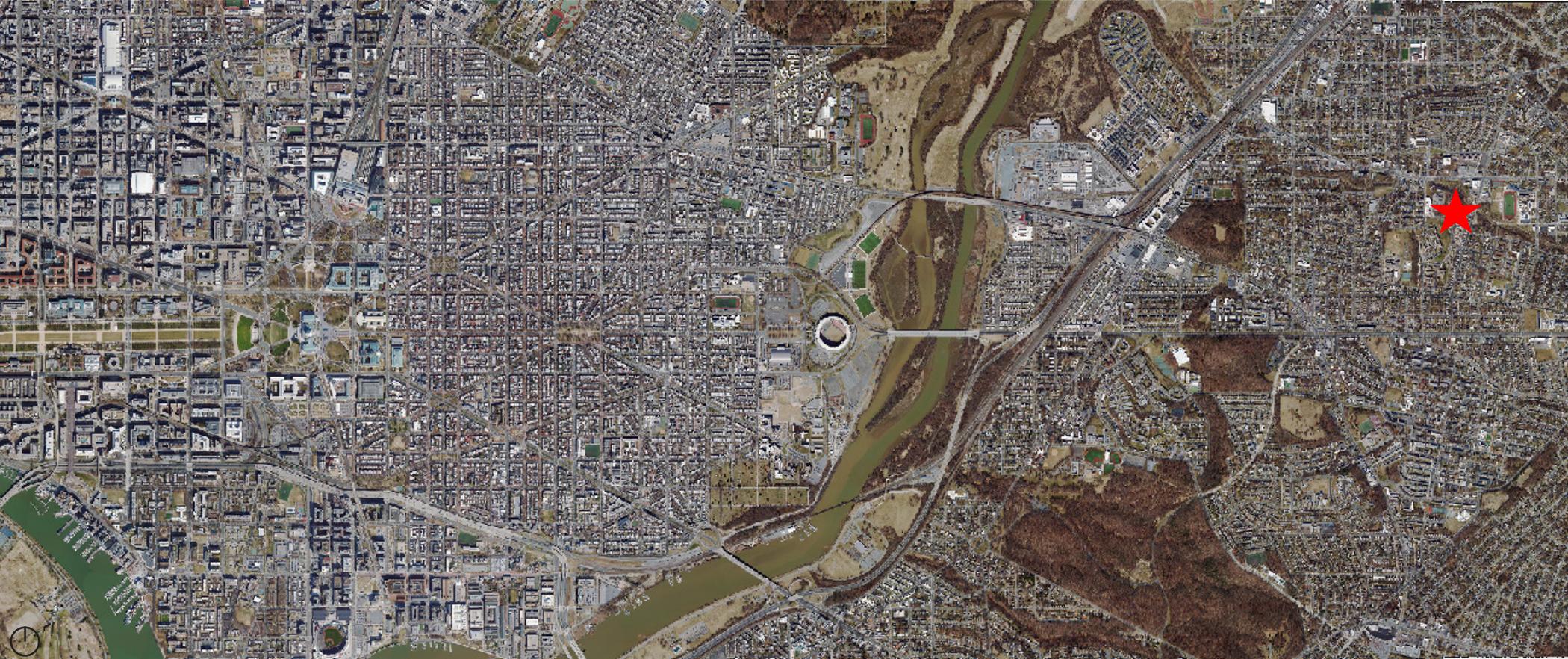


**PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BAPTIST  
CONVENTION, INC. and the  
NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR  
WOMEN AND GIRLS  
HISTORIC DISTRICT**

**HPRB DESIGNATION HEARING  
OCTOBER 27, 2022**

# LOCATION



NANNIE HELEN BURROUGHS AVENUE, NE



SOUTH LINE NANNIE HELEN BURROUGHS AVENUE, N.E.

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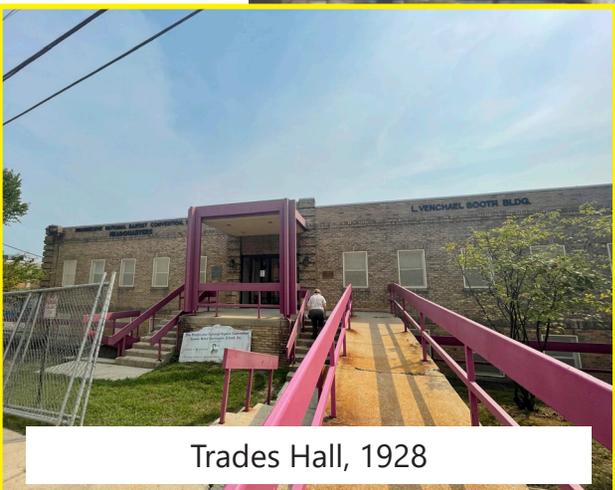
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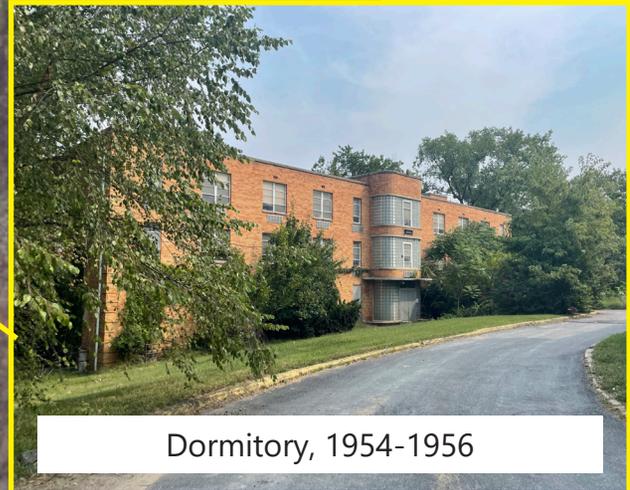
Lincoln Memorial Arch, c. 1914



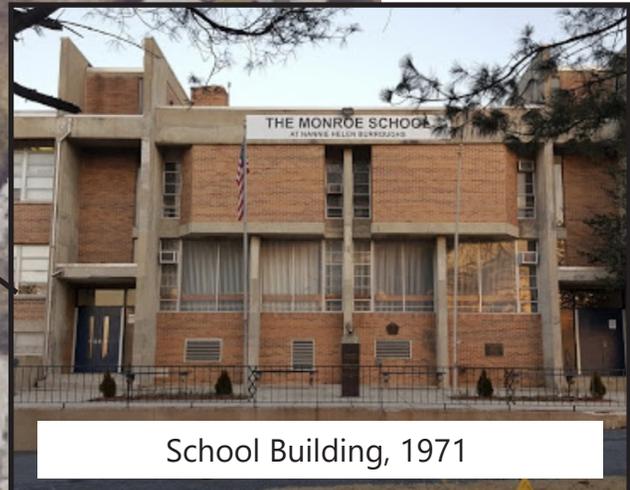
Chapel, 1961



Trades Hall, 1928



Dormitory, 1954-1956



School Building, 1971

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# NANNIE HELEN BURROUGHS





PRESENT BUILDING

**W**E have purchased a six-acre tract of land situated at Lincoln Heights! The location is ideal. There are on the premises, a splendid ten room building, large barn and stable, good well and a fine orchard. We have a number of applications on file from women and girls who desire to take training. It is expedient that the school be opened as soon as possible, but because of the marked interest on the part of the women throughout the country, the present building is inadequate, and we are therefore appealing to our friends to help us raise \$50,000 with which to put up a structure sufficiently ample to accommodate the many who will come from all parts of the country to prepare themselves for better service in their own homes and in the homes of others. Believing supremely in the gospel of self-help, our women are paying for the six acres of land, themselves, but must have the help of friends in putting up the building.



PROPOSED BUILDING



Our Corresponding Secretary



WOMAN'S CONVENTION, auxiliary to NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION.  
NANNIE H. BURROUGHS, Cor. Sec., 726 W. Walnut St., Louisville, Kentucky.



c. 1909, LOC

# ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

In Lincoln Heights, a suburb of the District of Columbia, just beyond Benning, on the Columbia car line, is the National Training School For Women and Girls. The institution was opened in October, 1909, under the auspices of the National Baptist convention.

The school site consists of six acres of land, upon which are two splendid frame buildings, in which the work of the school is carried on. Under the presidency of Miss Nannie Helen Burroughs the institution bids fair to become a potent factor for the industrial, moral and religious uplift of our people.

The National Baptist convention is the largest organization of Negro Baptists in the world. It has had phenomenal success. But the great possibilities of its sphere of usefulness have become more apparent since the launching of the National Training school.

The institution is unique in that it prepares each student to fill the position for which by nature she seems best suited. Each woman and girl must specialize in whatever line of work she elects to pursue as a vocation. The literary and technical courses are so correlated that a student cannot take one without the other.

This is not "just another school." It is a school with a distinct mission, fill-

ing a niche that is not being filled by any other school. It is not going to turn out any makeshifts. It is going to mix brains with domestic service of every kind and develop the moral and the spiritual powers of every student it sends out.

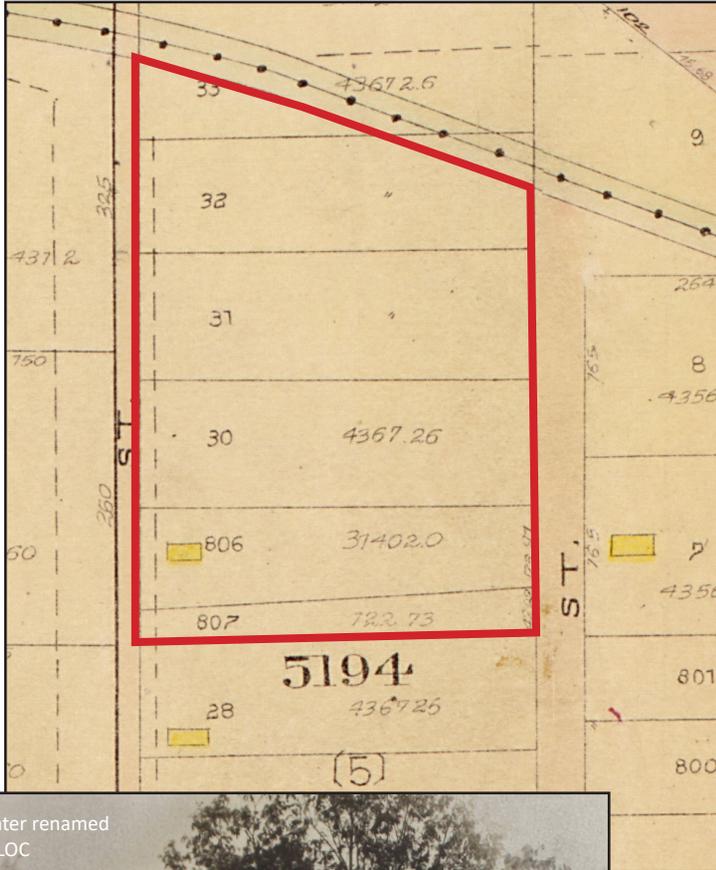
Washington is a strategic point for such an institution. With all the institutions in the south we have been convinced that nine-tenths of our people who come north need training, and need it badly. The same cry is heard in Philadelphia, New York and Boston. We need a school that will take hold of the "green" women and girls and teach them in a practical, comprehensive way how to meet the new demands for skilled labor. Since there is no school doing an educational work of this kind, how necessary is the school located in Lincoln Heights!

But the school has a broader field than Washington and the adjacent cities. The convention reaches a larger number of the colored people of all classes than any other organization. Until we have in our homes women who know how to keep house and are not lacking in the disposition to do so the race will not move forward as rapidly as it should.

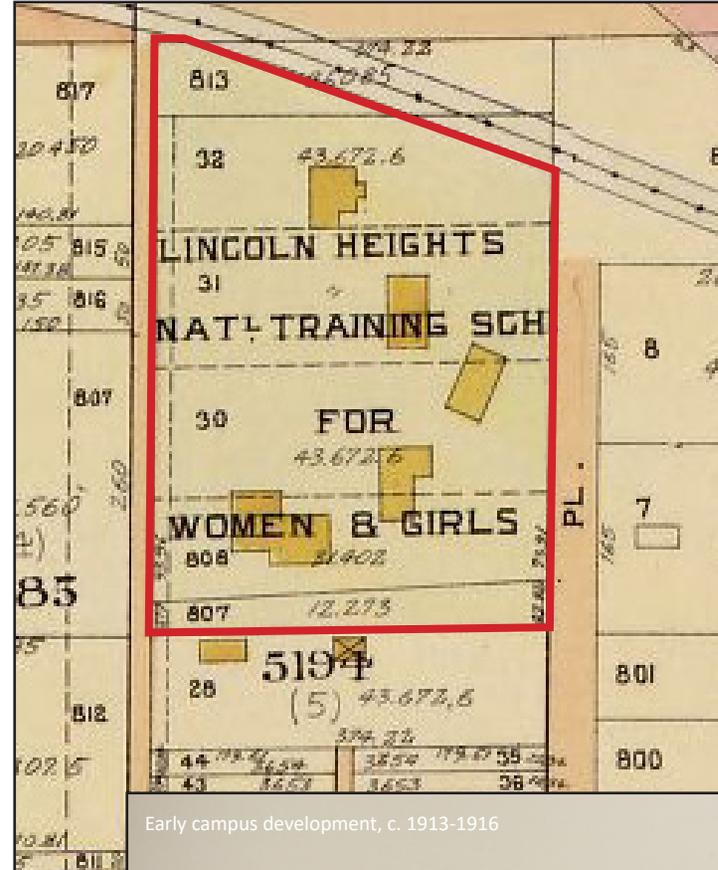
Women and girls have come from a number of states and are now in training, to go back to their homes prepared to do skilled labor.

# EARLY CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT

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Sheet 15



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Original farmhouse, later renamed  
"Alpha Hall", c. 1912, LOC



Early campus development, c. 1913-1916



# Lincoln Memorial Arch

## LINCOLN ARCH IS DEDICATED.

Clapp and Macfarland Speak at National Training School Exercises.

The Lincoln memorial arch at the National Training School for Women and Girls, Lincoln Heights, was dedicated yesterday with appropriate exercises under the auspices of the fiftieth anniversary memorial commission appointed by the woman's convention, auxiliary to the national Baptist convention, held last week in Philadelphia.

The principal speakers were Senator Clapp, of Minnesota, and former District Commissioner Henry B. F. Macfarland. Senator Clapp reviewed the work of Lincoln in behalf of the colored race, and Mr. Macfarland said that such institutions as the National Training School for Women and Girls gave the colored race new hope. Washington should have the best of everything, he declared, and, therefore, should have the best schools for the training of colored women and girls in domestic science, nursing, gardening, and similar vocations. He highly complimented Nannie M. Burroughs, founder and president of the school.

The dedicatory address was delivered by William Harrison, of Oklahoma. Others taking part in the program included D. E. C. Morris, of Arkansas; Ophelia Parker, and M. Helen Adams, and the Rev. W. T. Hayes, of New York.

*The Washington Post, 9/16/1916*



c. 1949, DC History Center

# CAMPUS EXPANSION AND EXPANSION OF OFFERINGS



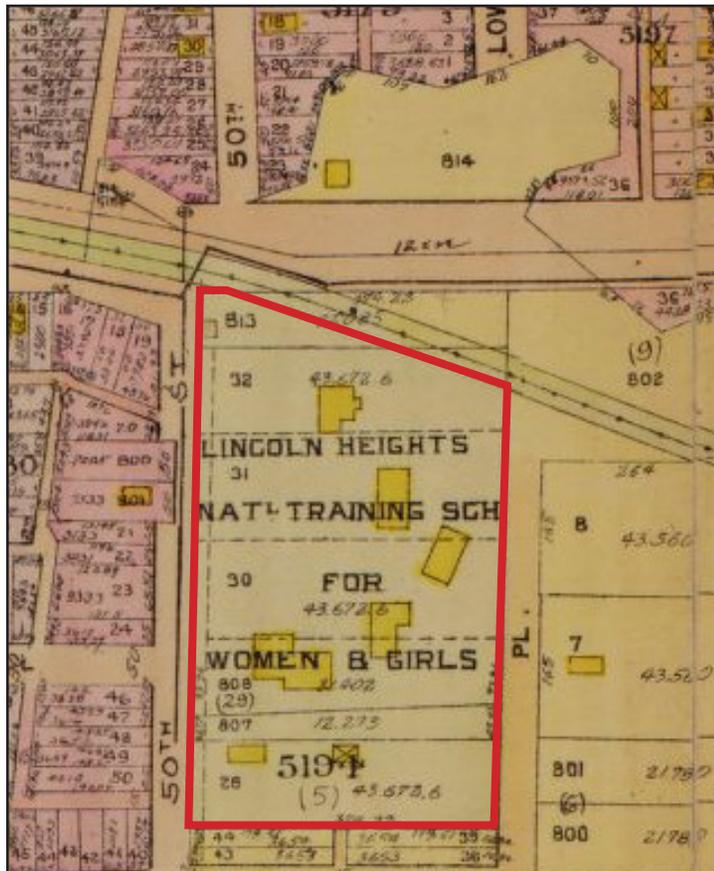
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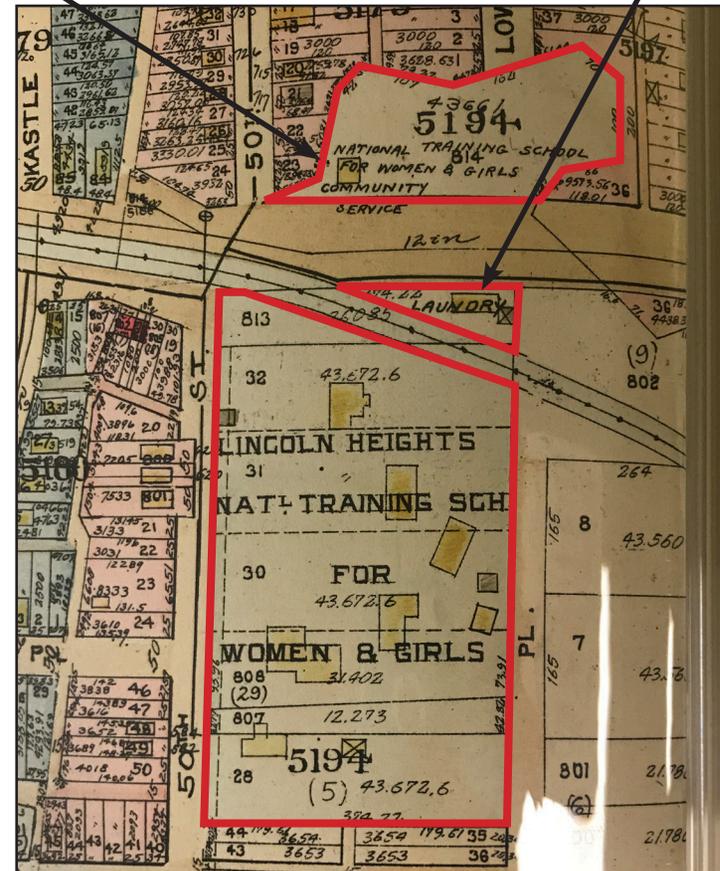
Community Service building, image undated, LOC.



Laundry Building, constructed c. 1921, Image undated, LOC.



1919 Baist Map, V4 Sheet 15



1927 Baist Map, V4 Sheet 15

# Trades Hall

## TRAINING SCHOOL DRIVE NETS \$1,600

Campaign on to Raise \$100,-  
000 for Institution for Col-  
ored Women and Girls.

More than \$1,600 already has been subscribed in the campaign to raise \$100,000 with which to replace the trades hall of Miss Nannie H. Burroughs' National Training School for Women and Girls, at Lincoln Heights, D. C., recently destroyed by fire.

An intensive canvass now under way is expected to net thousands more, according to John R. Hawkins, chairman of the committee of colored citizens directing the campaign.

The fund will be used to expand the school into a well equipped junior college and trades school for colored girls, it was announced today by Miss Burroughs, who is president of the institution.

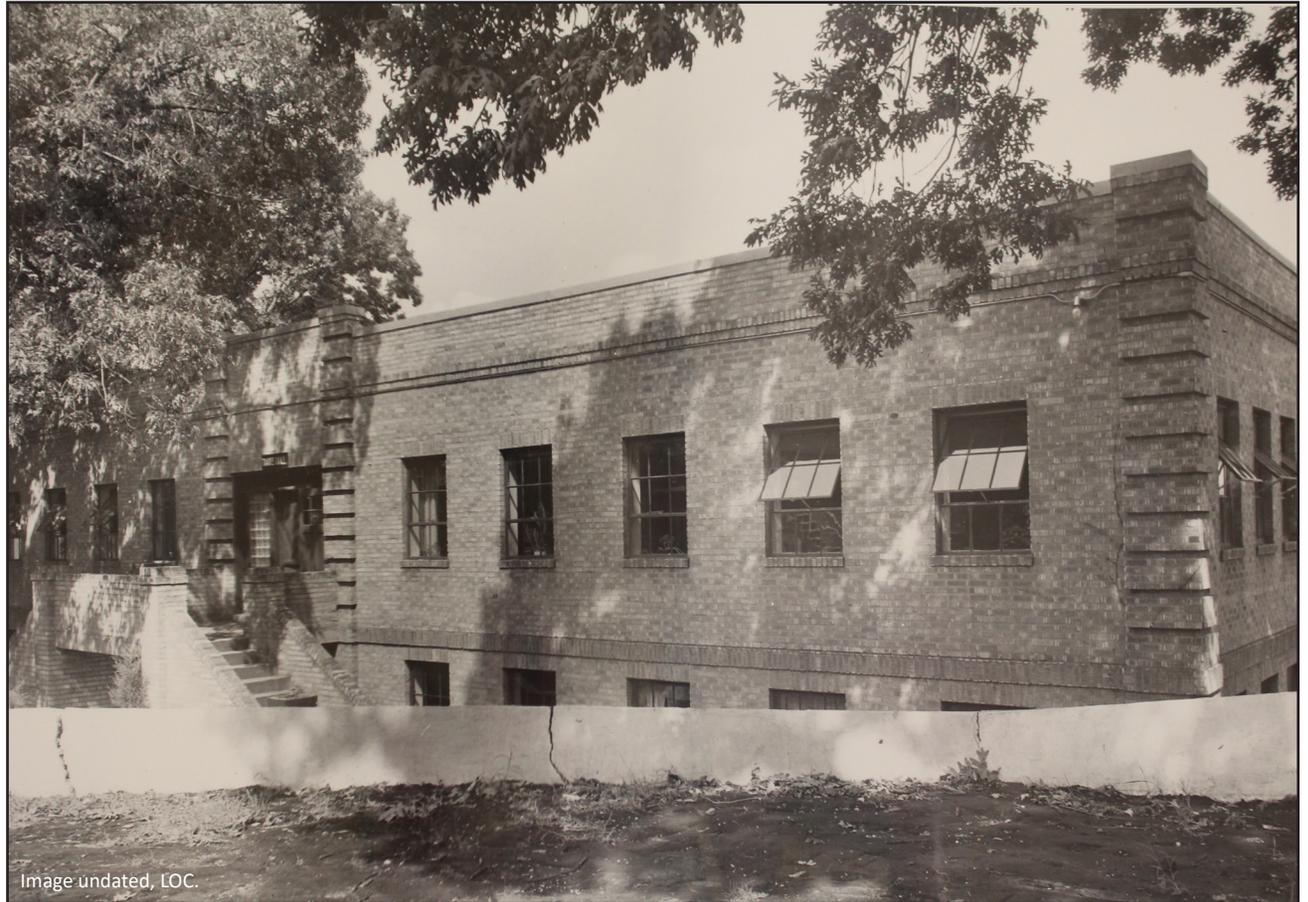


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*The Evening Star*, 11/16/1926.

# Nannie Burroughs School Changes Its Name

WASHINGTON D. C.—The Trustees of the National Training School for Women and Girls, at their annual meeting reduced the membership of trustees to twenty-three members selected from the white as well as from the colored race.

Because of the confusion and embarrassment caused by the similarity in name of the National Training School for Women and Girls and that of the National Training School for Girls, (the District reform school) the name was changed to "The National Academy and Trades School for Girls."

*The Baltimore Afro-American, 6/10/1926*

## THE AMENDED CHARTER No. 25396

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, the undersigned, Nannie H. Burroughs and Isaac A. Thomas, President and Secretary, respectively, of the National Training School for Women and Girls, availing ourselves and the corporation aforesaid of the privileges and powers conferred by the incorporation laws of the District of Columbia, and pursuant to the powers conferred upon us by the Board of Trustees of the National Training School for Women and Girls at meetings of said trustees regularly called on to-wit, June 4, 1917, and June 2, 1926, for the purpose, do hereby amend the original certificate of incorporation recorded herein, two-thirds of the trustees being present and notification of publication being waived.

1. This corporation shall hereafter be known as the National Trade and Professional School for Women and Girls, Inc.
  2. The number of trustees in charge of the affairs of the corporation shall be twenty-four (24), and bi-racial, equally divided as follows:
    - (a) Nine (9) nominated BY OR OUT OF THE MEMBERSHIP of the Woman's Convention Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention.
    - (b) Five (5) nominated by or out of the membership of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention.
    - (c) Three (3) nominated by or out of the membership of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society.
    - (d) Seven (7) nominated by or out of the membership of other educational agencies selected as provided in the by-laws.
- IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals this 20th day of January, A.D. 1939.

NANNIE H. BURROUGHS (Trustee),  
*President.* (Seal)

ISAAC A. THOMAS (Trustee),  
*Secretary.* (Seal)

## Coupon Saving Plan To Help National Trade & Professional School

**B**APTISTS, throughout the nation, and friends who are active supporters of and all who are interested in the National Trade and Professional School, Washington, D. C., will have a special opportunity to help the institution enlarge its facilities through gathering the valuable coupons, coming with certain well-known products, which can be redeemed for cash in a "CASH FOR COUPONS" RALLY.

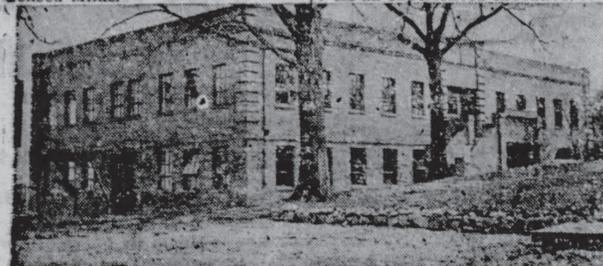
During the early '30s, a similar appeal for coupon contributions was made. The response was so generous that the cash secured saved the school from tragic financial embarrassment at that time, and was directly responsible for the beginning of one of its largest buildings—Trades Hall.

The current drive is being undertaken through the cooperation of the manufacturers of Octagon Soap Products, Kirkman Soap Products, Rumford and Hearth Club Baking Powders, La Rosa Macaroni Products, Mrs. Filbert's Margarine, Mayonnaise and Salad Products, Luzianne Coffee and Tea, Ballard's Obelisk Flour, Borden's Silver Cow Evaporated Milk and Magnolia Condensed Milks.



Miss Nannie H. Burroughs . . . directs coupon-saving drive.

have either frozen in debt, or have been forced to close the school entirely. The coupons actually kept the doors of the institution open." Friends of the National Trade and Professional School sent in over three thousand dollars worth of coupons during the original drive! As an experienced executive, Miss



Trades Hall at the National Trade and Professional School, Washington, D. C., which will be enlarged as the result of the school's current \$10,000 "CASH FOR COUPONS" campaign.

Money realized from the redemption of these coupons will be used to help build a much-needed dormitory, the Memorial Chapel and aid in the completion of Trades Hall. A goal of \$10,000 from coupons has been set for this drive and the slogan for the drive is "CASH FOR COUPONS."

The dynamo behind the campaign is Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, President of the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., and head of the school where girls get an invaluable opportunity to learn a trade and profession, correlated with standard High School and Junior College courses.

It was Miss Burroughs who, in 1933, informed the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., that the Octagon Coupon Plan might be the answer in helping to meet a heavy mortgage debt on Trades Hall at the school.

A year later, Miss Burroughs addressed the Annual Convention saying: ". . . Without the help which these coupons brought us we would

Burroughs suggests the following techniques to speed the flow of coupons in this new campaign in which all friends of the school are urged to participate:

1. Organize a Coupon Club in your community and start saving them.
2. Urge your grocer to keep well-stocked in coupon-carrying products.
3. Have your church appoint a "go get 'em" chairman with a strong committee to interest members to save and send in coupons.
4. Call for coupons by public announcement in your church each week.

"The whole plan," adds Miss Burroughs, "offers a practical plan to teach self-help, to salvage what might otherwise be waste and make it save and serve this worthy cause." Coupons should be trimmed, put into like, marked bundles of 25, 50 or 100 each and sent directly to the National Trade and Professional School, Lincoln Heights, Washington 19, D. C.

*Alabama Citizen* (Tuscaloosa, AL), 9/22/1951. Article also published in *The Pittsburgh Courier*.

# DEDICATION OF THE DORMITORY

AT

THE NATIONAL TRADE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL  
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS, INC.

50th and Grant Streets Northeast

Washington

THANKS BE TO GOD!

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 8, 1956 at 3:30 O'CLOCK

NANNIE H. BURROUGHS, *President*

## 500 Applaud At Dedication Of Dormitory

A \$200,000 brick and glass dormitory was dedicated yesterday on the campus of the National Trade and Professional School for Women and Girls, Inc.

The main speaker at the dedicatory exercises was Mordecai W. Johnson, president of Howard University. He called the school and its achievement in raising money for the debt-free dormitory an achievement of "robust world significance."

Johnscon was introduced by Nannie H. Burroughs, the school's founder and president. The crowd of 500 applauded when the speaker drew attention to Miss Burroughs' services for nearly a half century in making the school "the most unusual self-help effort ever undertaken by Negro women."

On the platform with Johnson was Rep. Frances P. Bolton (R-Ohio).

The new 52-room dormitory on the campus at 50th and Grant sts. ne., will accommodate 70 women. It raises to seven the number of buildings on the seven-acre campus.

The Women's Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention helps support the school. Plans have been announced for a library, a chapel and a science building.

*The Washington Post, 7/9/1956*



# Memorial Chapel



c. 1961, LOC

## Dr. Burroughs praised at dedication of chapel

WASHINGTON

The National Memorial chapel, the latest addition built by the late Dr. Nannie Burroughs to the National Trade and Professional School for Women and Girls, was dedicated Sunday.

Dr. Mordecai Johnson, president - emeritus of Howard University, was the speaker.

He described Miss Burroughs as a woman who could do the most elementary things in the most competent manner, noting that she built the school on "Three-B's" — the Bible, the bath and the broom.

*The Baltimore Afro-American,*  
6/22/1961

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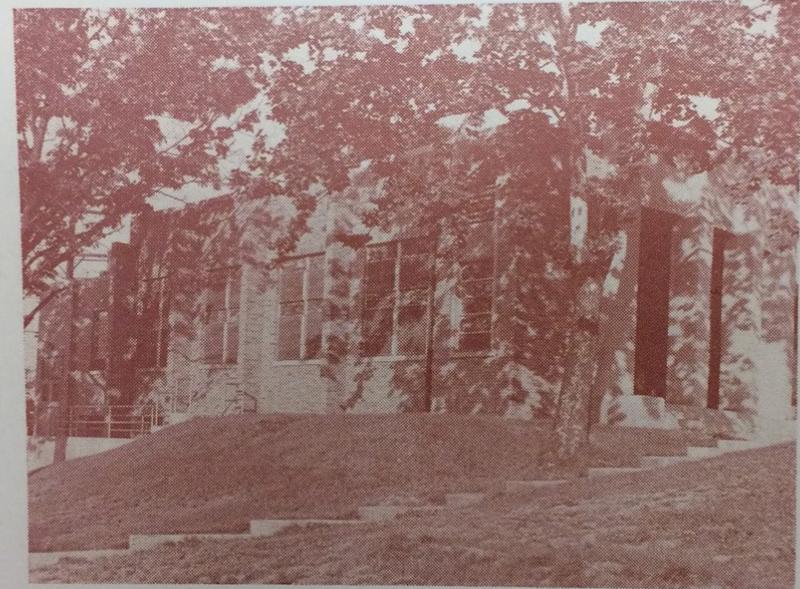
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NATIONAL MEMORIAL CHAPEL

AT THE

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50th and Grant Streets, Northeast  
Washington, D. C.



NATIONAL MEMORIAL CHAPEL

"TO GOD BE THE GLORY"

Sunday, July 2, 1961 at 3:30 o'clock



Her body lay in state at the school in Northeast Washington from about 3 p.m. Wednesday until 9:30 a.m. Thursday when it was borne to the church where Miss Burroughs had been a member since 1892.

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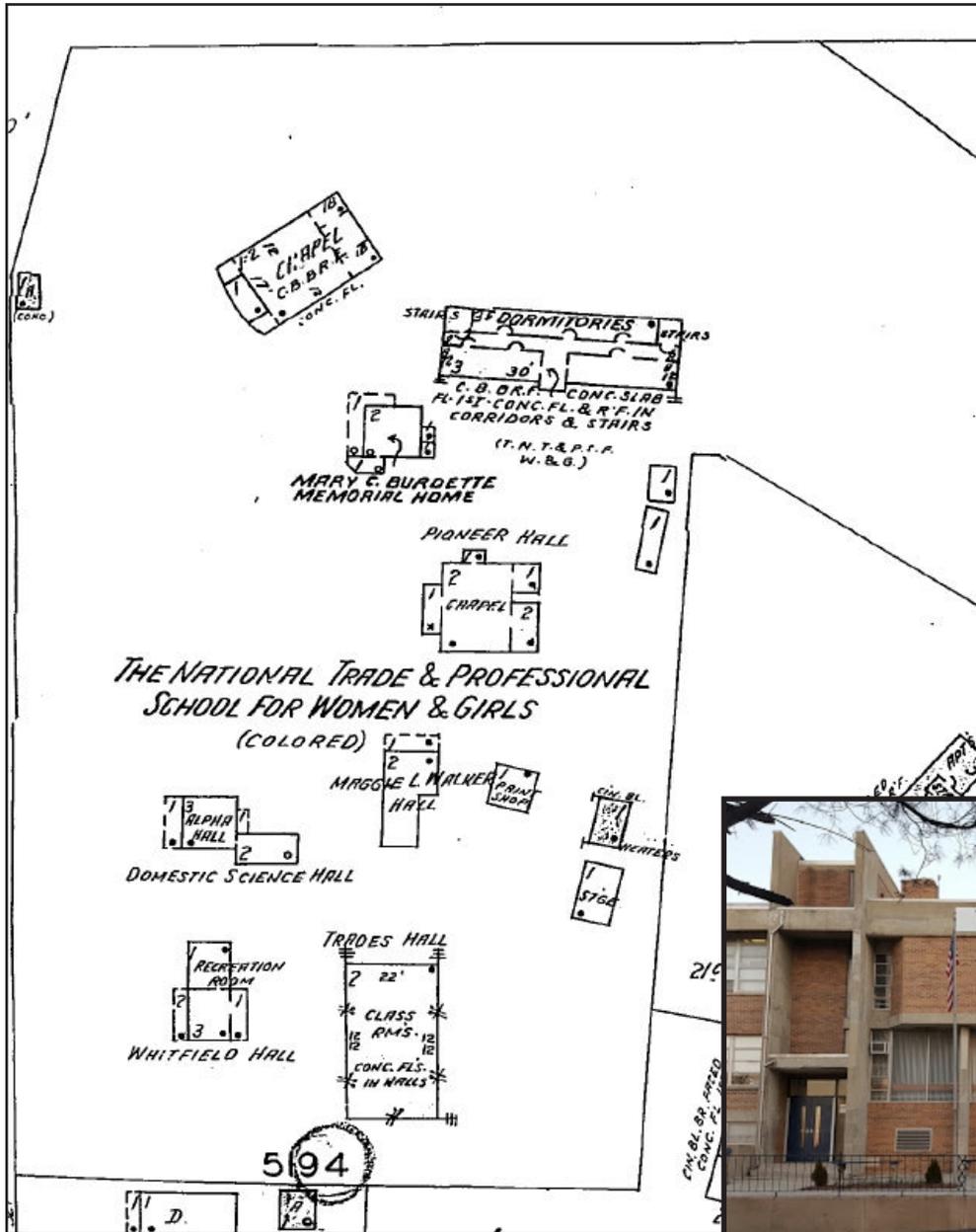
**ONLY MINUTES AFTER** the dedication of the new building by the Rev. C. T. Murray, Miss Burroughs' body was admitted to the school chapel which was completed in September.

It had been her wish that no activity of any kind take place in the chapel until the dedicatory ceremony. The first use to which the building was put was a proceeding of sorrow for the throng of 5500 persons who passed her bier.

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"Ninety-five Clerics Among Miss Burroughs' Mourners Funeral rites held impressive," *The Baltimore Afro-American*, 6/3/1961





1960 Sanborn Map, V9 Sheet 917



DC Building Permit  
B199759, 5/25/1971

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSES AND INSPECTIONS  
LICENSE AND PERMIT DIVISION  
PERMIT BRANCH

APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT  
(New Building or Additions to an existing bldg.)  
(WRITE WITH TYPEWRITER OR INK)

FILE REPAIR APPLICATION ALSO if any repairs or alterations to existing Building are proposed.

THIS PERMIT DOES NOT AUTHORIZE CROSSING OF SIDEWALK WITH TRUCKS

Address of proposed work 601 50th + Penna Sts., N.E. Lot No. 25, 26, 27, 28, 24  
Name of owner Hannie H. Burroughs Address same Sq. No. 5124  
All use(s) of Building Admin-classrooms & French Material of building Brick & Concrete  
No. of Stories under Zoning Reg. Three Cost of Construction \$1,900,000.00  
No. of stories for purpose of exits and fireproofing Three No. of Bldgs. One  
Total No. of rooms in Bldg. 70 No. of dwelling units Two No. of blocks 45 M  
Concrete (Cu. yds.) Cubic contents of proposed work 657,754  
Name of builder Not Selected Address \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Does this work require a Registered Architect or Professional Engineer?  
Name of ARCHITECT ANDREW D. BRYANT, AIA Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel. No. 291901 223 MISSOURI AVE., N. W. Registration No. A-3100  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20011  
Name of Professional Engineer James Gao Morales Tel. No. 686-9850, 595-1800  
Address 1111 Spring Rd., S.W. D. C. Registration No. 3755  
Have dimensions of all buildings and yards been properly indicated on Surveyor's plat? yes  
Will any part of the building be used for commercial purposes? no  
Will there be any projections beyond the building line? no

If so, check below:

Main steps	Areas	To be Filled in by Permit Clerk Use District <u>1-5-70</u> Height District <u>2-2-70</u> Area District _____ Name of Clerk _____ Date of Filing Fee <u>7-31-70</u> Filing Fee \$ <u>1,000.00</u> Permit Fee \$ <u>2300.00</u>
Porches	Marquises	
Bay Windows	Vaults	
Show Windows	Area Steps	
SUBMIT SEPARATE APPLICATION FOR PROJECTIONS, (Over)		
Size of lot: Width	Depth	
Wall bearings	Skeleton	
Soil value assumed? <u>5,000 pcf</u>		
Live load floor capacity?	Live load roof capacity? <u>30 PSF</u>	
Are there any condemnation proceedings against the building? <u>no</u>		

Height of building through center line of building, from front sidewalk to highest point of roof at centerline of building 26-0 Height of terrace above sidewalk 4-0  
Height of first floor: above sidewalk \_\_\_\_\_ Has a certificate of parking been filed?  
Give MATERIAL AND THICKNESS of external walls: Foundation to 1st floor 12"  
1st to 2nd 10" 2nd to 3rd 10" 3rd to 4th \_\_\_\_\_ 4th to 5th \_\_\_\_\_  
Give MATERIAL AND THICKNESS of party walls: Foundation to 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_  
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Will the roof be pitch, mansard, or flat? Flat Roof covering 5 ply  
Will the front wall project beyond the front walls of other bldgs. in block? no  
Will building be wired for electricity? yes How will bldg. be heated gas hot water  
Number and type of elevators none Have elevator plans been filed? no  
Is there a sidewalk, curb or improved roadway in front of proposed building? yes  
Has curb grade been obtained from the Engineer of Streets? yes Alley grades? yes  
Are to be provided in bldg.? yes Outside on lot? yes

I, the undersigned, in affixing his signature hereto expressly agrees to comply with all provisions of this application and all Codes and Regulations of the District.

Penalties are Provided for Misrepresentation and Information on Reverse Side of this Application over All Questions on Both Sides of this Application

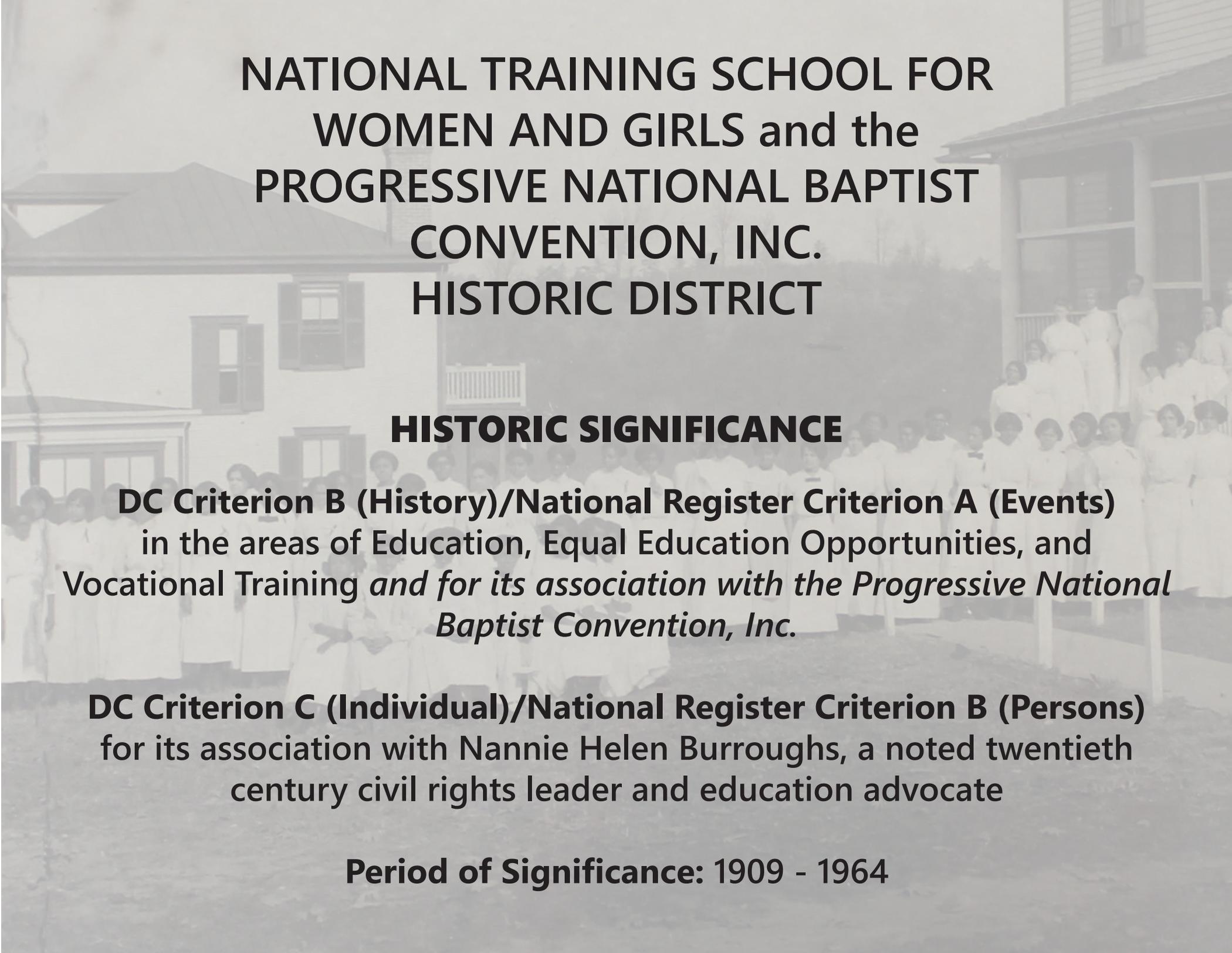
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Name of authorized agent \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. 291-9080  
Name of authorized agent ANDREW D. BRYANT, AIA  
223 MISSOURI AVE., N. W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20011  
Name by Agent Hannie Hetton Burroughs, Inc.  
By Andrew D. Bryant  
(Signature of Authorized Agent)

Director for the following approvals:

MUNICIPAL AND GENERATION	ELECTRICAL	SMOKE & BOILER	APPROVED FOR PERMIT
APPROVED: <u>[Signature]</u>	APPROVED: <u>[Signature]</u>	APPROVED: <u>[Signature]</u>	APPROVED: <u>[Signature]</u>
Engineer	Engineer	Engineer	Engineer
Date <u>SEP 30 1970</u>	Date <u>9/30/70</u>	Date <u>9/30/70</u>	Date <u>10/2/70</u>

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