

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Noble Hill School

and or common same

2. Location

street & number Gaddis Road, Route 4, West of Cassville Community N/A not for publication

city, town Cassville vicinity of

state Georgia code 013 county Bartow code 015

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Unoccupied

4. Owner of Property

name Trustees of Wheeler Memorial Heritage Center
c/o Mr. Willie Wofford

street & number Rome Highway RFD

city, town Cartersville N/A vicinity of state Georgia 30120

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Bartow County Courthouse

city, town Cartersville state Georgia

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title none has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearanceDescription

Noble Hill School is a one-story weather-boarded structure built in 1923 for black children in the Cassville community in Bartow County, northwest Georgia. It is rectangular in shape with a sheet metal roof, two brick chimneys, and a rock foundation. It is in a deteriorated condition. The main facade has two entrances on either side of a central projecting gabled front extension. Six windows are clustered on each side of the building with three windows on the central front extension and two on either side of the entrances. The interior arrangement consists of two large standard-size classrooms, an industrial arts room, two cloak rooms, and two entrance vestibules. The plan is based on Rosenwald School specifications for two-teacher school buildings. There are four door entrances to each classroom. Most of the original interior flooring, baseboards, ceiling, walls, and doors are intact. The original blackboards are also intact. The building has no interior plumbing. It was heated by coal/wood stoves, and it had electric lighting.

The property is landscaped with a few trees to the front and rear of the school, and there is a block well house located on the left side of the school, that was constructed in the 1950's. The school was abandoned in 1955 when all the schools for blacks in Bartow County were consolidated into the Bartow Elementary School in the Cassville community. The Bartow County Board of Education sold the school to New Hope Baptist Church, who later sold it to the Wheeler Family.

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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Black History
Specific dates	1923	Builder/Architect	Unknown	

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Significance

Nobel Hill School is significant in the areas of architecture, education, black history, and social-humanitarian history.

In terms of architecture, the school is a good example of a simple, one-story, weather-boarded "Rosenwald" school constructed in 1923 for black children. It has a standardized plan with two classrooms, two cloak rooms, two vestibules, and an industrial arts room. This type plan was representative of several standardized plans for schools used by the Rosenwald Fund in Georgia and the southwest between 1913 and 1932. Noble Hill School is one of two Rosenwald schools, that were built in Bartow County, and one of many that were constructed in Georgia and the south in the early 20th century. Of those that survive, however, most have been abandoned and suffer from deterioration and vandalism.

Nobel Hill School is significant in the area of education, as one of two Rosenwald Schools in Bartow County for black children, that was established in 1923 and continued to operate until 1955. The school was a part of the public school system in Georgia, and it was established to improve the quality of education for black children. The Rosenwald Schools were partially funded by the state, local citizens and the Rosenwald Fund, initiated by Julius Rosenwald (1862-1932), a wealthy Chicago merchant who was chairman of the Board of Sears, Roebuck, and Company. The purpose of the Rosenwald school plan was to provide quality elementary education to black children in grades one through seven that included both traditional curriculum and industrial arts. The first Rosenwald School was constructed in 1913 in Alabama, and by 1932 there were 242 schools in Georgia.

In terms of social-humanitarian and black history, Noble Hill School is significant for its association with Julius Rosenwald, a retailer and philanthropist, who started a foundation to provide funds for black schools throughout the South at a time when little public money was spent on black education. The school is important for having educated numerous young blacks in Bartow County who became successful in their chosen careers, and continued their education with college, masters, and doctoral degrees.

National Register Criteria

Because of its architectural characteristics as a Rosenwald-type school, the building meets National Register Criteria "C". Because of its associations with events that shaped public education for black children in Georgia during the early 20th century, it also meets National Register Criteria "A".

Contributing/Noncontributing Resources

- 1 contributing building (school)
- 1 noncontributing structure (wellhouse - note, however, that the well itself is historic)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Wheeler, Susie. "Historic Property Information Form - Noble Hill School." 1985. (On file at the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia).

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Cartersville, GA

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A	<u>117</u>	<u>691711810</u>	<u>31791141610</u>	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the nominated property includes the building and a small amount of acreage immediately around it.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
<u>N/A</u>			
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Andrea Niles, Survey and Research Specialist

organization Georgia Department of Natural Resources date May 19, 1987

street & number 205 Butler Street S.E. telephone (404) 656-2840

city or town Atlanta state Georgia

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

Elizabeth A. Lyon

title Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

date 5/21/87

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

for Allores Byers
Keeper of the National Register

date

7-2-87

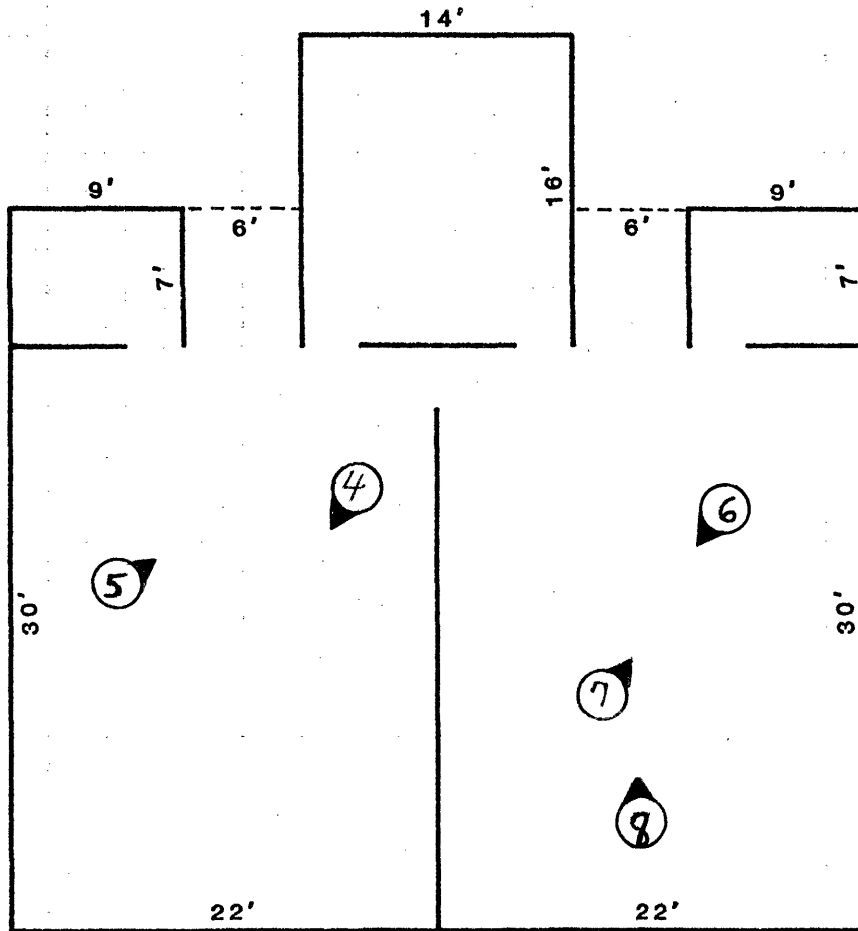
Attest:

Chief of Registration

date

NOBLE HILL SCHOOL

1923



Noble Hill School
Cassville, Bartow County, Georgia

Floor Plan:

Scale: 0' ————— 6'

Photograph number and direction: (2) ↗

North:



(3) ↙

(1) ↙

(2) ↘

(4) ↘

(6) ↘

(5) ↘

(7) ↘

(8) ↘

CONYERS

120'

120'

120'

385'

4

260'

3

2

1

180'

180'

15'

200'

325'

10

150'

100'

363'

5.44 AC

6.4 AC

.96 AC

1.8 AC

720'

703'

7

220'

310'

264'

214'

110'

100'

210'

Noble Hill School
Cassville, Bartow County, Georgia

Sketch Map:
Scale: 1 inch = 100 feet
Boundary of nominated property: ———
North: ↑

CHURCH