

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA- 879
Gray's School House
169 Frederick Road
Ellicott City, Baltimore County
1830 ca.
Private

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Gray's School House is a two-story, six-bay-wide Federal style building of solid random rubble stone construction. The façade, or north elevation, is finished with coursed rubble stone. The asphalt-shingled side gable roof terminates in gable-end stepped parapet walls. A small molded cornice spans the width of the elongated, six-bay-wide building. Any chimneys that were historically present have been altered and were not visible at the time of the exterior survey. Three sash-and-paneled single-leaf vinyl doors and three 6/6 vinyl windows with molded wood surrounds, square-edged wood sills, and splayed stone lintels pierce the first story of the façade. A seven-bay-wide porch with a half-hipped roof supported by turned wood posts shelters the first story. Six 9/9 vinyl windows with molded wood surrounds, square-edged wood sills, and splayed stone lintels are located on the second story. The building is banked into a steep hillside, and the foundation is visible on the sides and rear of the building. Circa 1950, a two-story stuccoed addition with a shed roof was constructed on the rear of the building. The building now serves as apartments, and wood frame decks and balconies distinguish the rear elevation.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA- 879

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Gray's School House

2. Location

street and number 169 Frederick Road __ not for publication

city, town Ellicott City __ vicinity

county Baltimore County

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

name Christopher J. Williams and Teresa A. Dingas

street and number 169 Frederick Road telephone Not Available

city, town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21043

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 13993 folio 731

city, town Towson tax map 100 tax parcel 746 tax ID number 0113553270

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	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	Contributing <input type="text" value="1"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	Noncontributing <input type="text" value=""/>
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	Contributing <input type="text" value=""/>
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	Noncontributing <input type="text" value=""/>
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	Contributing <input type="text" value=""/>
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	Noncontributing <input type="text" value=""/>
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	Contributing <input type="text" value=""/>
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing <input type="text" value=""/>
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Contributing <input type="text" value=""/>
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	Noncontributing <input type="text" value=""/>
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	Contributing <input type="text" value=""/>
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	Noncontributing <input type="text" value=""/>
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	Contributing <input type="text" value=""/>
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	Noncontributing <input type="text" value=""/>
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	Contributing <input type="text" value=""/>
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	Noncontributing <input type="text" value=""/>
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			<u>1</u>

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 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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8. Significance

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

Specific dates 1830 ca.-1928 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1830 ca., 1950 ca.

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

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 John W. McGrain, *From Pig Iron to Cotton Duck: A History of Manufacturing Villages in Baltimore County* (Towson, MD: Baltimore County Public Library, 1985), p. 285; see also Neal A. Brooks and Eric G. Rockel. *A History of Baltimore County* (Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979), p. 191.

² J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

³ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .10 Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Ellicott City Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1830, Gray's School House has been associated with the .34 acres of land known as tax parcel 746 of map 100 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

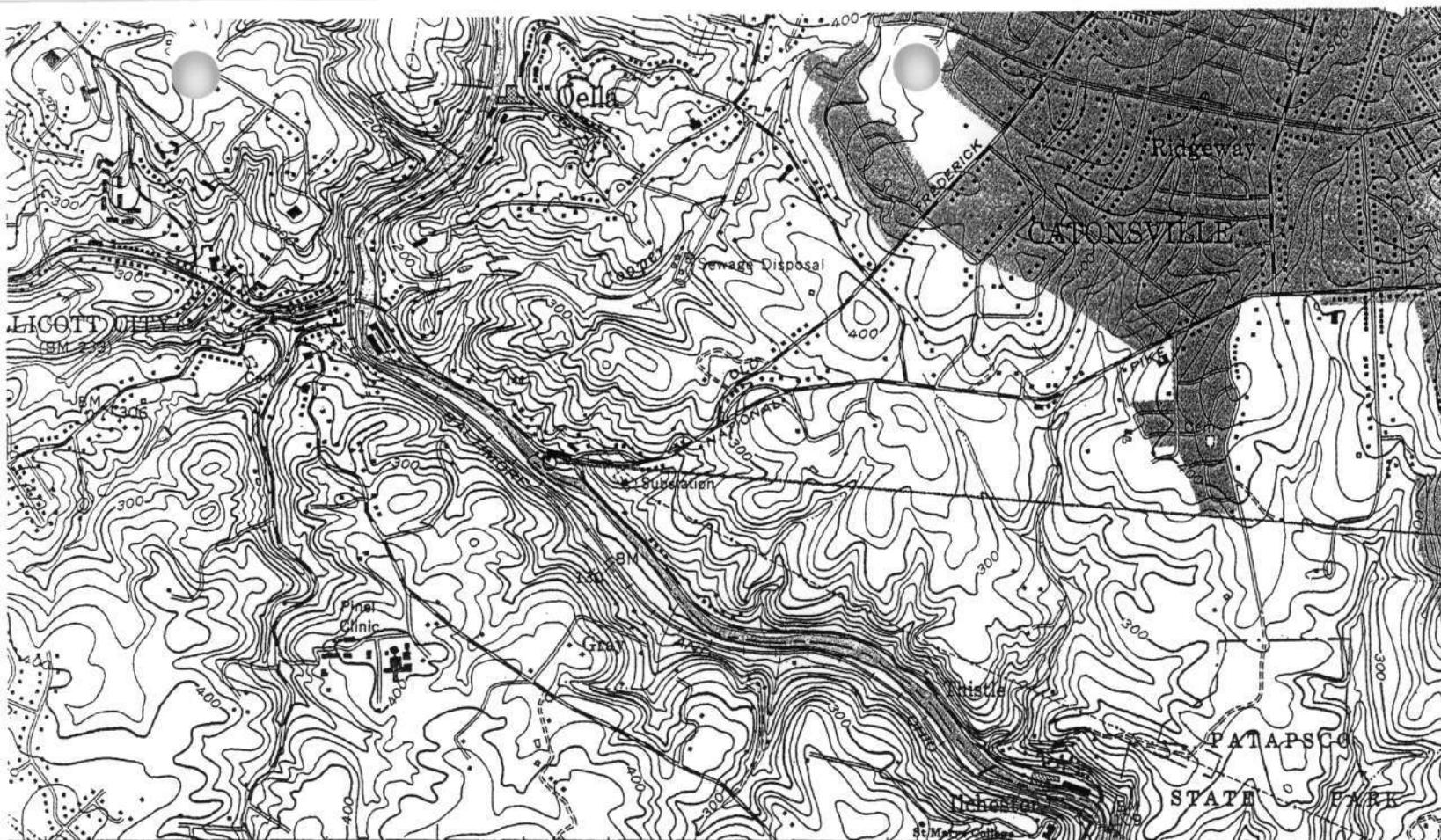
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	A. McDonald and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Tracerics, Incorporated	date	May 10, 2001
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city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600



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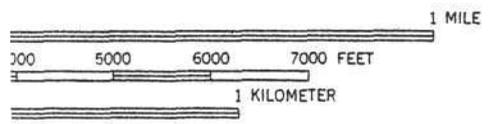
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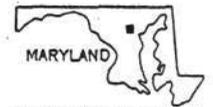
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INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA—1976



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 DATUM OF 1929



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty.....—————
- Medium-duty.....—————
- Light-duty.....—————
- Unimproved dirt.....- - - - -
- Interstate Route (shield symbol)
- U. S. Route (shield symbol)
- State Route (circle symbol)

(RELAY)
 5662 II NW

ELLICOTT CITY, MD.

N3915—W7645/7.5

1953
 PHOTOREVISED 1966 AND 1974
 AMS 5662 IV SE—SERIES V833

ACCURACY STANDARDS
 RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
 AMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



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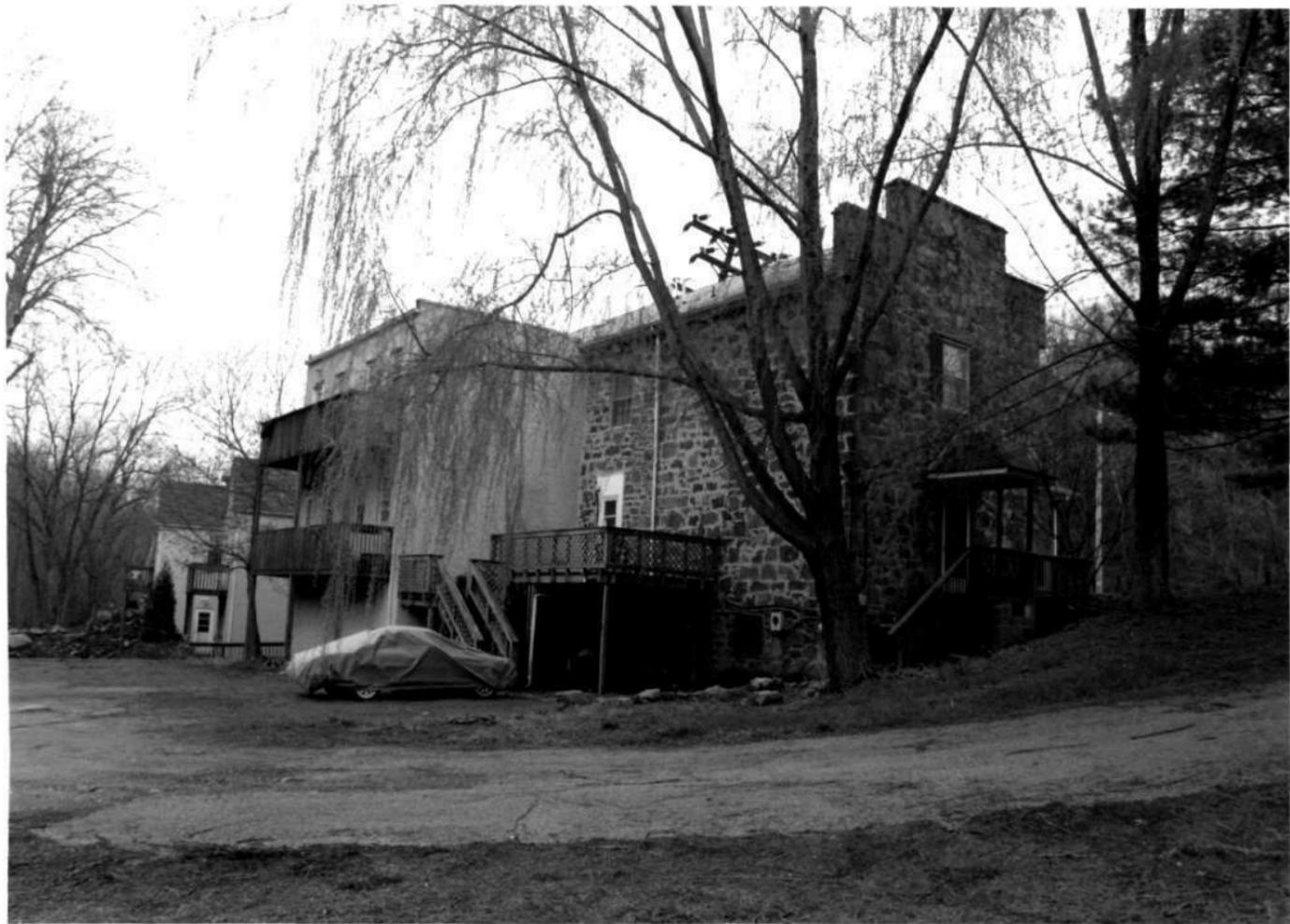
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