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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Floyd Hall

AND/OR COMMON

**LOCATION**

*University of Florida campus*

STREET & NUMBER  
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\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN  
Gainesville

\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
Second

STATE  
Florida

CODE  
12

COUNTY  
Alachua

CODE  
001

**CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund

STREET & NUMBER  
Elliot Building

CITY, TOWN  
Tallahassee

\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE  
Florida 32304

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund

STREET & NUMBER  
Elliot Building

CITY, TOWN  
Tallahassee

STATE  
Florida 32304

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_ STATE \_\_ COUNTY \_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Floyd Hall is an example of the collegiate Gothic style of campus architecture. It is a rectangular, two and one-half story structure with pavillions at its north and south ends. It is located at the south-eastern corner of the Plaza of the Americas.

Although Floyd Hall's interior has been altered during its lifetime, its exterior aspect remains much as it was in 1912. Exterior fabric is red brick with extensive terra cotta trim in the forms of water table cornices, window sills and lintels, buttress caps, and various devices appropriate to the collegiate Gothic style. The dormered roof is finished in black asphalt shingle.

The outstanding exterior feature of Floyd Hall is its main entrance. This is located in the center bay of its east facade and is flanked by buttresses with terra cotta caps. This entry is further accented by terra cotta trim in floral, vine and cornucopia motifs, together with a terra cotta plaque bearing the legend, "College of Agriculture."

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# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES	1912	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	William A. Edwards
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Floyd Hall is historically significant in the development of the University of Florida as a center for agriculture studies, indicating the continued commitment of state government to expanded agriculture education.

While the University had maintained an agriculture experimental station since 1906 and had constructed a building (Newell Hall) to house the station in 1910, demand for agriculture education soon threatened to expand beyond the capacity of existing facilities. The Board of Control therefore made plans to construct another agriculture building and awarded the construction contract in January 1912. The new facility called the Agriculture College Building, was opened in September of the same year.<sup>1</sup>

The structure's first story was finished as classroom and office space for the departments of agronomy and animal husbandry. The second story was used as an assembly room and chapel, functions which it served until 1918,<sup>2</sup> when the Student's Army Training Corps (S.A.T.C.) had the floor space partitioned into classrooms.<sup>3</sup>

Floyd Hall served as the College of Agriculture for many years. It has come to house the classrooms, offices, and laboratories of the Department of Geology in recent years.

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<sup>1</sup>Florida Alligator, September 24, 1912, p. 1, c. 1.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., March 28, 1919, p. 1, c. 3.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid., January 23, 1919, p. 1, c. 3.

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Arnett, William Tobias. "A Study of the Campus Planning Problem of the University of Florida." M.A. Thesis, University of Florida, 1932.

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than One, Building Only

UTM REFERENCES

A 17 369920 3280560  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B           
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Building Only.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John A. Scafidi, Historian

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Florida Division of Archives, History & Rec. Mgt. November 1, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

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(904) 487-2333

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Tallahassee

Florida 32304

## 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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE



12/8/78

TITLE

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION



DATE 6-27-79  
 KEPPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

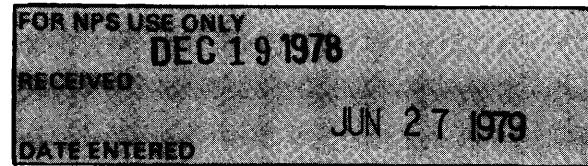
ATTEST:

Bill Behovich

DATE June 26, 1975

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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Floyd Hall

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Located on the University of Florida campus, Gainesville, Florida, at the southwest corner of the Plaza of the Americas, north of General Purpose Building A, south of Flint Hall, east of Lehigh Hall, across the Plaza of the Americas from Peabody Hall.

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Bowman, Brian Paul. "Historic Buildings Survey, University of Florida Campus." Unpublished report, University of Florida Office of Planning and Analysis, passim.

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Gainesville Daily Sun, January 10, 1912; September 15, 1912.

Proctor, Samuel. "The University of Florida: Its Early Years, 1853-1906." Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Florida, 1958.

"Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Preservation of Significant Buildings and On-Campus Sites, May 24, 1977." Report directed to University of Florida's Executive Vice President, Dr. Harold P. Hanson.

University Record, May 1912, VII: 2; May 1913, VIII: I.

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As at other state universities, expressions of the collegiate gothic style of architecture on the University of Florida campus probably constitute a logical response to a felt need for a sense of dignity and timelessness. The founding of the completely new campus in 1905, the necessity for designing and constructing many new buildings in rapid succession, together with constraints imposed by dependence on legislative sources for the major portions of university funds, made for utilitarian expressions of the style. Thus, the architecture of early University of Florida buildings descends in general rather than specific fashion from earlier collegiate gothic designs.

The buildings are of substantial masonry construction, accented by the familiar stone arches and terra cotta trim; gables are steep, particularly for an area which is free of weather which would make steep roof pitches desirable. These elements of the prevailing style of college and university construction were utilized freely to achieve a specific purpose at the new Gainesville campus, to create the impression of age and substance.

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The University of Florida traces its roots to 1853; however, that early date is significant for the foundation of the East Florida Seminary, only one of several components consolidated in the Buckman Act of 1905. That Act identified and addressed the need for a comprehensive system of higher education for Florida by creating three new institutions from the colleges, seminaries, and institutes which had hitherto received state monies. The new institutions included schools designated for women, blacks, and men. The last became the University of Florida.

After lengthy discussion, the Board of Control, set up under the Buckman Act to superintend higher education, decided to locate the men's institution at Gainesville, home of the East Florida Seminary. Since the Seminary buildings were in rather poor condition, the Board decided to establish a new campus for the University rather than renovate the older Seminary structures. A comprehensive plan for the new campus was designed by William A. Edwards of the South Carolina architectural firm of Edwards and Walter. Edwards later designed most of the campus buildings erected before the Second World War.

Edwards' campus gradually grew to include specialized and multiple-purpose structures devoted to both academic and vocational courses of instruction in the liberal arts, education, agriculture, the sciences, law, and other fields. The University of Florida was the state's earliest concrete symbol of a commitment to comprehensive education for men, and the institution retained that position until 1947, when Florida State College for Women, successor to the Buckman Act's Florida Female College, was designated a co-educational institution, Florida State University.