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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**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 East Side School

AND/OR COMMON

East Side School

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

120 North Hansell Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Thomasville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2 Mathis

STATE

Georgia

VICINITY OF

CODE

13

COUNTY

Thomas

CODE

275

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

 DISTRICT PUBLIC OCCUPIED AGRICULTURE BUILDING(S) PRIVATE UNOCCUPIED STRUCTURE BOTH WORK IN PROGRESS COMMERCIAL SITE**PUBLIC ACQUISITION** ACCESSIBLE OBJECT IN PROCESS YES: RESTRICTED EDUCATIONAL BEING CONSIDERED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO NO MILITARY OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

City of Thomasville, Board of Education

STREET & NUMBER

Moultrie Road, P.O. Box 1999

CITY, TOWN

Thomasville

VICINITY OF

STATE

Georgia 31792

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Thomas County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

North Broad St.

CITY, TOWN

Thomasville

STATE

Georgia 31792

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic and Architectural Survey of Thomas County

DATE

1976

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS

Historic Preservation Section, Georgia Department of Natural Resources

CITY, TOWN

Atlanta

STATE

Georgia

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

East Side School is typical of the architecture of public schools in the early 20th century. East Side, a T-shaped, two story structure with basement, has a brick exterior of basic red face brick in common bond field with buff colored brick window and entrance trim and corner quoins, while entrance surrounds, belt course, sills, and ornamentation are natural terra cotta. The roof is red vitrified clay tile material. Cornice trim is wood. The single boiler flu on the rear is the only chimney. The front entrance is recessed with wood doors, sidelites, and top lite divided with wood muntins in the Colonial style. The front entrance archway surround is patterned terra cotta with a terra cotta keystone ornament and a shallow terra cotta balcony mock-up above. The wooden windows are principally nine over nine lite double hung sash units with varying fixed extra top sash above.

The most outstanding feature of the interior is the flooring. All of the floors are of rift pine, i.e., quarter sawn, long leaf yellow pine of virgin growth, cut in the Thomasville area. The walls are all of plaster as are the ceilings, although the original ceilings have been covered by an acoustical tile ceiling. The auditorium is classical deco in plaster. The interior of the building consists of classrooms and the auditorium as well as a boiler room and some classrooms in the basement, which is partially above ground.

When built, East Side School stood on a former golf course with a backdrop of pine forests. Over the years, this setting has given way to other educational facilities and a residential area. However, the site has retained much of its original flavor with numerous oak and dogwood trees included in the landscaping of the grounds of the school, which were planted when the school was built. Oak-lined avenues lead from the school, north to Washington Street, Jackson Street on the south and Hansell Street on the west. A one story red brick elementary school, built in the 1960's, stands on the southwestern corner of the original school lot but has been excluded in the site boundaries. However, East Side School and its oak trees tower above this small school and the surrounding homes, remaining as the dominant feature of the area. The area included in the nomination includes two intrusions to the rear of the structure which stand too close to the structure and original landscaping to allow the boundaries to exclude them. A small, modern, one story cafeteria stands east of the building and tennis courts are in the northeast corner of the site. However, they do not intrude on the visual integrity of the site when viewed from the front facade and are included to allow the original landscaping to be incorporated into the nomination.

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 type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN					
<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							

SPECIFIC DATES Built 1915 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Contractor- Clayton

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

public

East Side School is significant because it was the first school building built for that purpose in Thomas County and it is representative of a style of architecture that was typical for educational and municipal structures in the early 20th century.

The schools in Thomas County before 1901 were privately owned and therefore a child's education was dependent on his parents financial standing. However, in 1901 the Thomasville Public School system was organized. The system acquired the 1875 brick building that had formerly housed the South Georgia College of Agriculture and Mechanical Art and renamed the school Fletcherville. By 1912, as the public school idea gained acceptance and enrollment increased, plans were made to build a new school building - the first one constructed by the Board of Education of the City of Thomasville for public school use. The new building was begun in January of 1915 and that date and structure symbolize the beginning of a truly permanent and stable public school system for the county. After 14 chaotic years in the old building and seven different school superintendents, public education became an accepted fact. The new superintendent of that year, B. B. Broughton, remained until 1938 and the new building, now 62 years old, was continually used as a public school until 1976.

The construction of the new school was chronicled in the Thomasville Times-Enterprise. On January 1, 1915, the editor wrote: "Upon Mallette Heights is being started a building for school purposes that will be a credit to any town in Georgia and will be more handsome and comfortable than any in this immediate section of the State. In that building will be placed the first bond money ever expended for the erection of a school in Thomasville." The cornerstone was laid on January 19, 1915 on land donated to the city by the Mallette family. A large program was planned. Students were given a holiday so that they could march to the site of the new building. Town stores closed from 2:00-4:00 P.M. and numerous speakers were engaged to participate.

As the building neared completion, the Thomasville Times Enterprise noted on July 28, 1915: "The Thomasville School nears completion and it is universally pronounced one of the handsomest buildings of its kind in this part of the State. The interior trim and finishing is now underway and will be completed in a few short days. The new desks and shades have arrived and are ready to be placed, as soon as contractor Clayton completes the building..." Then on August 3, 1914: "...The new school building is practically completed and it is a school building that any citizen should be proud of. The Thomasville Variety Works has the contract for erecting stairways, also for the doors, sash and all interior trimmings. The class of materials and workmanship used by them was the best and shows up to the best possible advantage. (On September 20, 1915 , East Side School opened with

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approx. 5

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,7	2 1,5 5,7,0	3,4 1,6 0,0,0
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	
C	1,7	2 1,5 4,6,0	3,4 1,5 7,6,0

B	1,7	2 1,5 6,4,0	3,4 1,5 9,0,0
ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	
D	1,7	2 1,5 3,9,0	3,4 1,5 8,6,0

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Bounded north by Washington St., south by Scott School lot, west by Hansell St. and east by the stadium lot of the Thomasville High School. Specifically, beginning at the intersection of Washington & Hansell & running approx. 330' south; then east approx. 660' to stadium; then north 330' to Washington St., and, then west 660' to point of beginning.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Martha F. Norwood

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Dept. of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Section 8/15/77

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

270 Washington St., Room 701

404-656-2840

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Atlanta

Georgia 30334

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

11/10/77

TITLE

Chief, Historic Preservation Section

DATE

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

DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND CHIEF, HISTORIC PRESERVATION SECTION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Charles Allenger

DATE

12/16/77

DATE

12-13-77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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ceremonies marking the occasion. Students did not attend as they would have more than filled the 800 seat auditorium. The newspaper noted: "The people should make a point of visiting this school and see what they have received from the recent bond issue. It is regarded by those who have seen it as one of the finest schools in the southern part of the state."

Then the school opened, seven grades were housed there, the high school remaining at Fletcherville. Enrollment was about 800 total for both schools.

There is much information available on the history of the school throughout its 61 years of public use through the newspaper and records of the Board of Education. These records only enhance the fact that this building symbolizes the beginning of a firm committment to public education in Thomas County and the city's progressive attitude towards education in a time when public education was having a difficult time getting a foothold in this part of the state.

East Side School, Thomasville, Thomas County
Source: Thomasville City Map
Date: 1977
Scale: Not drawn to scale

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PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
& HISTORIC RESOURCE

PROPERTY ENVIRONS
& INTRUSIONS

