

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 "X" 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 Apalachee School
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 5060 Lower Apalachee Road
city, town Apalachee () vicinity of
county Morgan **code** GA 211
state Georgia **code** GA **zip code** 30650

() not for publication

3. Classification

Ownership of Property:

- private
- public-local
- public-state
- public-federal

Category of Property:

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

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

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.

Rice and Coates
Signature of certifying official

4-20-00
Date

W. Ray Luce, Director, Historic Preservation Division and
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

Edson H. Beall 5/26/00

() determined eligible for the National Register _____

() determined not eligible for the National Register _____

() removed from the National Register _____

() other, explain: _____

() see continuation sheet

for
Keeper of the National Register Date

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:

EDUCATION/SCHOOL

Current Functions:

SOCIAL/CIVIC

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

COLONIAL REVIVAL/GEORGIAN REVIVAL

Materials:

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

Description of present and historic physical appearance:

The Apalachee School is a two-story, frame, Georgian Revival-style school building which sits on a one acre site in the small rural community of Apalachee in north Morgan County, Georgia. Constructed in 1911, the building retains much of its original materials including exterior siding, metal shingle roof, and brick pier foundation.

The main facade is a front gable with an entrance portico supported by simple square columns. An oculus is centered in the wide gable of the second floor's gabled pediment. Windows are nine-over-nine light configuration with the exception of two four-over-four windows which flank the front entrance on the first floor. Three exterior chimneys remain from the original stove heating system. All original hardware remains, as do original doors, and some of the windows. It is an impressive structure exemplifying the importance of education to the Apalachee community.

The Apalachee School's T-shaped plan includes three classrooms, a library, a central hall, an auditorium, and a stage. The first floor features a wide central hall flanked by two large classrooms on the east and one large classroom on the west. Also on the west is a small library which held approximately 150 books. The interior includes the original stairway with unique heavy newel post and turned balusters. The second floor is a large open space which serves as an auditorium with a stage. The auditorium features stenciling around the windows and interior walls are whitewashed plaster. Unfinished wide pine boards comprise the floors, and beaded board ceilings are painted white. Unfinished pine stairs, banister, newel post, window and door surrounds, and transom trim are stained dark brown.

The site is on a low knoll with a historic gravel driveway and a wooded area behind the school. There are no outbuildings. The school is within the small town of Apalachee.

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Section 7--Description

While no changes were made prior to recent rehabilitation of the school for a community center, it was repainted schoolhouse red, a handicapped ramp was added off the front portico, and the library was turned into restrooms, a feature not found in the original building.

The VFW has erected a new flagpole on the property. There is also a newly-created Moina Michael Memorial Poppy Garden named for the famous Georgian who once taught here and was known as "the Poppy Lady" for her post-World War One efforts to raise money for disabled soldiers by selling poppies.

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:

1911-1951

Significant Dates:

1911

Significant Person(s):

N/A

Cultural Affiliation:

N/A

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

E.W. Knott, Builder

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Section 8--Statement of Significance

Narrative statement of significance (areas of significance)

The Apalachee School is significant in architecture as a good example of the Georgian Revival Style of architecture being used for a rural elementary school creating an impressive building connoting the importance of education to this small community. The building retains the central portico and most of its original materials and spaces, including the auditorium, the largest meeting space in the community. The school is significant in education due to the fact that it served for forty years, 1911 to 1951, as the white elementary and middle school for grades one through ten, until it was consolidated with another school. In addition to serving as the school, it was also important as a community meeting space and a place for entertainment.

National Register Criteria

The Apalachee School is eligible under National Register Criterion A for education and Criterion C for architecture as a good example of the Georgian Revival style.

Criteria Considerations (if applicable)

N/A

Period of significance (justification)

1911-1951

Contributing/Noncontributing Resources (explanation, if necessary)

The schoolhouse is the one contributing resource on the nominated property. There are no non-contributing buildings on the nominated property.

Developmental history/historic context (if appropriate)

Morgan County, Georgia, laid out from portions of Baldwin and Greene Counties, and later Jasper County, was founded in 1807. It was named for Revolutionary War General Daniel Morgan. Early settlers were Revolutionary War veterans who were given land grants. As early as 1820, there was a settlement around what is now the town of Apalachee.

In 1888, the Central of Georgia Railroad located a station in northern Morgan County. When the railroad was completed a post office was established, and the station was first named Florence, for Florence Few, a daughter of Joe C. Few, a prominent citizen in the area. Due to the fact that there

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was another Florence, Georgia, this name could not be accepted by the government, and around 1896, the name of Apalachee was adopted. The community was named for the Apalachee River, running nearby, which was named for an Indian chieftain. The name is derived from the Apalachee (or Apalachi) Indian tribe of the Creek Confederation. The town was incorporated in 1907.

Life in Apalachee revolved around the railroad depot where bales of cotton were loaded into boxcars and transported to the mills for processing. Cotton was the product that fed and clothed Morgan County. There was not a more significant product from 1840 to 1920 in this rural area and the raising, processing and marketing of cotton were the way of life.

Apalachee is stretched out along the railroad, and is longer than it is broad, on a high ridge between the Apalachee River and Indian Creek. The primary residential development is north of Parsonage Road, forming an east-west linear pattern. Development on the south side of Lower Apalachee Road is primarily non-residential, consisting of public and commercial buildings. Apalachee's central business district paralleled the railroad track on both sides and included cotton gins, cotton seed presses, warehouses, pharmacy, physician, general store, and a broom and handkerchief factory. The train's schedule regulated the town's rhythm. The devastation by the boll weevil changed the economy of the area. Many landowners could not overcome the losses from the boll weevil and the Depression of 1929. The quality of life declined, and an exodus from Apalachee began at that time.

Around 1890, a small frame school was built in Apalachee. The location of the school was moved in 1911 from near Philadelphia when the Apalachee school was constructed on its present site. The Apalachee School is significant as a good example of the Georgian Revival Style of architecture being used for a rural elementary school creating an impressive building connoting the importance of education to this small community. The building retains the central portico and most of its original materials and spaces, including the auditorium, the largest meeting space in the community. The school is significant due to the fact that it served for forty years, 1911 to 1951, as the white elementary and middle school for grades one through ten, until it was consolidated with another school. In addition to serving as the school, it was also important as a community meeting space and a place for entertainment.

9. Major Bibliographic References

Baldwin, Gail Taylor. Historic Property Information Form. September, 1995. On file at the Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia. With Supplemental Information.

Hicky, Louise McHenry. Rambles Through Morgan County. Washington: Wilkes Publishing Company, 1971.

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: August 21, 1998
- 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 1.0 acres

UTM References

A) Zone 17 Easting 274180 Northing 3730200

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the property follows the current legal boundary and is indicated on the attached site plan with a heavy black line and arrow.

Boundary Justification

The boundary of the property is based on the current legal description which is indicated on the attached copy of Morgan County Tax Map 24A, land lot 31, indicated by a heavy black line.

11. Form Prepared By

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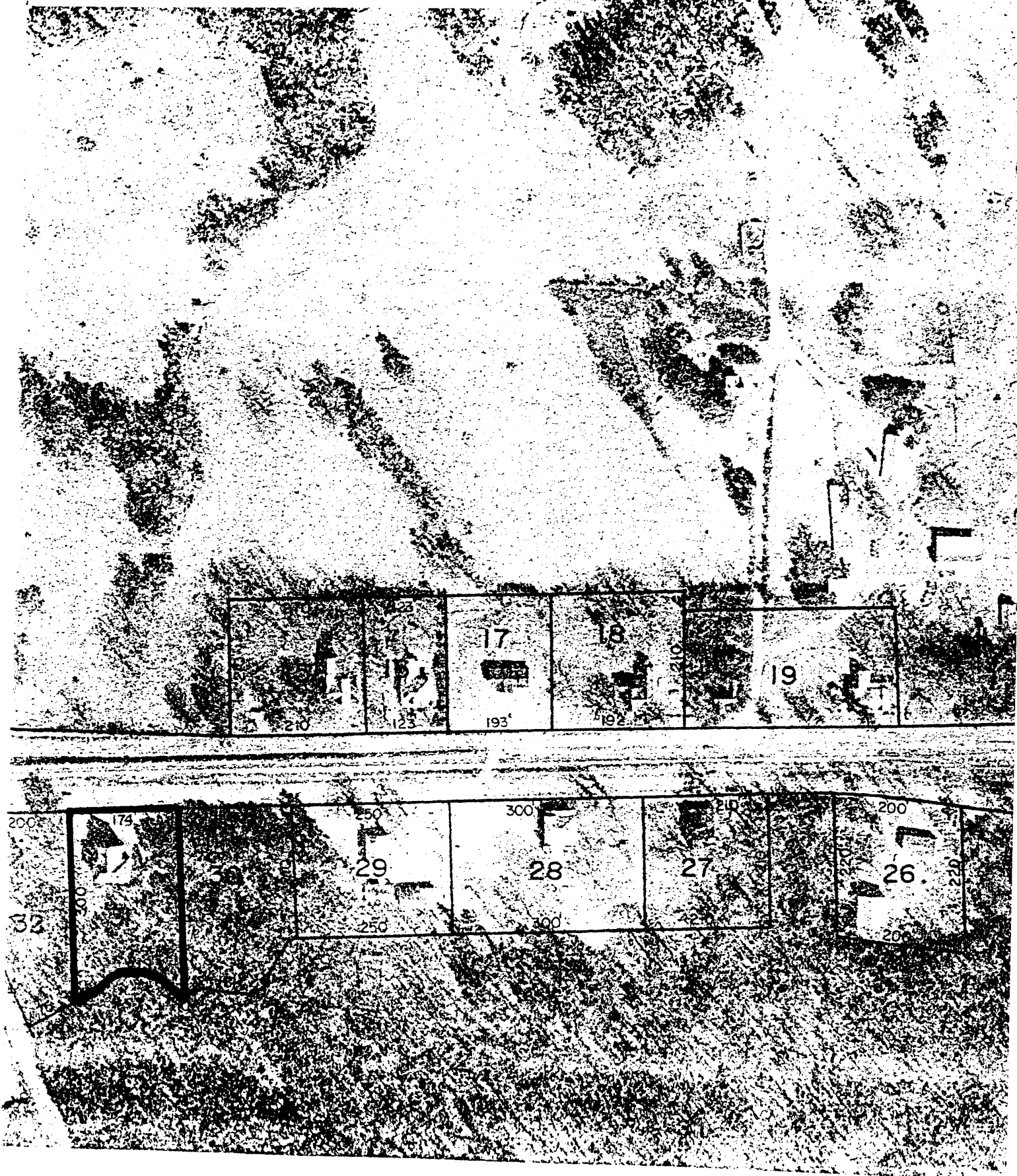
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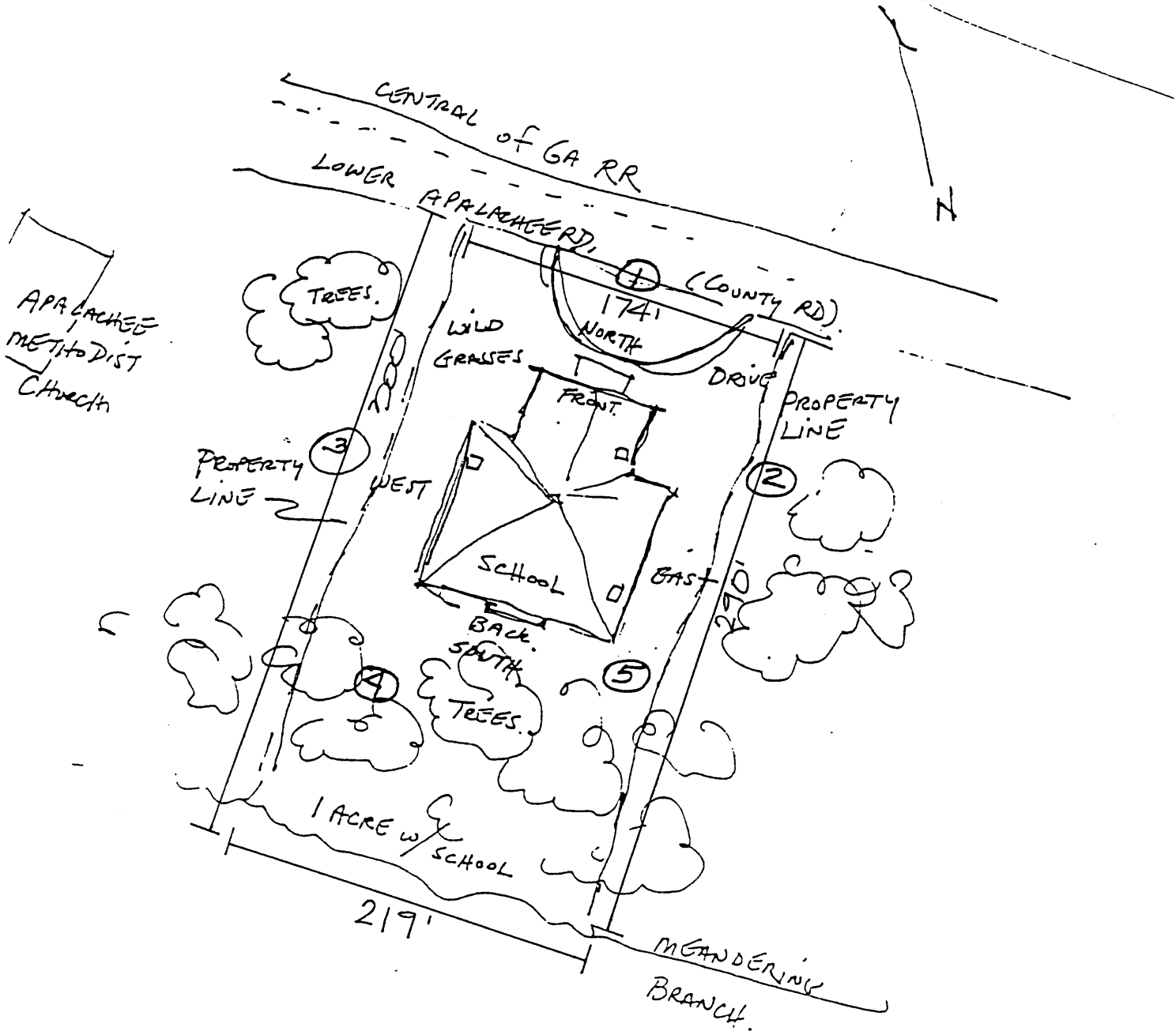
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- 6 of 12: Interior, first floor, entry, stairway; photographer facing north.
- 7 of 12: Interior, first floor, central hall, front entrance; photographer facing northeast.
- 8 of 12: Interior, first floor, classroom; photographer facing southwest.
- 9 of 12: Interior, first floor, classroom; photographer facing west.
- 10 of 12: Interior, first floor, classroom; photographer facing south.
- 11 of 12: Interior, second floor, auditorium, stage; photographer facing north.
- 12 of 12: Interior, second floor, auditorium; photographer facing west.

Apalachee School
Apalachee, Morgan County, Georgia
Tax Map
National Register Boundary: 
Scale: 1"=200'
North: 




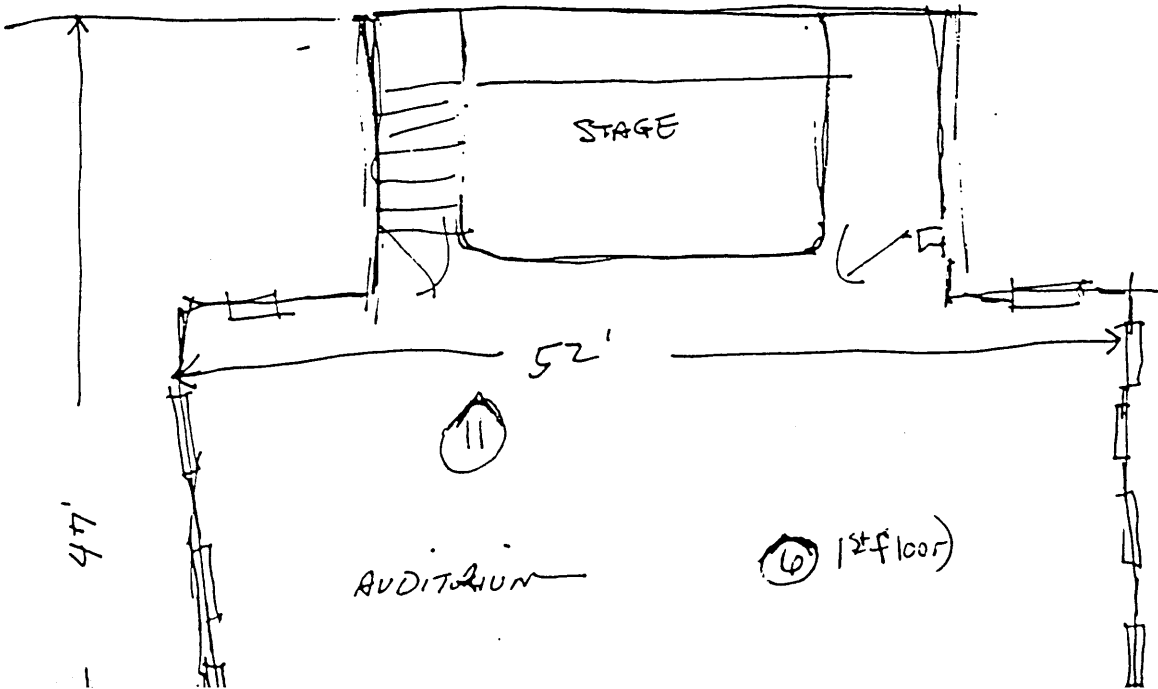
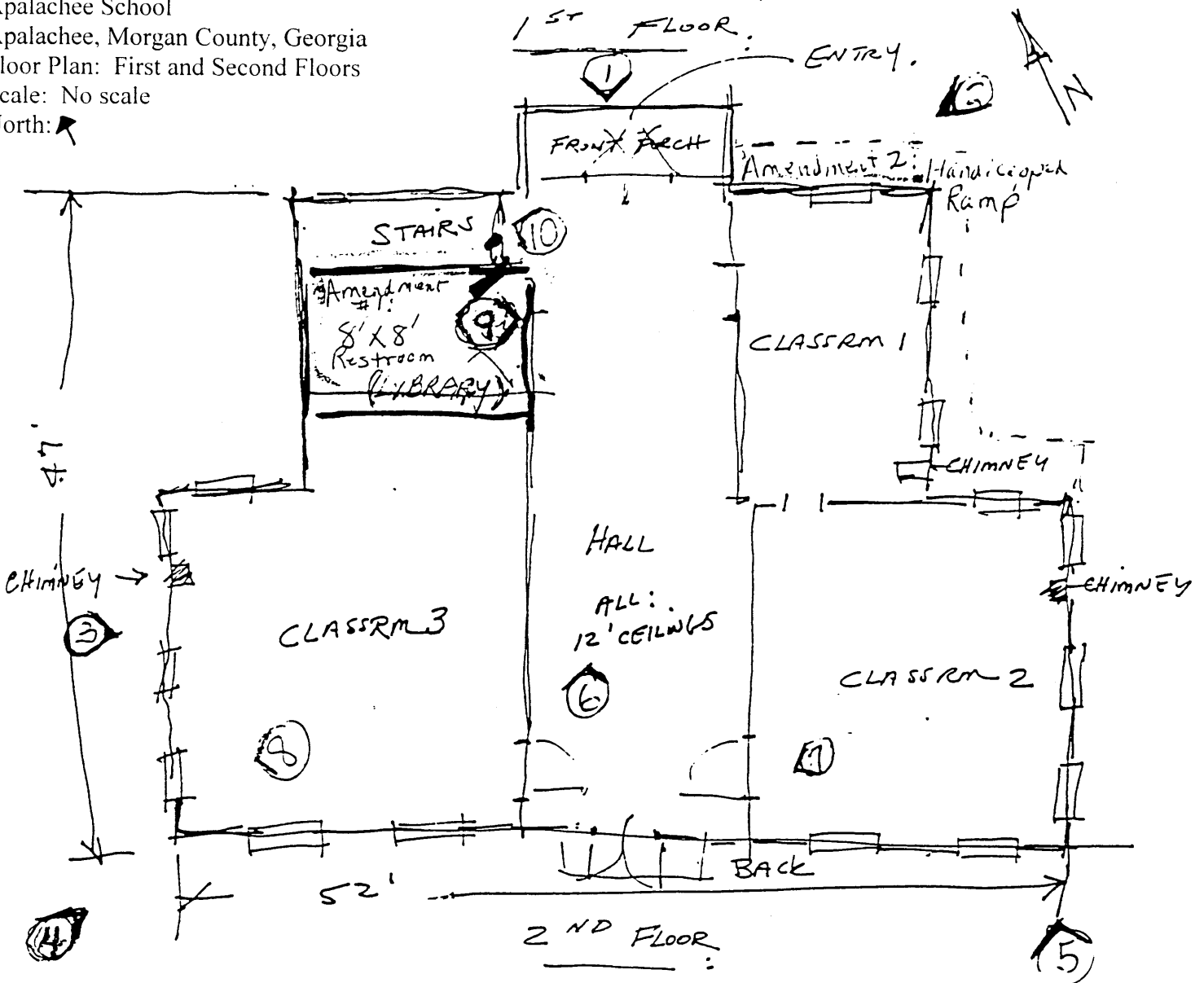
Apalachee School
Apalachee, Morgan County, Georgia
Site Plan
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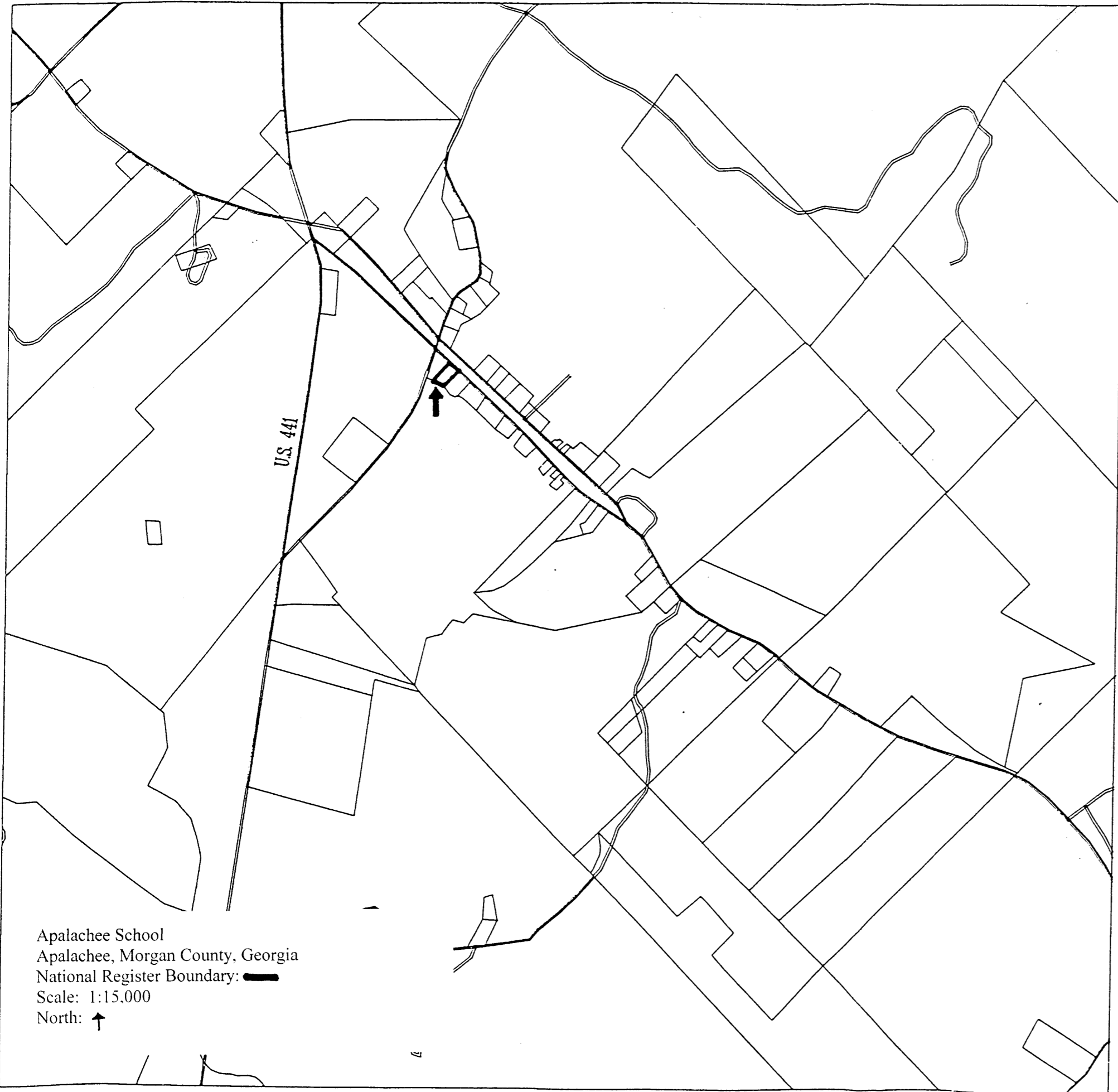
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APALACHEE SCHOOL PLAN

Apalachee School
Apalachee, Morgan County, Georgia
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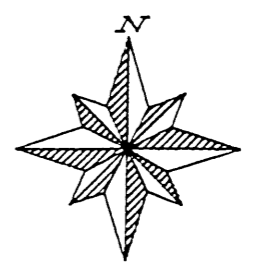
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Apalachee, Georgia

Morgan County

Apalachee School
Apalachee, Morgan County, Georgia
National Register Boundary: **—**
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