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tional Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an 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. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property					
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2. Location					
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City/Town Augusta					vicinity
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3. State/Federal Agency Certificat	on				
In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ comments.)	Program	12/04/ Date	/07	n sheet for additional	
Signature of certifying official/Title		Date			
State or Federal agency and bureau					·
National Park Service Certificat hereby certify that the property is:	ion	Signatur	e of the Keeper		Date of Action
entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet determined not eligible for the National Register. removed from the National Register.					
other, (explain:)					

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8. Statement of Significance	
licable National Register Criteria k "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property For National Register listing.)	Levels of Significance (local, state, national) Local
A This Property is associated with events that have made A significant contribution to the broad patterns of Our history.	Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions) Education Ethnic Heritage/Black
☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons Significant in our past.	Etitile Heritage/Black
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.	Period of Significance 1944-1954
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.	
Criteria Considerations (Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.) Property is: A owned by a religious institution or used for	Significant Dates 1944
religious purposes. B removed from its original location.	Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked)
 C. birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance. D a cemetery. 	Cultural Affiliation (Complete if Criterion D is marked)
☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.	
 ☐ F a commemorative property ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years. 	Architect/Builder
Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)	
9. Major Bibliographical References Bibliography	
(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one of	
Previous documentation on file (NPS): preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested previously listed in the National Register Previously determined eligible by the National Register designated a National Historic Landmark recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #	Primary location of additional data: State Historic Preservation Office Other State Agency Federal Agency Local Government University Other Name of repository: Augusta School District
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #	

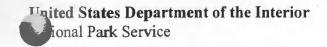
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10. Geographical Data					
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UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)					
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Verbal Boundary Description					
(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)					
Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)					
11. Form Prepared By					
name/title Ralph Wilcox, National Register and Survey Coordinator	r				
Organization Arkansas Historic Preservation Program	Date 8-2-03				
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city or town Little Rock	State AR zip code 72201				
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with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.)

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SUMMARY

The George Washington Carver High School Home Economics Building is a one-story, L-shaped building located on the Carver High School campus on the eastern side of Augusta in Woodruff County, Arkansas. It was built in 1944 in the Minimal Traditional style, and was funded through donations from members of the community. The Home Economics Building rests on a continuous cast concrete foundation, and is crowned by a gabled roof covered with asphalt shingles. The walls are constructed of concrete block.

ELABORATION

The George Washington Carver High School Home Economics Building is a one-story, L-shaped building located on the Carver High School campus on the eastern side of the Augusta community in Woodruff County, Arkansas. It was built in 1944 in the Minimal Traditional style, and was funded through donations members of the community. Of the original five buildings that comprised the campus, the Home nomics Building is the only one which remains today. The building's appearance is the same as when it was originally built with the exception of a wing which is attached to the rear of the building. This was added to make room for grades 4 to 6.

The building rests on a continuous cast concrete foundation, and is of concrete block construction. The walls are currently painted white, but evidence suggests the walls were originally a buff color.

Front/West Façade

The front façade of the building faces west, and is comprised of four bays. The main entrance to the building is located on the south side of the facade. A one bay, gabled porch projects from the roof above the door.

The rest of the west façade of the building is comprised of three pairs of wood-framed, double-hung, four-over-four windows.

Side/South Facade

The south façade of the building is the exterior side of the leg of the "L". The southwest end of the side consists of three single wood-framed, four-over-four windows. The rest of the length of the wing has nine pairs of double-hung, wood-framed, eight-over-eight windows. Currently, thirteen of the windows are boarded up.

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Rear/East Facade

The rear façade is gabled, with only an attic vent present.

The base of the "L," that faces east, consists of two double-hung, wood framed, one-over-one windows.

Side/North Façade

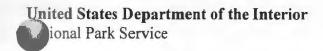
The north façade of the building is the interior side of the leg of the "L". The length of the side consists of 3 doors, two of which have a one-bay, gabled porch projecting from the roof. The door closest to the east façade is covered by an awning.

The base of the "L," north-facing, consists of three double-hung, wood framed, eight-over-eight windows. The easternmost window is currently boarded up.

Integrity

The George Washington Carver High School Home Economics Building retains good architectural integrity, and closely reflects the time of its construction in 1944. The building retains its original windows, with the majority of the entrances intact. As the Home Economics Building is the only original building standing on the George Washington Carver High School campus grounds, it is significant as part of early African-American education in Augusta, Arkansas.

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Summary

The George Washington Carver High School Home Economics Building in Augusta, Arkansas, was constructed in 1944, and was one of five buildings on the school campus. The George Washington High School (formerly the Augusta Colored High School) served as the African-American school in the district, until the last segregated class graduated in 1970. Due to the building's association with African-American education in Augusta, it is being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A with local significance.

Elaboration

The first Black schools of the Augusta area were established shortly after the Civil War, circa 1873. They e located in the northern part of town in a section known as Box Town. Box Town received its name since the majority of the homes were constructed with scrap wood that was given to workers in the local box factory. This school was discontinued in 1917 when Black citizens decided that they would improve their children's educational system.

The men who spearheaded this project to purchase land for a new school were Dolphus Lowe, Charlie Raspberry, Rev. C. H. Jones, D. C. McClendon, Will Harris, Nat Mitchner and Henry Spearman. Many of their descendants still live in Augusta. Five acres of land were purchased for \$600 in the eastern part of the City and this property was deeded to the Augusta School District. On this property a \$12,000, brick building was completed by June 30, 1917, for the use of all black students in the district. This building was known as The Augusta Colored High School. It retained this name until 1942, when it was changed to George Washington Carver High School.

Constructed in 1931, with assistance from the Rosenwald Fund, the Shop Building on the campus of the George Washington Carver High School remained in use until the time of integration in 1970. The building was destroyed sometime shortly after it ceased being used.

In 1944, the Home Economics Building was built. Various subjects such as sewing, cooking, childcare, and nutrition were taught in this building.

In 1948 an additional 15 acres of land were purchased to allow for expansion of the facility. The gymnasium, eteria, and agriculture buildings were all built on these additional acres. The last building in this complex an elementary school.

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This separate school system was abolished with the advent of integration. The last segregated class graduated in 1970. The only remaining part of this school system is the Home Economics Building, which was saved for use by the Head Start Program.

In 2000, the City of Augusta realized the importance of preserving its African-American history, and changed the names of the surrounding streets to George Washington Carver and James Smith Boulevard. Smith served as principal of this school for 34 years and led his students into a peaceful integration into the Augusta Schools.

Although the building is still used by the Head Start Program, it is hoped that at least part of the building will be turned into a museum to tell the story of African-Americans' struggle for education in Woodruff County.

Statement of Significance

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Augusta Advocate —numerous editions from 1936 to 1970

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 2, Lots 7 & 8, Winfield & Conner Addition to the City of Augusta.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundary contains the land that is historically associated with the George Washington Carver High School Home Economics Building.





