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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Hampton Colored School other names/site number

2. Location

street & number W. Holly Street not for publication city, town Hampton vicinity state South Carolina code SC county Hampton code 049 zip code 29924

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: private, public-local (checked), public-State, public-Federal. Category of Property: building(s) (checked), district, site, structure, object. Number of Resources within Property: Contributing 1, Noncontributing buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total 1. Name of related multiple property listing: N/A. Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0.

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination (checked) request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets (checked) does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet. Signature of certifying official: Mary W. Edmonds, Deputy SHPO, S. C. Dept. of Archives & History. Date: 1/18/91. State or Federal agency and bureau.

In my opinion, the property meets ( ) does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet. Signature of commenting or other official. Date. State or Federal agency and bureau.

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is: Entered in the National Register (checked). 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:).

Entered in the National Register. Signature of the Keeper: [Signature]. Date of Action: 2/25/91.

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Education/School

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Social/Civic

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

(enter categories from instructions)

No Style

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foundation Brickwalls Wood/Weatherboard

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roof Metal/Tinother 

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**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

The Hampton Colored School (1929) is located on Holly Street on the perimeter of the town of Hampton. The school building is a one-story, front-gable, rectangular, frame building with clapboard siding, tin roof, exposed rafters, and a brick pier foundation. The building was constructed by a prominent local black carpenter, Ervin Johnson and is a representative example of black schools in the early twentieth century.

Single, six-over-six double-hung sash windows flank a recessed entry supported by square wood posts on the gable front. Handrails in an "X" pattern connect the posts to the body of the building. Two paneled doors on the rear wall of the recess provide the only access into the building. A square louvered vent is located over the entry in the front gable. The east and west facades have a band of six nine-over-nine, double-hung sash windows. Two small brick flues extend above the roof on the rear and west facades.

The school was designed with two equal-sized rooms, a center wall bisecting the interior space. This wall was designed with the upper half removable, to create one space appropriate for larger meetings and lectures. The east section was later partitioned with a plank wall creating three classrooms in the building. The two small rooms on either side of the recessed entrance were used as cloak rooms. The walls are sheathed in horizontal beaded board paneling. A door was cut in the center partition in 1940 when the building was used as a lunchroom.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally  statewide  locally

Applicable National Register Criteria  A  B  C  D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Architecture  
Education  
Ethnic Heritage/Black

1929-1940

1929

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

Architect/Builder

Johnson, Ervin, Builder

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Hampton Colored School, located on Holly Street near the town limits of Hampton, is significant both as an intact example of twentieth century vernacular school architecture and for its association with black education in Hampton from 1929 to 1947.

The school was built in 1929 by Ervin Johnson, a local black carpenter. It replaced the first black school in Hampton, a two-room building which had operated since 1898. The school board bought a one-acre site for the new school in 1927, and two years later Johnson, along with C.H. Hazel and Hallie Youmans, bought an additional three acres and donated them to the school. Johnson built the two-room (later three-room) school with volunteers from Hampton's black community. When the school opened for the 1929-30 school year, it served students from the first through the eighth grades. At first, funds were so scarce that it was only open from October to March. Eventually, however, donations from the black community allowed it to operate for a full school year, and it later offered high school courses. It remained the only black school in Hampton until 1947, when Hampton Colored High School was built and the Hampton Colored School became the lunchroom for the high school.(1)

NOTES

(1) Hampton County Deeds, Deed Book D/41, pp. 448-449, Hampton County Courthouse, Hampton, S.C.; Mrs. Ruth Mitchell, Interview with Mrs. Johnnie B. James, Hampton, S.C., 24 August 1989; Mrs. Johnnie B. James to "Whom It May Concern," 21 March 1990, National Register of Historic Places Files, South Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, S.C.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

See notes under Section 8.

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

**Specify repository:**

SC Department of Archives & History,  
Columbia, SC

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property 2.8 acres

**UTM References**

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary of the nomination is shown as the black line on the accompanying Hampton County Tax Map, # 119-3, Parcel 23, Lot 2, drawn at a scale of 1" = 100'.

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**Boundary Justification**

The nominated property includes the 1929 school building and its immediate setting.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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The following information is the same for both photographs:

Name of Property: Hampton Colored School

City and State: Hampton, South Carolina

Name of Photographer: Frank Brown, III

Date of Photographs: April 11, 1990

Location of Original Negatives: S. C. Department of Archives & History,  
Columbia, S. C.

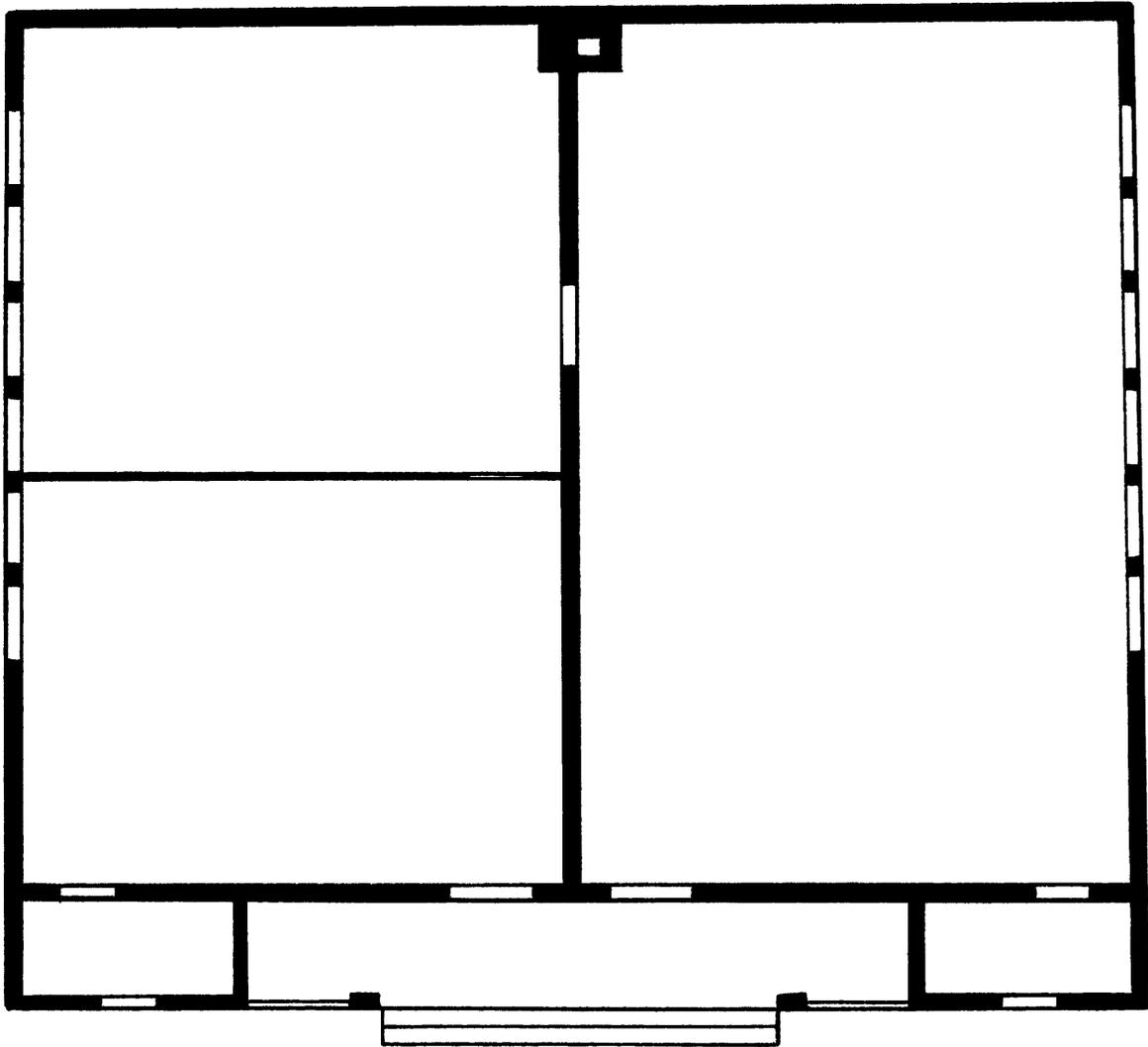
1. Northeast (principal) facade (looking southwest)
2. Oblique View (looking east)

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HAMPTON COLORED SCHOOL  
Hampton, S. C.  
Hampton County  
Not to Scale

