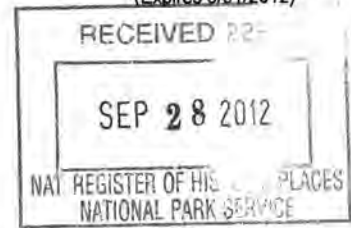


United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service



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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. **Place additional certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).**

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Faith Cabin Library at Anderson County Training School

other names/site number Catherine Degen Unit

### 2. Location

street & number 145 Town Street

<input type="checkbox"/>	not for publication
<input type="checkbox"/>	vicinity

city or town Pendleton

state South Carolina code SC county Anderson code 007 zip code 29670

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,  
I hereby certify that this X nomination     request for determination of eligibility 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 X meets     does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

    national   X   statewide     local

Elizabeth M. Johnson 9/25/2012  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

Elizabeth M. Johnson, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer,  
S.C. Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property     meets     does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official Date

Title State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register     determined eligible for the National Register

    determined not eligible for the National Register     removed from the National Register

    other (explain:)

John Edson H. Beall 11.14.12  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
 (Check as many boxes as apply.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	private
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Local
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - State
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Federal

**Category of Property**  
 (Check only one box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	district
<input type="checkbox"/>	site
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure
<input type="checkbox"/>	object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
 (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	<b>Total</b>

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
 (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

Faith Cabin Libraries in South Carolina,  
 1932-ca. 1960

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
 (Enter categories from instructions.)

EDUCATION -- LIBRARY

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**Current Functions**  
 (Enter categories from instructions.)

VACANT/NOT IN USE

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**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
 (Enter categories from instructions.)

OTHER: Log Cabin

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**Materials**  
 (Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: STONE

walls: WOOD

roof: METAL

other: STONE

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### **Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance of the property. Explain contributing and noncontributing resources if necessary. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, setting, size, and significant features.)

### **Summary Paragraph**

The Faith Cabin Library at Anderson County Training School is located off Town Street in Pendleton, Anderson County, South Carolina, near its intersection with West Queen Street. It is situated on a southern-facing hill. The building is a linear building oriented to the east. This one-story log building on a stone foundation is covered by a five-V-crimped tin roof. It is located adjacent to the only other building remaining at the Anderson County Training School, now (2012) serving as the Pendleton Community Center.

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### **Narrative Description**

The façade features two larger rectangular windows located on either side of the wooden plank door. The windows are covered with wooden plank shutters which are barred by planks of wood on the top and bottom of the shutter. Along the southern elevation of the building is an irregularly-coursed field stone chimney made from the same material as the foundation. The exposed gable reveals vertical log planking. Parallel to the chimney is a wooden fence originating from the front corner of the building and extending to the foundation. Along the western elevation of the building are two rectangular windows covered with wooden screens. The remnant of the stone foundation is exposed. The northern elevation is a solid exterior wall with vertical planking on the gable.

Faith Cabin Libraries in South Carolina, built from 1932 to 1943, fall into two subtypes based on physical and associative characteristics. The Faith Cabin Library at Anderson County Training School falls under Subtype 1, Free-Standing Log Cabin. Construction materials were supplied by the local community. This Faith Cabin Library is a one-room building with a field stone chimney.

A 1993 photograph of the library, in a brochure titled *A Legacy of Black History: Pendleton, S.C.*, shows the library with a small wooden porch and a sign reading "Faith Cabin Library." That porch was removed between 1993 and 2010. This library still, however, possesses architectural integrity and retains its character-defining features, making it eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under the associated Multiple Property Submission.

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

EDUCATION

ETHNIC HERITAGE – BLACK

**Period of Significance**

ca. 1936-1954

**Significant Dates**

**Significant Person**

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

**Cultural Affiliation**

**Architect/Builder**

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

**Period of Significance (justification)**

The Faith Cabin Library at Anderson County Training School is significant from ca. 1936 when it was built, to 1954 when Anderson County Training School closed, for its role in African American education and social history in Anderson County and upstate South Carolina from the Great Depression of the 1930s to the 1950s when a new school replaced it.

**Criteria Considerations (explanation, if necessary)**

**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph** (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance and applicable criteria.)

The Faith Cabin Library at Anderson County Training School, located off Town Street, in Pendleton, Anderson County, South Carolina, is significant under Criterion A for its role in African-American education and social history in South Carolina circa 1936.<sup>1</sup> This unit is important on a local level for its impact on the African American community in Anderson County, and on the state level as one of only two remaining free-standing Faith Cabin Libraries extant of the thirty built in South Carolina between 1932 and 1943.

According to a 1940 report compiled by Willie Lee Buffington, founder of the Faith Cabin Library program, this school then contained 5,197 books.<sup>2</sup> During the school year, the library was open from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.<sup>3</sup> A teacher with library experience staffed the library. In the summer months, the library remained open from 12:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.<sup>4</sup>

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**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance.)

*Criterion A – Education / Ethnic Heritage – African American*

The Faith Cabin Library at Anderson County Training School was a part of the larger Faith Cabin Library program that offered library services to African Americans in South Carolina. The segregation laws of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, known as "Jim Crow" laws, barred African Americans from using other library facilities beyond what was offered in Columbia and Charleston. Willie Lee Buffington created this program between 1932 and 1943, helping to build thirty Faith Cabin Libraries in South Carolina, offering many African Americans their only means of access to library services and library books.<sup>5</sup>

The black community of Pendleton and nearby rural communities of Anderson County were among the thirty communities fortunate to participate in the Faith Cabin Library program. With donated money and timber from the community, this library, a free-standing log cabin, was built on the campus of the Anderson County Training School circa 1936. It continued to serve that school until it was closed in 1954 with the construction of a new African-American school in Seneca. That school was built under the "equalization program" of Governor James F. Byrnes' administration (funded by the Educational Finance Commission), a statewide attempt to preserve the practice of racial segregation in public schools by providing newer and better facilities for black students under the "separate but equal" doctrine as set forth by the United States Supreme Court in *Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896), establishing the rationale for *de jure* segregation in America.

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<sup>1</sup> There are conflicting dates of construction for this library. Research by Tamara Powell, in the Willie Lee Buffington Papers at the South Caroliniana Library, gives the construction date as 1936. The Pendleton District Commission website, as <http://www.pendletondistrict.org/historyculture>, claims 1937, as does a recent undated newspaper article by Kelly Davis, "Faith Cabin Library on endangered list," in the *Independent-Mail* (Anderson, S.C.). The 1993 brochure by the Pendleton Foundation for Black History and Culture, *A Legacy of Black History: Pendleton, S.C.* (Pendleton: Pendleton District Commission, 1993) claims 1939. The library was in use before 1940, according to Buffington's report "A General Survey of Faith Cabin Library with its 26 Separate Units (South Carolina)," (June and July 1940), Willie Lee Buffington Papers, South Caroliniana Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C. (hereafter cited as Buffington Papers). A circa date of 1936 seems most appropriate.

<sup>2</sup> "A General Survey," Buffington Papers.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>5</sup> Tamara Powell, "Willie Lee Buffington and Faith Cabin Libraries: Doing Practical Good in a Disordered World." In Susan Schramm-Pate and Rhonda B. Jefferies, eds., *Grappling with Diversity: Readings on Civil Rights Pedagogy and Critical Multiculturalism* (Albany: State University Press of New York, 2008), p. 85.

**Developmental history/additional historic context information** (if appropriate)

See Faith Cabin Libraries in South Carolina, 1932-ca. 1960, Multiple Property Documentation Form.

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography** (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Buffington, Willie Lee. Papers. South Caroliniana Library. Columbia, South Carolina.

Carr, Louise Douglass. "The Reverend Willie Lee Buffington's Life and Contributions to the Development of Rural Libraries in the South." Master's thesis, Atlanta University, 1958.

Davis, Kelly. "Faith Cabin Library on endangered list." *Independent-Mail* (Anderson, S.C.), n.d. On file at the Pendleton District Commission, Pendleton, S.C.

Pendleton Foundation for Black History & Culture. *A Legacy of Black History: Pendleton, S.C.* Pendleton: Pendleton District Commission, 1993.

Powell, Tamara. "Communities in Collaboration: A Struggle to Increase Literacy in South Carolina." Ph.D. dissertation, Department of Education, University of South Carolina, 2004.

Powell, Tamara. "Willie Lee Buffington and Faith Cabin Libraries: Doing practical good in a Disordered World." In Susan Schramm-Pate and Rhonda B. Jefferies, eds., *Grappling with Diversity: Readings on Civil Rights Pedagogy and Critical Multiculturalism* (Albany: State of University of New York Press, 2008).

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67 has been requested)
- 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 # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: South Caroliniana Library & Pendleton District Commission

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): \_\_\_\_\_

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**10. Geographical Data**

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**Acreage of Property** Less than one acre  
(Do not include previously listed resource acreage.)

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property is shown as the black line marked "Faith Cabin Library at Anderson County Training School," on a portion of the accompanying Anderson County GIS Map, Tax Parcel 400206015, reproduced at a scale of 1" = 80'.

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The nominated property is restricted to the historic library and its immediate vicinity..

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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name/title Ashley D. Stevens  
organization Public History Program date 25 September 2012  
street & number  telephone (912) 996-6210  
city or town Columbia state SC zip code 29208  
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**Additional Documentation**

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.  
A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Continuation Sheets**
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

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**Photographs:**

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map.

Name of Property: Faith Cabin Library at Anderson County Training School  
City or Vicinity: Pendleton  
County: Anderson  
State: South Carolina

Photographer: Ashley D. Stevens  
Date Photographed: 10/02/2010

Description of Photograph(s) and number:

- 1 of 5: Southeast elevation
- 2 of 5: Northeast elevation
- 3 of 5: North oblique view
- 4 of 5: South oblique view
- 5 of 5: East oblique view

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**Property Owner:**

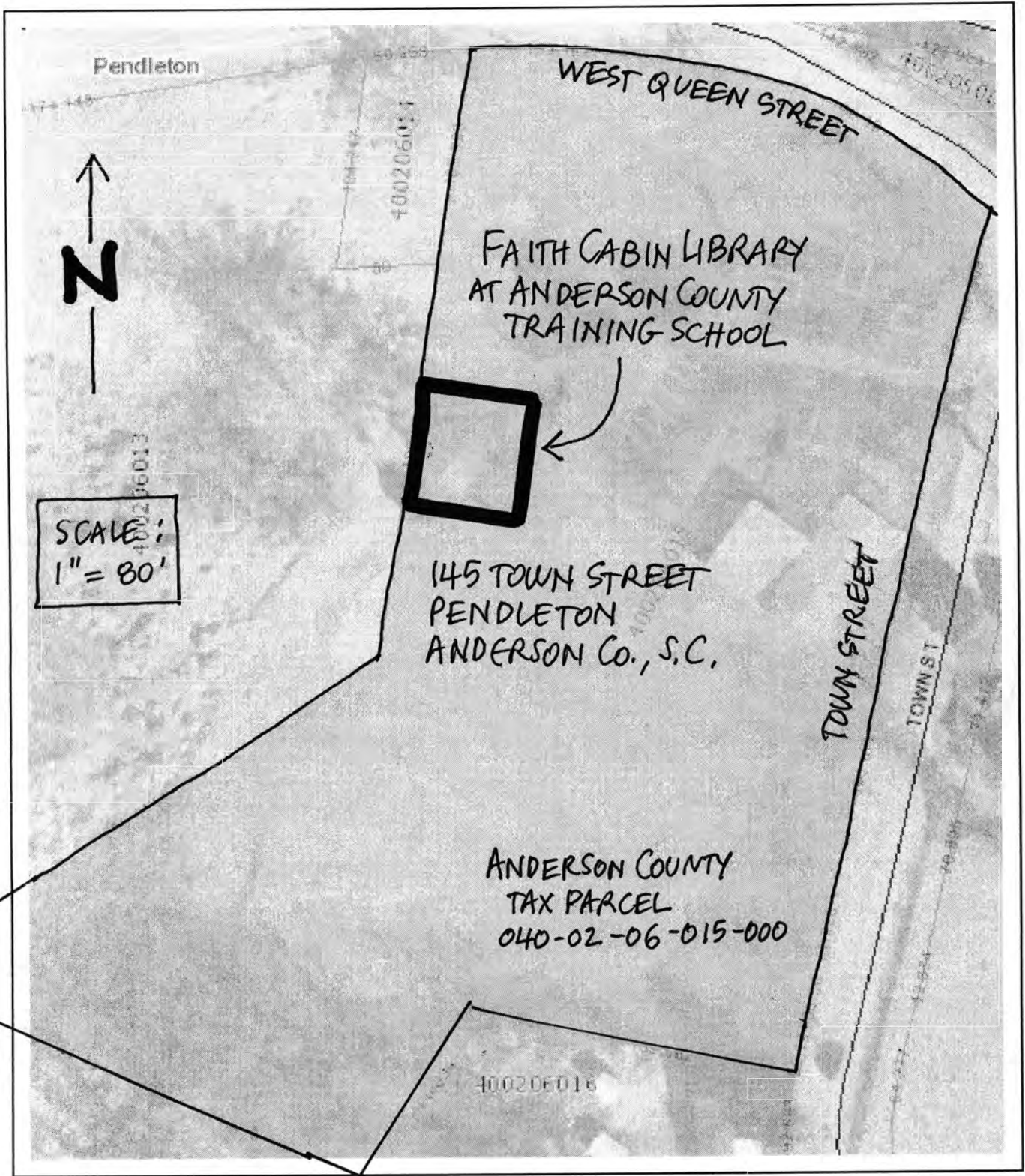
(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Pendleton Community Club  
street & number P.O. Box 458 telephone (864) 227-2060  
city or town Pendleton state S.C. 29670

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**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.






FAITH CABIN LIBRARY AT  
ANDERSON COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL  
PENDLETON, ANDERSON COUNTY, S.C.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Faith Cabin Library at Anderson County Training School

MULTIPLE NAME: Faith Cabin Libraries in South Carolina 1932-ca.1960 MPS

STATE & COUNTY: SOUTH CAROLINA, Anderson

DATE RECEIVED: 9/28/12      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 10/26/12  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 11/13/12      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/14/12  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 12000941

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N    DATA PROBLEM: N    LANDSCAPE: N    LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N    PDIL: N    PERIOD: N    PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N    SAMPLE: N    SLR DRAFT: N    NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT     RETURN     REJECT    11-14-12 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

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REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



1. Faith Cabin Library at Anderson County Training School  
305 West Queen Street, Pendleton  
Anderson County

Southeast elevation



2. Faith Cabin Library at Anderson County Training School  
305 West Queen Street, Pendleton  
Anderson County

Northeast elevation



3. Faith Cabin Library at Anderson County Training School  
305 West Queen Street, Pendleton  
Anderson County

North oblique



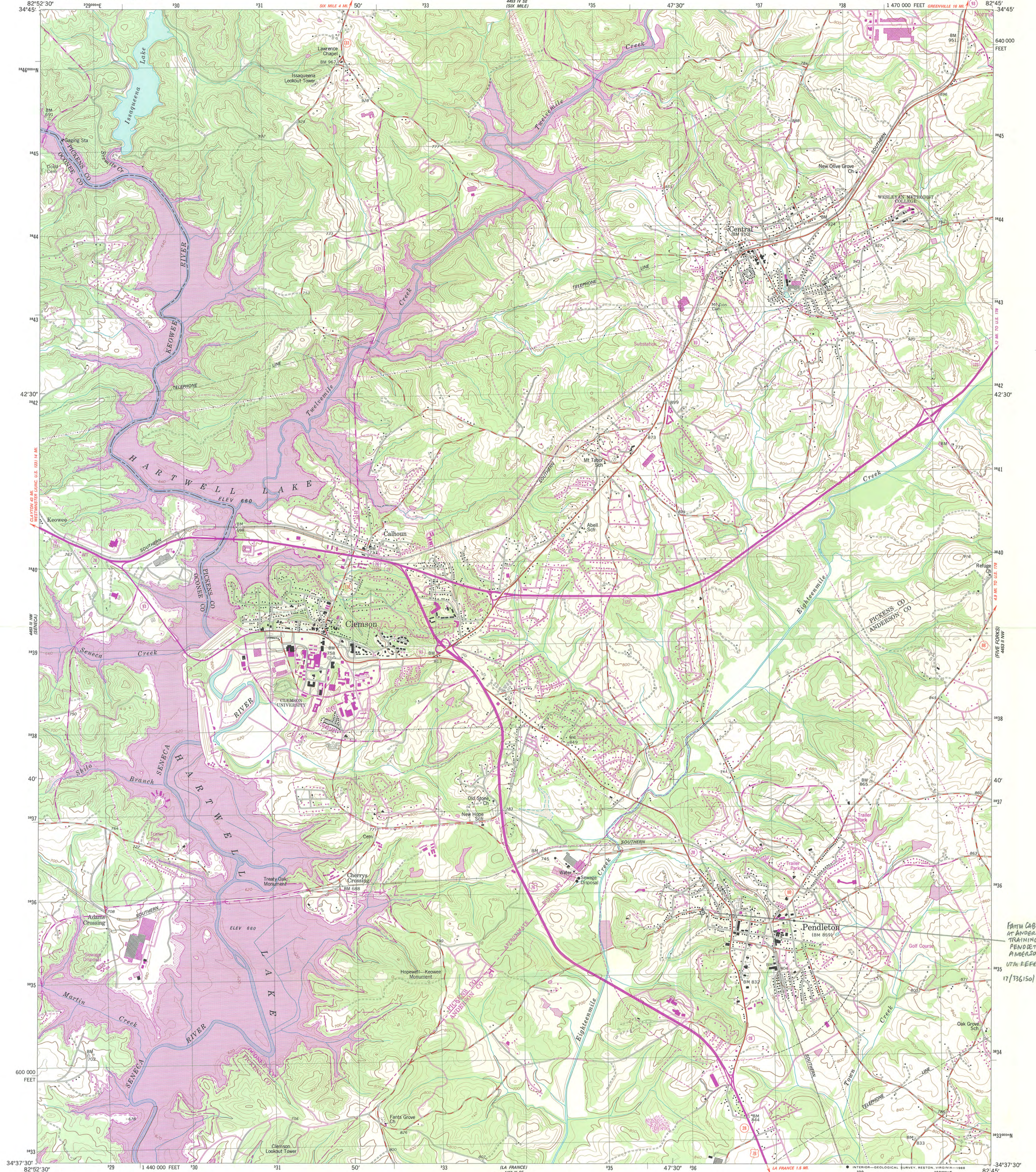
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South oblique

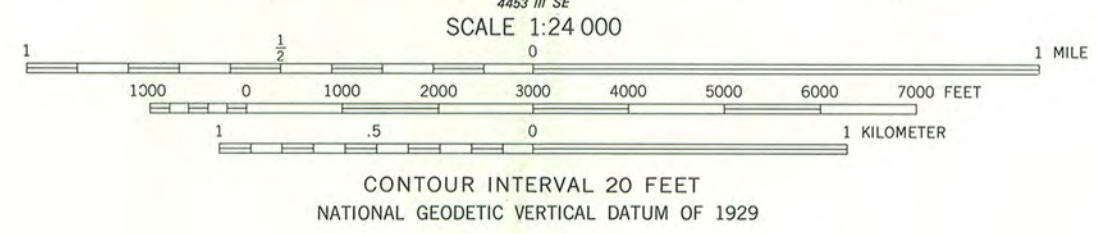
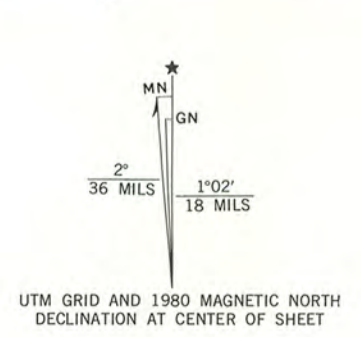


5. Faith Cabin Library at Anderson County Training School  
305 West Queen Street, Pendleton  
Anderson County

East oblique



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Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs taken 1977 and other source data. This information not field checked. Map edited 1980  
Hartwell Lake is subject to controlled inundation of 665 feet



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
Interstate Route	U. S. Route
	State Route

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