



ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS & HERITAGE NOMINATION FORM

1. NAME OF PROPERTY

Historic Name: ACADEMY STREET HIGH SCHOOL

and/or Common Name: Academy High School aka East Adademy High School aka Troy High School Colored

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2. LOCATION

Street & Number: 708 East Academy Street

City: Troy

State: Alabama

County: Pike

+ Zip: 36081

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Is the property located within the city limits? Yes No

Township:

Range:

Section:

USGS Quad Map:

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3. CLASSIFICATION

Category:

Building(s)

District

Structure

Site

Object

Ownership:

Public

Private

Both

Status:

Occupied

Unoccupied

Work in progress

Public Acquisition:

In process

Being considered

Accessible:

No

Yes: restricted

Yes: unrestricted

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

Name: Troy City Board of Education

+ Telephone: 334-566-3741

Street & Number: 358 Elba Highway; P. O. Box 529

City: Troy

+ State: AL + Zip: 36081

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Email:

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5. FLOOR PLAN & SITE PLAN

Attach sketched floor plan. If the property includes more than one building, submit a site plan showing the locations, dates of construction, and uses of the buildings.

See the attached drawings

6. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION See Instructions for more information.

Construction date:	1948	Source:	
Alteration date:	1961 Gymnasium was added	Source:	
Architect/Builder:		Contractor:	
Physical condition: (Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, Ruinous)	Fair	Remaining historic fabric: (High, Medium, Low)	High
No. of stories:	3 floors - See attached drawings +		
Historic use of property:	Black Students - Grades 1 to 12 until 1960, Grades 7 to 12 until its closing in 1971 +		
Current use of property:	Training - City of Troy +		
Architectural style category:		Architectural style sub-category:	
Basic typology:	Double "L" Stacked	Basic shape:	
Basic floor plan:	See attached drawings	Historic Construction material(s):	
Current exterior wall material(s)	concrete / Red Brick	Roof finish material(s):	
Main roof configuration:	Flat	Foundation material:	
Porch type:	Concrete +		
Window type and materials:	Window style shown in pictures (Metal Frame) +		
Describe alterations:	Cafeteria and Auditorium were added after the fire in 1946		
Number and type of all outbuildings: (if significant, fill out separate survey form)	Two outbuildings: Gymnasium and Agricultural Shop		
Exterior Architectural Description:	The Gymnasium's exterior is red brick; The AG Shop's exterior is metal		
Description of Setting:	See the attached aerial photograph		

7. SIGNIFICANCE

Criteria (check all that apply and explain below). See Instructions for more information.

Criterion A: Associated with historical events and activities relating to the property that are important to the history of the community, state, or nation.

Criterion B: Person or group with whom the property is associated is important to the history of the community, state, or nation.

Criterion C: Type, period, or method of construction represents architectural features that are significant in the development of the community, state, or nation.

Criterion D: Property has yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in Alabama's history or prehistory (archaeological component).

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (check all that apply and explain below)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

For each area of significance checked above, explain why this property is important. Use additional sheets as necessary.

Academy Street High School has passed through ages, eras and big moments in reaching its historical significance of today. This history, under the leadership of four principals, emphasizes briefly two developmental and educational stages: The school before the 1946 fire and the school after the fire.

The school before the fire had its beginning of two grades, one teacher and a term of duration of seventy-two days in a two room dwelling. The school steadily advanced to a junior high school with six teachers and six classrooms by 1927. Great administrators of this period who contributed to this growth were Mr. John Wiley, Mr. Floyd, Mr. C.L. Jenkins, Mrs. F.M. Innis, and Mr. S.T. Wilson. The "colored school building committee" in 1921 included Mr. S.B. Innis, Mr. C.L. Jenkins, Mr. James Henderson, Mr. Pres Thomas and Mr. C.B. Brooks. The first school principal was MR. S.T. WILSON.

The administration of MR. A.J. FIELDS began in 1927. His twenty-one years of leadership were filled with sacrifices, setbacks and successes. The successes included the addition of the senior high school; the extension of the school plant to include an auditorium and the innovation of a diversified occupations and home economics department. However, all was not success. In 1946 the building was destroyed by fire, thus bringing setbacks and problems. Hard work and sacrifices showed profit when a new building (brick) was erected in 1948 and subsequent state accreditation in the same year.

After Professor Fields came MR. C.G. GRIFFIN as principal. Under his administration the school was accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The program of study was extended to include vocational agriculture and a course in typing. Greater emphasis was placed on band and choir performances. The physical plant was extended to include an agriculture building and a modern gymnasium. The Troy City Schools were integrated during the last year of Professor Griffin's tenure. At that time "freedom of choice" was the catch phrase exercised by seven students who transferred to Charles Henderson High School for the 1965-1966 school year. The students were J.D. Collins, Delores Crawford, H. Lewis Gillis and Jack Paul as seniors and George Crawford, Elijah Gillis and James "school bus" Wilson as sophomores.

The concluding administration of Academy Street High School was under the leadership of MR. JOHN E. NOLEN from 1966 to 1971. The last graduating class was the class of 1970. the 1970 - 1971 school year saw the transition to Charles Henderson High School for everyone beginning in January 1971. Two of the school's three yearbooks were completed under Mr. Nolen's administration.

8. BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Use attached sheets as necessary

The May 9, 1921 Academy Street High School - "School Mortgage" (Mortgage Book 121, Page 185)(Deed Book 35, Page 32) identifies the "colored school building committee" as including Mr. S.B. Innis, Mr. C.L. Jenkins, Mr. James Henderson, Mr. Pres Thomas and Mr. C.B. Brooks. This committee purchased the seven and one-half acre site for \$3,028.89 which was evidenced by five promissory notes the last of which was to be paid on January 1, 1926. The mortgage was satisfied in full by this committee on July 18, 1922. See also Alabama Property Record Card T-00325: City of Troy Bd of Ed., Troy, AL 36081; Date acquired 7-18-22.

Wilson, Saul T., Jr., "Reflections on Academy Street High School, 1940 - 1944," in his memo/letter to Academy Street High School Reunion Committee, Montgomery, AL, 30 June 2010.

The Academy Street High School Yearbook - "1963 Tigers" (published by "Yearbook House," Kansas City, Missouri); The Academy Street High School Yearbook - "The 1967 Tiger's Paw," (published by "Yearbook House," Kansas City, Missouri); The Academy Street High School Yearbook - "1968 Tiger's Paw," (Published by "Taylor Publishing Company")

9. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Acreage of nominated property: seven and one-half acres. See the attached maps and aerial photographs. 

Attach a map showing the location of the property.

10. Person Applying for Historic Register Designation

Name: H. H. Lewis Gillis (and Gladys A. Gillis, Samuel Gillis, Dr. Byrdie Larkin, Willie J. Coyle and Myra Fields-Webb) for ASHS Hall of Fame Foundation 

Address: 7500 Wynlakes Boulevard

City: Montgomery

State: AL

Zip: 36117

Telephone: (334) 277-7679 (home); (334) 301-4402 (cell); (334) 270-1033 (office)

Email: hgillis@tmgsllaw.com

11. PHOTOGRAPHS:

Images are essential to the review process. They can be 4x6 color prints or digital images on a CD/DVD. All photographs will become the property of the AHC and will not be returned.

12. REMINDER:

Along with this completed application, include attachments for Items 5, 9 and 11 and send them to:

Alabama Historical Commission
Attn: Lee Anne
468 S. Perry Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900

MAP, FLOOR PLAN AND SITE PLAN

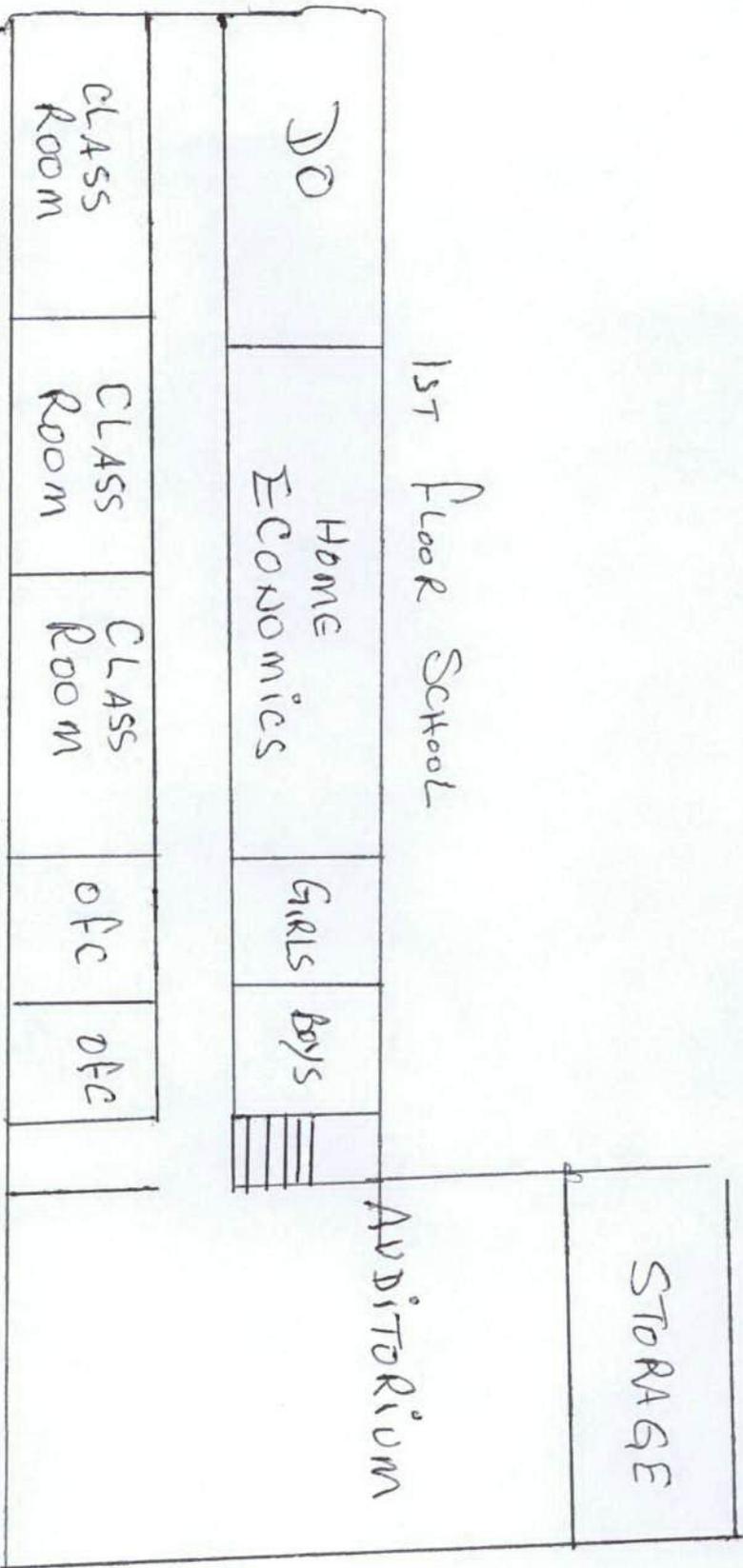


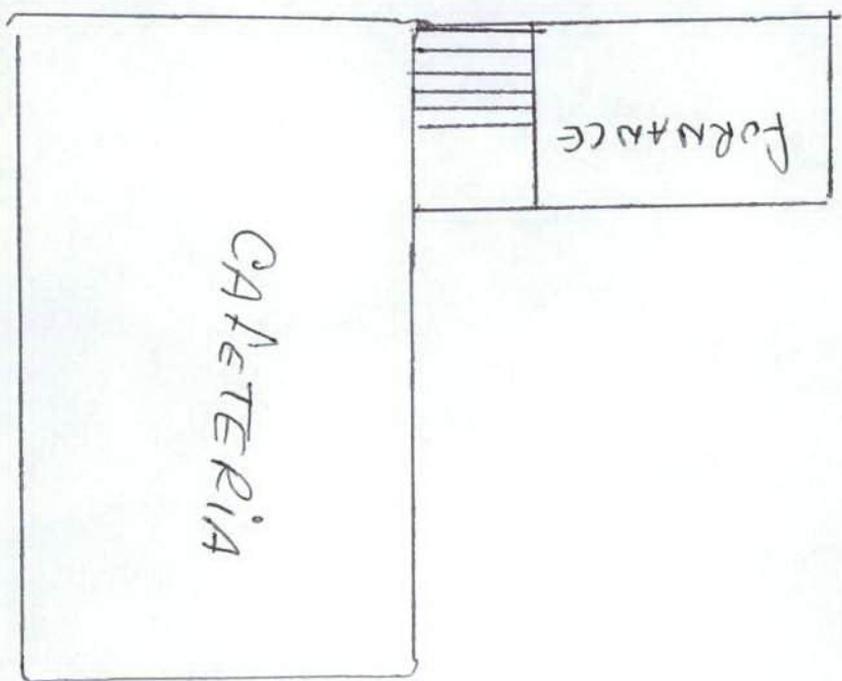
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- Auditorium

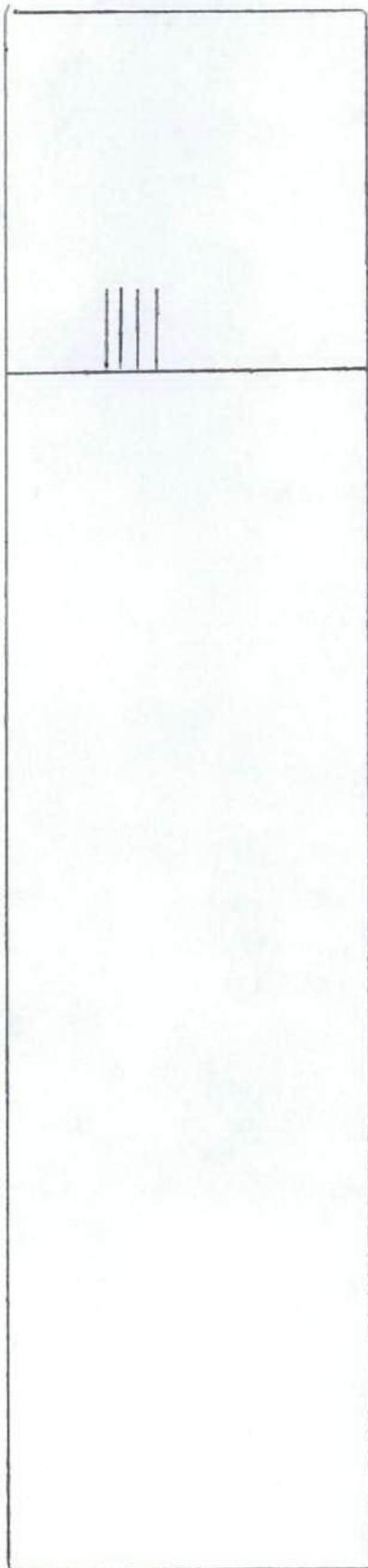
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1st Floor School





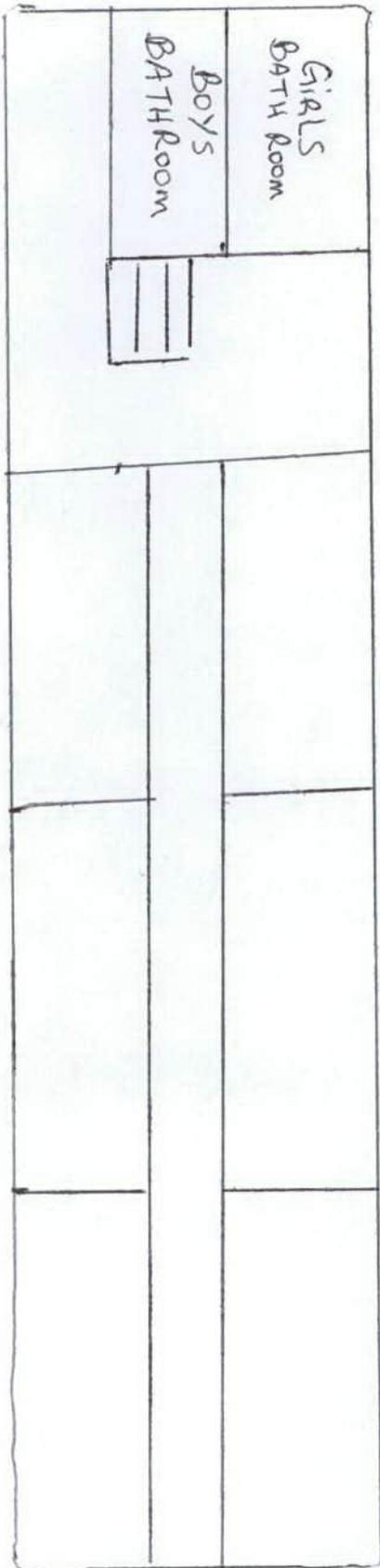


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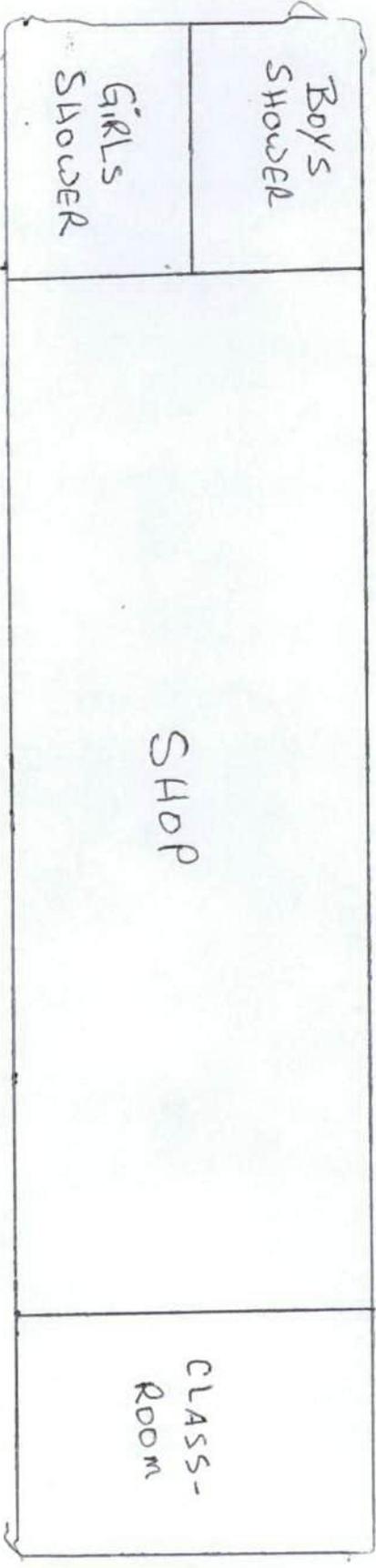
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**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FOR
SECTION 8**

ORIGINAL. City, Troy, County, Pike, State, Alabama. Date April 30th, 1921.
Burroughs Adding Machine Co.,

Please enter the order of the undersigned for the following goods to be delivered to the undersigned transportation charges prepaid:

QUANTITY.	STYLE.	SERIAL NUMBER.
One	310	688492

Price One Hundred Seventy Five & no/100 Dollars (4175.00) Cash with order \$25.00. Balance in nine equal monthly payments with interest \$155.00.

If the total purchase price is paid with order, or within ten days of date of invoice a discount of 2% on cash involved will be allowed. From and after the expiration of 30 days, interest will be charged at 6% per annum on all unpaid balances.

The undersigned will honor drafts hereunder presented through-----
Title to said goods shall remain in the Burroughs Adding Machine Company until the purchase price therefor is paid in full in cash. Upon full performance and observance by the undersigned of all the terms and conditions hereof, at the times specified therefor, the title to said goods shall, without any further action on the part of the Burroughs Adding Machine Company, be transferred to and vested in the undersigned. Loss of or damage to said goods resulting from fire, theft or other cause after delivery shall not relieve the purchaser of the obligation to pay the full purchase price herein specified. The undersigned agrees that he will carefully keep said goods and will not encumber or dispose of the same, nor permit the same to be in any manner encumbered or taken by operation of law, and will not remove said goods nor permit them to be removed from the premises of the undersigned without first obtaining the written consent of the Burroughs Adding Machine Company, and that he will keep said goods fully insured for the benefit of the Burroughs Adding Machine Company against loss or damage by fire or theft, and will pay any and all taxes thereon. If the undersigned fail to make the aforesaid payments in cash with interest thereon, or to observe or perform any of the above conditions or agreements by him to be performed or observed, or if the undersigned shall be adjudicated a bankrupt, or if a receiver shall be appointed for the undersigned business, or if the undersigned shall make an assignment for the benefit of creditors, then the Burroughs Adding Machine Company either (1) may declare the entire sum remaining unpaid hereunder to be immediately due and payable, or (2) it may enter, with or without legal process and using such force as may be necessary into, or upon the premises where the said goods, or any part thereof, may be, or is or are believed to be, and take possession thereof, and thereafter hold the same absolutely, free from all claim of the undersigned, and retain all payments made by the undersigned hereunder as and for the reasonable rental of said goods and for the use, wear and tear thereof; and the undersigned for himself and his successors in interest hereby waives all claims and right of action for trespass or damages by reason of such entry, taking of possession and removal, and also waives, so far as is consistent with Public Policy, the benefits of any statutes of this State, that may conflict with the conditions of this order or with any causes of action hereby given. At any time within one year from the delivery hereunder of the machine specified in this contract, the Burroughs Adding Machine Company will make, free of charge, all needed repairs thereto not necessitated by accident or abuse. There are no understandings, agreements, representations, or warranties, express or implied, not specified herein, respecting this order or the goods above mentioned. This order is not binding until accepted by the Company at its office in Detroit, Michigan. The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of a true and complete copy of this instrument.
Witness J.M. Burnham Jr.
Troy Messenger.

By S.H. Blum, Prop.

Filed for record May 13th, 1921 and a privilege tax of 30 cents paid.

J.G. Key, Judge of Probate.

School Mortgage

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, I KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that this agreement this day entered into between W.B. Felmar & Sons, Bankers of Troy, Alabama, who shall hereinafter be referred to as party of the first part, and S.B. Innis, C.L. Jenkins, James Henderson, Pres Thomas and C.B. Brooks, as the colored School Building Committee, who shall hereinafter be referred to as party of the second part, is as follows:
That whereas the party of the second part is indebted to the party of the first part in the sum of Three Thousand, Twenty eight and 89/100 Dollars, as evidenced by their five promissory notes, as follows: One note for \$628.89 due January 1st, 1922, one note for \$600.00 due January 1, 1923, one note for \$620.00 due January 1, 1924, one note for \$580.00 due January 1, 1925, and one note for \$540.00 due January 1, 1926, all bearing even date with this instrument.

Now in order to secure the prompt payment of said notes as each of them comes due, said party of the second part, for and in consideration of said sum of Three Thousand and Twenty-eight and 89/100 Dollars, to them this day in hand paid by said party of the first part, the receipt whereof said party of the second part hereby acknowledges, said party of the second part hereby grants, bargains, sells and conveys, all of their right title and interest in and to the following described property, to-wit:

All the lumber and material in that certain building owned by them and now situated at Taylor Field near Pike Roads in Alabama, and which said buildings is to be removed by said party of the second part and placed on that certain piece of land owned by the City of Troy, Alabama, situated on East Academy Street, and more fully described as follows:

Bounded on the west by property of Martha Dismuke, on the South by East Academy Street, on the East by the property of W.E. Griffin, and on the north by a branch.

And it is agreed and understood between the party of the first and the party of the second part that when said building is so removed and placed on said lot on Academy Street in the City of Troy, Alabama, that the lien hereby given on said lumber and building material shall continue and be a first mortgage lien on said building. To have and to hold the aforesaid property to the said party of the first part their heirs and assigns forever. And the said party of the second part do hereby covenant with the party of the first part that they are seized in fee of the aforesaid property, that it is free from all encumbrances, and that they will warrant and defend the title to the same against the lawful claims of all parties.

But this conveyance is made upon the conditions that if the party of the second part

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 is hereby satisfied in full - W.B. Fournier & Sons Bank
 This July 18/1922 per F.P. Felmar

shall pay, or cause to be paid, each of said notes as the same falls due, together with the interest thereon, then this conveyance shall become null and void; but if the party of the second part shall fail to pay either of said notes as the same becomes due, then all of said notes shall become due and payable at once without notice to the mortgagors, whereupon said party of the first part, their heirs, administrators or assigns, are hereby authorized to sell said property hereby conveyed, at public auction before the Courthouse door in the county of Pike and State of Alabama, after first giving notice of said sale for four consecutive weeks in some newspaper published in said county, said sale to be for cash, and said party of the first part is hereby authorized to purchase said property at said sale, and out of the proceeds of the said sale said party of the first part is authorized to pay all the expenses incident to said sale, including a reasonable attorneys fee. The grantors herein agree to keep all the taxes on said property paid, and to keep said property fully insured, with said insurance payable to party of the first part as their interest may appear. In testimony whereof said parties of the second part, to-wit, S.B. Innis, C.L. Jenkins, James Henderson, Press Thomas and C.B. Breeks, as colored school building committee, have hereunto set their hands and seals, this the 9th day of May, 1921.

S.B. Innis. Seal
 C.L. Jenkins. Seal
 James Henderson Seal
 Press Thomas. Seal
 C.B. Breeks Seal

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, PIKE COUNTY. I, Joseph A. Boyd, a Notary Public in and for said county, hereby certify that S.B. Innis, C.L. Jenkins, James Henderson, Press Thomas and C.B. Breeks, as colored school committee, whose names are signed to the within conveyance as such colored school committee, each acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the contents of said conveyance, they each executed the same, as colored school building committee, voluntarily, on the day the same bears date. Given under my hand this the 9th day of May, 1921. Joseph A. Boyd, Notary Public.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, PIKE COUNTY. Be it understood and agreed between the City of Troy, Alabama, and S.B. Innis, C.L. Jenkins, James Henderson, Press Thomas and C.B. Breeks, as the colored school building committee, as follows: That said S.B. Innis, C.L. Jenkins, James Henderson, Press Thomas and C.B. Breeks, as the colored school building committee, are hereby authorized by the City of Troy, Alabama, to erect for colored school purposes, a school building on that certain lot owned by said city of Troy, Alabama, and located on the north side of East Academy Street, in the City of Troy, Alabama, known as the colored school lot, and more fully described as follows:

Bounded on the West by the property of Martha Dismuke, on the South by East Academy Street, on the East by the property of W.E. Griffin, and on the North by a branch.

It is understood and agreed that said building is to be erected by said colored school building committee without any expense to said City of Troy, Alabama, and that when said building is erected and paid for said building shall become the property of the City of Troy, Alabama, to be used by said City for colored school purposes. And in order that said colored school building committee may be able to raise funds necessary for the completion of said building, they are hereby authorized by the City of Troy, Alabama, to borrow money and mortgage said building as security for said loan, said mortgage to cover said building but not to cover said lot, and in case said loan is not paid as provided in said mortgage, and said mortgage is foreclosed, the owners of said mortgage, their vendees, administrators or assigns, are hereby authorized to remove said building from said lot. It is further understood and agreed that said City of Troy, may, at any time, if it so elects, pay the said indebtedness against said buildings, and prevent the removal of said building from said lot, provided said indebtedness is paid by said City before said mortgage is foreclosed, and provided further that said City of Troy, Alabama, shall have the right to all the equities of said colored school building committee in said property when said property is paid for either by said committee or by said City of Troy, Alabama.

That this shall become a binding contract between the City of Troy, Alabama, and said C.L. Jenkins, S.B. Innis, James Henderson, Press Thomas and C.B. Breeks, as said colored school building committee when executed by said parties.

Given under our hands this the 10th day of May, 1921.

Attest: G.J. Hubbard, City Clerk.

By City of Troy.
 F.P. Felmar, Mayor.
 S.B. Innis.
 C.L. Jenkins.
 James Henderson.
 Press Thomas.
 C.B. Breeks.

as the colored school building committee.

Filed for record May 16th, 1921, and a privilege tax of \$4.65. Paid. J.G. Key, Judge of Probate.

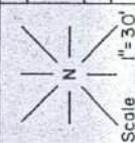
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ALABAMA PROPERTY RECORD CARD

COUNTY, ALABAMA

Imp. No.	1	2	3	4
Type of Structure				
Year Built				
Remodeled				



CONSTRUCTION DATA

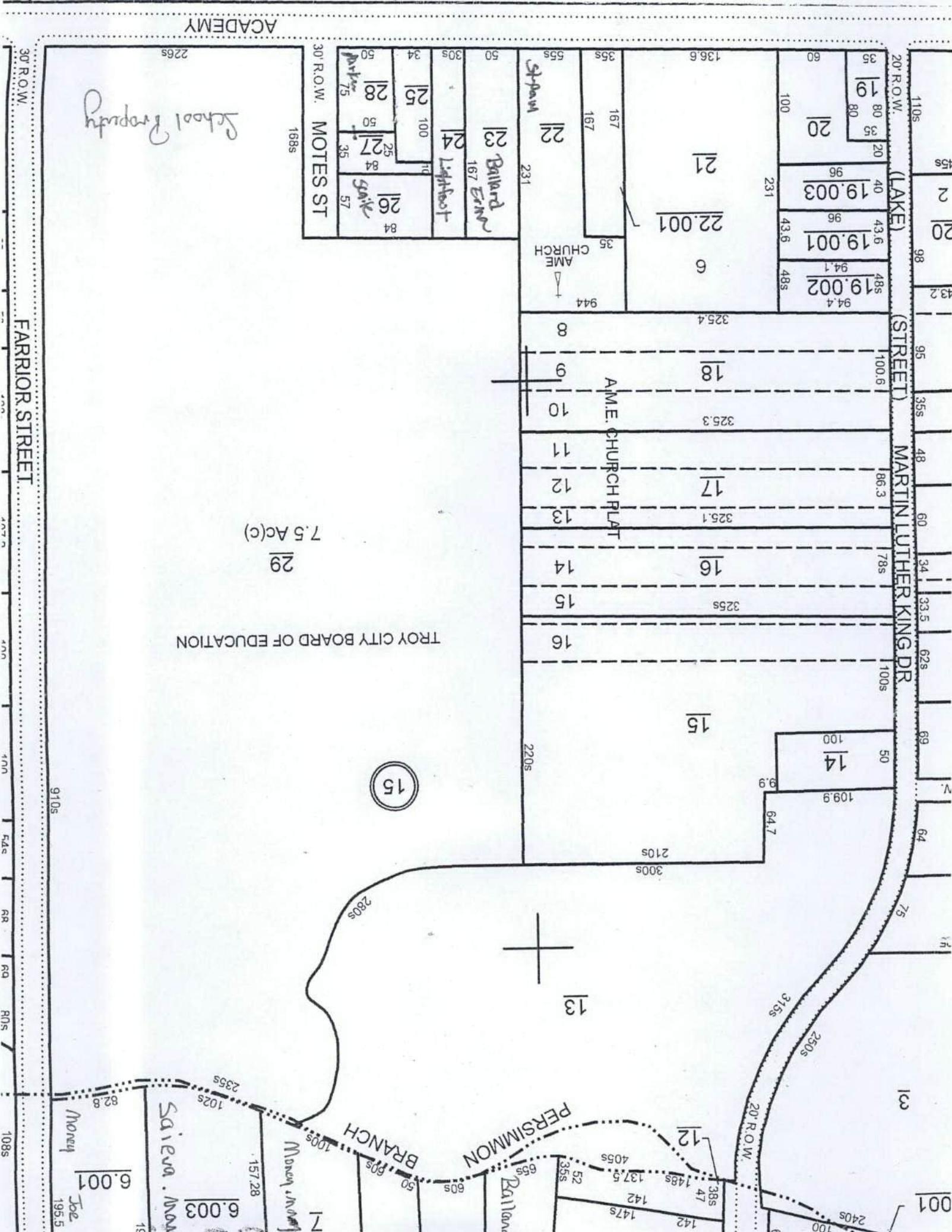
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	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Total									Monitor	7										None
Eff. Apartments									Pre-Stress Conc.	- 8										Minimum
Rm. Apts.									Wd. Truss & Wd. Dk.	9									Average	
Rm. Apts.									B.J. & Rigid Insl.	10									Maximum	
Rm. Apts.									Steel Truss	11										
BUILDING CODE	1	2	3	4	FOUNDATION				ROOF MATERIAL				PLUMBING							
Slab	1								Sheet Metal	1									None	
Piers	2								Roll Comp.	2									Poor	
Cont. Wall	3								B.U. / T.G.	3									Ave., No Tile	
Conc. Blk.	4								Shingle, Asp.	4									Ave. & Tile	
Brick	5								Shingle, Asp.	5										
Conc.	6								Cement Tile	6										
Stone	7								Clay Tile	7										
Wood	8								Bermuda	8										
									Slate	9										
									Corr. Asb.	10										
									Enam. Metal	11										
					EXTERIOR WALLS				FLOORS				HEATING - AIR CONDITIONING							
Wall Board	1								Plywood	1									None	
Composition	2								S. Pine	2									Cool	
Corr. Metal	3								Conc. on Grade	3									Gas	
Wood Fr. Asb.	4								Conc. & A. Tile	4									Oil	
Wood Fr. Stucco	5								Conc., Raised	5									Elec.	
Wd. Fr. No Shtn.	6								Terrazzo	6									Steam	
C.B. Plain	7								D. Pine	7									Hot Water	
Corr. Asb.	8								Hardwood	8									Stoker	
C.B. Stucco	9								Pre-Cast Conc.	9									Heat Pump	
Tile Stucco	10								Parquet	10									Air Cond.	
Wd. & Sheathing	11								Quarry Tile	11									Fireplace	
Brk. on Wood	12								Ceramic Tile	12										
Brk. on Masonry	13								Marble	13										
8" Brick	14								C. & U.	14										
12" Brick	15								Earth	21										
Reinf. Conc.	16								INTERIOR FINISH				ADJUSTMENTS							
Stone on Masonry	17								Unfinished	1									Fr. Timber	
Metal on Steel	18								Painted	2									Fr. Open Steel	
Rough Stone	19								Wd. or Cell Bd.	3									Fr. Rein. Conc.	
					ROOF TYPE				TOTAL ADJUSTED SQ. FOOT AREA				REPLACEMENT COST							
Flat - Shed	1								Wall Board	4										
Hip, Gable	2								Plaster, No Furr	5										
B. J. & Wd. Deck	3								Plaster & Furr	6										
Sawtooth	4								Drywall	7										
Gambrel	5								Wood Panel	8										
Mansard	6								Enam. Metal	9										
BUILDING CLASS SCALE					TOTAL UNITS	CONST. UNITS	BASE RATE	ADJUSTED SQ. FOOT COST	TOTAL ADJUSTED AREA	EXTRA FEATURES	COND.	VALUE								
Building 1																				
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Information by: Academy St Property Address

Field Work by: JS DATE: 2/11/17

Class by: _____ DATE: _____



TROY CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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School Property

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30' R.O.W.

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(STREET)

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Guice, Alvin	Troy, Alabama
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Date of Birth: March 2, 1884
Place of Birth: Matthews Station, Montgomery County, AL
Parents: Zimmerson H. Wilson and Laura Gray Wilson
Date of Death: January 1, 1971
Place of Death: Union Springs, AL
Education: May 25, 1911 -Diploma, The State Agricultural and Mechanical College for
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1940 – B.S. Degree, Agricultural Education
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Marriage: Emma Pinkston, (circa 1917) Union Springs, AL, who preceded him in
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Children: Saul T. Wilson, Jr., Hattie B. Wilson Daniels (deceased), Mary E. Wilson
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Church Affiliations: Active member of First Missionary Baptist Church, Union Springs, AL
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AL, and South East District ,Old Pine Grove District National Baptist
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Organizations: Alabama Negro Teacher's Association, Prince Hall Masons, Boy Scouts of
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Work: Principal, Baptist Bottom School (organized by the Troy-Ozark Baptist
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Act (AAA)1933
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Commencement Night

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Processional ---- America The Beautiful	Ed Ohenette
Music --- Sit Down, Servant Sit Down	N. Dett
Invocation	Rev. A. Gordon
Spiritual -- "Hist the Window Noah"	W. C. Handy
Salutatory -- "The American Youth in Democracy" Thomas Harris	
Oration -- "The Value of Education"	Juanita Fountain
Music -- By The Walters of Minnetonka	Girls Chorus
Valedictory -- "The Dignity of Honest Labor"	Weda McCray
Duet -- Sing Me To Sleep.	
Commencement Address	Rev. J. M. Dawkins
	Pastor St. John A.M.E. Church, Montgomery
Music -- The Lost Chord	Girls Chorus
Presentation of Diplomas	Superintendent L. D. Bynum
	Choral Club
Sermon	Rev. A. A. Davis
Presiding Elder, Troy District	
Dothan, Alabama	
Chorus -- "The Lord Is My Light"	C. A. Miles
	Choral Club
Announcements	
Recessional -- "War March of the Priest"	Mendelsohn