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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Georgia	
COUNTY: Gwinnett	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70.12.13.0054	DATE 12/29/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
Old Seminary Building or Old Masonic Lodge

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Lawrenceville Female Seminary Building

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Perry Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Lawrenceville

STATE: Georgia CODE: 13 COUNTY: Gwinnett CODE: 135

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>		
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Civic Meetings</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Lawrenceville Masonic Lodge #131

STREET AND NUMBER:
Perry Street

CITY OR TOWN: Lawrenceville STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Lawrenceville - Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, Gwinnett County

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Lawrenceville STATE: Georgia CODE: 13

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than ten

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

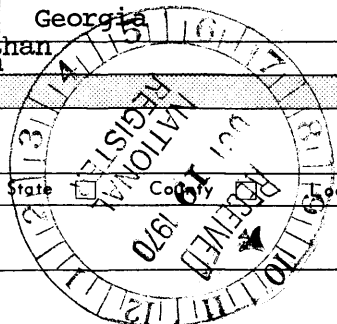
TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:



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7. DESCRIPTION

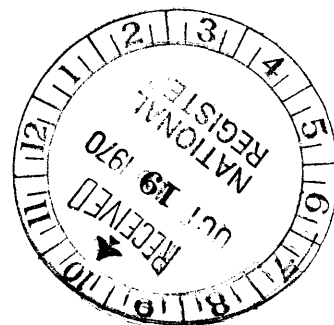
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Since this two-story solid brick building was built in 1838 as a school, it has had a variety of tenants and performed many functions but it remains today much as it was originally. A perfectly simple exercise in the Classical Revival style, it is a massive cube (36.1' x 51.2') capped with a low-pitched gable roof. Instead of columns it has wide pilasters running from the foundation to a plain frieze of bricks forming a sort of entablature which serves visually to support the heavy box cornice at the eaves. Symmetry reigns throughout. The north and south facades each have six pilasters, nine windows and two doors. The east and west sides each have four pilasters. Each of the 15 windows is nine-over-nine and each is capped by a stone lintel. The north facade is now used as the main entrance but originally one entered from Perry Street on the west end under a semi-circular arched doorway with two major features: a large keystone and a now somewhat broken-up delicate fanlight. The original door with paned transoms also survives.

Inside, each of the two floors are 35' x 33' with 12' ceilings. The stair-hall is entered from the original west facade entrance. (In that section of the building a kitchen and restrooms have been added.) Each floor has two Federal style reeded mantelpieces on the east end where the inside chimneys rise from the foundation up through the roof. The floors are of matched wide pine as is the ceiling. Other original surviving woodwork is a wainscot and chair rail. (In addition fifteen "Hitchcock" type "fancy chairs" have survived with original painted masonic decorations.)

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1838**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

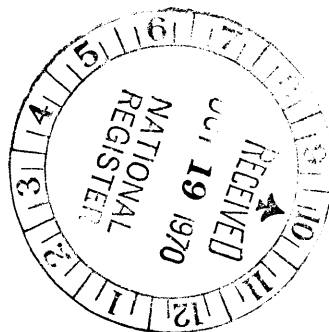
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Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>History</u>
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Architecture</u>
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		_____
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

The Gwinnett County Historical Society intends to buy from the Masons the Old Female Seminary and give it a chance to continue serving the community as it has since it was built in 1838. For over a hundred years the building's lower floor has been a sort of county civic center, performing the function of providing a dignified assembling space for indoor community activities. Built as a girls' school incorporated in 1837, Lawrenceville Masonic Lodge #131, in 1860, began to use the upper floor and for over 100 years they have had "peaceful possession." 1886 was the last year it was used as a female seminary and the last group to use the lower floor was "The Hi-Hope School for Retarded Children."

Erected by Daniel Killian who was one of the Trustees of the Female Seminary, this simple, rather masculine late-Federal, early Greek Revival structure resembles similar buildings throughout North Georgia. It has great significance for the town of Lawrenceville, the County Seat of Gwinnett County. It is the most imposing early building in the county. The Gwinnett County Historical Society is raising the necessary funds for its continued preservation and restoration.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Flanigan, James C., History of Gwinnett County, Georgia. (Hapeville, Georgia: Tyler and Company, 1943).
 Mitchell, William R., Jr., Personal Inspection, August 1970.
 "Historical Site, Museum Planned," Gwinnett Daily News, August 31, 1970.

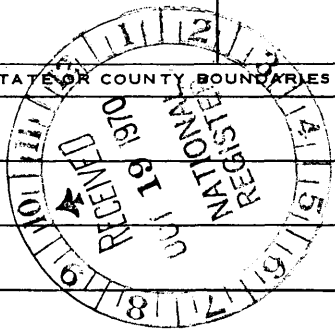
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE					
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE			
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: (a) John J. Hood, President
 (b) William R. Mitchell, Jr., Director, Georgia Historic Sites Survey

ORGANIZATION (a) Gwinnett County Historical Society
 (b) Georgia Historical Commission

DATE: October 14, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER (a) 440 West Oak Street
 (b) 116 Mitchell Street, S.W.

CITY OR TOWN: (a) Lawrenceville
 (b) Atlanta

STATE: Georgia

CODE: 13

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Mary Gregory Jurst

Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: Oct 14, 1970

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Connally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 DEC 29 1970

Date: _____

ATTEST:

William J. Bartleg
 Keeper of The National Register
 DEC 22 1970

Date: _____

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OLD SEMINARY BUILDING OR OLD MASONIC LODGE
LAWRENCEVILLE FEMALE SEMINARY BUILDING

Correction:

As a result of further research involving the newly found Minutes of the Lawrenceville Female Seminary, it has been established that the original building of 1838 was a wooden structure which burned in 1850 or 1851. The exact building date of the replacement occurred after 1854 Seminary trustees resolved to rebuild the Seminary of "wood - one story high and of the original size - with three rooms". At the same time they resolved to allow the Masons "to build a lodge room on the new building above the proposed. The lodge paying all the increased cost of the building in consequence thereof." The only conclusion one can draw is that the Masons were intimately involved in determining the earlier structure. Also the trustees and Masons evidently decided to use brick rather than wood.

Elizabeth Z. Macgregor
Architectural Historian
Historic Sites Survey
Department of Natural Resources
270 Washington Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

May 1, 1974

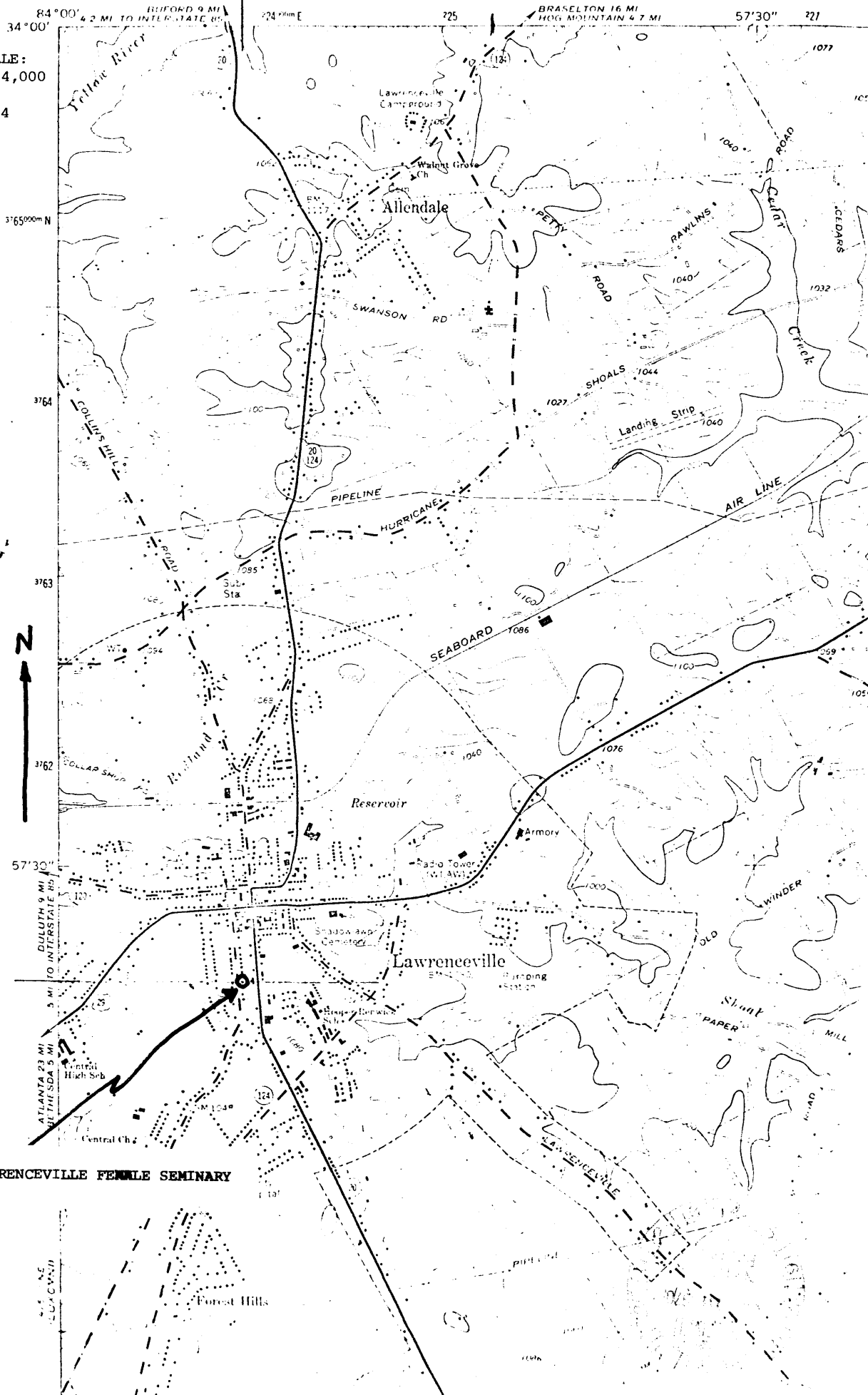
Name Joe O. Tanner
Title State Historic Preservation Officer
Date May 6, 1974

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

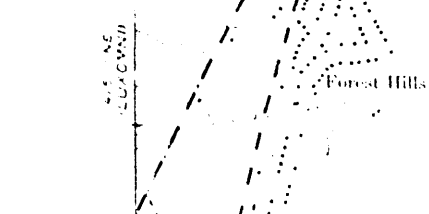
33° 57' NORTH LATITUDE
83° 58' WEST LONGITUDE

SCALE 1/24,000

1964



LAWRENCEVILLE FEMALE SEMINARY



Form 10-301
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: United States Geological Survey			
SCALE: 1964			
DATE: 1/24,000			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

