

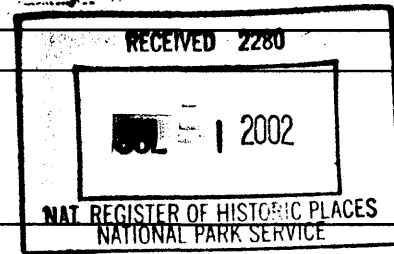
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in "Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms" (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Metter High School
other names/site number N/A



2. Location

street & number Corner of College Street and Vertia Street
city, town Metter
county Candler code GA 043
state Georgia code GA zip code 30439

() vicinity of

() not for publication

3. Classification

Ownership of Property:

- private
- public-local
- public-state
- public-federal

Category of Property:

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property:

Contributing

Noncontributing

buildings	1	0
sites	0	0
structures	0	0
objects	0	0
total	1	0

Contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: N/A

Name of previous listing: N/A

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination 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 meets the National Register criteria. () See continuation sheet.

W. Ray Luce
Signature of certifying official

6.26.02
Date

W. Ray Luce
Historic Preservation Division Director
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

In my opinion, the property () meets () does not meet the National Register criteria. () See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency or bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register

Edson H. Beall 8/9/02

() determined eligible for the National Register

() determined not eligible for the National Register

() removed from the National Register

() other, explain:

() see continuation sheet

Keeper of the National Register Date

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions:

EDUCATION/SCHOOL

Current Functions:

OTHER/STORAGE

7. Description

Architectural Classification:

LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY REVIVALS/CLASSICAL REVIVAL/NEOCLASSICAL REVIVAL

Materials:

foundation	Brick
walls	Brick
roof	Asphalt
other	N/A

Description of present and historic physical appearance:

Metter High School is located on a large corner lot in downtown Metter, a small town in rural southeast Georgia. Designed by C.C. Muse and constructed of brick in 1921, the school exhibits the Neoclassical style. Character-defining features include the two-story plan and full-height, pedimented portico supported by four Doric columns and two brick pilasters and topped by a wide entablature. The front (north) façade (photographs 1 and 12) contains a full-height portico and double entry doors surrounded by a transom and sidelights (photograph 5). Also featured on the front façade are large full-height brick panels, one on each side of the entrance. The west façade (photographs 2 and 12) features two groupings of five eight-over-eight double-hung-sash windows on the first and second floors. The rear (south) façade (photograph 3) contains an entry door on the first floor and a grouping of three eight-over-eight double-hung-sash windows on the second floor. The east façade (photographs 3 and 4) echoes the west façade with its grouped windows and an additional smaller window on the first floor.

The interior arrangement is a central hall plan with four classrooms on each floor. The interior features plaster walls (photographs 6, and 8), tongue-and-groove paneled ceilings (photographs 6, 8, and 11), wood floors, simple door and window surrounds (photographs 6 and 10), and paneled doors with transoms (photograph 6). The staircase (photograph 9) is located at the rear of the hall and features square paneled newel posts and square balusters. Partition walls have been added to some areas on the first floor.

Landscape features on the property include mature trees, a paved alley, and fencing.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria:

A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions): N/A

A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions):

Architecture
Education

Period of Significance:

1921-1951

Significant Dates:

1921-Construction of the school

Significant Person(s):

N/A

Cultural Affiliation:

N/A

Architect(s)/Builder(s):

C.C. Muse-architect

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Section 8--Statement of Significance

Statement of significance (areas of significance)

Metter High School was constructed in 1921 to serve grades 1 through 11. The building is significant in the area of architecture as a good and intact example of a school constructed in the Neoclassical style for a small Georgia community. Character-defining features include the two-story height and full-height portico supported by classical columns and topped by a wide entablature. Other character-defining features of this type of school building include its central hall plan and its large rooms with banks of windows for light and air. The historic school building is unusually intact with few significant alterations and no additions. Metter High School is also significant in the area of education for its function as the only public educational facility for white children of the town of Metter and the typical activities that occurred there during the historic period.

National Register Criteria

Metter High School is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A in the area of education for the typical activities that occurred as the only school for the white community in Metter during the historic period and under Criterion C in the area of architecture as a good and intact example of an early 20th century community school in Georgia.

Criteria Considerations (if applicable)

N/A

Period of significance (justification)

The period of significance for Metter High School begins in 1921, the construction date of the building, and ends in 1951, the end of the historic period.

Contributing/Noncontributing Resources (explanation, if necessary)

Metter High School is the one contributing resource on the nominated property. There are no noncontributing resources on the nominated property.

Developmental history/historic context (if appropriate)

****NOTE: The following history was compiled by Robin B. Nail, Preservation Planner, July, 2001. On file at the Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia.**

Metter High School, built in the then popular Neoclassical Revival style, possibly to emulate the new Neoclassical style Candler County Courthouse, also built in 1921, housed grades one through eleven and served the white community of Metter until 1937. During the 1927-28 school year, there were 17 teachers at the school. As late as the 1935-36 school year, the school had in addition to the superintendent, five high school teachers and ten other teachers. Approximately 43 students were in

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the class of 1937, the last to graduate from old Metter High School.

A new school building was constructed across College Street from the 1921 school for classroom use. After the 1936-37 school year, the second floor southeast classroom was used as a kitchen and lunch was served in the northeast classroom. Around 1955, the kitchen and lunchroom were moved to another building and vocational training classes, such as industrial arts and business classes were taught in the old building for many years. Privately taught piano lessons were later given in the building through the 1980s and the early 1990s.

The building has most recently been used for storage by the Candler County Board of Education. The Candler County Historical Society is in the process of acquiring the old high school building for rehabilitation and use as a local history museum.

The property received a Georgia Heritage grant in 2001 for predevelopment.

9. Major Bibliographic References

Nail, Robin B. Historic Property Information Form. July, 2001. On file at the Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Atlanta, Georgia. With Supplemental information.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): (X) N/A

- () preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- () preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been issued
date issued:
- () 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 #

Primary location of additional data:

- (X) State historic preservation office
- () Other State Agency
- () Federal agency
- () Local government
- () University
- () Other, Specify Repository:

Georgia Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): N/A

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 2 acres

UTM References

A) Zone 17 Easting 399905 Northing 3584559

Verbal Boundary Description

The proposed boundary of the nominated property is indicated on the attached map by a heavy black line.

Boundary Justification

The boundary of the nominated property includes the school building and the intact acreage historically associated with the property.

11. Form Prepared By

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() **other:**

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e-mail (optional)

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Photographs

Name of Property: Metter High School
City or Vicinity: Metter
County: Candler
State: Georgia
Photographer: James R. Lockhart
Negative Filed: Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Date Photographed: December, 2001

Description of Photograph(s):

Number of photographs: 12

1. Front (north) façade and east façade; photographer facing southwest.
2. West façade and rear (south) façade; photographer facing northeast.
3. Rear façade and east façade; photographer facing northwest.
4. East façade; photographer facing west.
5. Entrance detail; photographer facing southwest.
6. Interior, first floor; classroom; photographer facing northeast.
7. Interior, first floor; classroom; photographer facing southeast.
8. Interior, first floor, classroom; photographer facing northeast.
9. Interior, stairwell to second floor; photographer facing south.
10. Interior, second floor, classroom; photographer facing northwest.
11. Interior, second floor, classroom; photographer facing southeast.
12. Front façade and west façade; photographer facing southeast.

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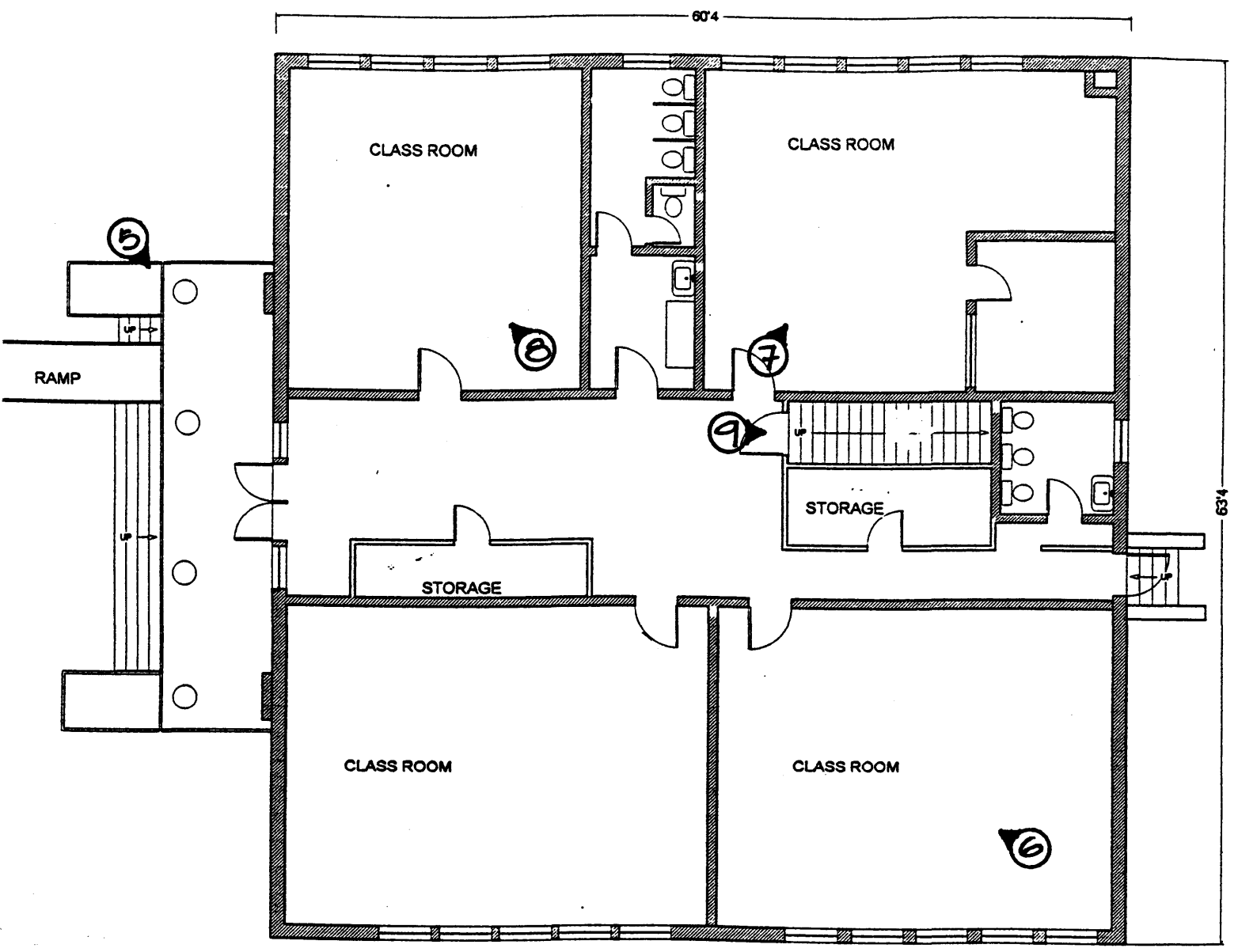


Metter High School
 Metter, Candler County, Georgia
 Candler County Tax Map 4
 National Register Boundary: **—————**
 Scale: 1" = 200'
 North: **↑**

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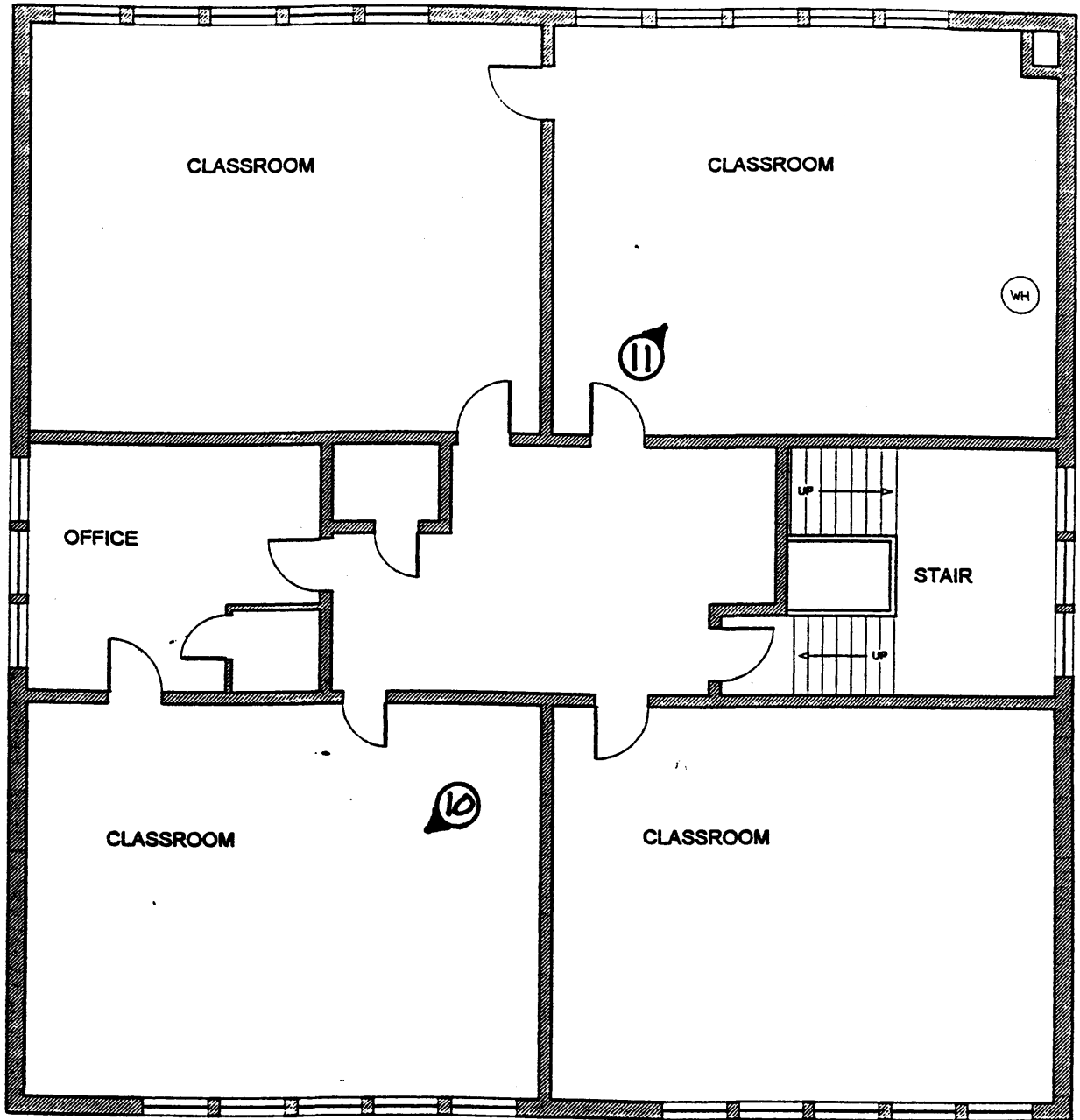
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Metter, Candler County, Georgia
First Floor Plan
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Metter High School
Metter, Candler County, Georgia
Second Floor Plan
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