

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any 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 certification comments, entries, and narrative items on continuation sheets if needed (NPS Form 10-900a).

1. Name of Property

Historic name Cuba High School Annex

Other names/site number Crawford County Historical Society Museum

Name of related Multiple Property Listing Historic & Architectural Resources of Cuba, Missouri

2. Location

Street & number 308 North Smith Street

N/A

 not for publication

City or town Cuba

N/A

 vicinity

State Missouri Code MO County Crawford Code 055 Zip code 65453

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,
I hereby certify that this nomination 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 does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

national statewide local

Applicable National Register Criteria: A B C D


Signature of certifying official/Title Mark A. Miles, Deputy SHPO

1 MARCH 07, 2013
Date

Missouri Department of Natural Resources
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official _____ Date _____

Title _____ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register removed from the National Register
- other (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper _____ Date of Action _____

Cuba High School Annex
Name of Property

Crawford County, MO
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply.)

<input type="checkbox"/>	private
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	public - Local
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - State
<input type="checkbox"/>	public - Federal

Category of Property
(Check only **one** box.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	district
<input type="checkbox"/>	site
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure
<input type="checkbox"/>	object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

<u>Contributing</u>	<u>Noncontributing</u>	
1		buildings
		sites
1		structures
	1	objects
2	1	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

EDUCATION/school

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions.)

RECREATION AND CULTURE/museum
RECREATION AND CULTURE/monument/marker

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions.)

OTHER: Giraffe rock school building

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions.)

foundation: STONE
walls: STONE

roof: ASPHALT
other: WOOD
SYNTHETICS/vinyl

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION ON CONTINUATION PAGES

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- 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.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Areas of Significance

EDUCATION

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

Period of Significance

1934-1960

Significant Dates

1934

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years.

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE ON CONTINUATION PAGES

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

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 # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Name of repository: Crawford County Historical Society

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property Less than one acre

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

1 38.036579 -91.408514 3 _____
Latitude: Longitude: Latitude: Longitude:

2 _____ 4 _____
Latitude: Longitude: Latitude: Longitude:

Verbal Boundary Description (On continuation sheet)

Boundary Justification (On continuation sheet)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:**
 - A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
 - A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Continuation Sheets**
- **Photographs**
- **Owner Name and Contact Information**
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Office of Planning and Performance Management, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, 1849 C. Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log:

Name of Property: Cuba High School Annex

City or Vicinity: Cuba

County: Crawford State: MO

Photographer: David L. Taylor

Date

Photographed: July 20, 2011

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

- 1 of 8: Façade, looking west and showing overall massing, form, finishes, and fenestration
- 2 of 8: Southwest perspective looking northeast and showing rear elevation and south end with fire escape.
- 3 of 8: Northwest perspective looking southeast and showing north elevation and furnace chimney
- 4 of 8: Former classroom on first floor, looking north and showing typical arrangement for museum display
- 5 of 8: Former library on second floor, looking north
- 6 of 8: View of a portion of the second floor, showing non-historic room partitions, the only change in plan.
- 7 of 8: Original stair leading from first story to basement, showing hardwood floors, original railing, etc.
- 8 of 8: Non-contributing Veterans' Memorial in front of Annex, looking west with Annex in background

Figure Log:

Include figures on continuation pages at the end of the nomination.

Fig. 1 of 4 Image of the 1905 school that until c. 1960 stood in front of the Annex. [Crawford County Historical Society]

Fig. 2 of 4 Aerial view of the nominated property (indicated by the superimposed asterisk) shows the outline of the foundation of the 1905 school to the right. [from Topozone.com]

Fig. 3 of 4 Floor plans with photo angle references.

Fig. 4 of 4 Geographical data map with decimal degree reference.

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Crawford County, MO
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Name of multiple listing (if applicable)

Summary

The 1934 Cuba High School Annex (Photos 1-8; Figs. 1, 2) is an example of Property Type II, *commercial and institutional architecture* as described in the Multiple Property Documentation Form, "Historic and Architectural Resources of Cuba, Missouri, 1821-1963," which is incorporated by reference into this document.

Elaboration

The Annex is a 2-story hip-roofed rectangular building built on a raised basement and finished in random ashlar native stone laid in a "giraffe" pattern¹ with grapevine joints. This is one of the varieties of stone finishes associated with "Ozark rock" construction.² The exterior walls are twenty inches in thickness (Photos 1-3). The building is 60 feet in length and 30 feet deep, with a symmetrical 7-bay façade which incorporates flat-topped window openings and a centered entry door accessed by a set of five stone steps leading to a concrete stoop (Photo 1). The stoop is also accessed from the north by a concrete handicapped ramp. The entry is shielded by a triangular hood of wood, supported by plain wood posts.

The window openings have been altered with the installation of non-historic wood siding, with most openings having paired residential-scale 1/1 replacement windows. The second-story window above the main entry is smaller than the others and has a single 1/1 window. (Photo 1)

The rear (west) elevation is penetrated by seven openings on the first story and none on the second (Photos 2, 3). The centermost opening on this elevation had a door opening onto a small wood loading dock; it has been in-filled. The other six openings have been treated in the same manner as the openings on the façade.

The south elevation has no openings on the first story and only a single-leaf metal door opening onto a metal fire escape on the second (Photo 2). A prominent exterior chimney, finished in stone to match the rest of the building, is on the north elevation and rises considerably above the roofline (Photo 3).

The interior of the Annex (Photos 4-7) retains classroom space on the first and second floors and mechanicals in the basement; a tunnel from the basement formerly linked the Annex with the high school which stood immediately to the east. Room partitions have been added on portions of both the first and second floors (Photo 6). The original wood stairs, with wood handrail and square wood balusters, access both the basement and the second story (Photo 7). The original hardwood floors are present on the first and second story (Photo 4, 7); the ceilings have been lowered and acoustical ceiling panels have been installed (Photos 4-6). The interior rooms are used as museum display space along with a research library in one of the second story former classrooms (Photo 5).

¹ The "giraffe" pattern is a local colloquial description of this distinctive form of masonry bonding which gives the physical appearance similar to the skin pattern of a giraffe.

² A thorough discussion of this distinctive construction practice is found in the 2005 amendment of the 1999 Multiple Property Submission titled *Historic and Architectural Resources of Springfield, Missouri*. This amendment added the property type "Ozark Rock Masonry in Springfield, ca. 1910-1955" and describes the technique in detail. It is available on-line at (<http://www.dnr.mo.gov/shpo/nps-nr/64500310.pdf> and a complete citation appears in the Bibliography.

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Setting

The Annex is located on a flat lot on the west side of North Smith Street, two blocks north of the central business district, in a neighborhood consisting of institutional as well as residential buildings. The building sits at the rear of the lot; the front portion of the lot was originally occupied by the 1905 high school (not extant). The uppermost portion of the high school foundation is exposed at grade (Fig. 2) and is considered to be a contributing structure since it clearly assists in the interpretation of the site as a whole and the Annex in particular. In the front yard of the Annex is the Cuba War Memorial (Photo 8), a non-historic non-contributing veterans' memorial commemorative object consisting of a polished granite obelisk capped with an eagle in flight, on whose sides are inscribed the names of veterans from the community who served in the wars from World War I until the present. The memorial was built with donations and was dedicated on Veterans' Day, 2008.

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Summary

The Cuba High School Annex is locally significant under National Register Criterion A for *education* and for *politics/government*, as the only extant property associated with education in the community during the early twentieth century and as the product of the New Deal governmental employment programs. It is associated with three of the historic contexts set forth in the Cuba MPDF: "Cuba and the Farm Economy, 1919-1940," "Route 66 and the Great Depression, 1926-1945," and "Cuba Since World War II, 1946-1963." The period of significance for the property begins in 1934, the date of construction and ends in 1960, the dates when the building was used for its original public school purpose.

Elaboration

A detailed description of the historical development of Cuba and the economic and cultural forces which accounted for the rise of the community are described in detail in the Cuba MPDF. With reference to the High School Annex, the earliest educational building in the community was a one-room log schoolhouse built on the site of the Annex in 1854. It burned in 1880 and was replaced by a wood frame building which itself was consumed in fire in 1904. In May, 1905, a special election was held to pass a bond issue to build a new school and in July, 1905, a \$6,700.00 contract was awarded to W. J. Mitchell of Rolla, to build the new brick school (Fig. 1). When it was completed, the community offered eight elementary grades and two years of high school. In 1909 the high school curriculum was increased to three years but it would not be until 1922 that the fourth year of high school was added.¹

With the expansion in curriculum and educational policies, the 1905 high school (Fig. 1) was inadequate and in 1934 (some accounts report 1935) the Annex was built by local laborers with funds provided by one of the New Deal work relief programs, likely either the Civil Works Administration (CWA) or the Works Progress Administration (WPA). Under the CWA (prior to the WPA), 3,308 man hours were spent on "school buildings" (construction and improvement) in Crawford County.²

The southern first-floor room of the Annex was shared by the seventh and eighth grades, the northern room served the vocational agriculture and home economics curricula, while the second floor contained a study hall, and the library. A music room was located in the basement.

Athletic fields were located across the street to the east. The building was used by the local school system until 1960, when a new school was built south of the downtown. The old high school was razed, but the Annex was left.

With consolidation and a new school, the High School, Annex, and athletic field were sold at public auction. William Recklein was the low bidder at \$10,000, and donated the entire property to the community. Recklein was a World War One veteran who became a community leader and served as the vice-president of the Bank of Cuba. The Recklein Memorial Library was completed in 1961 and occupies the former playing fields across the street from the Annex. In 1964 the Annex became the Recklein Community Youth Center and from 1991-2001 it served as the headquarters of the local police department. The Crawford County Historical

¹ James Ira Breuer, *Crawford County and Cuba, Missouri* (Cape Girardeau: Ramfre Press, 1972), 443-447.

² Correspondence from Tiffany Patterson, Missouri SHPO National Register Coordinator, to preparer, November 2012).

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Society, organized in 1968, converted it for use as a local history museum and genealogical research center in 2002.

Applicable National Register Criteria and Integrity

The Cuba High School Annex meets National Register Criterion A in the area of education, as a locally significant school building which served the community's educational needs from 1934 until 1960, a span which, as noted above, is also the period of significance of the nominated property. Also with respect to Criterion A, the building is associated with the area of politics and government, since it is the product of the New Deal-era Public Works Administration, one of the many jobs programs developed by the administration of Franklin Delano Roosevelt in order to offset the effects of the Great Depression.

Admittedly, its integrity has been somewhat impaired by the alteration to the windows, although the original openings are obvious and unimpaired. The interior plan is generally intact and it retains significant details such as its original wood floors and staircases. The property retains integrity in most of its component elements and meets the registration requirements established for this property types in the MPDF.

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Name of Property Crawford County, MO
County and State Historic & Architectural Resources of Cuba, Missouri
Name of multiple listing (if applicable)

Published Works

Breuer, James Ira. *Crawford County and Cuba, Missouri*. Cape Girardeau, MO: Ramfre Press, 1972.

Unpublished Manuscripts

E-mail correspondence from Tiffany Patterson, Missouri SHPO National Register Coordinator, to preparer, November 2012.

Mitchell, Stephen E. and Mitchell, Mary Aue. *Survey Report: Cuba, Crawford County, Architectural/Historical Survey*. Jefferson City: Missouri Department of Natural Resources, 2007.

Sheals, Debbie. *Historic and Architectural Resources of Springfield, Missouri*. Jefferson City: Missouri Department of Natural Resources, 2005.

Taylor, David L. *Historic and Architectural Resources of Cuba, Missouri, 1821-1963*. Jefferson City: Missouri Department of Natural Resources, 2012.

Untitled and undated flyer by Crawford County Historical Society.

Internet Resources

Internet website http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Public_Works_Administration, accessed September 22, 2012.

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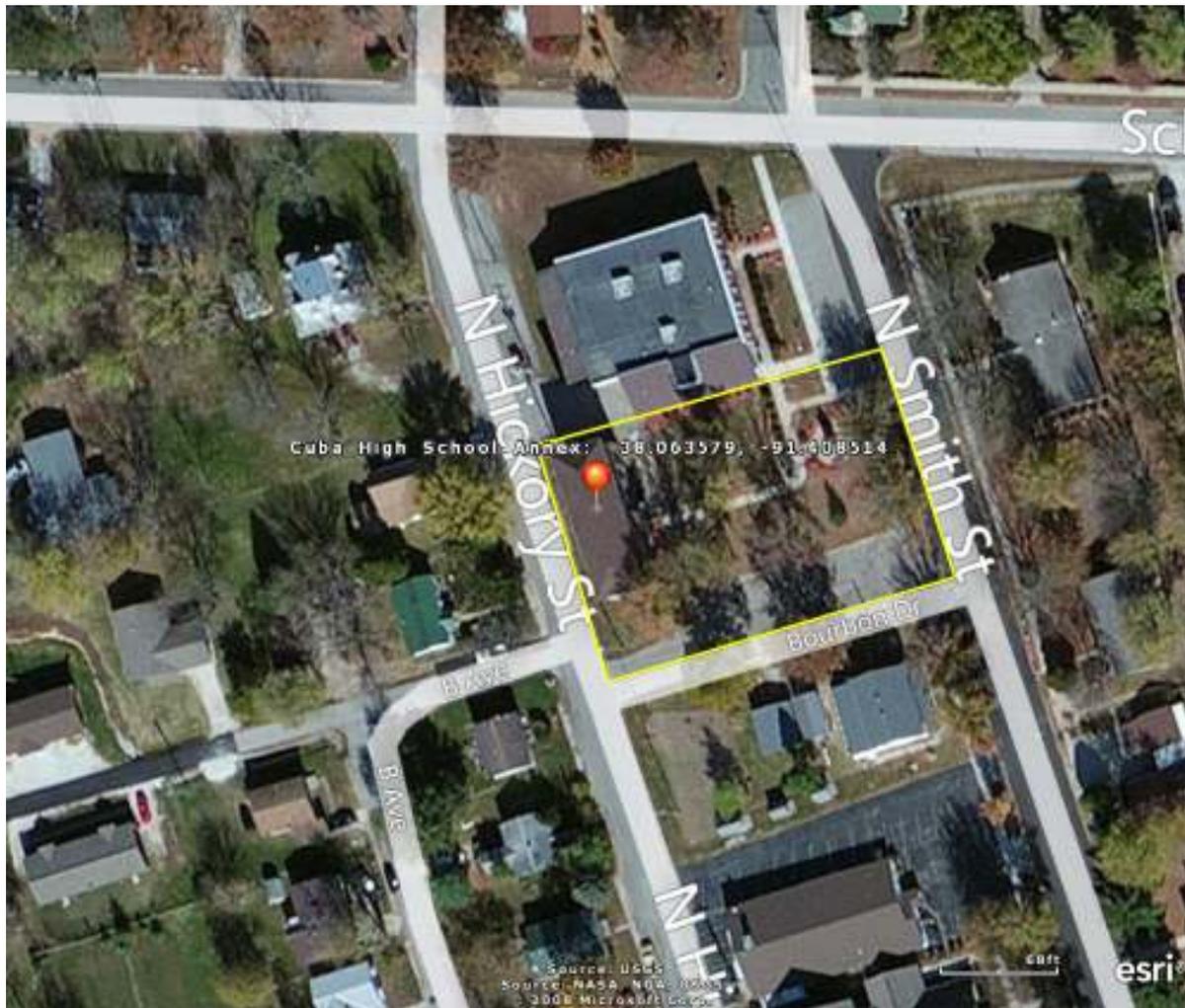
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Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundaries are North Smith Street on the east, Bourbon Drive on the south, North Hickory Street on the west, and an arbitrary line drawn just north of the building on the north. The boundaries are as shown on the attached scale map (see below).

Verbal Boundary Justification:

The boundaries for this nomination consist only of that lot occupied by the nominated building, bounded on the east by the west curblineline of North Smith Street and on the west by the east curblineline of North Hickory Street areas containing non-historic buildings or that were not historically associated with the building are excluded.



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Fig. 1: Image of the 1905 school that until c. 1960 stood in front of the Annex. [Crawford County Historical Society]

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Fig. 2: Aerial view of the nominated property (indicated by the superimposed asterisk) shows the outline of the foundation of the 1905 school to the right. [from Topozone.com]

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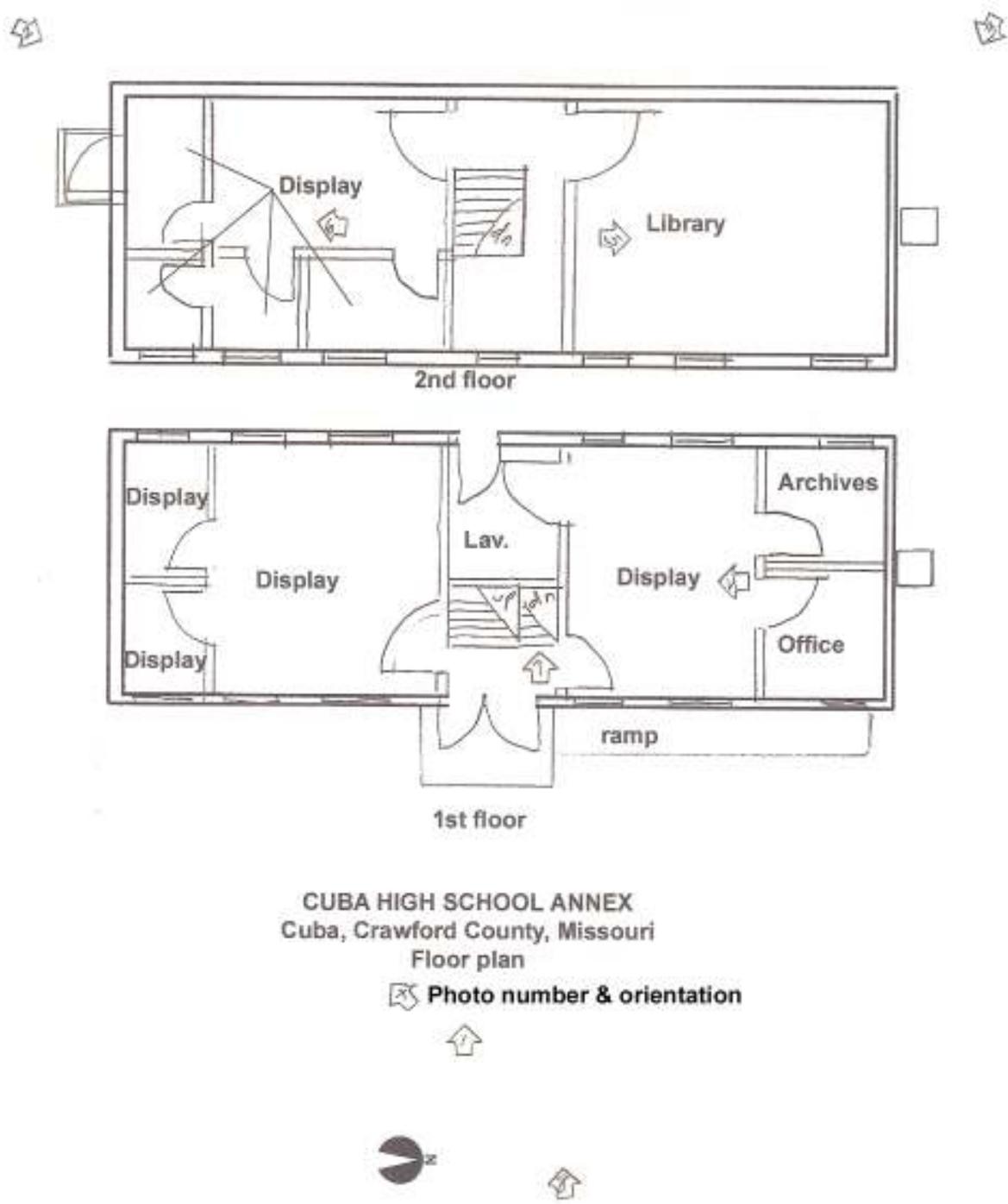


Fig. 3: Floor plans with photo angle references.

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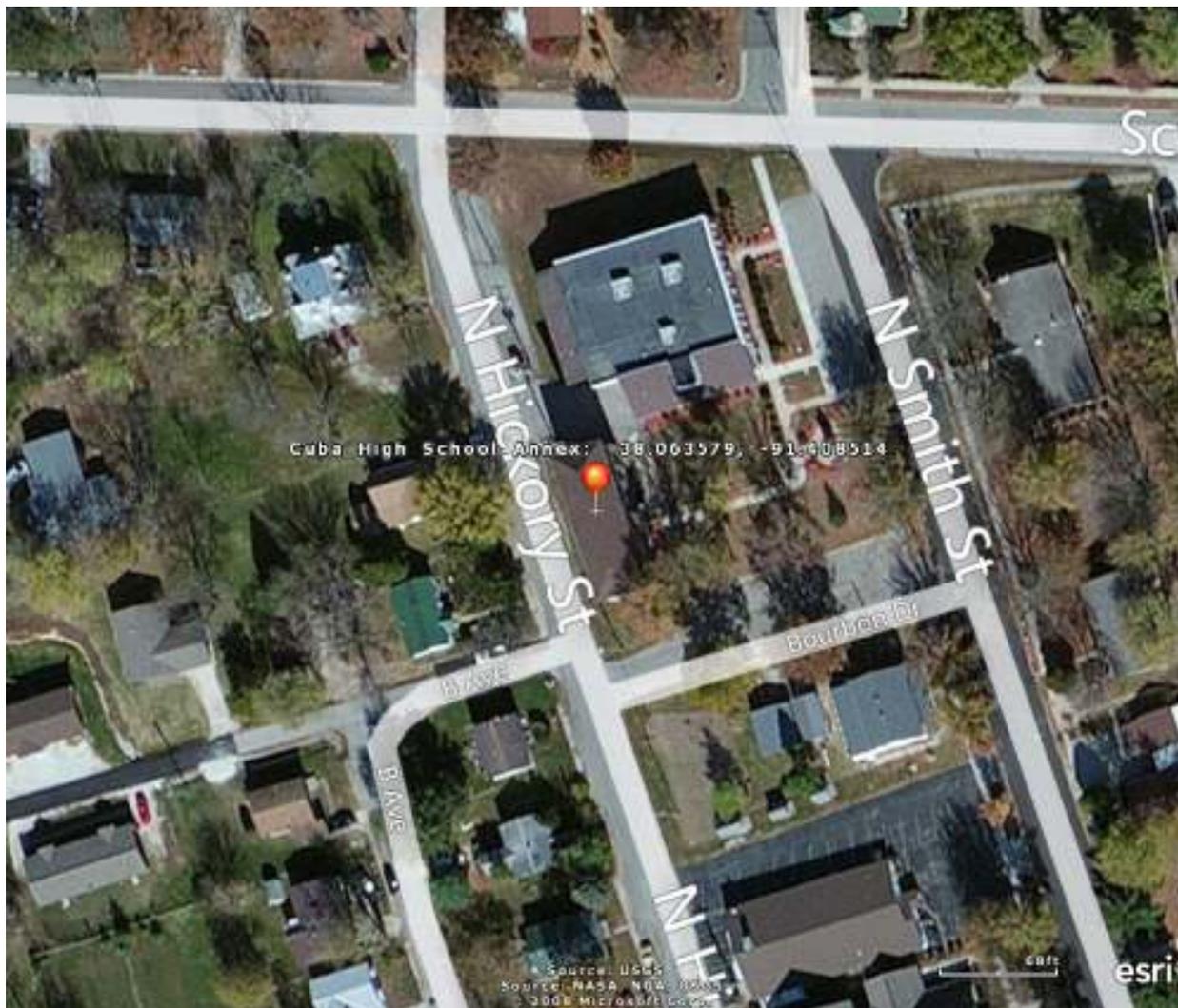


Fig. 4: Geographical Data map with decimal degree reference.
Columbia High School Annex
Historic and Architectural Resources of Cuba, MO MPDF
308 N. Smith St., Cuba, Crawford County, Missouri
Center point reference: Latitude: 38.036579 Longitude: -91.408514

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Photos:



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