

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM  
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:

Mississippi

COUNTY:

Adams

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ENTRY DATE

MAY 6 1977

## 1. NAME

COMMON:

Elizabeth Female Academy (No. 101-3X)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

Elizabeth Female Academy *site*

## 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Route 4, Box 166, On U. S. Hwy 84/98, 1/2 mile east of Washington

CITY OR TOWN:

Natchez *via*

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

4

STATE:

Mississippi 39120

CODE

28

COUNTY:

Adams

CODE

1001

## 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY  
(Check One)

- ☐ District ☐ Building  
☒ Site ☐ Structure  
☐ Object

OWNERSHIP

- ☒ Public  
☐ Private  
☐ Both

Public Acquisition:

- ☐ In Process  
☐ Being Considered

STATUS

- ☐ Occupied  
☒ Unoccupied  
☐ Preservation work  
in progress

ACCESSIBLE  
TO THE PUBLIC

Yes:

- ☐ Restricted  
☒ Unrestricted  
☐ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Agricultural ☐ Government  
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial  
☐ Educational ☐ Military  
☐ Entertainment ☐ Museum

- ☒ Park  
☐ Private Residence  
☐ Religious  
☐ Scientific

- ☐ Transportation  
☐ Other (Specify)

Comments

## 4. AGENCY

U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service, Natchez Trace Parkway

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

Southeast

STREET AND NUMBER:

3401 Whipple Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Atlanta

STATE:

Georgia 30344

CODE

13

## 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

Chancery Clerk's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Natchez

STATE:

Mississippi 39120

CODE

28

## 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

Natchez Trace Parkway Survey, United States Government Printing Office

DATE OF SURVEY:

1941

☒ Federal☐ State☐ County☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

Washington

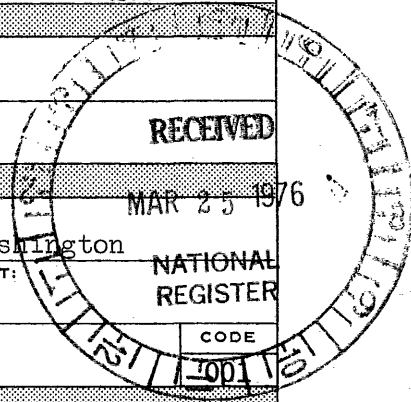
STATE:

District of Columbia

CODE

001

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

☐ Excellent☐ Good☐ Fair☐ Deteriorated☒ Ruins☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☒ Altered☐ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Preservation recommended

## Building (No. 101-3X)

Only one brick wall is standing at the site of Elizabeth Female Academy. The site is on a slight rise south of the present U. S. Highway 84/98. The proposed Natchez Trace Parkway will be to the west of the site where an interpretive pulloff is planned. The area is covered with a very heavy, dense growth of vines and trees.

The wall that is standing is 13 inches thick and 12 feet 1 inch high. Two fireplaces are located between two windows, and measurements from brick to brick in one window are 3 feet 3 inches by 8 feet 11 inches. The outline of the building is visible, and measured 49 feet 9 inches by 36 feet 2 inches. The north corner of the building is approximately 113 feet from U. S. Highway 84 and west to a point 289 feet from the edge of the county road that goes to Co-Lin College.

Bishop Charles Galloway visited the site just before the turn of the century when the site was in ruins because of a fire, circa 1875-1880. He said the architecture style was Spanish and the structure was two and one-half stories high. There were other buildings but nothing is known of them. The site is three-tenths of a mile from U. S. Highway 61 and the town of Washington and it is just outside of the State right-of-way at the north boundary of the Class VI land.

Recommended treatment: Preservation

Preliminary cost estimate for above: \$1,000.00

Significance - 2nd Order

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |                                        |                                       |                                                  |                                       |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1818-1845

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |                                         |                                                 |                                              |                                                |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input 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

One author (Galloway) states that Elizabeth Female Academy, chartered on February 17, 1818, is the first chartered institution for the higher education of young women in the South, if not in the United States.

Though called an academy, it did full collegiate work, had a high standard of scholarship, and conferred degrees. The institution was located at Washington, Mississippi, six miles east of Natchez. Washington had been the brilliant and busy little territorial capital and was then the center of social and political influence.

Galloway made a visit prior to 1898 and said the style of architecture was borrowed from the Spanish of colonial times, the structure was two and one-half stories high, the first of brick, the others in frame. A fire consumed the building some 20 years prior to his visit leaving only the solid masonry.

The school was Methodist operated, and the grounds and buildings were donated to the Mississippi Conference by Mrs. Elizabeth Roach in 1818. The institution was called Elizabeth Female Academy in her honor. The academy opened its doors to pupils on November 12, 1818.

The spiritual culture of the students was the supreme concern of the faculty rather than training for a profession. Some studies of the senior class included chemistry, natural philosophy, moral philosophy, botany, Latin, Aesops Fables, etc. From 1819 to 1829, boarders at the school annually amounted in number from 28 to 63. One of the better known faculty members was John James Audubon.

The removal of the capital to Jackson, the shifting of the center of population, several epidemics of yellow fever, and other causes of varying fortunes forced the academy to suspend operation in 1845.

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# 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Galloway, Bishop Charles P. "Elizabeth Female Academy - The Mother of Female Colleges." Publications of Mississippi Historical Society, Oxford: Mississippi. Vol. 11. (1899). 169-178.

Braden Guy B. "Elizabeth Female Academy." (October 1957). Report on file at Natchez Trace Parkway Library, Tupelo, Mississippi.

# 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |                         |                         | O<br>R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES |                         |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| CORNER                                                                           | LATITUDE                | LONGITUDE               |        | LATITUDE                                                                                                | LONGITUDE               |  |
|                                                                                  | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds |        | Degrees Minutes Seconds                                                                                 | Degrees Minutes Seconds |  |
| NW                                                                               | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        | 91° 17' 36"                                                                                             | 31° 34' 30"             |  |
| NE                                                                               | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        |                                                                                                         |                         |  |
| SE                                                                               | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        |                                                                                                         |                         |  |
| SW                                                                               | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        |                                                                                                         |                         |  |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.51 Class VI

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY: | CODE |
|--------|------|---------|------|
|        |      |         |      |
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|        |      |         |      |

# 11. FORM PREPARED BY

|                                                                     |                             |                          |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| NAME AND TITLE:<br>William E. Cox, Assistant Chief Park Interpreter |                             | DATE:<br>09/11/74        |
| BUSINESS ADDRESS:<br>Natchez Trace Parkway                          |                             |                          |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>R. R. 1, NT-143                               |                             | PHONE:<br>(601) 842-1572 |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Tupelo                                             | STATE:<br>Mississippi 38801 | CODE:<br>28              |

# 12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

# NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No  
☒ None

*Elmer B. Hilliard*  
 State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is ☐ National ☒ State ☐ Local

*Bennis G. Grabelle* 3/23/76  
 Federal Representative Signature Date  
 for the Deputy Assistant Secretary  
 Title

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

*W. H. H. H.*  
 Director, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation  
 Acting Chief

Date *5/6/77*

ATTEST:

*Charles H. H.*  
 Acting Keeper of The National Register

Date *5.6.77*

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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| <b>1. NAME</b>                                                                                                                                                                                        |            |                  |             |
| COMMON: Elizabeth Female Academy (No. 101-3X)                                                                                                                                                         |            |                  |             |
| AND/OR HISTORIC: Same                                                                                                                                                                                 |            |                  |             |
| <b>2. LOCATION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                    |            |                  |             |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>Route 4, Box 166 on U. S. Hwy 84/98, 1/2 mile east of Washington                                                                                                                |            |                  |             |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Natchez                                                                                                                                                                              |            |                  |             |
| STATE:<br>Mississippi 39120                                                                                                                                                                           | CODE<br>28 | COUNTY:<br>Adams | CODE<br>001 |
| <b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>                                                                                                                                                                             |            |                  |             |
| PHOTO CREDIT: William E. Cox                                                                                                                                                                          |            |                  |             |
| DATE OF PHOTO: August 26, 1974                                                                                                                                                                        |            |                  |             |
| NEGATIVE FILED AT:<br>Natchez Trace Parkway, Tupelo, MS 38801 Negative No. 11417                                                                                                                      |            |                  |             |
| <b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>                                                                                                                                                                              |            |                  |             |
| DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.<br>Looking west at interior of building and detail of fireplace. Very heavy undergrowth at site. Site is 3/10 mile from Washington, Mississippi, and U. S. Highway 61. |            |                  |             |

MAR 25 1976





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| NEGATIVE FILED AT:<br>Natchez Trace Parkway, Tupelo, MS 38801 Negative No. 11418                                                                                                                                                                |            |                  |             |
| <b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |            |                  |             |
| DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.<br>Facing south looking at only remaining brick wall of site. Wall has two windows and inside two fireplaces. Site is 3/10 mile south of U. S. Highway 61 at Washington, Mississippi, on U. S. Highways 84 & 98. |            |                  |             |

MAR 25 1978