

BA 628

PARKTON SCHOOL

1388

PARKTON

PRIVATE

The frame and clapboard Victorian school was built by the Board of County School Commissioners in 1889 on the northernmost lot in Parkton, and its construction was apparently supervised by board member "Mr. Shamberger," a local farmer and mill owner. The school was sold off for residential use in 1932 and in 1972 was acquired by Alexander F. and Eleanor A. Kaufman, who conduct an antique shop there. The school has a shallow entrance pavilion and is well lighted with sash windows. Its design is unique to Parkton, not being one of the county's pre-designed or standardized school houses of the 1860s.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC **PARKTON SCHOOL**

AND/OR COMMON  
**SAME**

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
**16,916 York Road**

CITY, TOWN  
**Parkton**

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**2nd**

STATE  
**Maryland**

COUNTY

**Baltimore County**

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

| CATEGORY  | OWNERSHIP  | STATUS  | PRESENT USE   |
|---|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT               | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED        | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE                       | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE              | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH                          | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS           | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE      | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT                 | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC         |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED              | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION     |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> NO                         | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER                |

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME **Alexander F. and Eleanor A. Kaufman**

Telephone #: **329-6261**

STREET & NUMBER  
**Valhalla Farm, Vernon Road**

CITY, TOWN  
**White Hall**

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**Maryland 21161**

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. **County Courts Building**

Liber #: **EHK JR. 5323**

Folio #: **362**

STREET & NUMBER  
**401 Bosley Avenue**

CITY, TOWN  
**Towson**

STATE

**Maryland 21204**

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE **"Parkton School"—Baltimore County Historic Sites Inventory**  
**Maryland Historical Trust** MHT Inventory No. **BA 628**

DATE **On-going since 1964**  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS **21 State Circle**

CITY, TOWN  
**Annapolis**

STATE

**Maryland 21401**

# 7 DESCRIPTION

PARKTON SCHOOL

| CONDITION                                |                                       | CHECK ONE                                     | CHECK ONE   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT       | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED              | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR            | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |   |

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Parkton School is a one-story frame and clapboard structure in functional style, a building designed for this particular town rather than put up from a standardized plan. The main facade consists of a three-bay pavilion one bay deep, flanked by two bays of double-hung, 6-over-6 sash windows on either side. The entrance consists of double, solid, paneled doors installed under a rectangular transom of six square lights. The doors are reached from an unsheltered porch eight steps above grade, the wooden deck supported by a stone foundation. The entrance is flanked by twin windows, fixed in place, of eight lights each. The eaves of the entrance pavilion roof overhang its walls by about one foot and a plain wooden cornice follows the eaves.

The end walls of the school are two bays deep with sash windows set at two levels. The main roof is gabled, covered with red roofing tile. The eaves overhanging the end and sidewalls moderately. Small, square inside end chimneys rise along the ridge line. The entire building is set on a fairly high foundation of brown fieldstone.

The interior was converted into a dwelling in 1932 and later into an antique shop; there are no good woodwork features visible in the public areas; the dividing walls added for domestic use are ordinary contemporary material.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

| PERIOD  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1000-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION   | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES 1889

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Parkton had a school at the time of the 1850 map but there was no school at the time of the 1877 atlas. The Board of School Commissioners resolved, in response to a petition, on October 17, 1888, "that Messrs. Shamberger & Clarke be empowered to secure a lot at Parkton." (1)

The commissioners acquired a lot from Augustus W. Hendrix and wife, Fannie B. Hendrix, on February 20, 1889 for \$350. (2)

The board minutes show that on July 3, 1889, "Mr. Shamberger was directed to proceed with the erection of a brick or frame schoolhouse at Parkton limit \$1500." (3)

The school was apparently built promptly, because in the first board meeting of 1890, the minutes show that "Mr. Shamberger recommended as Trustees of Parkton School Webster Hendricks, James Ayres, and John C. Little.--Approved." (4)

In May of 1890, there was a request made by the Reading Club and by the Prohibition Club to use the unoccupied rooms in the Parkton School. (5)

Parkton was known as School Number 12, District 7, which allows the researcher to find its construction costs in the printed annual reports of the board of school commissioners. Unfortunately, the 1890 report tabulates School 12 as built of brick, its cost \$1,316.27. If the right school was listed, it was both fenced and provided with outbuildings. (6)

After construction of the Seventh District Consolidated School in the age of motorized school busses, Parkton was rendered surplus, and was sold for \$800 in 1932 to Julia Ann Enzor, later Mrs. Walter Shaul. Mrs. Shaul died in 1970 and in 1971 the heirs sold to Donald F. Dill, Sr. and wife. In 1972, the school was acquired by Alexander F. and Eleanor Asenthe Kaufman. (7) The school now serves as an antique shop and bears a sign giving the correct date of construction.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

BA-625  
PARKTON SCHOOL

Minute Books, Board of County School Commissioners,  
Greenwood School, 6901 N. Charles Street, Towson, Maryland.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.49

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

|          |      |         |                  |
|----------|------|---------|------------------|
| S76E     | 20.5 | perches | to the York Road |
| N14 3/4E | 0.5  | "       | along York Road  |
| N27 3/4E | 3.6  | "       | along York Road  |
| N76W     | 19.0 | "       |                  |
| S42 3/4W | 4.5  | "       |                  |

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE NONE COUNTY NONE

STATE NONE COUNTY NONE

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John W. McGrain, Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE

March 12, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

TELEPHONE

494-3495

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

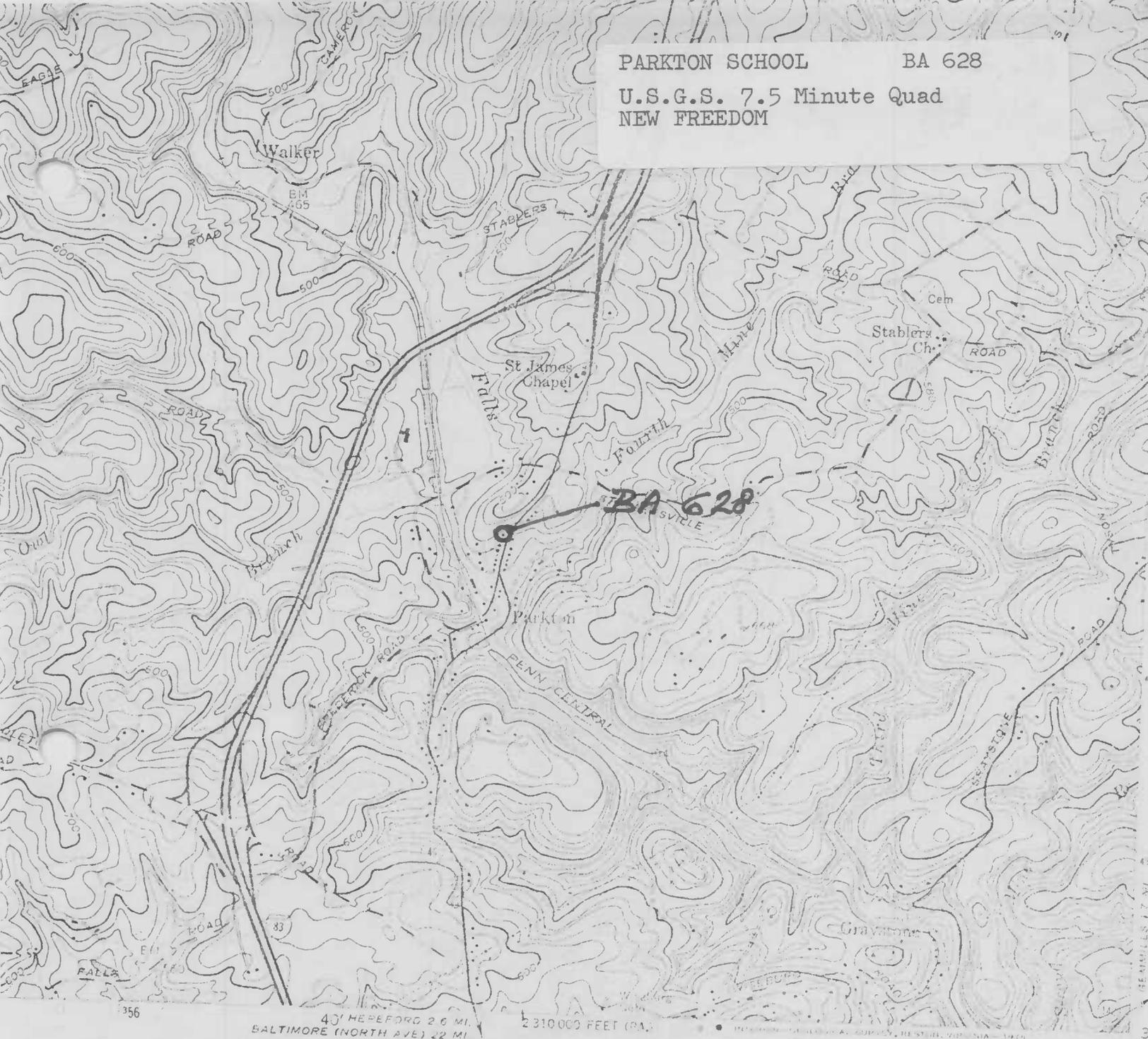
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NOTES:

1. Minutes of Board of County School Commissioners of Baltimore County, f. 21.
2. Baltimore County Deeds, JWS 175:51.
3. Minutes of Board, f. 42.
4. Minutes of Board, f. 49.
5. Minutes of Board, f. 60.
6. Report of the Board of County School Commissioners of Baltimore County ... Year Ending ... 1890 (Towson, 1890), p. \_\_.
7. B.C. Deeds, LMCLM 907:407; EHK, JR. 5323:362.

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U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Quad  
NEW FREEDOM



40' HEREFORD 2.6 MI.  
BALTIMORE (NORTH AVE) 22 MI

2310000 FEET (PA.)

1590000m E.

WHITE HALL 6.3 MI.

76°37'3"



FEET  
SUM OF 1929



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty —————
- Medium-duty - - - - -
- Light-duty —————
- Unimproved dirt - - - - -
- U.S. Route □
- State Route ○

NEW FREEDOM, MD.—PA.

N3937.5—W7637.5/7.5

1958  
PHOTOREVISED 1974  
AMS 5663 II NW—SERIES V833

Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from aerial photographs taken 1974. This information not field checked.

ACCURACY STANDARDS  
STON, VIRGINIA 22092  
PLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



PARKTON SCHOOL BA 628  
Baltimore County, Maryland  
J. McGrain, March 1980  
Neg. located at MHT  
Main (east) facade from SE



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