

## SUMMARY OF PROPOSED NATIONAL REGISTER/GEORGIA REGISTER NOMINATION

Name: Lemon Street School

Location: 350 Lemon Street, Marietta, Georgia

Description: Lemon Street School is a 15,985-square-foot, one-story, J-shaped, brick building designed in the Colonial Revival style. The building includes architectural details modeled after the no longer extant 1941 Fort Hill Homes housing project, notably a low-slope, cross-gabled roof, running-bond brick veneer, and a front porch with a swooped, standing-seam metal roof, metal railing, round metal corner posts, and sunburst metal decorative elements in the top corners. Alterations were made to the building following a renovation in 2020, but many historic elements such as the original twelve classrooms, double-loaded corridors, and basic floorplan have been retained.

Acreeage & Boundary Explanation: 1.72 acres, following the legal boundary for the property

Period of Significance: 1951-1968

NR Criterion/a & Area(s) of Significance: Criterion A, Black Ethnic Heritage & Education

Statement of Significance: Lemon Street School is locally significant under Criterion A in the areas of Black Ethnic Heritage and Education as an important community landmark and educational facility that served African American students in Marietta during segregation. From its opening in 1951 until Cobb County schools integrated in 1968, more than 10,000 African American students from Fort Hill Homes and other surrounding neighborhoods attended the school from first to sixth grade. The school accommodated hundreds of students at a time despite its small size, limited materials, and shortage of teachers. Lemon Street School, along with the no longer extant Lemon Street High School, were institutional anchors for the African Americans who lived in the area, and the schools contributed to the creation of a sense of pride and accomplishment throughout the community.

Suggested Level of Significance: Local

Sponsor: The nomination is sponsored by the Kennesaw State University Department of Museums, Archives, and Rare Books and nomination materials were prepared by Dr. Jennifer Dickey and students of the KSU Public History Program.

