CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-568
3908 Beckleysville Road
Hampstead, Baltimore County
Circa 1862
Private

The Beckleysville School was historically located in the village of Beckleysville near the town of Hampstead in the Fifth District of Baltimore County. The Fifth District is located in the northwest corner of Baltimore County and is historically known for its abundant waterpower and timber that spurred construction of sawmills, paper mills, and flour mills, making this an industrial region of the county. Located along Beckleysville Road, this schoolhouse was constructed circa 1862. In 1862, the lot was acquired by School Commissioners from Daniel Beckley. Although an exact date of construction for the school has not been determined, historic maps and architectural evidence support a circa 1862 date. Appearing on the Hopkins 1877 Atlas, this school is noted next to the road situated on the northeast side of Beckleysville Road. At the time that the school was constructed, Beckleysville was the largest and most important town in the Fifth District, having a population of 400 in 1881. Most of the town lies within the Fifth District; however, a portion of the east side of town lies in the Sixth District. Industry in the town was focused around the Beckley Paper Mills, which were located to the south of the crossroads on Gunpowder Road. The town was also home to two stores, Zouck's Hotel, a Lutheran and a Methodist Episcopal church, and the Knights of Pythias Union Lodge No. 50.

Set on a random rubble stone foundation, the two-story school was converted to a house in 1932. The façade or south elevation is two bays wide and features five-course American bond brickwork. A single-leaf wood replacement door with three lights and paired 2/2 horizontal sash windows pierce the first story. The second story features two 1/1 windows. All of the windows are replacement windows and those on the first story have rowlock brick sills. The first story façade is further detailed by a rebuilt one-story, two-bay wide porch with a shed roof and square wood posts. In the gable end, there is an inset semi-circular panel with a rowlock surround and stucco cladding. An interior end brick chimney rises above the front-gabled roof of asphalt shingles. According to the owner, a bell tower was removed from the roof, when the school was converted to a dwelling. On the rear of the house, there is a one-story, wood frame addition with a concrete block foundation, vinyl siding, and an asphalt-shingled gable roof. There are four non-historic outbuildings associated with the property, including a stable, pump house, shelter, and shed.

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-568

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	Beckleysville School
other	

2. Location

street and number	3908 Beckleysville Road	__ not for publication
city, town	Hampstead	__ vicinity
county	Baltimore County	

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	Joan E. Schanberger				
street and number	3908 Beckleysville Road			telephone	Not Available
city, town	Hampstead	state	MD	zip code	21074

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Baltimore County Courthouse			liber 9445	folio 272
city, town	Towson	tax map 15	tax parcel 73	tax ID number	0520030650

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

_____ Contributing Resource in National Register District
_____ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
_____ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
_____ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
_____ Recorded by HABS/HAER
_____ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
_____ Other:_____

6. Classification

Category
_____district
__X__building(s)
_____structure
_____site
_____object

Ownership
_____public
__X__private
_____both

Current Function
_____agriculture
_____commerce/trade
_____defense
__X__domestic
_____education
_____funerary
_____government
_____health care
_____industry
_____landscape
_____recreation/culture
_____religion
_____social
_____transportation
_____work in progress
_____unknown
_____vacant/not in use
_____other:

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	4	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	4	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
1

7. Description

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Condition

___ excellent ___ deteriorated
X good ___ ruins
___ fair ___ altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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There are four non-historic outbuildings associated with the property, including a stable, pump house, shelter, and shed. The stable, standing one story in height and three bays in width, was constructed in the 1960s. Constructed of wood frame, it features vertical board cladding and a side gable roof with asphalt shingling. The pump house and the shelter were both constructed circa 1970 and stand one story in height. Constructed of wood frame, the one-bay wide pump house is clad in vertical boards and features a concrete block foundation and a front-gabled roof with asphalt shingles. The shelter, which is two bays in width, has a side-gabled roof of corrugated metal that is supported by wood posts. There is also a 1980s prefabricated metal shed with a gambrel roof.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
__ 1600-1699	__ agriculture	__ economics	__ health/medicine	__ performing arts
__ 1700-1799	__ archeology	X education	__ industry	__ philosophy
X 1800-1899	X architecture	__ engineering	__ invention	__ politics/government
X 1900-1999	__ art	__ entertainment/ recreation	__ landscape architecture	__ religion
__ 2000-	__ commerce	__ ethnic heritage	__ law	__ science
	__ communications	__ exploration/ settlement	__ literature	__ social history
	__ community planning		__ maritime history	__ transportation
	__ conservation		__ military	__ other:

Specific dates 1862 ca. **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1862 ca., 1932

Evaluation for:

_____ National Register _____Maryland Register ____X___not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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[1] J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men,* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 869.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	.50 Acre		
Acreage of historical setting	Unknown		
Quadrangle name	Lineboro	Quadrangle scale:	1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Beckleysville School constructed circa 1862 is located at 3908 Beckleysville Road in Hampstead in the Fifth District of Baltimore County. It has been historically associated with tax map 15, parcel 73 since its construction.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	R. Weidlich and K. Baynard, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Traceries, Incorporated	date	March 19, 2002
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

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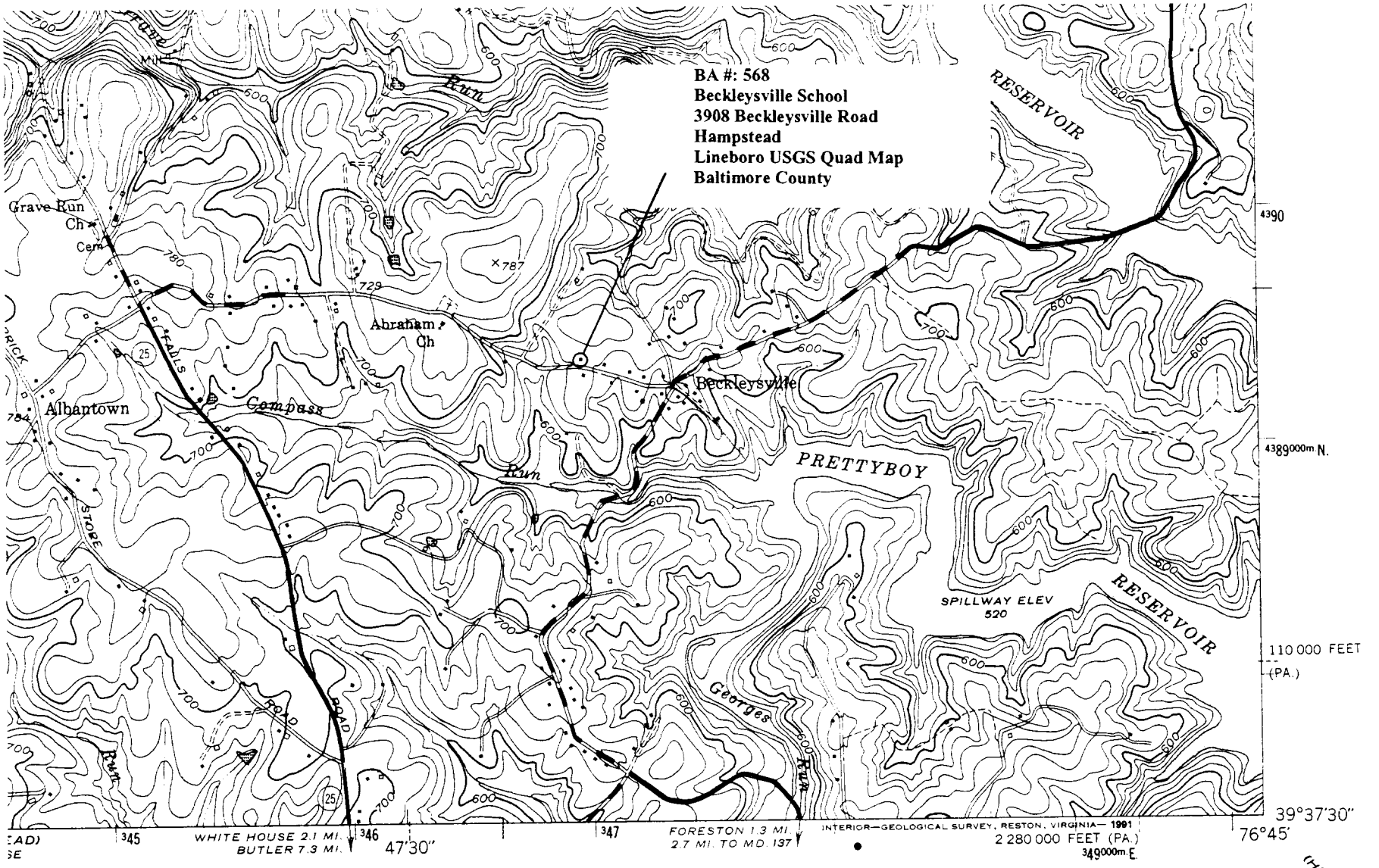

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L MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty — 4 LANE | 6 LANE
Light-duty
Medium duty — 4 LANE | 6 LANE
Unimproved dirt
U. S. Route
State Route

QUADRANGLE LOCATION

Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from aerial photographs taken 1974. This

LINEBORO, MD.—PA.

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