



UNDATED PHOTO OF PULASKI HIGH SCHOOL PROBABLY TAKEN IN THE 1940'S.



THE GYMNASIUM WAS ADDED IN 1939-1940 AND WAS READY FOR USE IN THE 1940-1941 SCHOOL YEAR



1936 PULASKI HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM



1953-1954 PULASKI HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM



PULASKI COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING ROOM, FORMERLY THE CENTRAL SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

To see and learn more about the history of Pulaski County, please visit our Historic Stone Courthouse, which was built in 1896 and was restored following a devastating fire in 1992. The courthouse has exhibits showcasing the county's history including artifacts from pre-historic times and its settlement, our Native American heritage, and other displays illustrating our people, school, churches, and much more.



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History of the Pulaski County Administration Building



The history of Pulaski High School, today's Pulaski County Administration Building

The Pulaski County School Board met on March 21, 1914 to address the need for a new school in the County. At this meeting, the School Board decided that a piece of property located one block east of Randolph Avenue, extending from Third to Second Streets, known as the Horse Show Grounds was an ideal location.

Less than a year later, the Pulaski School Board adopted a motion to issue bonds for the sum of \$58,000 to cover the expenses of building a new school in Pulaski County. The School Board realized that the current budget of Pulaski County was not sufficient to fund the "additional school houses necessary to provide additional public school facilities for the children of school age in this district."

The new Pulaski High School Building is an impressive Colonial Revival academic building with classically derived stylistic details. The massive brick building is composed in three parts with a recessed center section flanked by two projecting sections. Colonial Revival details include the watertable, which is the ribbon of cast concrete that runs along the base of the building and the ornate brick detailing, or Quoins, on the corners of the projecting wings.

Another Colonial Revival feature of the Pulaski High School is the continuous rows or

ribbons of multi-light double-sash windows visible on the façade or front of the building. The windows or fenestration add to the symmetry of the building, a characteristic of the Colonial Revival style.

The Pulaski High School retains some impressive classically inspired details including the Palladian windows seen along the west elevation of the school.

Perhaps the most distinguishing feature of the Pulaski High School is the impressive entrance, a full height pedimented portico supported by four columns with ionic capitals. The front entrance also possesses Palladian details including the semi-circular window, or lunette, seen in the pediment.



The printing of a postcard of the Pulaski High School in 1916 (above) demonstrates the importance and prominence that the building had in Pulaski County. The postcard shows the massive scale of the school relative to other buildings in Pulaski. The building served as the Pulaski High School from 1916 to 1954; in 1954 the

building became the Central Elementary School until 1974 when the building became the Pulaski County Administration Building.

A gymnasium was added to the Pulaski High School from 1939 to 1940 and was ready for use in the 1940-41 school year. The addition is architecturally modest compared to the original structure; however, the use of brick and the watertable of concrete mimic the Colonial Revival style of the high school.

In the 1940's, 5th and 6th grade classes were held on the second floor and high school classes held on the first floor and basement level.

In 1974, when the school became the Pulaski County Administration Building, changes to the building included the conversion of the school auditorium to a meeting room.

The Pulaski High School easily transitioned into its new role as an administrative building for Pulaski County. Various additions, as well as the partitioning of the interior have altered the school's look and layout.

