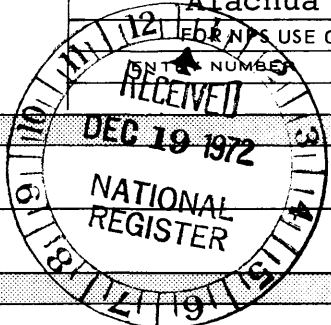


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STATE:	Florida
COUNTY:	Alachua
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DATE	APR 2 1973



1. NAME

COMMON: Rochelle School

AND/OR HISTORIC: Martha Perry Institute

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: located approx. 1/4 mile SE of State Rd. 234 and SCL tracks

CITY OR TOWN: Rochelle

STATE: Florida	CODE: 12	COUNTY: Alachua	CODE: 001
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>used as a voting precinct</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: H. F. Zetrouer

STREET AND NUMBER: 440 Northeast 9th Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Gainesville

STATE: Florida	CODE: 12
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Alachua County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: University Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Gainesville

STATE: Florida	CODE: 12
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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)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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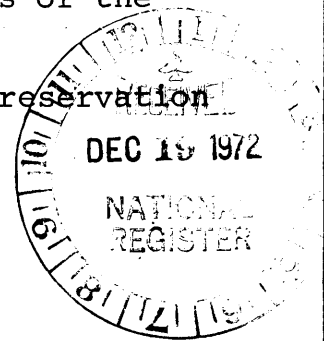
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Rochelle School is two stories in height and rectangular in plan. It is basically a three-room structure, there being two large classrooms, a central hall and cloak room downstairs and a large music room upstairs. The exterior of the building is very simple and stately, and there is justification for its interior plan and exterior ornamentation in a book such as A Manual For School Houses and Cottages for the People of the South. This is particularly true of the detail on the balcony and in the design of the bell tower as it originally existed. In recent years the uppermost portion of the tower has been removed.

The main facade of the building is regularly fenestrated with two light double-hung sash windows. Visually dividing the first and second stories is a plain band of horizontal siding within a projecting moulding. The focal point of the building is the combination pavilion entranceway, balcony and bell tower which graces its east side. The doorway is composed of three-paneled double doors with transom and sidelights set into a plain moulding. Crowning the doorway is a classic pediment which is carried on brackets.

These same boxed brackets are found at the roofline with a plain boxed cornice and plain freize. Above the main doorway is a balcony with a modified version of the former doorway leading onto it. The balcony is balustraded at both the top and the bottom but in different patterns. The cornice and freize are continued around the balcony and above it is the bell tower with enclosed stair. The tower is square in section with a wood shingled roof over the balcony. Surmounting this is the square cupola or bell-housing which has four round arched openings with wooden louvers. The building has a low hipped roof which is covered with tin, but was originally cypress shingle. There are two chimneys, one each on the east and west ends of the building.

The school is in a constant state of preservation due to the efforts of its owner.



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3. SIGNIFICANCE

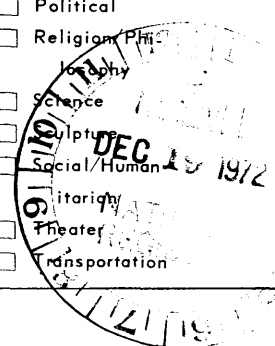
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1885 approximately**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The community of Rochelle is one of the oldest in Alachua County. Known originally as Perry Junction (Governor Madison Starke Perry's plantation was located there) and later as Gruelle, the community sprang up as a citrus center. Rochelle was also a hub of the Florida Southern Railway; in 1882 the narrow gauge line was built from Palatka and Gainesville to Ocala via Rochelle. Rochelle was later on the main line of the Plant Railway System being the daily stopover between Jacksonville and St. Petersburg. Affecting many of the small towns in this area, the Great Freeze of 1894-95 caused many of the settlers and most of the tourists to abandon the area and move farther south. As a result, the tiny settlement ceased to develop and today only a few buildings remain as reminders of the once thriving community.

One of the finest buildings in Rochelle is the schoolhouse which dates from approximately 1885. Known at the time of its construction as the Martha Perry Institute, the building stands on land which was donated in 1889 by Miss Sallie Perry, daughter of Governor Perry, to A.F. Zetrouer and T.F. Kennedy, the school trustees, for a "white Public and Private School Lot." Although the land on which the school stands was not officially given to the trustees until 1889, the minutes of the school board indicate that there was a white school operating in Rochelle from as early as September of 1887. The school had one teacher who was paid \$45.00 per month for five months. In April of 1890, the term was extended to seven months due to the fact that attendance was up to 80% of total enrollment. Another factor which indicates that the school building was constructed prior to the donation of the land is that W.S. Webb mentions in his 1885 history of Florida that Rochelle

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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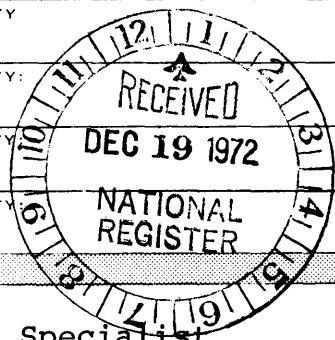
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than an acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Mrs. Diane D. Greer, Historic Sites Specialist

ORGANIZATION: Division of Archives, History, and Records Mgmt. DATE: Jan. 20, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:
Department of State - The Capitol

CITY OR TOWN: Tallahassee STATE: Florida CODE: 12

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: *Robert William*
Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: 12/15/72

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

Robert Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 4/2/73

ATTEST:
Madford
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 3/22/73

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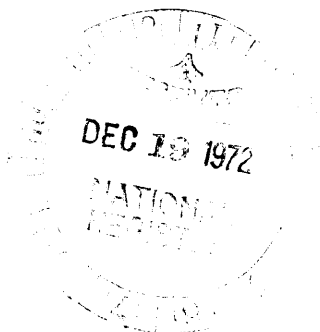
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8. Significance

had two sawmills, two churches, two schools and twenty-five residences. The minutes of the school board dating from this period make reference to the fact that there were two schools in Rochelle, one white and one colored, the white one being earlier.

The Rochelle school was used for conducting classes until 1935, at which time it was closed down. The local children are now bussed to Gainesville to attend school. The building is today privately owned and kept in a good state of preservation. Many of the original desks and the school bell are still housed inside the building.



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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE:
 USGS Rochelle Quadrangle 7.5 minute series

SCALE: 1:24000

DATE: 1966

4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

- Property boundaries where required.
- North arrow.
- Latitude and longitude reference.

