

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**BA-2497**  
**Shepperd School**  
**17337 Troyer Road**  
**Monkton, Baltimore County**  
**1917**  
**Private**

The Shepperd School was constructed in 1917 on land leased by the county from the trustees of the Union Chapel, which was located to the north of the extant school. The building is representative of the many rural district schools constructed throughout Baltimore County in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Based on existing written and graphic information, it appears as though the school was segregated and served the local African American community. Indeed, the church from which the county leased the grounds belonged to an African American congregation. The community of Shepperd, although traversed by small farms, did not take shape until the turn-of-the-20th century. By 1915, the community acquired its name, and the village of Troyer had also formed to the north of Shepperd along Troyer Road. These two communities experienced a modest increase in population and construction, and have remained rural through the 20th century. In 1959, the Shepperd School was sold by the county into private ownership after desegregation was mandated.

The Shepperd School is a one-story, asbestos-shingled wood frame school on a solid poured concrete foundation. The structure is five bays wide with a projecting central bay and a side gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. Two stretcher bond brick chimneys rise along the gable end walls of the building. The façade, or southeast elevation, is centrally pierced by a flush double-leaf wood door that is sheltered by the projecting enclosed entry porch. Flanking the entry are two tripartite window openings containing a central one-light fixed vinyl sash with 1/1 vinyl sidelights. Four paired 1/1 vinyl windows pierce the outer two bays of the façade. A shed-roofed addition that is one bay wide was constructed on the northeast elevation circa 1960. Circa 1960, a one-story addition with a shed roof was built on the rear elevation. Circa 1970, a one-story, wood frame shed clad in pressed vertical board with a front gambrel roof clad in asphalt shingles was added to the property. The façade is pierced by one double-leaf plywood door. The building sits on a concrete pier foundation.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2497

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Shepperd School

other

## 2. Location

street and number 17337 Troyer Road \_\_ not for publication

city, town Monkton \_\_ vicinity

county Baltimore County

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

name Steve and Jacqueline Amspacher

street and number 17337 Troyer Road telephone Not Available

city, town Monkton state MD zip code 21111

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 6417 folio 232

city, town Towson tax map 23 tax parcel 99 tax ID number 1020080090

## 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	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/> sites	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/> structures	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> objects	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Total	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
				1	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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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 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 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 1917-1959

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1917

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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<sup>1</sup> Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

<sup>2</sup> *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

<sup>3</sup> *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

<sup>4</sup> Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property .10 Acre  
Acreage of historical setting Unknown  
Quadrangle name Phoenix

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction in 1917, the Shepperd School has been associated with the one acre of land known as tax parcel 99 of map 23 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	A. McDonald and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
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street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
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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.

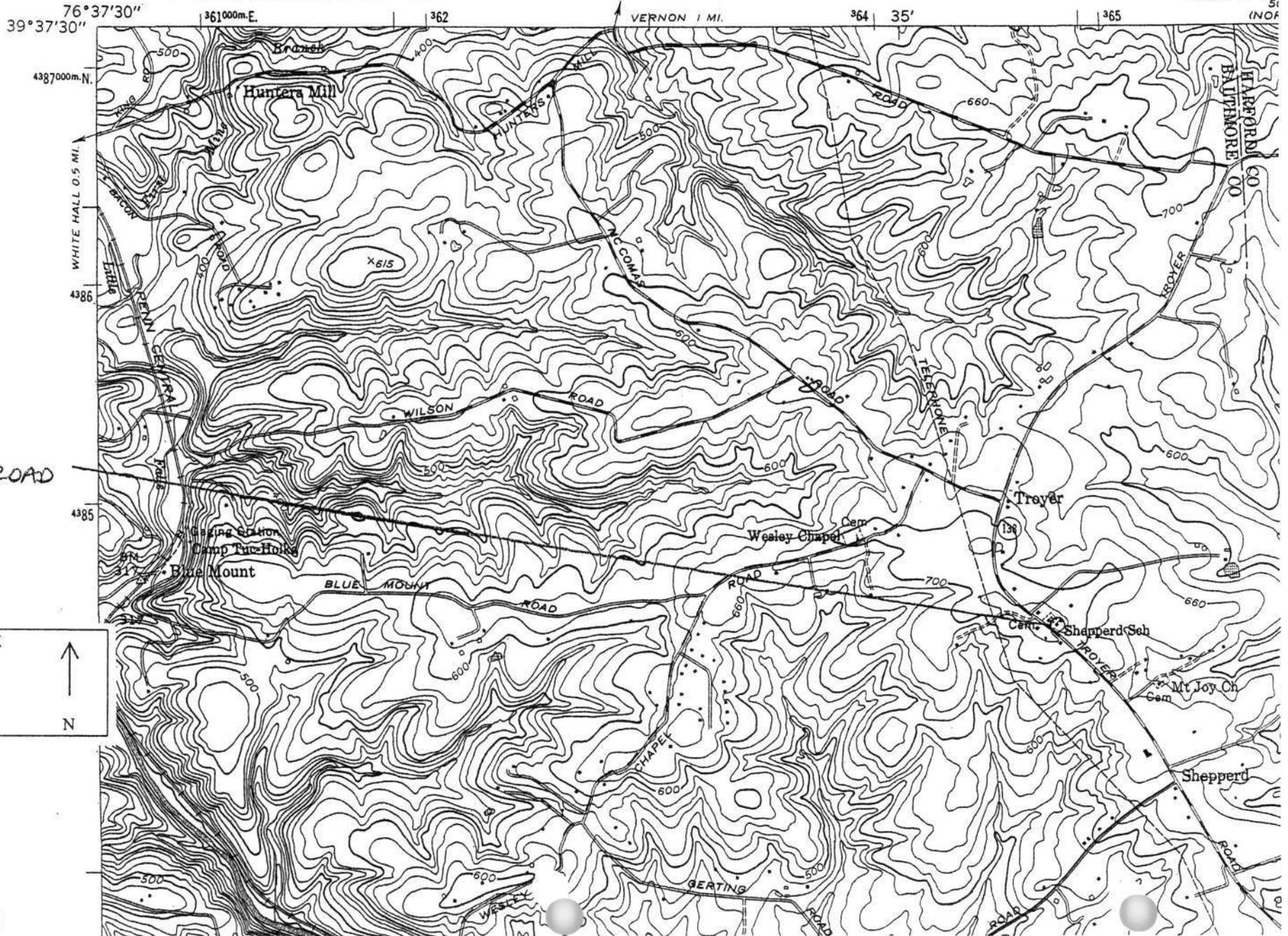
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Scale: 1:24,000

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