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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: cornice supported by paired modillions over each outset (which forms a brick pilaster); interior is a series of classrooms; situated on the top of a hill with a cemetery across the street; no landscaping; fair condition.

I. IDENTIFICATION

PROPERTY NAME: Girard High School HISTORIC NAME: Girard Elementary School
 STREET ADDRESS: Sandfort Road CITY: Phenix City COUNTY: Russell
 PRESENT OWNER: Phenix City Board of Education c/o Mr. Clifford Smith MAILING ADDRESS: 1212 9th Avenue (P.O. Box 460)
 CITY: Phenix City STATE: Alabama ZIP CODE: 36867
 CURRENT USE: Vacant ACREAGE: *less than one acre*
 U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE: Phenix City U.T.M. REFERENCE: *16 687610 3593060*
 V.B.D. OR TAX MAP NUMBER: 57-05-06-14-3-303-287-43 - *SEE ATTACHED MAP.*

II. DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION AND PRESENT CONDITION: Neo-Classical; two stories, hip roof with pedimented dormers on north and south facade, and gable ends over pavilion on east and west facades, rectangular floor plan with pavilion on east and west facades; brick construction laid in American bond, asbestos shingle roof, brick foundation with watertable; facades of building have inset brick panels with a 2/2 double hung sash window with granite lintel, sill is also of granite and runs the width of each recessed panel, entrances are varied with one type being inset from an arched entrance and the other being a double-leafed entrance with a transom, corners of the main building and pavilion have granite quions, building has (CONT.)

III. HISTORY

ORIGINAL OWNER: Phenix City Board of Education ORIGINAL USE: Elementary School
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: D.F.L. Jones HISTORIC ACREAGE: *NA*
 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1909 DATE(S) OF ALTERATIONS: Rear wing added c. 1950.
 HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (FROM ORIGINS TO PRESENT): The first public school in Girard was built on this site in 1867. In 1883 the Alabama legislature passed an Act creating the Elementary School of Girard. The Treasurer of the School Board, in 1909, succeeded in interesting Gunby Jordan, President of the Eagle and Phoenix Mills, in helping to build a new school building. In 1923, it became an accredited High School and the name changed from Girard Elementary School, to Girard High School. It was closed at the end of the 1969-70 school year.

IV. SIGNIFICANCE

N.R. AREA(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture, Education LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local
 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL): ARCHITECTURE: This building is architecturally significant as an example of Neo-Classical architecture as interpreted in school building. It is the only one of this style in Phenix City. It employs some Italianate features as well, including the pavilions and low, flat roof with wide projecting eaves. EDUCATION: The Girard Elementary School is significant to the educational history of Phenix City as the first brick, public school in Girard. It provided classes for both blacks and whites, which was unusual at the turn-of-the-century in this area.

V. SOURCES

FORM PREPARED BY: Nancy Alexander ORGANIZATION: Lower Chattahoochee APDC
 ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1908 TELEPHONE NUMBER: 404/324-4221
 Columbus, Georgia 31904
 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS: *NONE*
 SOURCES OF INFORMATION: Records of the Phenix City School Board. Research by Lewis Jones, A.I.A., Phenix City Historical Preservation Society.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Phenix City Multiple Resource Area
State Russell County, ALABAMA

Nomination/Type of Review			Date/Signature
1.	Brooks-Hughes House	Substantive Review	Keeper <u>Accept / Dubie 11/03/83</u> Attest _____
2.	Brownville-Summerville Historic District	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers 11/3/83</u> Attest _____
3.	Floyd-Newsome House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers 11/3/83</u> Attest _____
4.	Girard High School	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers 11/3/83</u> Attest _____
5.	Girard Historic District	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers 11/3/83</u> Attest _____
6.	Kid Alley Residential Historic District	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers 11/3/83</u> Attest _____
7.	Lower Twentieth Street Residential Historic District	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers 11/3/83</u> Attest _____
8.	Morgan-Curtis House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers 11/3/83</u> Attest _____
9.	Shapre-Monte House	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers 11/3/83</u> Attest _____
10.	Smith Residential Historic District	Entered in the National Register	Keeper <u>Delores Byers 11/3/83</u> Attest _____

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Girard High School (Phenix City MRA)
Russell County
ALABAMA

Working No. OCT 4 1983
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.85
Date Due: 11/3/83 - 11/18/83
Action: ACCEPT 11/3/83
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the _____
National Register _____
Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
		<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title

date

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000017



F. LAWRENCE OAKS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STATE OF ALABAMA
ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

725 MONROE STREET
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36104-3898

January 19, 1983



TELEPHONE NUMBER
832-6621

Mr. Claude Parkman, Chairman
Russell County Commission
Russell County Courthouse
Phenix City, Alabama 36867

Dear Property Owner:

On February 3rd, 1983, the Alabama Historical Commission Review Board is planning to meet in Phenix City to determine which properties in the city should be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. We are required to notify property owners 30 days prior to a board meeting and allow them an opportunity to comment on the proposed nomination (see attached letter). Our letter to owners of individual properties were inadvertently left out of our late December mailout.

If you wish for your property to be considered at the February meeting, please return the enclosed form to our office no later than Thursday, January 27. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call collect to Ellen Mertins or David Baldwin at our office (205) 832-6621.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "F. Lawrence Oaks".

F. Lawrence Oaks
State Historic Preservation Officer

ELM/gmt

Enclosure



F. LAWRENCE OAKS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STATE OF ALABAMA
ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION

725 MONROE STREET
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36104-3898

January 19, 1983



TELEPHONE NUMBER
832-6621

Mr. Claude Parkman, Chairman
Russell County Commission
Russell County Courthouse
Phenix City, Alabama 36867

Dear Mr. Parkman:

We are pleased to inform you that the property you own located at:

Girard High School
Sandfort Road

will be considered by the State Review Board for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register is the Federal Government's official list of historic properties worthy of preservation. Listing in the National Register provides recognition and assists in preserving our Nation's heritage. Enclosed is a copy of the criteria under which properties are evaluated.

Listing in the National Register provides the following benefits to historic properties:

-Consideration in the planning for federally assisted projects. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 provides that the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation be given an opportunity to comment on projects affecting such properties.

-Eligibility for Federal tax benefits. If a property is listed in the National Register, certain tax provisions may apply. The Tax Reform Act of 1976, as Amended by the Revenue Act of 1978 and the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980, and the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981, contains provisions intended to encourage the preservation of depreciable historic structures by allowing favorable tax treatment for rehabilitation, and to discourage destruction of historic buildings by eliminating certain Federal tax provisions for demolition of historic structures. Beginning January 1, 1982, the Economic Recovery Tax Act replaces the rehabilitation tax incentives available under prior law with a 25% investment tax credit for rehabilitations of certain historic commercial, industrial and residential rental buildings. This can be combined with a 15-year cost recovery period for the adjusted basis of the historic building. Historic buildings with certified rehabilitations receive additional tax savings because they are exempt from any requirement to reduce the basis of the building by the amount of credit. The Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980 includes provisions regarding charitable contributions for conservation purposes of partial interests in historically important land areas or structures.

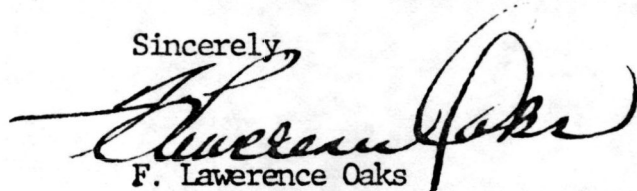
-Consideration of historic values in the decision to issue a surface coal mining permit where coal is located in accord with the Surface Mining and Control Act of 1977.

-Qualification for Federal grants for historic preservation when funds are available.

Owners of private properties nominated to the National Register of Historic Places must be given an opportunity to concur in or object to listing in accord with the National Historic Preservation Act Amendments of 1980 and Federal regulations 36 CFR Part 60. Any owner or partial owner of private property who chooses to object to listing is required to submit to the State Historic Preservation Officer a notarized statement certifying that the party is the sole or partial owner of the private property, as appropriate, and objects to the listing. For a single privately owned property with one owner, the property will not be listed if the owner objects. In nominations with multiple ownership of a single property, the property will not be listed if a majority of the owners objects. Each owner or partial owner of private property has one vote regardless of what part of the property that party owns. If the property cannot be listed because the owner or majority of owners objects prior to the submission of a nomination by the State, the State Historic Preservation Officer shall submit the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register for a determination of the eligibility of the property for inclusion in the National Register. If the property is then determined eligible for listing, although not formally listed, Federal agencies will be required to allow the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation an opportunity to comment before the agency may fund, license, or assist a project which will affect the property. If you choose to object to the listing of your property, the notarized objection must be submitted to the Alabama Historical Commission, F. Lawrence Oaks, ATTENTION: Ellen Mertins, 725 Monroe Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-5101 by February 3, 1983.

If you wish to comment on whether the property should be nominated to the National Register, please send your comments to the above address. Comments must be received before the State Review Board considers this nomination on February 3, 1983. A copy of the nomination is on file in our office and will be made available to you upon request.

Sincerely,



F. Lawrence Oaks

State Historic Preservation Officer

ELM/gmt

Enclosure

Mr. F. Lawrence Oaks
Alabama Historical Commission
725 Monroe Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-5101

Dear Mr. Oaks:

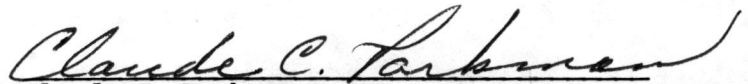
This will confirm that I am fully aware of the effects of listing a property in the National Register of Historic Places. I recognize that under the National Historic Preservation Act, I am entitled to object to the proposed listing of my property by a notarized, written statement. If I am the sole owner and I object, my property will not be listed. If there are multiple owners of this property and a majority of the owners object, the property will not be listed.

The following is the address of my property:

Girard High School
Sandfort Road

I hereby waive my right to object to the proposed listing and notify you that I request that my property be considered for nomination at the February 3rd meeting.

Sincerely,



Claude C. Parkman
Chairman, Russell County Commission

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Phenix City Public Schools

Educational Services Center

P. O. Box 460

Phenix City, Alabama 36867

Office Of Superintendent

January 20, 1983

1212 Ninth Avenue

Mr. F. Lawrence Oaks
State Historic Commission
725 Monroe Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-5101

Dear Mr. Oaks:

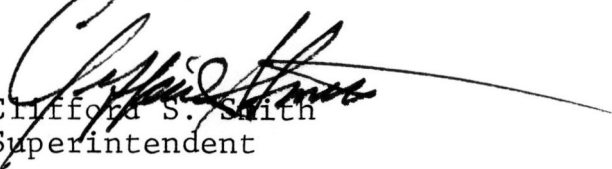
I am in receipt of your letter advising me that the Girard High School, Phenix City, Alabama, is being considered by the State Review Board for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

This is to advise you that the Phenix City Board of Education no longer owns this property. The Phenix City Board of Education deeded this property to the Russell County Commission three years ago.

I would suggest that you contact the Chairman of the Russell County Commission regarding the Commission's proposed nomination. Please contact:

Mr. Claude Parkman, Chairman
Russell County Commission
Russell County Courthouse
Phenix City, Alabama 36867.

Yours truly,


Clifford S. Smith
Superintendent

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