



STATE OF ALABAMA

ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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ALABAMA REGISTER OF LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE
Nomination Form

COUNTY Chambers

NAME: Present Central Elementary School Historic Old Lanett High School

LOCATION: Street and Number North 6th Avenue

Town (Give directions if rural) Lanett

A MAP WITH THE LANDMARK MARKED MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM

CATEGORY: Building (X) Structure () Object () Site () District ()

USE: Present Elementary School Historic High School

OWNERSHIP: Public (X) Private ()

Owner's Name Lanett School Board

Mailing Address

INTEGRITY: Original Site (X) Moved () When?

From where? (Give details in significance.)

CONDITIONS: Excellent () Good (X) Fair () Ruins ()

THREATS: No () Yes (X) By What? Board wants to build new school

RESTORATION WORK: Being considered (X) Underway () Completed () Not planned ()

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT: Open land () Woodland () Scattered buildings ()
High building density (X) Commercial () Industrial ()
Residential (XX) Rural ()

Acreage

For all categories other than a district and object give a site plan with a North arrow. Show related buildings.

For a district give a verbal boundary description and attach a sketch map of the district.

SIGNIFICANCE:

Why is this landmark significant? (X) associated with events, persons, or movements
Local (X) State () National ()
(X) a good example of a type or style of structure
() other

Explain: (Briefly state why the above is true)

This school was for many years the only high school in Lanett and graduated many of the present community leaders. It is also one of the first schools built in the then new and innovative airplane shape in Alabama and is an attractive looking building.

Date of Construction or Period of major importance.

1923-24

Architect or Builder (Give name and biographies, if known)

Robert & Company, engineering, an architectural firm of Atlanta, constructed by West Point Iron Works, West Point, Georgia.

Give a complete but concise history of the Landmark. Include information on important people and events associated with the landmark. (USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

State sources of information, giving full bibliographical data:

The Story of Bluffton - Lanett Alabama, Chattahoochee Valley Historical Society,
1971.

DESCRIPTION: PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE LANDMARK MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM.

Complete as directed below for each category.

BUILDING:

Number of stories 2 Foundation concrete & brick Basement yes

Wall Material: (Note changes from one floor or wing to another)
(clapboard, brick, stone, wood shingle, board and batton, stucco over wood or brick, metal, logs)

Brick

Structural System: (If known)

Wood frame () Load-bearing masonry () Iron or Steel (X)

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

Roof Type: (Gable, Gambrel, Mansard, Flat, Hipped, Combination)

Hipped

Roof Covering: (Wood shingle, Asphalt, Tile, Metal, Slate)

Asphalt

Roof Trim: (Cornices, bargeboard, brackets, etc.)

Boxed cornice, dentils in facade gable.

Porches: Front (type and description) Recessed stoop with Doric pilasters and
arched cornice.

Rear (type and description) _____

Side (type and description) _____

Doors: Main entrance (location, description)

Double door with transom.

Other entrances (location, description)

Recessed double door at each end of front portion, several others.

Windows: Types and number of each floor of facade

Windows are double hung 9/9, which also open awing and hopper like.

Types and number per floor for sides and rear

At each end of the facade is a double window topped with a rounded arch transom.

Interior: Describe mantels, stairways, wainscoting, plasterwork and any unusual features.

Other: Use this space to describe any additions, alterations, outbuildings or other features of the structure and its surroundings.

On an additional sheet make a sketch of the floor plan of the building, showing dimensions if possible.

THIS IS NOT REQUIRED!

DESCRIPTION (Continued)

- STRUCTURE: On a separate sheet of paper give a complete as possible verbal description of the structure. (See examples)
- OBJECT: On a separate sheet of paper give a complete as possible verbal description of the object. (See examples)
- SITE: On a separate sheet of paper give the present description of the site and how the site is believed to have looked during its period of importance.
- DISTRICT: On a separate sheet of paper give a general description of the district. Also needed is a numbered list of the structures in the district corresponding to the sketch map. This listing should include a name for the structure, a date of construction, a brief description, a statement of why the structure is significant, if it is.

A MAP WITH THE LANDMARK MARKED AND PHOTOGRAPHS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FORM

Map: A U.S. Geological Survey Map is preferred, but if you are unable to obtain one a county highway map may be used.

Photographs: Black and white, glossy finish, 5 x 7, or 8 x 10, is preferred.

FORM PREPARED BY

Name _____ Date _____
Address _____ Telephone _____
Town _____
Organization _____

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STAFF COMMENTS:

MAP REFERENCE: MAP LANETT SOUTH (7.5 Min. Series - 1:24000)

U. T. M. Reference 16 669000 3637830
Zone Easting Northing

Thematic Category _____

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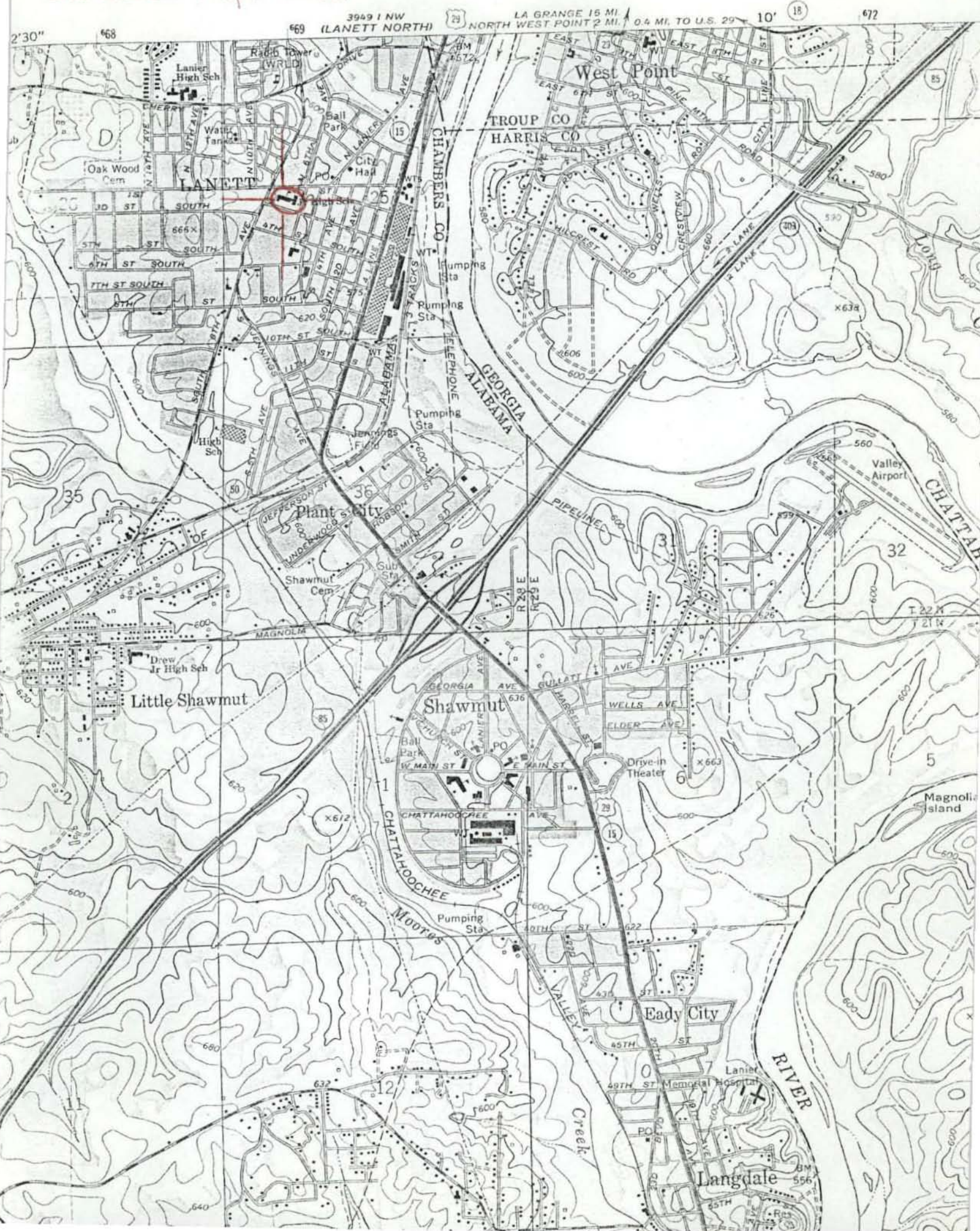
CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
(OLD LANETT HIGH SCHOOL)
CHAMBERS COUNTY

The Old Lanett High School was built to replace a school destroyed by fire on January 3, 1923. Plans for a new school were immediately begun. George H. Lanier, then vice president and general manager of West Point Manufacturing Company, stated in a letter to William H. Wellington, president of the company, that "there are no State or County funds available and the City of Lanett issued its limit of bonds to put in the recently installed water system, so we can get no assistance from these sources, and whatever is done will have to be done by the Lanett Mills". Thus in 1923, a contract was let by West Point Manufacturing Company to West Point Iron Works of West Point, Georgia, for building a new school at Lanett.

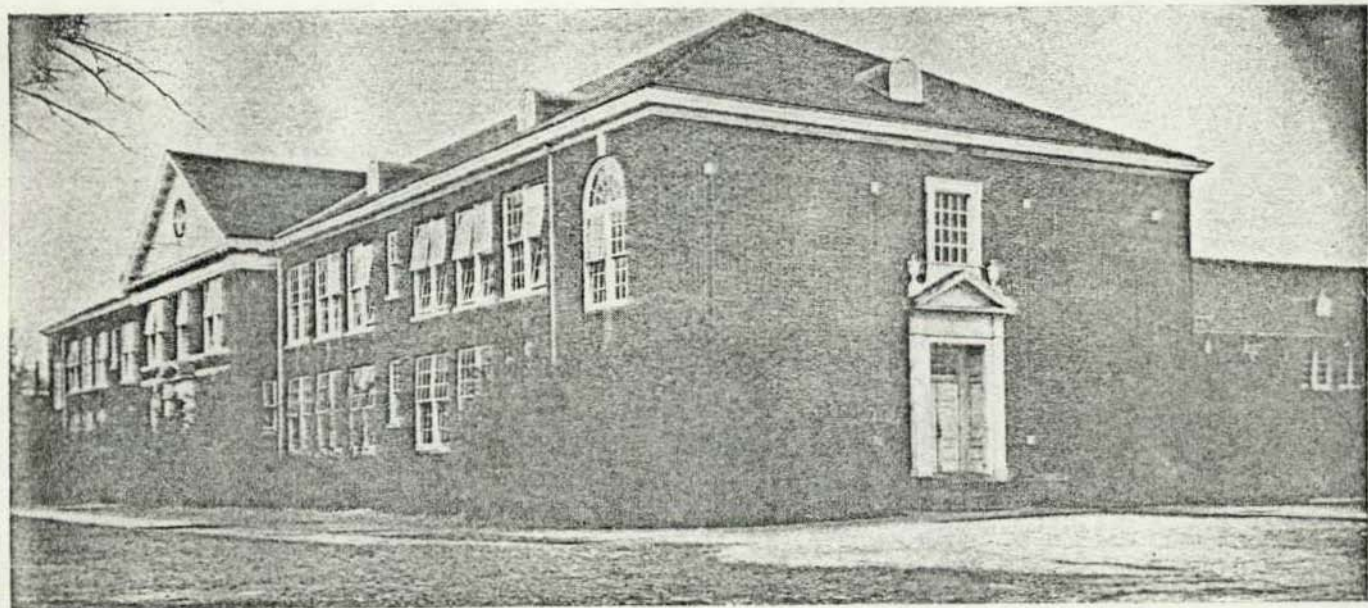
Mr. Lanier wanted a "modern, fireproof building of adequate size". The building he got was of clean yet traditional lines, designed by Robert and Company, engineering and architectural firm of Atlanta, Georgia. The shape of the building was in the outline of an airplane, a modern concept at the time. It is said that it was designed in this unusual shape to provide plenty of exits. The total cost of the building was about \$175,000.

The building is presently in good condition. The Board of Education wants to construct a new modern school and tear down this structure. A group of concerned citizens feel that this building could easily be adapted for modern classrooms.

Old Lanett High School







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