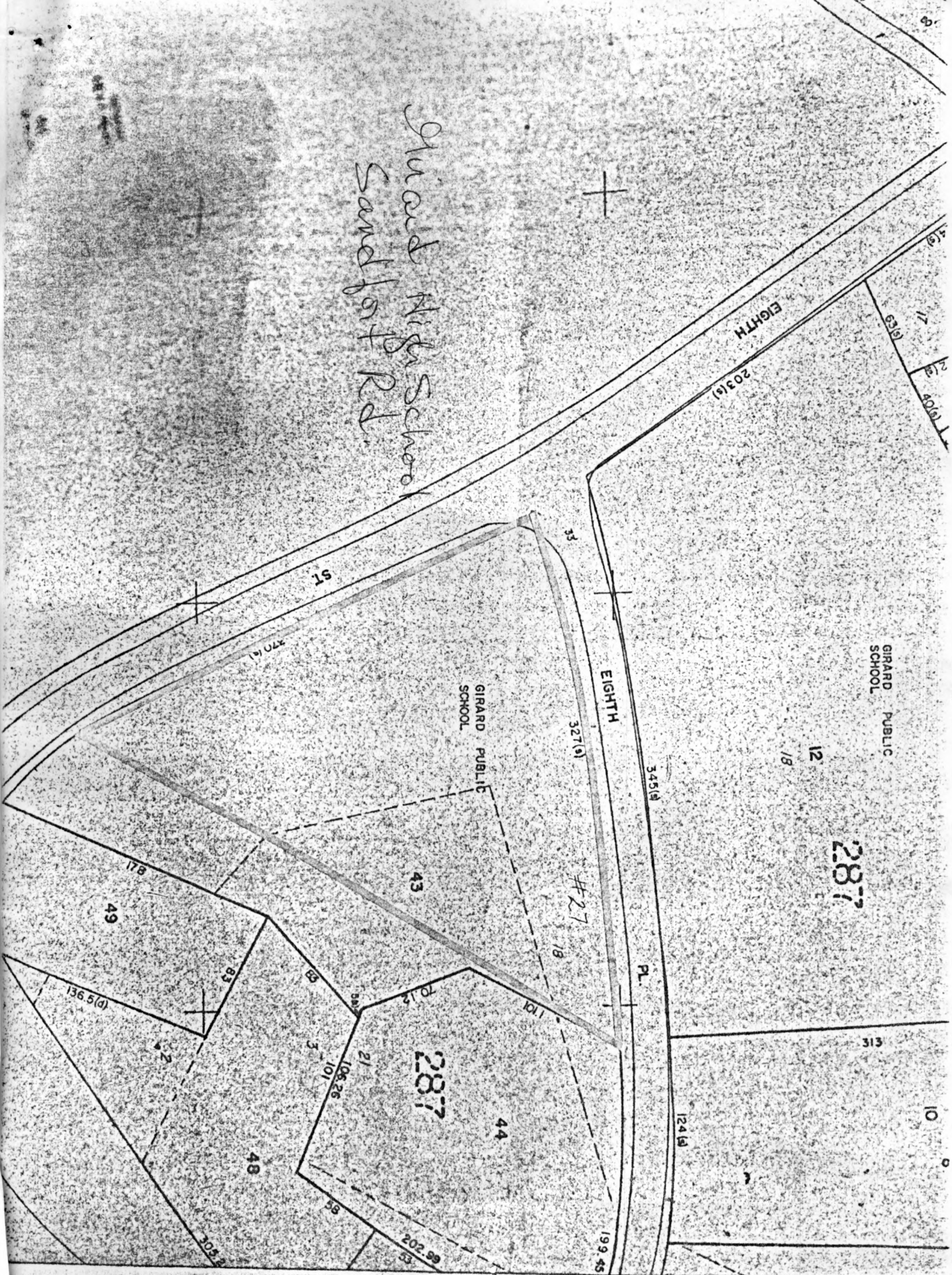
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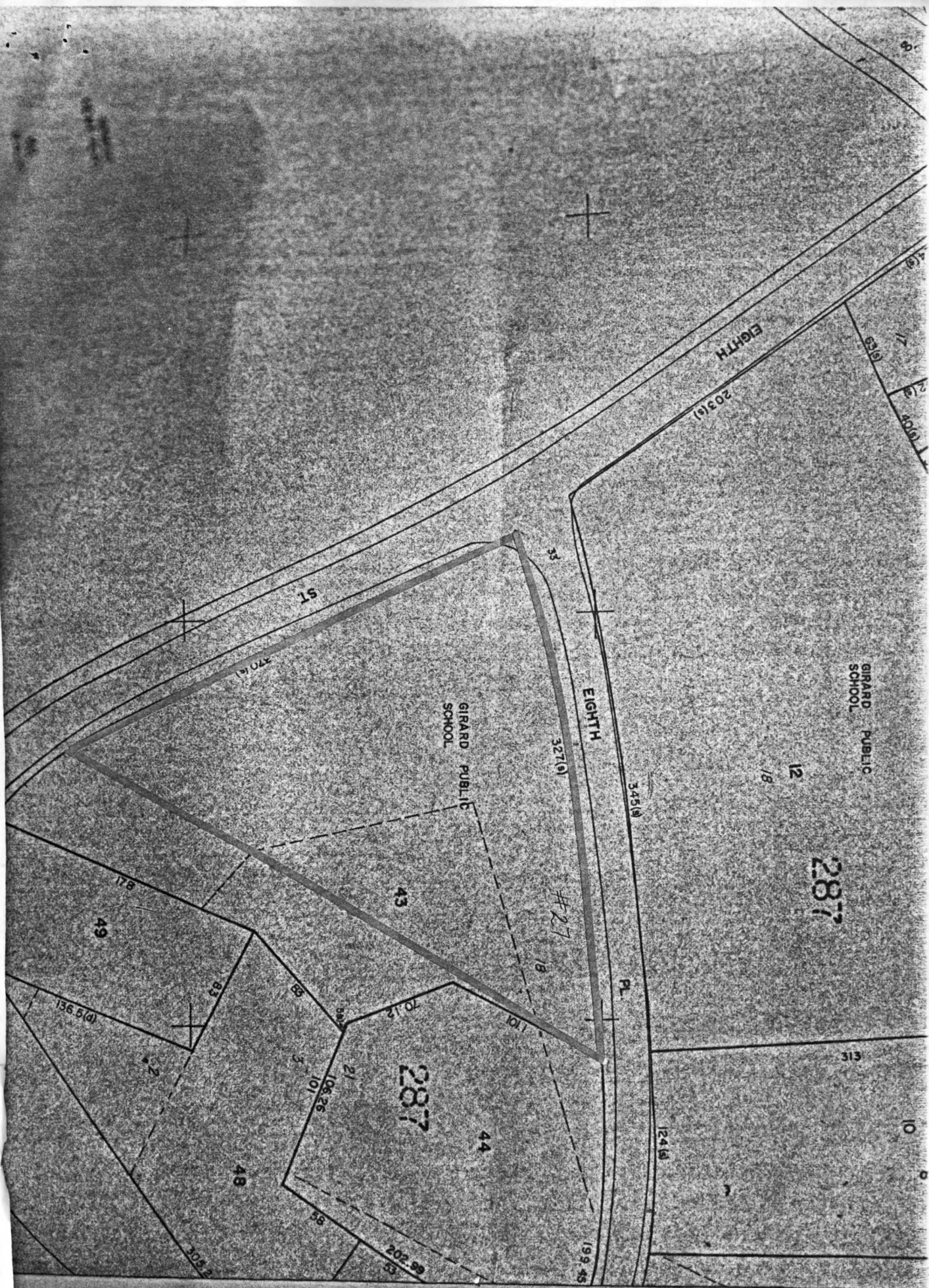
DIRECTION PHOTOGRAPHER FACING: Southeast

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: cornice supported by paired modillions over each outset (which forms brick pilaster); interior is a series of classrooms; situated on the top of a hill with cemetery across the street; no landscaping; fair condition.

Girard High School  
Sandport Rd.





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GIRARD PUBLIC SCHOOL

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