

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATION FILE  
Tennessee State Historic Preservation Office

Listing Name: Central High School  
Address: 142 Conley Road  
City: Alamo  
County: Crockett  
Associated MPS: N/A

Listing Date: 4/2/2025  
Reference Number: SG100011616



PENNSYLVANIA, NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY,  
Sixth Ward School,  
700 North Fourth Street,  
Sunbury, MP100011609,  
LISTED, 4/4/2025  
(Educational Resources of Pennsylvania MPS)

PUERTO RICO, GUAYANILLA MUNICIPALITY,  
Hacienda Fortuna,  
Barrio Sierra Baja, PR-375 Km. 1.5,  
Guayanilla vicinity, SG100011591,  
LISTED, 3/31/2025

TENNESSEE, CROCKETT COUNTY,  
Central High School,  
142 Conley Road,  
Alamo, SG100011616,  
LISTED, 4/2/2025

TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY,  
Barber, George F., Cottage,  
1701 E. Glenwood Ave.,  
Knoxville, SG100011618,  
LISTED, 4/2/2025

TENNESSEE, SHELBY COUNTY,  
Crawford, West J., House,  
290 S Lauderdale Street,  
Memphis, AD100010997,  
ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION APPROVED, 3/31/2025  
(Residential Resources of Memphis MPS)

UTAH, SALT LAKE COUNTY,  
Mountair Acres Subdivision Historic District,  
Roughly bounded by Imperial Street on the north, 3150 South on the east \_Highland Drive on the south,  
and 3010 South on the west,  
Millcreek, SG100011597,  
LISTED, 4/1/2025

UTAH, WASHINGTON COUNTY,  
Canaan Gap Archaeological District,  
Address Restricted,  
Hildale vicinity, SG100011576,  
LISTED, 3/28/2025

VIRGINIA, ALBEMARLE COUNTY,  
Campbell Hall,  
110 Bayly Dr.,

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

## 1. Name of Property

Historic name Central High School  
Other names/site number Crockett County Community & Family Resource Center  
Name of related multiple property listing N/A  
(Remove "N/A" if property is part of a multiple property listing and add name)

## 2. Location

Street & Number: 142 Conley Road  
City or town: Alamo State: TN County: Crockett  
Not For Publication:  N/A Vicinity:  N/A Zip: 38001

## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,  
I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility 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  does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

national  statewide  local

Applicable National Register Criteria:  A  B  C  D



February 21, 2025

Signature of certifying official/Title:

Date

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Tennessee Historical Commission

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of Commenting Official:

Date

Title:

State of Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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**4. National Park Service Certification**

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	2	buildings
0	1	sites
0	0	structures
0	1	objects
1	4	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

EDUCATION: School

RECREATION AND CULTURE: Auditorium,  
Sports Facility

SOCIAL: Meeting Hall

**Current Functions**

EDUCATION: School

COMMERCE/TRADE: Business, specialty store,  
warehouse

SOCIAL: Civic

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

MODERN MOVEMENT

**Materials:**

Principal exterior materials of the property: BRICK, CONCRETE, METAL

**Narrative Description**

The Central School is located in a residential area just north of the southern city limits of Alamo (population 2,348).<sup>1</sup> The City of Alamo is the county seat of Crockett County, Tennessee. The Central School building sits on 4.5 acres of land and was constructed in 1950 in the Modern Movement Style following the burning of an earlier Central High School about a mile from the current location. The school is a one-story building in an irregular plan on a slab concrete foundation. The building is concrete block construction covered with a brick veneer and has a flat synthetic rubber roof. The current school gained historical significance from 1950-1970, when it served as a school for local African American students, grades one through twelve. This school was also the only high school for African American students in Crockett County. The school later desegregated in 1970, however the building continues to be maintained in its current historic state and is used for a variety of community needs. The school retains integrity.

**Site and Setting**

The setting of the school remains much as it was historically. The school is located on the south end of Alamo’s city limits, less than a mile south of Alamo’s downtown area, including the National Register-listed Bank of Alamo (NR 6/26/1986). The area to the school’s east and north was historically an African

<sup>1</sup> “Alamo, Tennessee,” <https://worldpopulationreview.com/us-cities/alamo-tn-population>.

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American residential neighborhood and home to many families who have been in the community for several decades. To the south and west of the school property are cotton/soybean fields and Alamo's rural zoo called Safari Park with exotic animals that can be seen grazing in the fields from the school's south elevation. The Central School's east façade faces Conley Road which runs north through the Town of Alamo and south connecting to U.S. Highway 412, less than half a mile from the school property.

The property originally had eleven acres but has been reduced to its current four acres. A shed and playground area was installed in the 1990s behind the school, adjacent to the west and south elevations, replacing the baseball field. In 2010 the playground received updated equipment. Paved driveways and parking areas run in front (east) of the school (added in 1960s or 1970s), around the north elevation to the rear/west elevation (original but realigned and widened), and alongside the south elevation (added in early 2000s). Portable prefabricated classrooms were added behind the school on the west elevation during the mid-1980s when the city of Alamo used the school as a middle school. The units are all connected via covered walkways. Today the units are used for extra storage and the largest one will soon be used for a daycare. The portable classrooms and playground equipment are all non-contributing due to age, but their placement and scale do not severely impact the property's overall integrity to convey its historical significance. Overall, the area retains its historic feel with the school located on the outskirts of town surrounded mostly by fields and farmland.

**Central High School, (Contributing Building) 1950, 1960, ca. 1990:**

**Exterior**

The Central School is a one-story building positioned on a concrete slab foundation and is capped by a flat synthetic rubber roof. The auditorium/gym has a flattened gambrel metal roof with a parapet on the north and south elevation. The building is a concrete block construction and is covered in mostly brick siding, with some stucco siding present around the building which covered some of the original façade and south elevation windows.

There are three main entrances with one each on the east elevation, south elevation, and north elevation. Most doors are steel doors, except for the façade entrance and south elevation entrance doors which are glass doors in a metal frame. The windows are mostly double-hung, aluminum windows, the remaining are horizontally oriented metal windows with central awning sections in a five or six light configuration. All windows are positioned on brick sills.

The school has one historic addition which occurred in 1960 when the south-wing was added. Other alterations included closing in the original windows on the façade and side elevations in the 1990s with stucco siding and installing a single one-over-one pane window in place of the original windows. In the 1990s the building received some floor plan changes on the building's north end. Restrooms on the north end recently received a full remodel in 2023 by architect TLM in Jackson, Tennessee.

*Façade (east elevation):*

The façade of the school is located on the east elevation, facing the main parking lot and Conley Road. The centrally positioned façade/east entrance has a glass, metal-framed double-door with single-light transoms. The school's façade stretches north to south with several replacement one-over-one double-hung windows

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that are separated and surrounded by a square stucco section and a brick sill underneath. The auditorium's east elevation can be seen above the entrance, and it has four sets of horizontal oriented original multilight metal awning windows.

*South elevation:*

The south elevation faces a driveway and the south side parking lot which gives access to the Head Start Program entrance on the west elevation. The south elevation has the south end of the main building and connects to a south wing that extends west. The main building's south-end section has the south entrance with one glass, metal-frame double-door with three-light transom. A mural covers the remaining section which was painted in 2007 by a local artist, Jane Crowe.

There is a small section that connects the main building to the south wing. This connecting section has original windows on both the south and north elevation with five-light awning windows in a set of twenty. The south wing similarly resembles the façade with brick veneer siding, double hung windows, and stucco siding where the original windows were covered.

Rounding the corner from the south elevation is the south wing's west elevation which faces the west playground. On this section there is a single, one-light steel door with a metal awning, held up by metal posts. This awning extends out over a concrete walkway which connects to the south parking lot.

Moving north is the south wing's north elevation which faces six metal portable storage buildings. This elevation begins with a steel door within a group of five-light, awning windows in a horizontal ribbon and on a brick sill. Next there is the north entrance with single-light, steel double-doors in a metal frame that is accessed by two-concrete steps flanked by metal handrails that lead up to a concrete porch. This wing's elevation has two wooden double-hung windows with textured glass and another set of five-light awning windows set in a horizontal ribbon with a single-light steel door in-between.

*West elevation:*

The west elevation is the rear section of the main building and auditorium. This elevation has five groups of six-light metal awning windows and two groups of five-light awning windows set in a horizontal ribbon.

The auditorium is located on the school's west elevation and extends west. Facing south on the east-end, there is a rear exit with steel double-doors and a three-light transom under a projected flat roof from the main building. Beside the exit is a small square wing connected to the auditorium that currently houses the boiler system which was originally located in the basement. This section has a steel double-door facing west, a group of five-light awning windows facing south and a basement is located on the south elevation and is distinguished by a concrete block exterior with a metal roof and a wooden entrance door facing west.

The auditorium has six groups of metal multilight stationary windows with a centrally located brick chimney and brick pilasters in between the west-end windows. Another auditorium exit is located on the west-end and is accessed by two-concrete steps flanked by metal handrails that lead up to a steel door. The auditorium's west elevation is the rear of the auditorium and there are no windows or doors.

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The north elevation of the auditorium matches the south elevation with the same windows, doors, and brick pilasters.

After the auditorium, continuing on the school's west elevation, there is a small projecting section with a wood door facing north. The building then continues north with five groups of metal multilight awning windows which face west. Two groups of windows are five-light and the last three are six-light. After the windows on the north-end there are concrete steps and a concrete pad that lead up to a single metal door with a one-over-one textured glass window.

*North elevation:*

The north elevation has an entryway with a centered, steel double-door that has a two-light window on each door. The entry is accessed by three concrete steps flanked by metal handrails that lead up to a small concrete porch. A metal vent is also located under the roofline on the west end.

**Interior**

The interior of the building consists of two main hallways that connect in a perpendicular plan. One hallway runs north to south and the other connects on the south elevation and extends west. Both hallways have classrooms and offices on both sides. The north wing consists of the main entrance, offices, bathrooms, a meeting room, kitchen, storage rooms, an auditorium, and a boiler room. The south wing has classrooms that are now used for storage, offices, and an alumni room. The west wing continues to have classrooms and offices used for the Head Start Program.

Throughout the building there are vinyl and carpeted floors, steel doors, acoustic panel ceilings, fluorescent lighting, and painted concrete block and sheetrock walls. The south and west wing hallway have a green, vertical striped wallpaper covering the walls. The west wing hallway has ceiling beams along the tiled ceiling. Changes to the interior occurred mostly in the 1990s when the original façade windows were covered and when the floor plan changed some on the north wing. The boiler heating system was moved in the 1990s from the basement to a room south of the auditorium. The most recent change to the building occurred in 2023 when the bathrooms on the north wing were remolded to accommodate visitors when meetings and community events are held.

The auditorium/gym is located on the north end of the building, directly across from the main entrance. The auditorium has the original hardwood flooring, concrete block walls, a metal ceiling and exposed truss system, a set of five metal multilight stationary windows on the north and south wall, and a set of four metal multilight stationary windows on the east wall. Eight sets of original wooden bleachers remain in the room with four on the south wall and four on the north wall. A stage is centrally located in the auditorium making it the focal point of the room. On either side of the stage are two doors that lead to access behind the stage. Two metal awning windows can be seen behind the stage on both the north and south wall.

The former kitchen is also located on the north end of the building and is currently used for overflow storage. The kitchen has concrete block walls, vinyl flooring, metal awning windows on the west wall, a tiled ceiling, and the kitchen can be identified by the remaining commercial vent hood.

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**Portable Prefabricated Classroom/Storage Buildings (Non-Contributing Building) ca. 1985**

There are six metal corrugated buildings that were installed behind the school in the mid-1980s and are currently used for storage. These prefabricated metal storage buildings are not attached to the school, however there are metal awnings and walkways that connect the buildings together (thus, they are inventoried as one resource). The buildings have a concrete foundation, gable metal roofs, and two-over-two double-hung aluminum windows. These storage buildings are Non-Contributing due to their age and placement after the period of significance.

**West/Southwest Playground (Non-Contributing Site) ca. 2010**

The west/southwest playground is a Non-Contributing site that was installed for the Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council’s Head Start Program circa 1996. The playground has a chain link fence around the perimeter and the area consists of two awnings, two plastic/metal play centers with slides and swings. The site is Non-Contributing because the playground was not associated with the property during its period of significance.

**Storage Shed (Non-Contributing Building) ca. 1990**

Located by the Central School’s south wing’s west elevation is a small wooden shed in a square plan with a gable, shingle roof that was installed in 1999. This shed is used for storage for the Head Start Program, and it has only one opening and it is located on the facade. This building is listed as Non-Contributing since it was not associated with the property during its period of significance.

**“Crockett County Community & Family Resource Center” Sign, (Non-Contributing Object) 2021**

In 2021, a “Crockett County Community & Family Resource Center” sign was added on the school’s west elevation, in front of the façade’s parking lot and beside Conley Road. This object is Non-Contributing because it was not associated with the property during its period of significance.

**Integrity**

The Central School retains its integrity and ability to communicate its historical significance as a center for education within the local African American community in the Town of Alamo and Crockett County. The school retains its integrity of location and setting, as the building remains on its original property and the area continues to be located on the outskirts of Alamo’s city limits within a historic African American neighborhood. In the 1990s, there were some alterations to the overall design and materials of the school, including the covering of some original awning windows with stucco siding and installing double hung windows in their place. A mural was painted on the main building’s south elevation in 2007. The building retains its brick veneer, concrete block construction, and flat roof with taller auditorium section. The overall massing of the school remains intact and clearly reads as a mid-twentieth-century school. Original windows are extant on the rear elevation, allowing an understanding of how the façade originally appeared. Changes to the school grounds include metal buildings that were added behind the school in the 1980s, however these buildings are not attached to the school. A shed and fenced-in playground were also added to the grounds in the 1990s. Interior changes took place mostly in the north wing during the 1990s with some floor plans that were updated. The most recent renovation occurred in 2023 when the north wing bathrooms were remodeled.

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These interior changes, however, had minimal impact on the integrity of the school given that sufficient other historic materials remain, including its painted concrete block walls, original hallways, offices, and classroom configuration. The school retains association as a result of its direct historic role in the local community. Considering all aspects, the Central School retains its integrity of feeling.

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**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

**Areas of Significance**

ETHNIC HERITAGE/BLACK

EDUCATION

SOCIAL HISTORY

**Period of Significance**

1950-1970

**Significant Dates**

1960

**Significant Person**

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Unknown

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

Property is:

N/A

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

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**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph**

The Central School in Alamo, Crockett County, Tennessee is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A at the local level of significance for its association with themes of African American heritage as it relates to social history and education. From 1950 to 1970, Central School served African American children as the only African American public high school in Crockett County during the late Jim Crow era. The school offered grades one through twelve and taught subjects such as Social Studies, Math, English, Science, Music, French, Cosmetology, Home Economics, and Building & Trade. Students also participated in extracurricular activities such as sports, band, cheerleading club, majorette club, and glee club. Central’s teachers and principals made it their mission to provide their students with a well-rounded education that included real world experiences in-order for their students to succeed despite segregation. The period of significance for the Central School is from 1950 to 1970, which corresponds with the year the school opened and the year the school closed following desegregation in Crockett County.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

Context:

The Central School is located in Alamo, Crockett County, Tennessee. Crockett County was established in 1871 after isolated farmers came together to petition the Tennessee General Assembly to create a new county due to their difficulty reaching a county seat.<sup>2</sup> The county’s boundary was originally made up of land from the surrounding counties: Dyer, Gibson, Madison, and mostly Haywood.<sup>3</sup> The county was named for the famous Tennessean, Davy Crockett, and the chosen county seat was later named “Alamo” after the historic mission in San Antonio, Texas where Crockett died in 1836. The Town of Alamo was established in 1846 when the petition for Crockett County’s formation originally began. Alamo was chosen as the county seat because of its central location and because it was only six miles from the nearest railroad station, Bell’s Depot. After boundary lines for the county were selected, a town was laid out for a trading post by Isaac M. Johnson and he originally named the town Cageville, in honor of his business partner Lycurgus Cage, and one of the first merchants in that vicinity. The Town of Cageville later had its name changed in 1872 to Alamo after Crockett County was officially established.

Historically and currently, Crockett County is known for its success in agriculture. During the nineteenth century, farmers in Crockett County produced wheat, corn, and livestock. In the twentieth century several families turned to specialized cash crops, including soybeans, corn, and especially cotton; others in Crockett County had fruit orchards, strawberry patches, and even a honey bee yard with a sorghum mill.<sup>4</sup> The County’s success in agriculture was closely tied to the progress of the railroads. In 1859, the Memphis, Clarksville, and Louisville Railroad built a line through Crockett County. By the mid-1870s, freight and passenger trains hummed through the county daily. Train Traffic during the twentieth century encouraged a ready market for many perishable fruits that were produced in the county and encouraged the creation of cotton gins at towns along the line.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>2</sup>The Goodspeed History of Tennessee, Crockett County, published by the *Goodspeed Publishing Co.*, 1887.

<https://www.tngenweb.org/crockett/2020/12/18/alamo/>

<sup>3</sup>Ibid.

<sup>4</sup>Ibid.

<sup>5</sup>Ibid.

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Alamo had several merchants with businesses in dry good stores, drugstores, saloons, law offices, and a broom factory. Most of these businesses were located in or near the town's square. Churches were also located in and around the square which prove the town's religious foundation.

The first schools in Alamo were the public schools and the Thompson's Classical Institute which was established in 1883. The Thompson's Classical Institute was a private school for advanced students and was established by Professor R. S. Thompson who also taught classes there. This school was said to be the leading private school in the county.<sup>6</sup>

Crockett County does not have official slave records since the county was made up of sections from several other counties, however, there are many families of African American and slave descent who have been in this area since its beginning.<sup>7</sup> It is known that Blacks in the county worked mostly in agriculture, and a few were teachers.<sup>8</sup> In the Town of Alamo, the African American community was located at the south-end of town. Their community included a school and two different church denominations: African Methodist Episcopal (AME) and Northern Methodist Episcopal (CME). In 1941 a statistical atlas published Crockett County's population, which was over 17,300 people with African Americans comprising almost 20% of the population.<sup>9</sup> However, over the years Crockett County's African American population has slowly decreased.

*Early History of Crockett County African American Education & Central High School (1925-1950):*

The African American community in Crockett County was one of the region's more active participants in the Rosenwald School-Building Program. As required by the Rosenwald fund, African American citizens of Crockett County raised almost twelve thousand dollars for their new schools. With support from the Rosenwald Fund and public sources, local African Americans built one-room schools in the towns of Antioch, Cross Roads, and Fruitvale. Two-room schoolhouses were constructed in Hudson Grove and Maury City, while three-room schools were erected in Alamo, Bells, and Porter's Grove.<sup>10</sup>

In Crockett County, African American children attended elementary schools in their own town for grades first through eight. Originally, the Town of Alamo had two elementary schools, then in 1925 the two schools merged into the Alamo 'Colored' School, located on Koonce Street in a wood framed building. Professor Edgar Nathaniel (E. N.) Koonce was the first principal of the school but started out as an appointed teacher (see Figure 1).<sup>11</sup> Soon after the school's merge, the



**Figure 1. Professor E.N. Koonce** (source: Central High School Alumni & Associates Website - <https://chsalamo.com/>)

<sup>6</sup>The Goodspeed History of Tennessee, Crockett County, published by the *Goodspeed Publishing Co.*, 1887. <https://www.tngenweb.org/crockett/2020/12/18/alamo/>

<sup>7</sup> Natalie Huntley. "African American Research," 2001-2012. <https://tn-roots.com/tncrockett/>

<sup>8</sup> The Goodspeed History of Tennessee, Crockett County, published by the *Goodspeed Publishing Co.*, 1887. <https://www.tngenweb.org/crockett/2020/12/18/alamo/>

<sup>9</sup> Ibid.

<sup>10</sup> Central Alumni Association Collection.

<sup>11</sup> "Smith-Hughes Teachers," *Nashville Banner*, Nashville, Tennessee. July 13, 1930. Page 24.

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school became Alamo ‘Colored’ High School when high school grades were added. This was the only high school for African American students in the entire county. Therefore, while Alamo children were able to attend school for all grades in their own town, other students in the county had to travel to Alamo for high school.

In the early 1930s, ashes from a potbelly stove in the school caught the wooden floor on fire which resulted in burning down the school. The school’s second principal, Principal Eugene Douglas (ED) Brown managed to scrape together enough funds to rebuild the school with the support of both the white and Black community in Alamo. In 1934 the school’s name changed again and it became known as Central High School. During this time concerned citizens who wanted to see the school succeed donated items such as desks and books as well as their time and talents to the school. In February of 1950, another fire burned Central School to the ground; the cause was never formally determined. To continue to educate students while waiting on the construction of their new school, Central School’s leadership coordinated with the community to host classes in local churches and in homes of student’s families and teachers.<sup>12</sup>

Central High School (1950-1970):

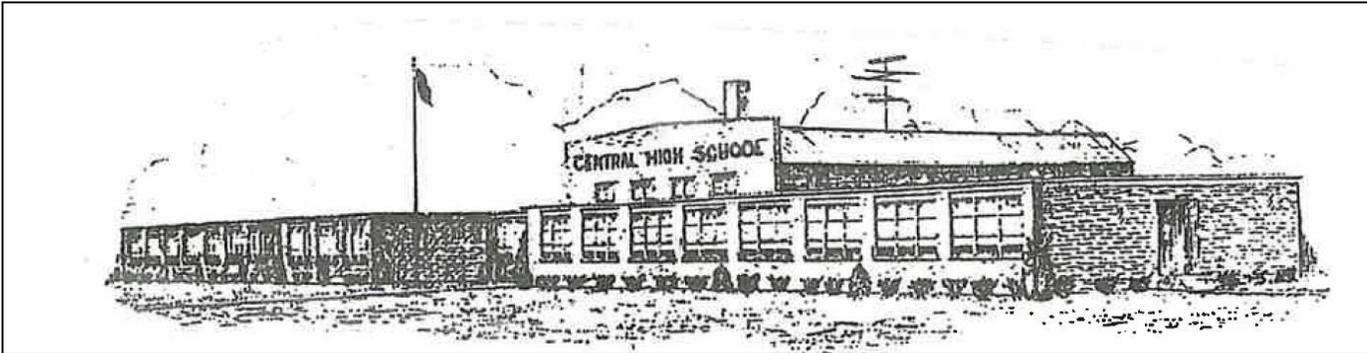


Figure 2. Historic Sketch of Central High School

In 1950, shortly after the former Central School burned, a new red brick building was constructed in a new location on Conley Road in Alamo. The new school was built only a mile from the original school’s location and still within Alamo’s African American community. The Crockett County Court approved a \$100,000 bond to raise money to build this Black school.<sup>14</sup> In Alamo, all African American Students from grades first to twelfth attended Central High School because it accommodated both elementary and high school grades.<sup>15</sup> Central High School continued to be the only high school for African American Students in Crockett County. To accommodate the county high schoolers, volunteers picked up county students who needed transportation to the school. By the later 1960s, the county school system started a bus operation to allow all Black county students to be able to attend Central High School.

<sup>12</sup>Central High School Alumni Associates, “Brief History of Central High School and Why it is Important, 2010.”

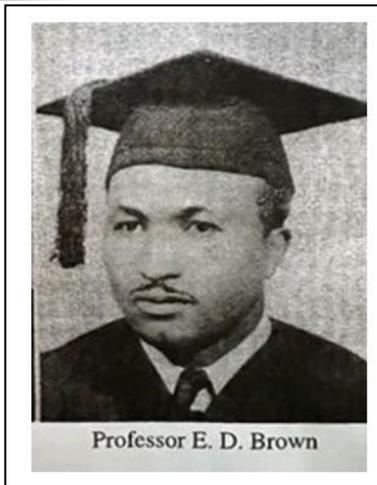
<sup>13</sup>Central Alumni Association Collection.

<sup>14</sup>“Crockett County Votes Negro School Board.” *The Jackson Sun*, Jackson, Tennessee. May 2, 1950. Page 6.

<sup>15</sup>“Crockett Pupils Await Outcome of Court Suit,” *The Jackson Sun*, Jackson, Tennessee. April 25, 1967. Page 6.

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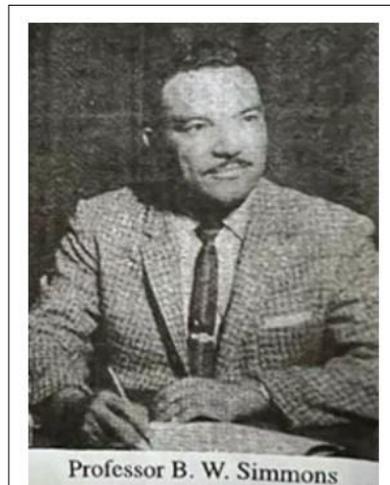
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**Figure 3. Principal E.D. Brown**  
(source: Central High School Alumni & Associates Website - <https://chsalamo.com/>)

Eugene Douglass (E.D.) Brown served as Central School’s principal from 1937 to 1959. Brown was Central School’s second principal, however he was the first principal to serve at the current school. Eugene Brown received his B.S. Degree and his Master’s Degree at Tennessee State University with additional studies from Fisk University, Indiana State University, and West Virginia University. Brown began his career as a teacher at Shelby County Elementary School and then as a high school teacher at Bruce High School (NR 7/6/2023) in Dyersburg. After leaving Dyersburg, Brown became Principal at Central High School where he stayed for twenty-two years. During his time as principal, he increased enrollment from forty students to one thousand. To increase student enrollment, Principal Brown addressed the parents while they worked in cotton fields and tried to convince them to allow their children to attend school.<sup>16</sup> As student enrollment increased, Principal Brown created and filled more faculty member positions which went from ten to twenty-eight faculty. Principal Brown was known to be a “stern role model” who demanded respect but was “faultlessly modest.”<sup>17</sup> He urged the Crockett County Community to “Cooperate fully with the schools in order that children might be better trained morally, physically, and educationally – that all children with capacities can develop abilities that will help them to better adjust themselves in society and at the same time participate in activities financially as well as socially, that good citizens must pay the price of civilization.”<sup>18</sup> Under Principal Brown’s leadership at Central High School, many students graduated and went on to become lawyers, doctors, and leaders within communities across the nation.<sup>19</sup>

Professor Burnell Willie Lee (B.W.) Simmons was the third and last principal of Central High School; he served during the years of 1959-1970. B. W. Simmon was a native of Crockett County and attended Central High School as a boy. He furthered his education and received his B.S. Degree at A. & T. College in North Carolina, then received his master’s degree at Tennessee State University in Nashville. Simmons served in the Crockett County School System for a total of twenty-two years and originally started out as a teacher. B. W. Simmons was dedicated to serve his students by providing the best education possible. During his summers off from teaching, Simmons attended summer school at Tennessee State University in order to stay up to date on modern trends in education.<sup>20</sup> As Simmons, prepared for his first year as principal he launched his own innovative way of educating the “New



**Figure 4. Principal B.W. Simmons**  
(source: Central High School Alumni & Associates Website - <https://chsalamo.com/>)

<sup>16</sup> Jones, L.S. “Alumni honor former principal with Alamo Park,” *The Jackson Sun*, Jackson, Tennessee. September 19, 2000.

<sup>17</sup> Ibid.

<sup>18</sup> “3 Bells Teachers Honored for Service,” *The Jackson Sun*, Jackson, Tennessee. April 22, 1956. Page 2.

<sup>19</sup> Jones, L.S. “Alumni honor former principal with Alamo Park,” *The Jackson Sun*, Jackson, Tennessee. September 19, 2000.

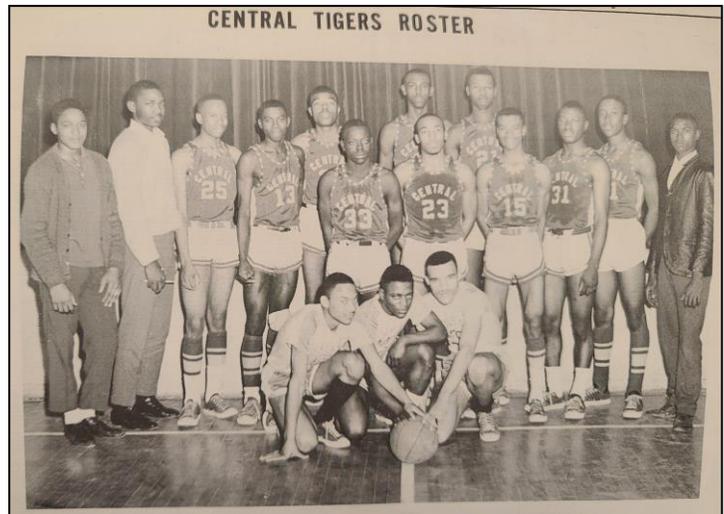
<sup>20</sup> “Crockett Teachers Take Summer Work,” *The Jackson Sun*, Jackson, Tennessee. September 8, 1955. Page 2.

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Breed” of young people. In 1961 while Simmons was serving as Principal, he was elected as chairman of the Principal Study Council in Region IV.<sup>21</sup> B.W. Simmons believed that there should not be two separate (segregated) high schools teaching the same curriculum in the small Town of Alamo, however he stated that Central High School was “second to none...We would like to feel that it is the best in the county.”<sup>22</sup> Under his administration, a new wing was built in 1960 to accommodate increased enrollment which made his vision for growth and expansion at Central a reality. After Central High School was desegregated in 1970, Principal Simmons went on to work for the State Department of Education as a supervisor of Title I Programs.<sup>23</sup>

Teachers at Central taught a variety of subjects such as English, Math, Social Studies, Science, Music, and French.<sup>24</sup> At Central, some teachers were coaches as well. At one time the Physical Education teacher was also the basketball coach, and the Typing teacher was over the cheerleading team. In order to encourage and prepare their students for the work force and/or higher education, the school offered classes such as cosmetology, home economics, FFA, 4-H, and Building and Trade. The students who took Building and Trade received real world experience when Principal Simmons, who lived across the street from the school, had the students work on his house. Former student, Monola Patterson (graduating class of 1960) said that in Home-Economics class her teacher taught the students how to make a Thanksgiving Dinner with the chicken and dressing dish. The teacher asked the students to bring the items to make it and Monola’s family had chickens so they caught a chicken and put it in a crocus sack for her to take it to school. On the way to school the chicken got loose on the bus and the boys caught it. Once at school, the boys rung the chicken’s neck and the teacher taught the girls how to clean and cook it. Monola stated that, “all of the Central High Teachers and administration cared about every students and knew every family. They taught us real world experiences and prepared us well for the rest of the world. They wanted us to be successful in any endeavor we pursued. It was more than just a job for the teachers it was their way of preparing future generations in spite of segregation.”



**Figure 5. Central Tigerettes - Central High School girls' basketball team** (Source: Annual Homecoming Souvenir Program, Central High Gym, Alamo, Tennessee." Program Booklet, February 18, 1966. Courtesy of Central Alumni Association Collection.)

Sports and extra-curricular activities were also very important to Central High School’s history. Central School’s main sport was the boys and girls basketball team. Central competed against several

<sup>21</sup>“Region IV Sets Principals Meeting,” *The Jackson Sun*, Jackson, Tennessee. October 1, 1961. Page 8.

<sup>22</sup>“Ruling is expected today in Crockett County Suit; School Survey is Asked.” *The Jackson Sun*, Jackson, Tennessee. April 27, 1967. Page 10.

<sup>23</sup> “Crockett Educator Gets State Post,” *The Jackson Sun*, Jackson, Tennessee. June 17, 1970, Page 18.

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schools including: Ripley, Merry High of Jackson, Denmark School, Bruce Bulldogs of Dyersburg, and West High School of Madison County.<sup>25</sup> Central's basketball coach, Lawrence Franklin, coached both the girls and boys team at one time and was known as a "very fine coach."<sup>26</sup> During the year of 1965, the Tigers and Tigerettes both held an undefeated streak.<sup>27</sup> Other than sports, Central had several other clubs and extracurricular activities to participate in such as a Science Club, English Club, Commerce Club, Glee Club, Cheerleading Club, Majorette Club, and National Homemakers of America, and a Student Council.<sup>28</sup>



**Figure 6. Central Tigers - Central High School boys basketball team** (Source: Annual Homecoming Souvenir Program, Central High Gym, Alamo, Tennessee." Program Booklet, February 18, 1966. Courtesy of Central Alumni Association Collection.)

In 1954, Central High School celebrated their first graduating class to graduate in their current building, and in 1970 Central had their last graduating class. Graduates from Central left with a strong educational background which prepared them for their next step in life. Central's graduates and former students dispersed all over the United States in various fields. Some graduates went into the Airforce such as Willie H. Liggon from Bells who completed U.S. Air Force basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas & was assigned to Port Hueneme, CA for training in the civil engineering structural and pavements field.<sup>29</sup> Lonnie Searcy went on to college to further himself in athletics and education. Searcy played all four years of basketball at Central High School and then in 1968 he received a basketball scholarship to play on the Union University's basketball team in Jackson, Tennessee.<sup>30</sup> Searcy was the first African American to enroll and to graduate from Union University.<sup>31</sup> During his time at Union, Searcy was known for his rebounds and was named MVP of the VSAC Western Division in 1968-1969.<sup>32</sup> Searcy majored in Physical Education and went on to coach basketball in Memphis.<sup>33</sup>

The African American Community in Crockett County was proud of their Central High School building and often used the school as a place to hold their fundraisers, community meetings, and other meetings of importance. Central hosted a field day every year, known as "Clay Day," for all the elementary schools in Crockett County. The school also hosted annual community picnics during school baseball games, with

<sup>25</sup>"Alamo, West Even." *The Jackson Sun*, Jackson, Tennessee. January 30, 1964. Page 11.

<sup>26</sup> Tisdale, Buddy (Sun Sports Writer). "Searcy's Rebounding Vital To UU." *The Jackson Sun*, Jackson, Tennessee. February 28<sup>th</sup>, 1968. Page 12.

<sup>27</sup>"Central Sweeps Two from Bruce," *The Jackson Sun*, Jackson, Tennessee. December 12, 1965. Page 16.

<sup>28</sup>"Alamo Central High Honor Graduates Are Announced," *The Jackson Sun*, Jackson, Tennessee. March 12, 1961. Page 10.

<sup>29</sup> "Our Armed Services Report." *The Jackson Sun*, Jackson, Tennessee. June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1969. Page 15.

<sup>30</sup>Tisdale, Buddy (Sun Sports Writer). "Searcy's Rebounding Vital To UU." *The Jackson Sun*, Jackson, Tennessee. February 28<sup>th</sup>, 1968. Page 12.

<sup>31</sup>"Union University Athletics-Union University Sports Hall of Fame – Lonnie Searcy," 2016. <https://uuathletics.com/honors/union-university-sports-hall-of-fame/lonnie-searcy/62/kiosk>

<sup>32</sup>Ibid.

<sup>33</sup>"Black History Month: The Searcys' Story," *Cardinal & Cream*, Union University, Jackson, Tennessee. February 25, 2016.

<https://www.cardinalandcream.info/2016/black-history-month-the-searcys-story/>

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BBQ, refreshments, and other games.<sup>34</sup> Central's gym was used for a variety of community events, such as Cake Walks, Donkey Basketball Fundraisers, local school concerts, and local church events.<sup>35</sup> In 1962, the founding principal of Central, E. N. Koonce, requested to have his funeral service held at the school.<sup>36</sup>

*Closing of Central School and Desegregation in Crockett County, Tennessee (1970)*

Crockett County was still segregated in 1950 when the current Central School was constructed. In 1965, the U.S. Attorney General filed a suit in federal district court which called for consolidation of all seven of Crockett County's Schools.<sup>37</sup> The justice system accused Crockett County's School System of continuing to operate a separated public education system by failing to assign students and teachers to schools on the basis of criteria other than race which violated the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment.<sup>38</sup> The Crockett County Board of Education and the city school systems contended that they were operating under a "freedom of choice program" and school officials denied that any Black student had been forbidden admission into an all-white school.<sup>39</sup> The education boards also stated that Black teachers were paid the same as their white counterparts.<sup>40</sup> However, in order to qualify for continued federal financial assistance Crockett County's Schools had to submit their desegregation plans to the U.S. Office of Education by 1965 and have all their schools fully consolidated by 1968-1969.<sup>41</sup> In 1970, it was determined that Crockett County Schools had finally complied with the order and their school systems were desegregated.

After Central School desegregated in 1970, the school was temporarily used for the City of Alamo's elementary school until they moved in 1983. Next, during most of the year of 1983, the city's middle school moved in while a new middle school building was being constructed. Then, from 1984 to 1993 the building was used as Alamo's junior high school. In 1993, Crockett County Board of Education bought the building and began renting the building out for various community needs. In 1997, the Northwest Tennessee Head Start Program for Crockett County relocated and officially moved in the building where it still resides today.

*Central Alumni & Associates:*

In 1977, seven years after Central School desegregated, the former students and graduates of Central joined together to form the Central High School Alumni & Associates (CHSAA) for the purpose of continuing to serve the local community and preserve their heritage. Initially, the Alumni Associates began by continuing to plan and host their former school's class reunions. During those reunions, discussions were held concerning how they would like to provide college scholarships for the descendants of Central High's Alumni. Soon a committee, named E.D. Brown Committee, was formed to manage and receive donations to provide these scholarships. Most of the group meetings or reunions were held at the former Central High School building since the "Centralites" were well known by the administration staff of the Crockett County

<sup>34</sup>"Picnic Ball Game; Slated at Alamo." *The Jackson Sun*, Jackson, Tennessee. August 3, 1955. Page 9.

<sup>35</sup>Reeves, Juldine. "Science Fair Held at West High." *The Jackson Sun*, Jackson, Tennessee. April 26, 1966. Page 10.

<sup>36</sup> Interview with Harold Nance. Interview by Jessica Baker. Alamo, Tennessee. November 16, 2023.

<sup>37</sup>"U.S. Seeks Order to Mix Schools in Crockett" *The Jackson Sun*, Jackson, Tennessee. June 8, 1966. Page 1.

<sup>38</sup>Ibid.

<sup>39</sup> "Crockett Pupils Await Outcome of Court Suit," *The Jackson Sun*, Jackson, Tennessee. April 25, 1967. Page 6.

<sup>40</sup>Ibid.

<sup>41</sup> "Crockett County Faculty Mixing Asked In Court." *The Jackson Sun*, Jackson, Tennessee. January 31, 1968. Page 8.

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School Board. After the committee was running well, the Alumni Association moved forward to obtain a non-profit status. Donations for the scholarships were collected during class reunions and alumni hosted fundraisers. To qualify for the scholarships, the person must be a descendant of a Cetralite, write an essay, and must further their education beyond high school.<sup>42</sup>

A wide variety of positions were created under the Alumni & Associates Group, officers including President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Chaplain, Parliamentarian, Events Coordinator, Chair of Fundraising, Chair of Youth/Education Committee, Chair of Membership, Coordinator of Charitable Contributions, and E.D. Brown Park Committee. The Alumni Association continues to host semi-annual reunions where the members discuss building maintenance, community service projects, grants, fundraisers, memberships, and much more. The Alumni also encourages community involvement and support with financial donations, program assistance, and volunteer work to assist with building repairs, maintenance, and landscaping.<sup>43</sup>

In 2000, the Alumni Associates established a park and named it E.D. Brown Public Park in honor of their second principal, Eugene Brown. This park is located on Koonce Street where the original Central School once stood until it burned in the early 1930s.<sup>44</sup> Central's first principal, Koonce, lived adjacent to the school and organized sports activities for children of the community, long before it became an official park. The small park is currently city owned with a playground, picnic tables, basketball court, a pavilion, and a stone monument. The Alumni Associates raised funds and was able to erect a stone monument to memorialize the original location of the Central School. The monument gives details as to when the school was founded, the names of the original school faculty, first graduates, and the three principals of the school. The Alumni Associates and the E.D. Brown Park Committee developed an Annual Walk Fundraiser in the year 2001 to fund additional playground equipment for the park.<sup>45</sup> The African American Cultural Awareness (SAACA) Group and the Crockett County Summer Arts Camp also partnered with Central's Alumni to host the first E.D. Brown Park dedication and a Juneteenth Celebration at the park.<sup>46</sup> The park continues to bring the community together and volunteers partner with the City of Alamo to make sure the park is well taken care of.<sup>47</sup>

In June of 2021, the Central High School Alumni & Associates purchased the former segregated Central High School from Crockett County Board of Education for ten dollars.<sup>48</sup> Today the former school building is called the Crockett County Community & Family Resource Center. This center was officially established in 2022 and offers a wide range of services, programs, and activities for the Crockett County Community. Some of the services and programs include YMCA, Save the Children Head Start, Early Head Start, Northwest TN Economic Development Council food & home energy assistance, Community Thrift Shop, Children's Fine Arts Program, rental retail space, events center/meeting space, and a kid's summer camp.

<sup>42</sup>Central Alumni Associates Collection.

<sup>43</sup>Central High School Alumni & Associates, Alamo, Tennessee 2024. <https://chsalamo.com/store/>

<sup>44</sup>Jones, L.S. "Alumni honor former principal with Alamo Park," *The Jackson Sun*, Jackson, Tennessee. September 19, 2000.

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<sup>48</sup>Crockett County, 2022 Warranty Deed, Central High School Alumni Associates.

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Funds raised through these programs/services goes towards the building's preservation and to fund scholarships for the local students which is the main mission of CHSAA: to "expand student's educational horizons, empower them to become exceptional citizens, and inspire community wholeness."<sup>49</sup>

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<sup>49</sup>Central High School Alumni & Associates, Alamo, Tennessee, 2024. <https://chsalamo.com/store/>

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**10. Geographical Data**

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**Acreage of Property** 4.5 **USGS Quadrangle** Alamo 429-SE

**Latitude/Longitude Coordinates**

Datum if other than WGS84: N/A

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| 3. Southeast Corner: Latitude: 35.774559 | Longitude: -89.120421 |
| 4. Southwest Corner: Latitude: 35.774739 | Longitude: -89.121766 |

**Verbal Boundary Description:**

The boundary corresponds to Crockett County Parcel 065D F 012.00. The boundary is depicted on the enclosed boundary map.

**Boundary Justification:**

The nominated boundary of 4.5 acres includes the land of which the Central School is located along with two associated parking lots (east and south), a playground (southwest), and two driveways/turn arounds (north and south). The boundary includes all the intact resources associated with the property's significance and resources associated with the property's later history after desegregation.

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**USGS Topographic Map:**  
City of Alamo Quad Map  
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**Photo Log:**

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County: Crockett State: TN  
Photographer: Jessica Baker  
Date Photographed: 11/16/2023

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- 2 of 25. Central's façade south elevation, photographer facing southwest.
- 3 of 25. School's rear view & gym's north elevation, photographer facing south.
- 4 of 25. Gym's south elevation, photographer facing north
- 5 of 25. Rear of school – basement entrance beside gym, photographer facing northeast.
- 6 of 25. Rear of school – photographer facing south.
- 7 of 25. Metal storage buildings behind the school, photographer facing west.
- 8 of 25. Head Start Program's play area, photographer facing south.
- 9 of 25. Head Start Program's Playground, photographer facing south.
- 10 of 25. School's south elevation with mural, photographer facing north.
- 11 of 25. School's façade – south to north view, photographer facing northwest.
- 12 of 25. Office room – beside school's entrance, photographer facing east.
- 13 of 25. Event meeting room, photographer facing north.
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- 15 of 25. Meeting room connecting to hall, photographer facing south.
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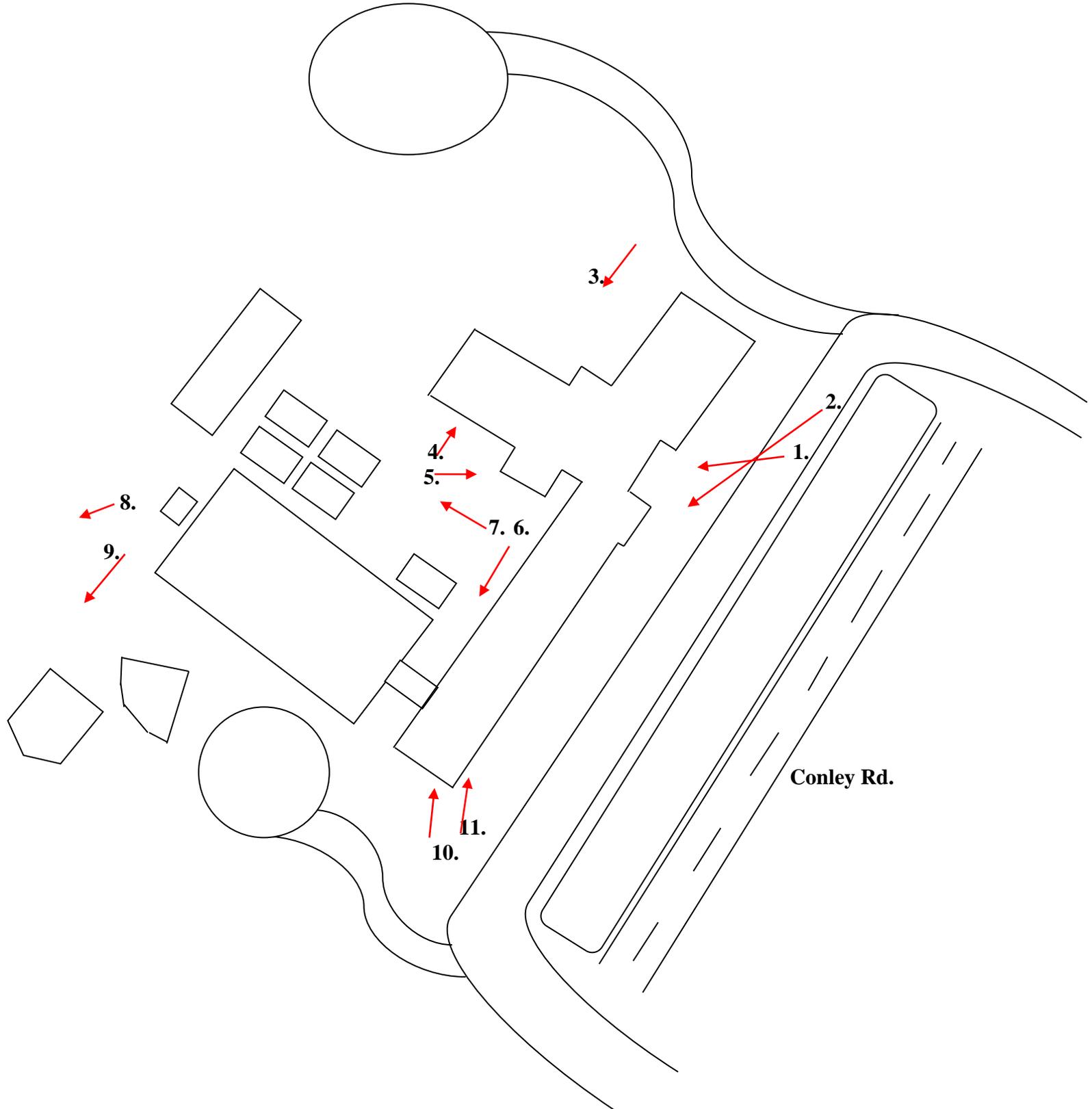
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- 23 of 25. Alumni room, photographer facing west.
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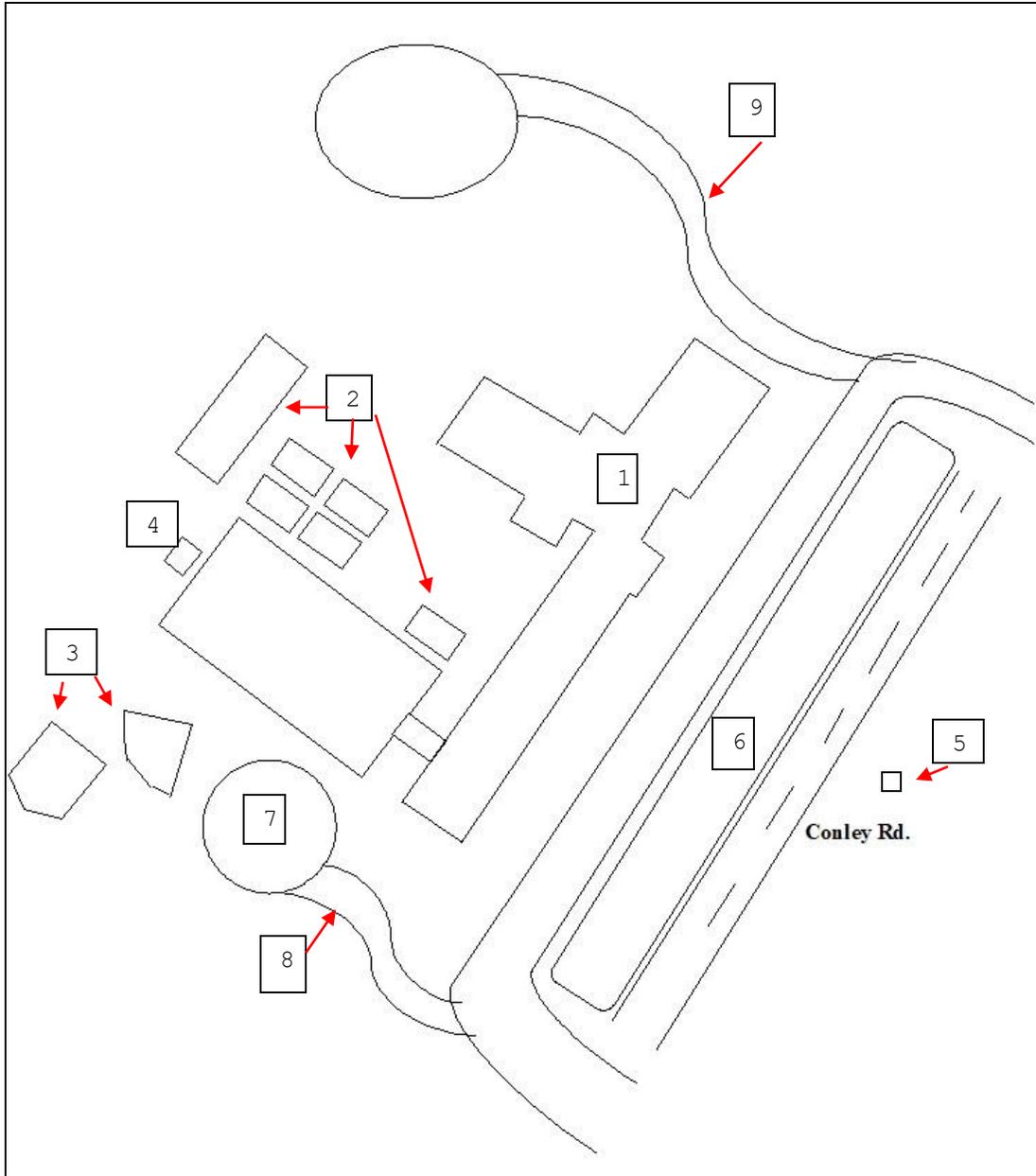
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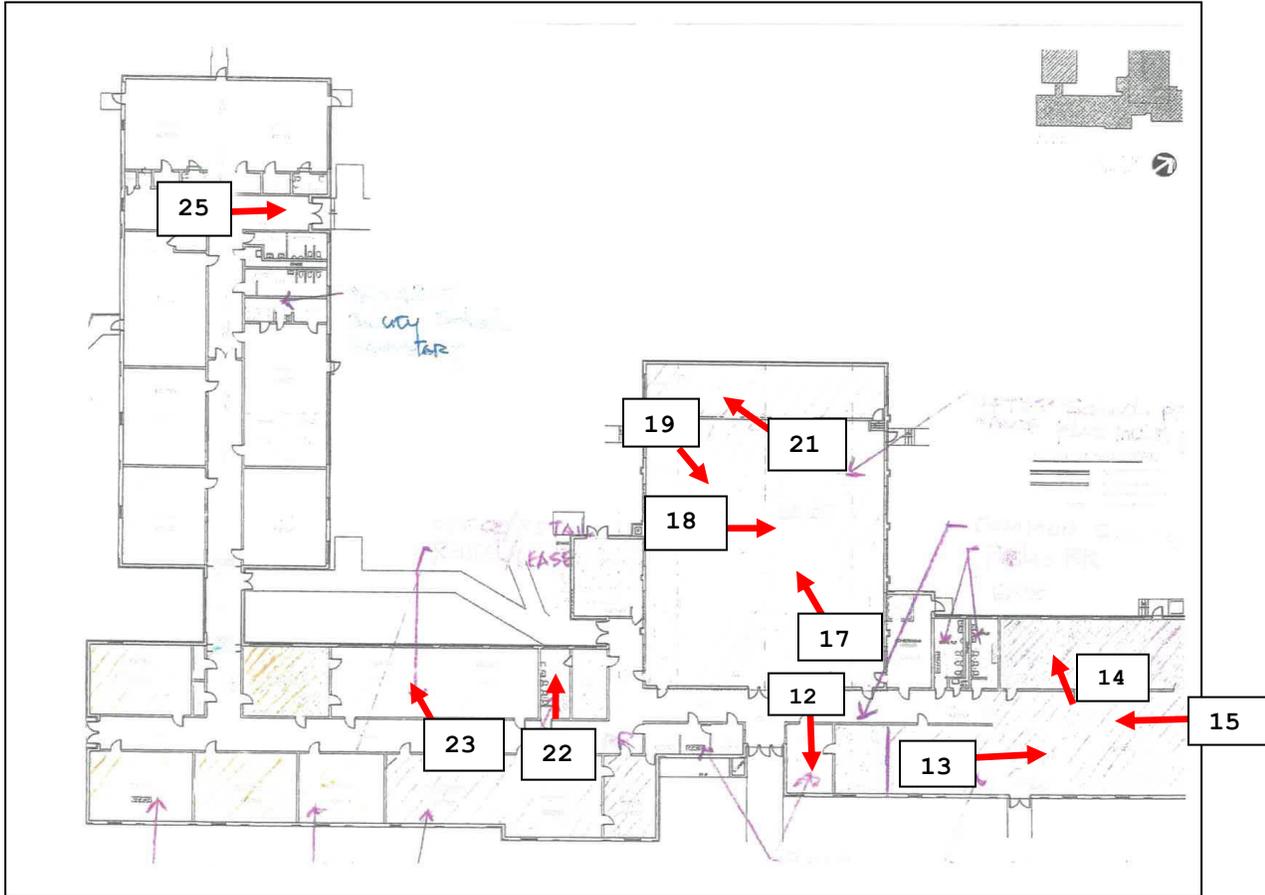


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4. Shed, (NC)
5. Crockett County Community & Family Resource Sign, 2021 (NC)
6. Parking lot A
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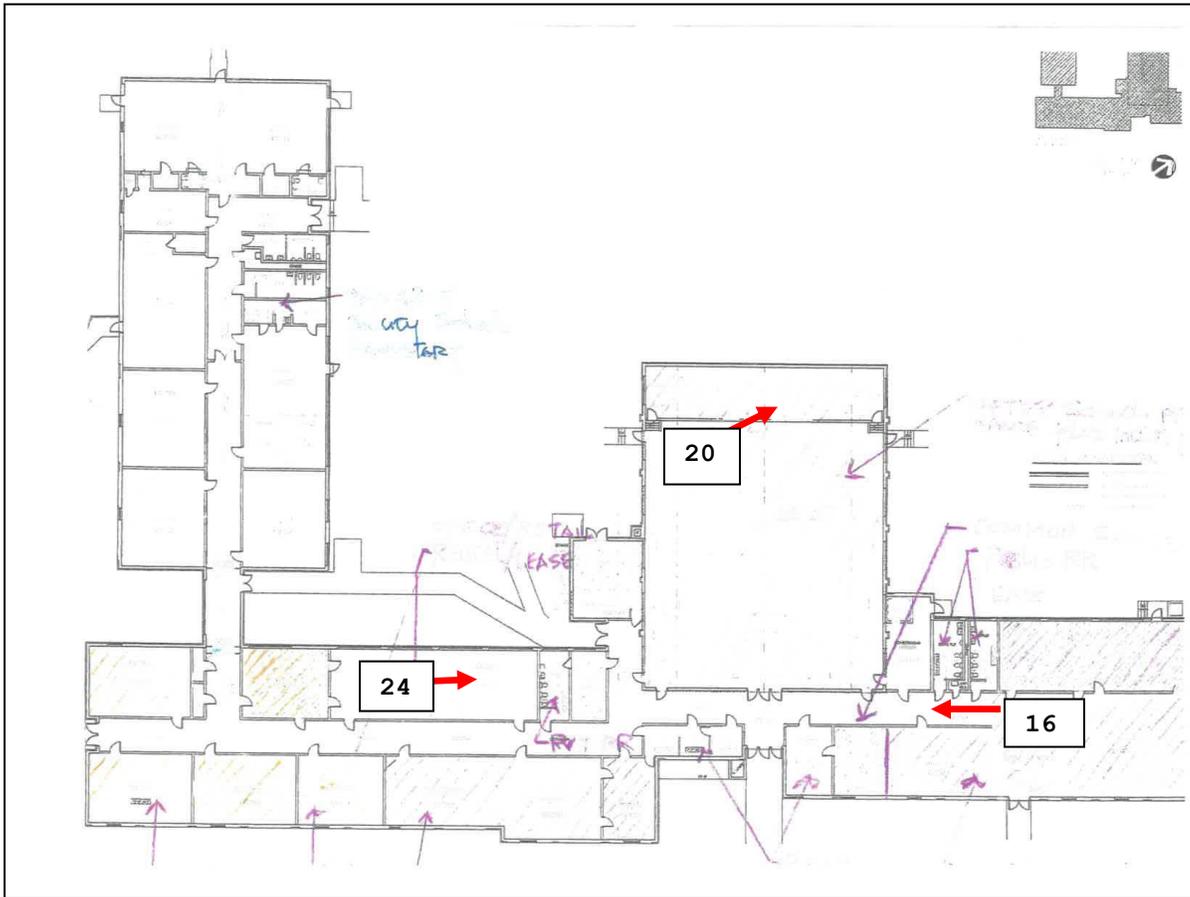
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**Property Owner(s):**

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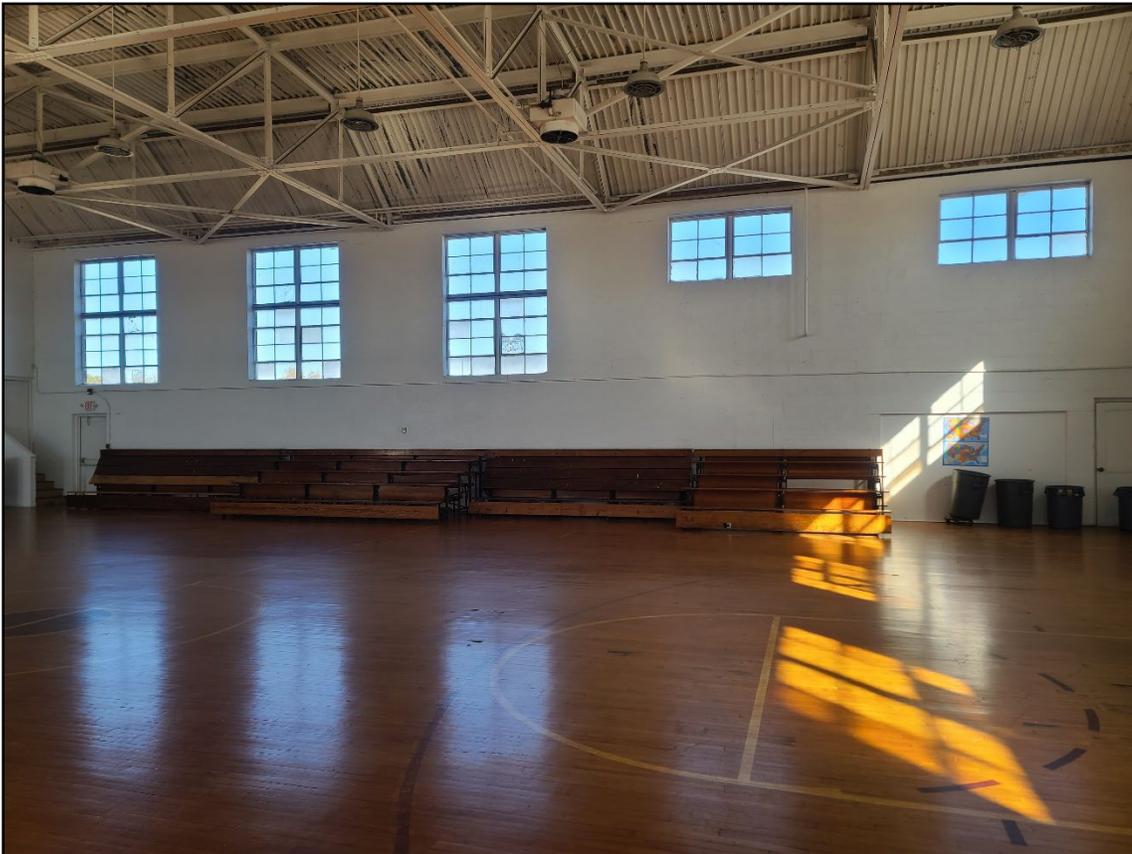
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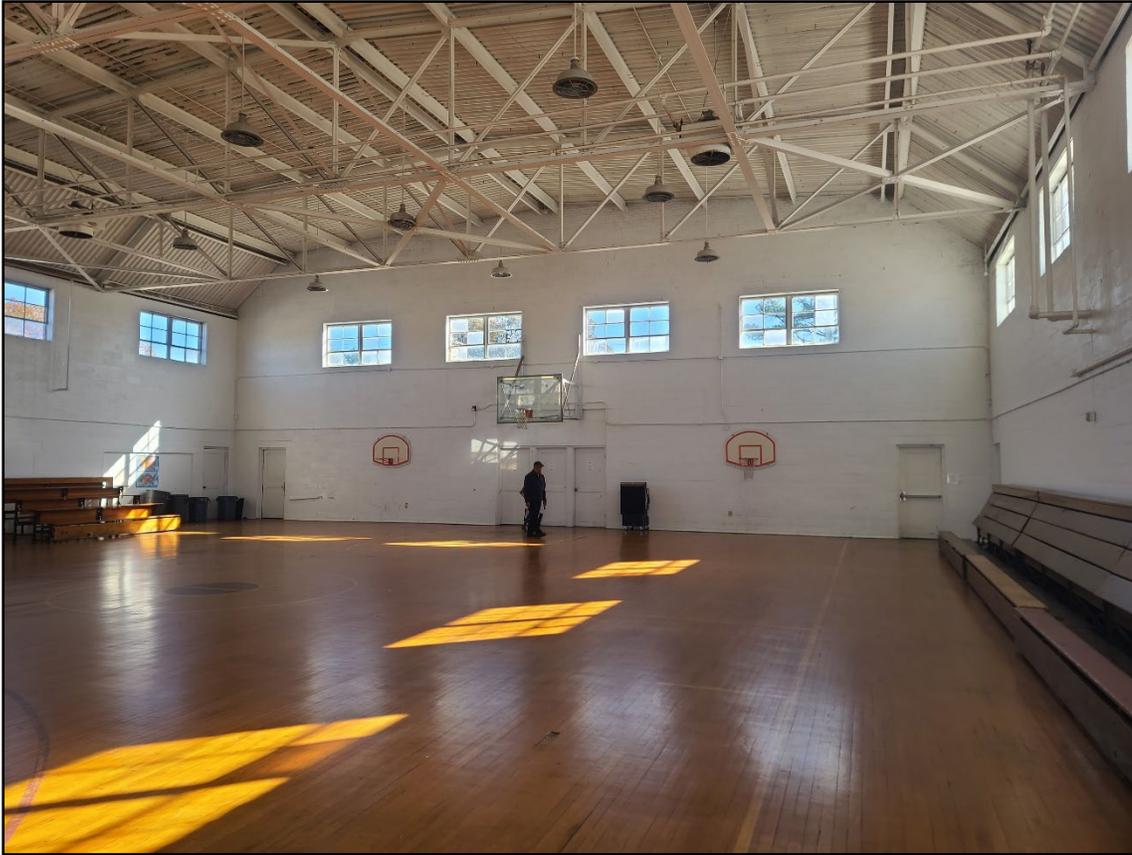
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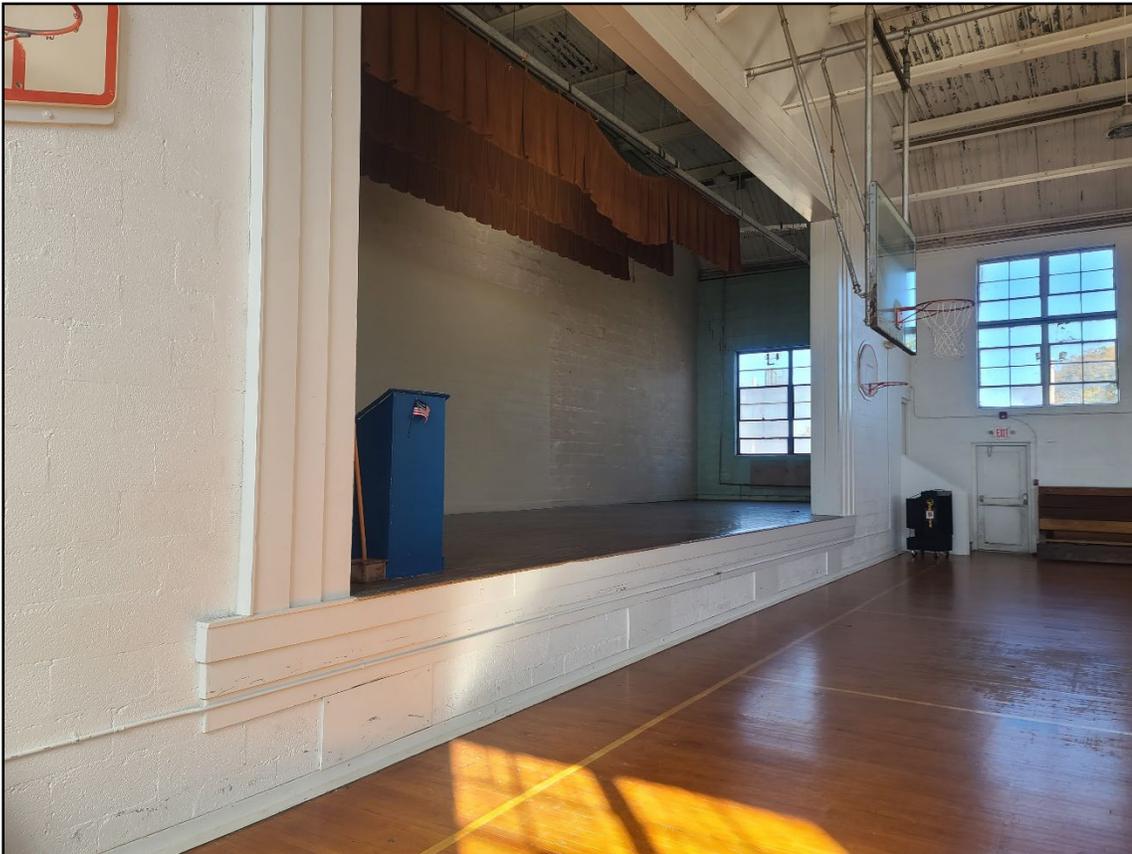
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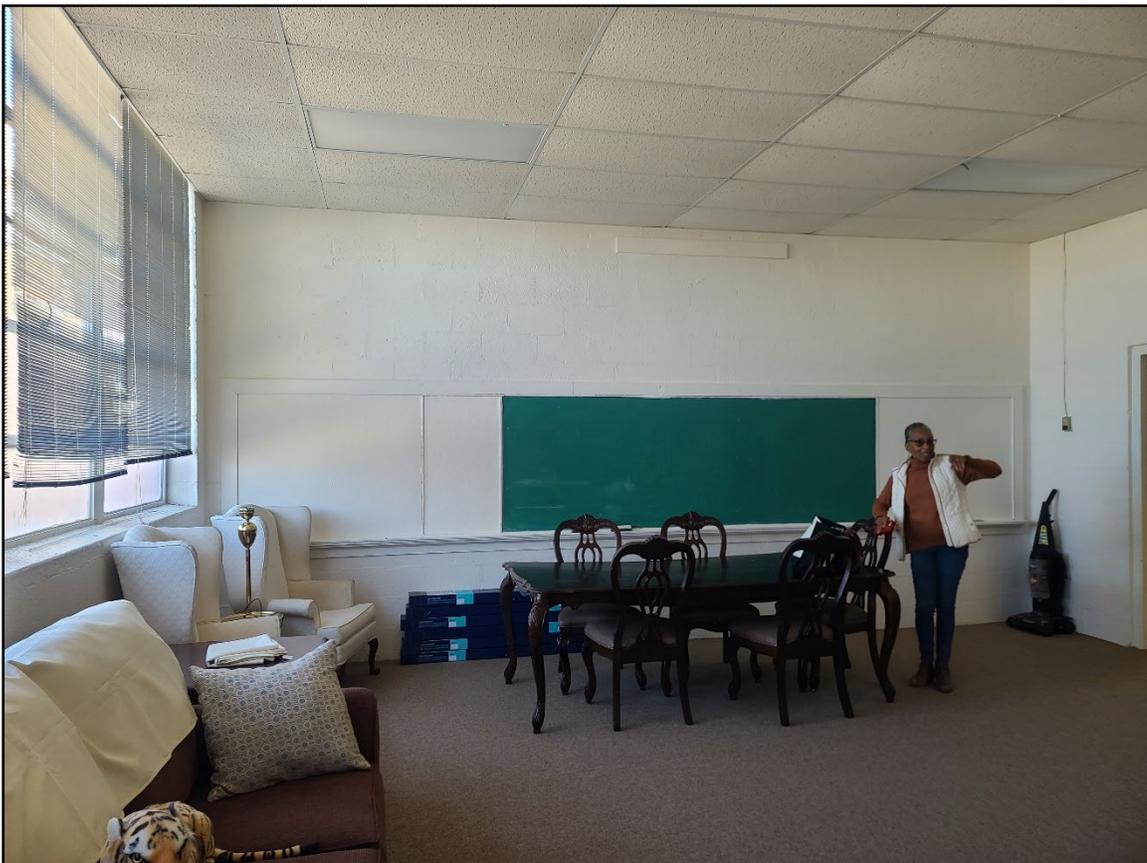
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