

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Alabama	
COUNTY: Chambers	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	3-3-76

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Temple Beth-El

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Same

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Lanett

STATE: Alabama CODE: COUNTY: Chambers CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments Not in use.

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Trustees of Temple Beth-El

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Lanett STATE: Alabama CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Chambers County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Court House Square

CITY OR TOWN: LaFayette STATE: Alabama CODE:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Not mentioned in any existing survey

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This building has changed very little in appearance since its construction. It is of wood construction and has a gabled roof. Six Ionic Capital Columns support the adorned portico. Three small, square windows are built into the portico.

The entrance way is a double door with a square transom. Large windows can be seen on each side of the entrance way. All windows in the building are of the same design; a triangulated, eight-light window panel of star design.

The foundation of the building is of brick and is constructed in a checkerboard pattern. Stone steps lead to the front entrance.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian;       16th Century;       18th Century;       20th Century  
 15th Century;       17th Century;       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Deed Dated July 6, 1908

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science                        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture                      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian            | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater                        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |   | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |   | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Dr. David Marx, of Atlanta, dedicated the Temple in 1909. The land was donated by Mrs. Betty Merz Heyman. The land was originally a part of her garden. The deed is dated July 6, 1908, and is unique in that it is not made out to the Temple, but to three Trustees. The property is conveyed as the site for the Jewish Congregation of West Point, Georgia and Lanett, Alabama, and for religious and charitable purposes in connection with it. The title was to remain in the name of the Trustees during their lifetime, and upon the death of any said Trustee, the survivors were to name a successor in order that there would always be three Trustees in possession and control of the property. The deed also states that in the event that the use of this property for the religious and charitable purposes shall cease, discontinue, or be abandoned, it shall revert to Mrs. Betty Merz Heyman or her heirs.

In 1946, the late Bertha Heyman deeded about 27 feet of additional property to the rear of the Temple in the event the members might desire to build an addition to the Temple.

At the dedication in 1909, a Minute Book was started. It includes a list of local friends who contributed to the building fund.

Temple Beth-El was a member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Today, the Temple is no longer in use. The Torah (the five books of Moses, handwritten in Hebrew on parchment scrolls and kept in an Ark), the Eternal Light, the seven branch Menorah, prayer books and other articles have been taken to the Temple in Columbus, Ga. Some of the records are located at Cohen's Store, U. S. 29, Lanett, Alabama. They are in the possession of Mr. Jimmy Maxwell.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Information provided by Mrs. Virginia Smith, November 27, 1973.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES							
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE	
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	32	52	38	85	11	18
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Approximately 1/2 Acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES None

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Ellen Austin, Development Associate

ORGANIZATION: East Alabama Regional Planning & Development Commission DATE: 1-11-74

STREET AND NUMBER:  
700 Quintard Avenue, P. O. Box 2186

CITY OR TOWN: Anniston STATE: Alabama CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Keeper of The National Register*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Form 10-301  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

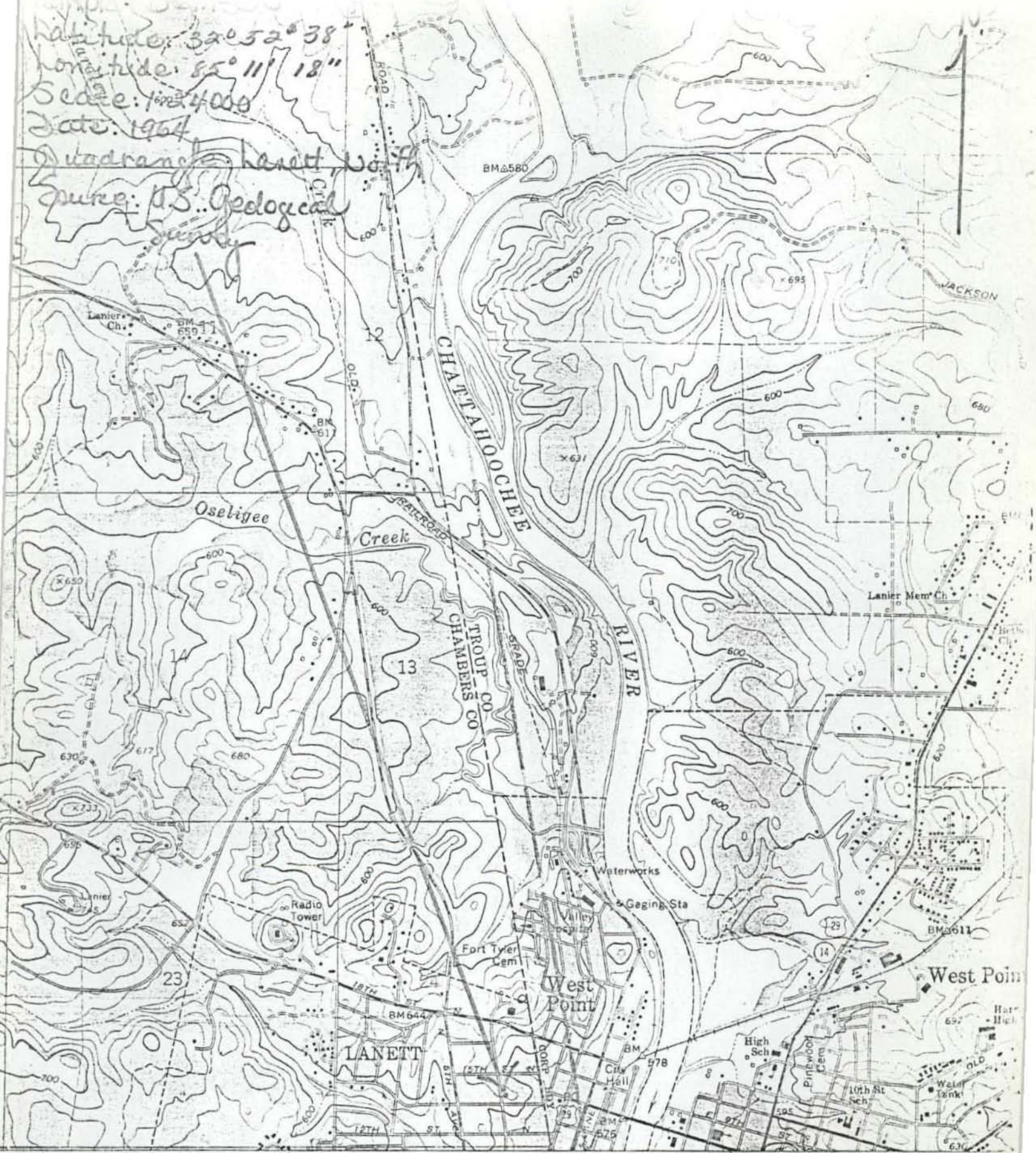
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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
U. S. Geological Survey			
SCALE:			
1:24,000			
DATE:			
1964			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

Latitude:  $32^{\circ}52'38''$   
 Longitude:  $85^{\circ}11'18''$   
 Scale: 1:24,000  
 Date: 1964

Quadrant Lanett North  
 Series: U.S. Geological Survey



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3949 1 SE OPELIKA, ALA 22 MI.

SCALE 1:24,000

