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Alabama Register Property Information

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Ala. Historical Commission

1. Name

Added 6-30-95

historic MOORE ACADEMY SCHOOL

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1/2 MILE SO., HIGHWAYS 10 & 52 INTERSECTION, SS, TOWN-RITE

city, town PINE APPLE vicinity of

state ALABAMA county WILCOX

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name MOORE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

street & number HIGHWAY 10, P.O. BOX 101

city, town PINE APPLE vicinity of state AL 36768

5. Please use space below to sketch floor plan/site plan.



6. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered *

see note below

Check one

original site
 moved

date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

THE ORIGINAL SCHOOL WAS A WOODEN STRUCTURE CONSTRUCTED IN 1881 UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE FOUNDER, JOHN TROTWOOD MOORE, A NATIVE OF MARION, ALABAMA & GRADUATE OF HOWARD COLLEGE.

THE PRESENT STRUCTURE WAS ERECTED IN 1922. * (THE ONLY MODIFICATION WAS THE ADDITION OF REST ROOMS AT THE REAR OF THE BUILDING IN 1968). SEE ATTACHED PLAN -

THE BUILDING IS CONSTRUCTED OF BRICK AS NOTED IN THE ACCOMPANYING PHOTOS AND SLIDES. INSIDE, THE WOOD TRIM, STAIRS, ETC. ARE ORIGINAL WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CARPET ON THE STAIRS AND SOME PANELING ON THE WALLS IN THE OFFICE. PLEASE REFER TO LETTER FROM ELIZABETH BROWN (MAY 1994) DESCRIBING APPEARANCE & CONDITION -

1. No. Stories = 2
2. Brick on concrete piers
3. Wood frame interior walls
4. _____
5. Brick
6. None
7. None
8. 3
9. Gentle V-slope, Slate
10. Wood
11. 4
12. Double Door as noted in photo, single door to rear of basement, ^{not double} _{at rear side}
13. 30 double hung, six paneled - for sash, wood trim - plank; ^{orbs & wear} woodwork similar
14. Open stairs, chair rail beading; walls & ceilings are wood tongue & groove -
15. Coal fired furnace; large, round low fixtures
16. 1902 west wing addition
17. Fence Highway 10
18. No others -

7. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900- PRESENT	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

1920 - DR. JAMES G. DONALD, WILLIAM F. JACKSON, SR., DR. H.P. MOORELEY WERE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING NEW BUILDING PLANS STARTED.

1922 - NEW BUILDING DEDICATED. WAS BUILT BY WILLIAM WARD.

1928 - HOME ECONOMICS & VOCATIONAL BUILDING BUILT. (TO BE CONVERTED TO BRANCH LIBRARY)

1949 - GYMNASIUM CONSTRUCTED

(See excerpts from History of Pine Apple for more details)

8. Major Bibliographical References

Frances Donald Dudley Grimes & Robert A. Smith, III —
History of Pine Apple, copyright 1990.

9. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 11.5 ACRES

Quadrangle name PINE APPLE SOUTH

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

10. Form Prepared By

name/title ERSKINE G. (DPN) DONALD

organization MOORE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOC., INC. date JANUARY 10, 1995

street & number 4314 CO. ROAD 59 telephone (334) 746-2519 HOME

city or town PINE APPLE, AL 36768 state (334) 682-4575 WORK

11. Please submit color slides of the property with this form.

IN BOX

12. Please return ALABAMA REGISTER form to:

ALABAMA REGISTER COORDINATOR
ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
~~725 MONROE STREET~~
~~MONTGOMERY ALABAMA 36130~~

State of Alabama
ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION
468 South Perry Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-0900

MOORE ACADEMY SCHOOL

Pine Apple

Wilcox Co.

The Moore Academy School is a 2-story, brick structure located on an 11.5 Acre lot in the rural community of Pine Apple. It was constructed in 1920 under the direction of contractor William Ward. The school depicts the community's high regard for education and is named for educator and author John Trotwood Moore. It also remains as a fine example of a style and plan which was popularly used for public school buildings in the early 20th century.

Dr. John Trotwood Moore, a native of Marion, Alabama and graduate of Howard College, began his teaching career in 1879 in the Butler County community of Monterey. In 1881, he came to Pine Apple as principal of its school. Under his tenure (1881-1885), the school came to be known for its outstanding curriculum. Studies ranged from learning the "Blue Back Speller" to courses in Latin, Greek, physics, music and art. In 1885, Dr. Moore moved to Columbia, Tennessee, where he devoted his life to learning and literature. He was a magazine editor, member of several academic societies, author, and Tennessee Director of Libraries and Archives (1919-1929). The Moore Academy in Pine Apple proudly retained the name given it during his tenure.

The structure is eligible for Alabama Register listing under Criterion A, education. In 1916, the school came under the domain of the newly formed Wilcox County Board of Education. Local board members recognized the need for a larger and more modern facility and began a building program in 1920, with William Ward selected as contractor. Completed in 1923, the building reflected early-20th century esteem for public education and the community's pride in the academic tradition established by Dr. John Trotwood Moore.

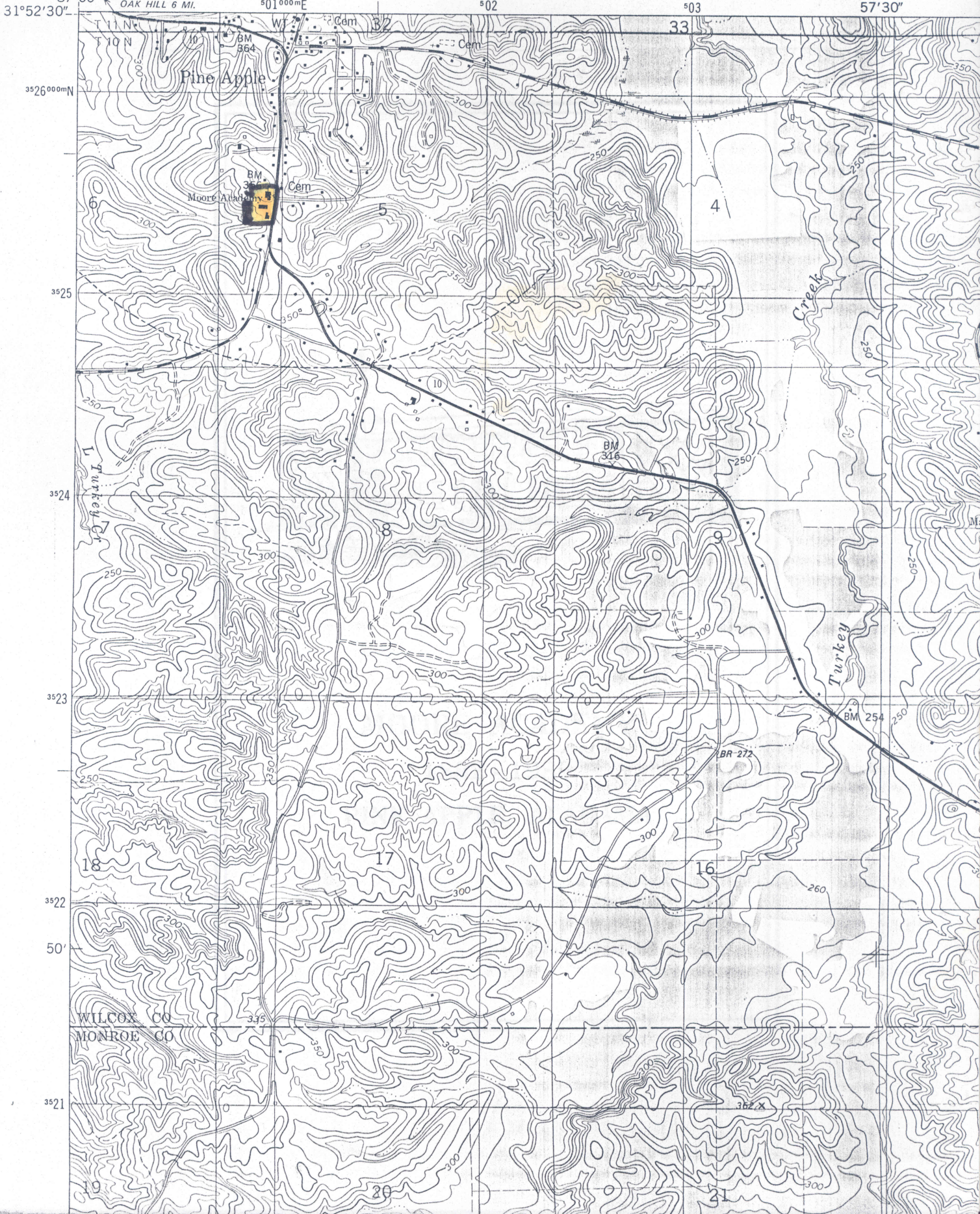
The property is also eligible for listing under Criterion C, architecture. It remains as an example of the plan and style which were popular for early-20th century educational facilities. The plan is T-shaped, with four classrooms on each of the two floors across the front of the T. The rear leg of the T contains office and library space downstairs and an auditorium above. Large windows depict the close attention which was given to lighting in school buildings of this era. The style is eclectic, with notable features seen in the central arched entrance, bracketed eaves, and decorative brickwork at each end of the facade.

The Moore Academy continued to operate as a public school until 1989. It has been vacant since that time and is currently in fair condition. Rest room facilities were added in 1962, located at the north junction of the T. A Home Economics and Vocational building was constructed on the property in 1928, and a gymnasium was built in 1949.

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(OAK HILL)


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MAIN BUILDING - MOORE ACADEMY



Home Economics
Bldg. - To be
new Branch Library

Gymnasium