

FLORIDA MASTER SITE FILE  
HISTORIC SITE DATA SHEET

	FDAHRM	802==
Site No.		1009==
Site Name	Newell Hall	830==
Other Name(s) for Site		930==
Other Nos. for Site		906==
NR Classification Category:		916==
County	Alachua County, in city of Gainesville, Florida	808==
Instruction for locating (or address)		
		813==
Location:		868==
	subdivision name / block no. / lot no.	
Owner of Site: Name:	University of Florida	
Address:		902==
		902==
Occupant, Tenant, or Manager:		
Name:	Soils, Agronomy, Nematology, and Entomology Departments	
Address:		904==
Reporter (or local contact):		
Name:	Peter F. Dessauer	
Address:	1636 NW 6/th Avenue, Gainesville, Florida, 32603	
		816==
Recorder:	Peter F. Dessauer, Graduate Student, Architectural Preservation	
Name & Title:		
Address:	1636 NW 6/th Avenue, Gainesville, Florida, 32603	
		818==
Survey Date	April 17, 1977 820==	Type of Ownership 848==
Inventory Status		914==
Previous Survey(s): (enter activity/title of survey/name/date/repository)		
		839==
Recording Station		804==
Specimens (Inventory Numbers)		870==
Date of Visit to Site	828==	Recording Date 832==
Photographic Record Numbers		860==

HISTORIC SITE DATA SUPPLEMENT

Site Name Newell Hall,  
University of Florida

Present Use (check one or more as appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural 850==	<input type="checkbox"/> Government 850==	<input type="checkbox"/> Park 850==	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation 850==
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial 850==	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial 850==	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence 850==	Other (Specify):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational 850==	<input type="checkbox"/> Military 850==	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious 850==	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ 850==
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment 850==	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum 850==	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific 850==	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ 850==

Original Use (check one or more as appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural 838==	<input type="checkbox"/> Government 838==	<input type="checkbox"/> Park 838==	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation 838==
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial 838==	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial 838==	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence 838==	Other (Specify):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational 838==	<input type="checkbox"/> Military 838==	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious 838==	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ 838==
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment 838==	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum 838==	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific 838==	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ 838==

Cultural Classification: Specific Dates: Beginning 1909 844==

Culture/Phase \_\_\_\_\_ 840==

Developmental Stage \_\_\_\_\_ 842==

Period (check one or more as appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian 845==	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century 845==	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century 845==	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century 845==
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century 845==	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17th Century 845==	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century 845==	

Areas of Significance (check one or more as appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal 910==	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Planning 910==	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture 910==	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture 910==
<input type="checkbox"/> Archaeology Prehistoric 910==	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation 910==	<input type="checkbox"/> Law 910==	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian 910==
<input type="checkbox"/> Archaeology Historic 910==	<input type="checkbox"/> Economics 910==	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature 910==	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater 910==
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture 910==	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education 910==	<input type="checkbox"/> Military 910==	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation 910==
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture 910==	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering 910==	<input type="checkbox"/> Music 910==	Other (Specify):
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art 910==	<input type="checkbox"/> Exploration & Settlement 910==	<input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy 910==	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation 910==
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce 910==	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry 910==	<input type="checkbox"/> Politics/Govt. 910==	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ 910==
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications 910==	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention 910==	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion 910==	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ 910==
		<input type="checkbox"/> Science 910==	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ 910==

Remarks & Recommendations:

835==

Location of Site (Specific):

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Map Reference (incl. scale & date)

809==

Township	Range	Section	¼ Sec.	¼ ¼ Sec.	¼ ¼ ¼ Sec.

812==

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A POLYGON LOCATING THE PROPERTY

LATITUDE				LONGITUDE		
Point	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
	°	'	"	°	'	"
	°	'	"	°	'	"
	°	'	"	°	'	"
	°	'	"	°	'	"

OR

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES

°	'	"	°	'	"
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800==

UTM Coordinates:

Zone Easting Northing

890==

Description of Site:

Site Size (approx. acreage of property)

833==

<p><b>Condition of Site:</b></p> <p>Check one</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Excellent 863==</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Good 863==</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair 863==</p> <p><b>Fair- Poor</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated 863==</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ruins 863==</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed 863==</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Redeposited 863==</p>	<p><b>Integrity of Site:</b></p> <p>Check one or more</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered 1943 858==</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered 858==</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Destroyed 858==</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Restored ( ) Date: ( ) 858==</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Moved ( ) Date: ( ) 858==</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Original Site 858==</p>
<p>Condition of Site (Remarks): ( ) The interior is in good-fair condition; however, the exterior fabric needs repair.</p> <p>( ) 863==</p>	
<p><b>Threats to Site:</b></p> <p>Check one or more</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Zoning ( ) 878==</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Development ( ) 878==</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deterioration ( ) 878==</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Borrowing ( ) 878==</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (See Remarks below): 878==</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation ( ) 878==</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fill ( ) 878==</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dredge ( ) 878==</p>	
<p>Threats to Site (Remarks): <u>University future planning has recommended the replacement of this building.</u></p> <p>879==</p>	

### Significance of Newell Hall

Newell Hall is one of the University of Florida's turn of the century (1909) Collegiate Gothic style buildings, designed by William A. Edwards. With its classical-Beaux Arts plan, materials, load bearing walls, and Tudor Gothic details, Newell Hall exemplifies the architectural taste of its day - the emphasis for facade design, with symmetrical placement, decor and ornate trim. Due to financial limitations at the time of construction and renovation in 1943-44, Newell Hall has no interior features of architectural merit; however, the large rooms, high ceilings, high multi-pane windows, and intimate spaces in the gable and attic floors create the potential for useful and exciting spaces. Newell Hall represents a specific period in the building and architectural development of the University of Florida; as one of the earliest existing buildings on campus it stands as a testament to the beginning history of the University of Florida.

Peter F. Dessauer

Present & Original Physical Appearance (use continuation sheet if necessary) (935==):

Condition of Newell Hall

A. Alterations and Renovations: 1943-44 by Rudolph Weaver

- 1) Entire Interior redone
  - a) Elevator added- shaft protruding on south facade roof
  - b) 2 stairways redone
  - c) west annex and arcade built

B. Exterior Condition 1977:

- 1) Condition of Brick
  - a) American Bond- alternating 1 course headers/ 5 courses of stretchers and stretchers
  - b) Brick appears porous, cracked, and pocked in spots, particularly around tie rod plates
  - c) ivy covers north and west sides
  - d) missing downspout on sw corner, the water thrown directly upon the brick causing stains.
- 2) Condition of windows
  - a) Paint chipping from window sash, muntins, mullions, etc.
- 3) Parapets- grasses growing in crennelated parapet.

C. Interior Condition 1977: Good condition

- 1) Tile Stairs- se corner
- 2) Walls- plaster on masonry, painted white
- 3) exposed metal conduit along the walls

D. Use

- 1) Original- classroom building
- 2) Present- classrooms and offices

1/rst floor- Soils Department  
2/nd floor- Entomology & Nematology  
3/rd floor- Agronomy  
4/th floor- Soils and Agronomy

ARCHITECTURAL SITE DATA SUPPLEMENT

Campus

ARCHITECT William A. Edwards, 1909 872==

BUILDER J. J. Cain 874==

STYLE AND/OR MODE Collegiate Gothic 964==

PLAN TYPE Classroom building with interior central hall, rectangular 966==

EXTERIOR FABRIC(S) brick and terra cotta 854==

STRUCTURAL SYSTEM(S) loadbearing masonry and wood frame 856==

FEATURE OF STRUCTURE (942):

FOUNDATION: battered heavy walls 942==

ROOF TYPE: hip 942==

SECONDARY ROOF STRUCTURE(S): roof dormer windows; elevator shaft  
942==

WINDOW TYPE: 6/6 sash windows with 6 pane transom above; terra cotta sills and brick vousoir lentils; central window of first story south side has a heavy terra cotta lintel. 942==

MATERIALS (882):

CHIMNEY: brick 882==

ROOF SURFACING: tile 882==

INTERIOR WALLS: plaster 882==

ORNAMENT INTERIOR: none 882==

ORNAMENT EXTERIOR: terra cotta: window sills, gable cornice, and crenelated parapet along roof line. terra cotta cornice along foundation. 882==

QUANTITATIVE DATA (950-960):

NO. OF STOREYS Four 950==

NO. OF CHIMNEYS 2 on west side; 1 on south side roof 952==

OTHER (SPECIFY) the central north side has three bays with windows of three portions- 4/4, 6/6, 4/4. 954==

956==

OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING (FREE TEXT) (865):

ROOF STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: wood

865==

MAIN ENTRANCE: East side; recessed double doorway, with transom above, covered by wooden arched hood with cast iron lettering "Newell Hall".

865==

WINDOW PLACEMENT: South side: central bay has double windows, 2 windows next to one another, indicating center of the building.

865==

WINDOW SURROUNDS AND DECORATION: Lintel of brick vousoirs; terra cotta sills; central 1/rst story window south side has a solid terra cotta lintel, perhaps a later addition or reparation.

865==

PORCHES, VERANDAS, GALLERIES AND BALCONIES: Concrete arcade of three arches on the west side leading to west annex.

865==

EXTERIOR ORNAMENT AND COLOR: red brick; terra cotta; waterline or foundation cornice, window sills, gable cornice, and crenelated parapet.

865==

INTERIOR COMMENTS:Halls: main hall running east-west through the building, with small central perpendicular hall leading to stairs and south exit. The interior is not original, reconstructed in 1943 when an interior elevator was installed and enclosed tile fire stair was built in SE corner

865==

OTHER (SPECIFY): 4/th story floor in the roof: projecting dormer feature of 8 windows and chimney on the south side, and 9 windows on the north.

865==

MAJOR ALTERATIONS (FREE TEXT) 1943-44 the building was reconstructed: the interior was redone- 2 stairways built ( SE corner and S center), interior elevator added; building named in honor of Provost Wilson Newell, director of the Agricultural station. Addition of the west annex.

1943 alterations designed by Rudolph Weaver

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OUTBUILDINGS (FEATURES OF SITE) West side annex, a green house (1943-44), connected to the main Newell building by an arcade.

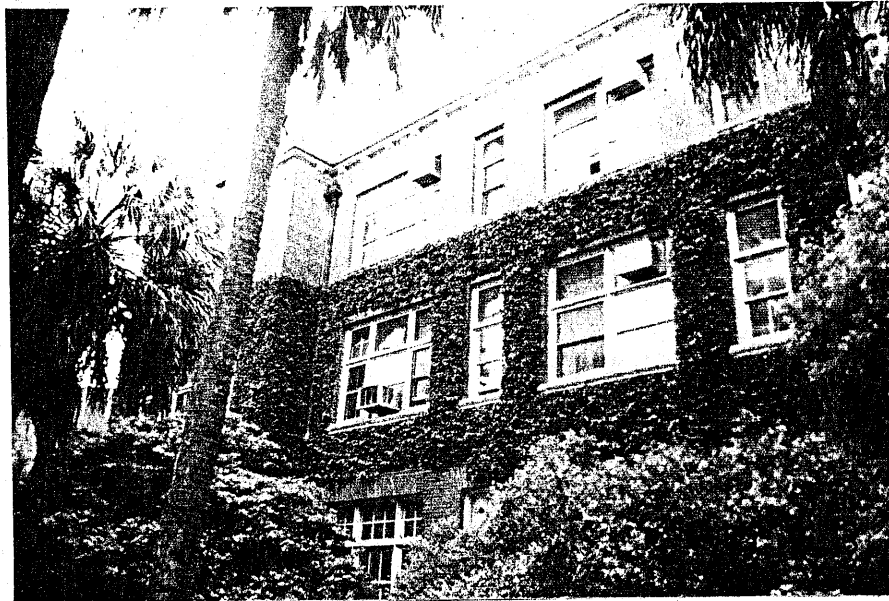
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SURROUNDINGS (CLASSIFICATION) Campus.

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RELATIONSHIP TO SURROUNDINGS (FREE TEXT) South- the Hub; east- the GPA building; west- the Thomas W. Bryant SpaceScience and Computer Center; north- Arts and Science building. Stadium Road runs along the south side.

859==



north facade



closeup showing battlemented  
parapet of south facade



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above: South Facade

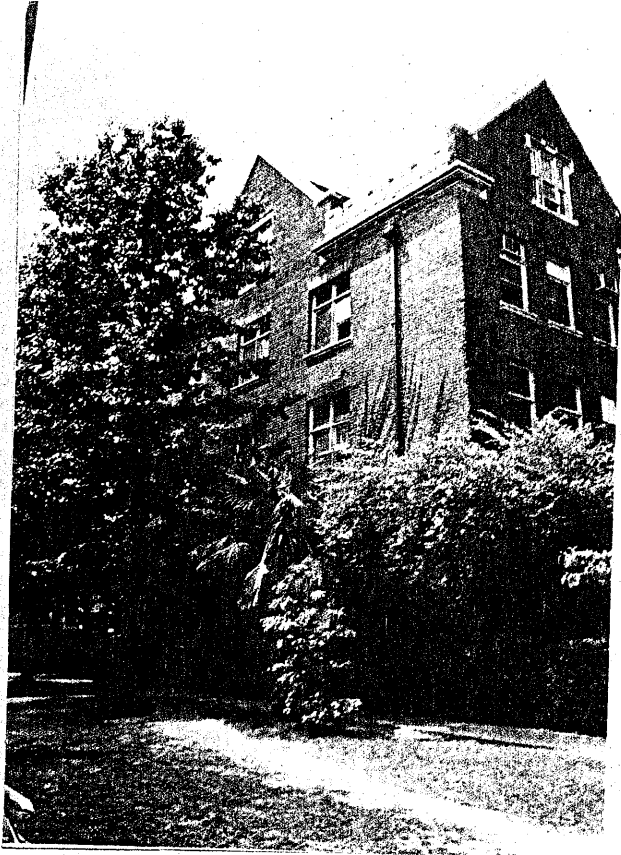
Newell Hall, Stadium Road

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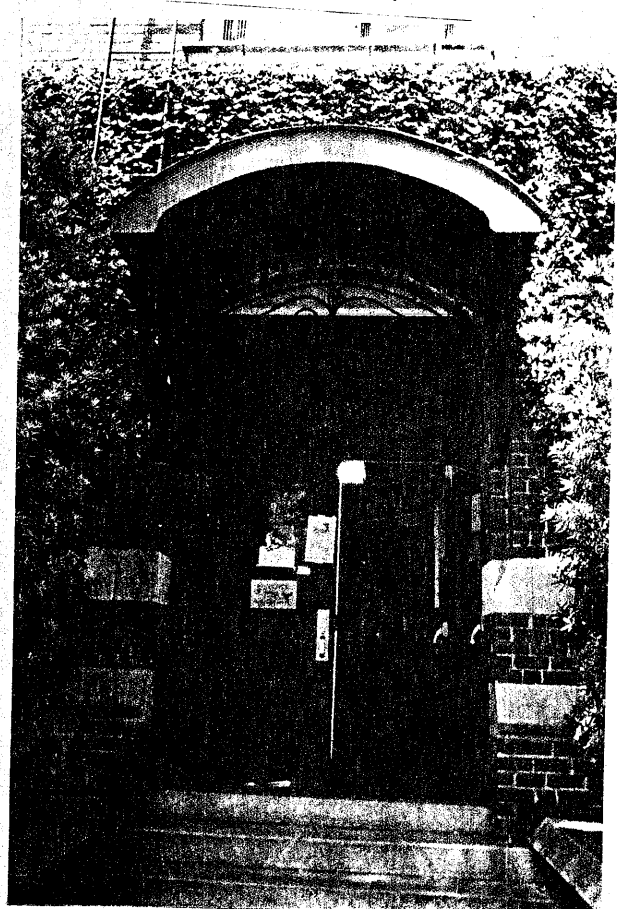
North Facade seen through parking lot

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east facade

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entrance



gable windows



brick voussoirs and terra cotta sill  
typical window; south facade