

ADDENDUM

CH-316
County Schoolhouse
Charles County, MD
Bel Alton vic.
Cathy Hardy, January 2002

7. Description

The County Schoolhouse was first identified by George McDaniel in the 1980's. At the time of the initial fieldwork an accurate address for the property was not specified. An attempt was made to locate the property using the existing partial description and the 1982 USGS map included in the inventory form. The site was not found at the time of a recent field check and is presumed to have been demolished.

CHAS- 316
County School House
Bel Alton Vicinity
Private

1890-1910

This one story frame building was probably constructed in the late 19th or early 20th century. It is now a dwelling but according to the occupant it was originally a school for the Negroes in the county.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

COUNTY SCHOOL HOUSE

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

(MD 427)
 North side of Chapel Point Rd., c. 1 mile from Jct of
 Chapel Point Rd. and U.S. Rt. 301

CITY, TOWN **Bel Alton** VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT **1**
 STATE **Md.** COUNTY **Charles**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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 **Francis Collins**

934-8926

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER **Chapel Point Rd.**

CITY, TOWN **Bel Alton** VICINITY OF STATE, zip code **20611**

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. **Charles County Courthouse**

Liber #: **Property was not indicated on tax maps, nor was the owner listed in land records.**
 Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN **La Plata** STATE **Md.**

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE **NONE**

DATE FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

This one story frame structure was once a school but has now been converted into a dwelling. It faces west and stands at the end of a long winding drive that leads back from Chapel Point Rd. It is well maintained and pleasant in appearance. At the time of the survey (January) the large manger scene that the Collins family had made remained in front of the house, along with other Christmas decoration on the front door. (See Photographs), enhancing the pleasant appearance of the house. To the north of the house are several sheds for sheltering farm equipment, which the Collins use to cultivate tobacco in the fields nearby. Behind the house (east) is a vegetable garden.

The house is three bays in length, and two in depth. The weatherboards are sheathed with tar paper siding in the design of tan bricks. Over the front door is a small cantilevered porch with dentil trim. The boxed cornice, and the trim around all windows, doors and corners are plain boards painted white and accent the form and features of the house.

The interior was not inspected as part of this survey, but according to the owner, Francis Collins, it consists of two rooms downstairs and two upstairs. Originally it consisted of one open room. The Collins' renovation of the interior has probably masked many of the original features.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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"/> 1400-1499	<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 type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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		

History of Education

SPECIFIC DATES 1890-1900 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to the owner, Francis Collins, this house was originally a school. It had been abandoned and had seriously deteriorated over the years of neglect when he bought it and renovated it. Collins did not know when the school was built, nor if it served black or white students. A representative from the Charles County School system said that the ^{county} had no records that would shed light on the history of this, or any, school over fifty years old. Based upon the design and construction, the structure was probably built in the late 19th or early 20th century. Along with the Chicamuxen School in Chicamuxem, Md. which has been recorded as part of this survey, this is one of the few school houses that remain in the county from the early days of public school education, and is an important physical landmark in the history of education in the county.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

George W. McDaniel, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Md. Commission on Afro-American History & Culture

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

20 Dean Street

TELEPHONE

269-2893

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis, Maryland

STATE

21401

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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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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County School House
Mathias Point Quad, 1968
Photoinspected 1982



42°61

42°60

0.4 MI TO U.S. 301
POTOMAC RIVER BRIDGE 8 MI

27°30"

42°58

42°57

(POPE'S CREEK)
5660 IV NW



CH 316
County Schoolhouse
Bel Alton Vicinity
Facade, West View
GWM
1-77

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CH 316
County Schoolhouse
Bel Alton Vicinity
Southeast elevation
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