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Old Bellevue School
Bellevue
Private

c. 1870, c. 1922

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The single story gable front structure that was moved to this site was typical of rural schoolhouses erected across the Eastern Shore during the third quarter of the nineteenth century. Oriented with its gable facing front, the original three-bay school was enhanced by a one-room vestibule that contained the main entrance as well as a Gothic arch louvered vent. The long four- or five-bay wings of the Bellevue building were attached to each side of the center section after it was relocated.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: BELLEVUE SCHOOL

MHT Inventory Number: T-264

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
EDUCATION
- 2) Geographic Orientation:
EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL / URBAN DOMINANCE
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):
SCHOOL

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Magi No.

DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic BELLEVUE SCHOOL

and/or common BELLEVUE COMMUNITY CENTER

2. Location

street & number Dawson Street not for publication

city, town Bellevue vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: none

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

name Trustees of St. Luke's Methodist Church

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Royal Oak state and zip code MD 21662

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio

city, town Easton state MD 21601

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move <u>c. 1922</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

The old Bellevue school, now labeled the Bellevue Community Center, is a large single story frame structure that stands along Dawson Street in the village of Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland. The building faces southwest with the principal gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

Part of the old Bellevue school was reported to have been located along the Ferry Road and moved to this site around 1922. The projecting gable front section matches that of an abandoned school photographed along Ferry Road before its relocation. Supported on a continuous brick foundation the long rectangular structure is distinguished by a projecting gable front entrance three bays across by one room deep. The main block of the old school is covered by a long gable roof with deteriorated layers of asphalt and wood shingles. A sheathing of German siding covers the structure.

The southwest (main) elevation is a roughly symmetrical facade with a center entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows marking the projecting gable-front section. A pointed arch louvered opening marks the upper gable. Fixed under a short shed roofed hood is building sign, "Bellevue Community Center." Flanking the center section is the main body of the structure, four to five bays to each side. Unevenly spaced six-over-six sash windows fill each opening.

The gable ends are plain weatherboarded wall surfaces with interior end brick stacks protruding through the roof. The eaves are slightly extended with short returns at the base.

An uneven fenestration of six-over-six sash windows marks the back of the building.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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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 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 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		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The old Bellevue school, more recently used as a community center, is a deteriorated single story frame structure that stands in the middle of the village. The center section, a three-bay, gable-front structure, was moved from a site on the Ferry Neck Road and used in the construction of a larger village school around 1922.

The single story gable front structure that was moved to this site was typical of rural schoolhouses erected across the Eastern Shore during the third quarter of the nineteenth century. Oriented with its gable facing front, the original three-bay school was enhanced by a one-room vestibule that contained the main entrance as well as a Gothic arch louvered vent. The long four- or five-bay wings of the Bellevue building were attached to each side of the center section after it was relocated.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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 Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

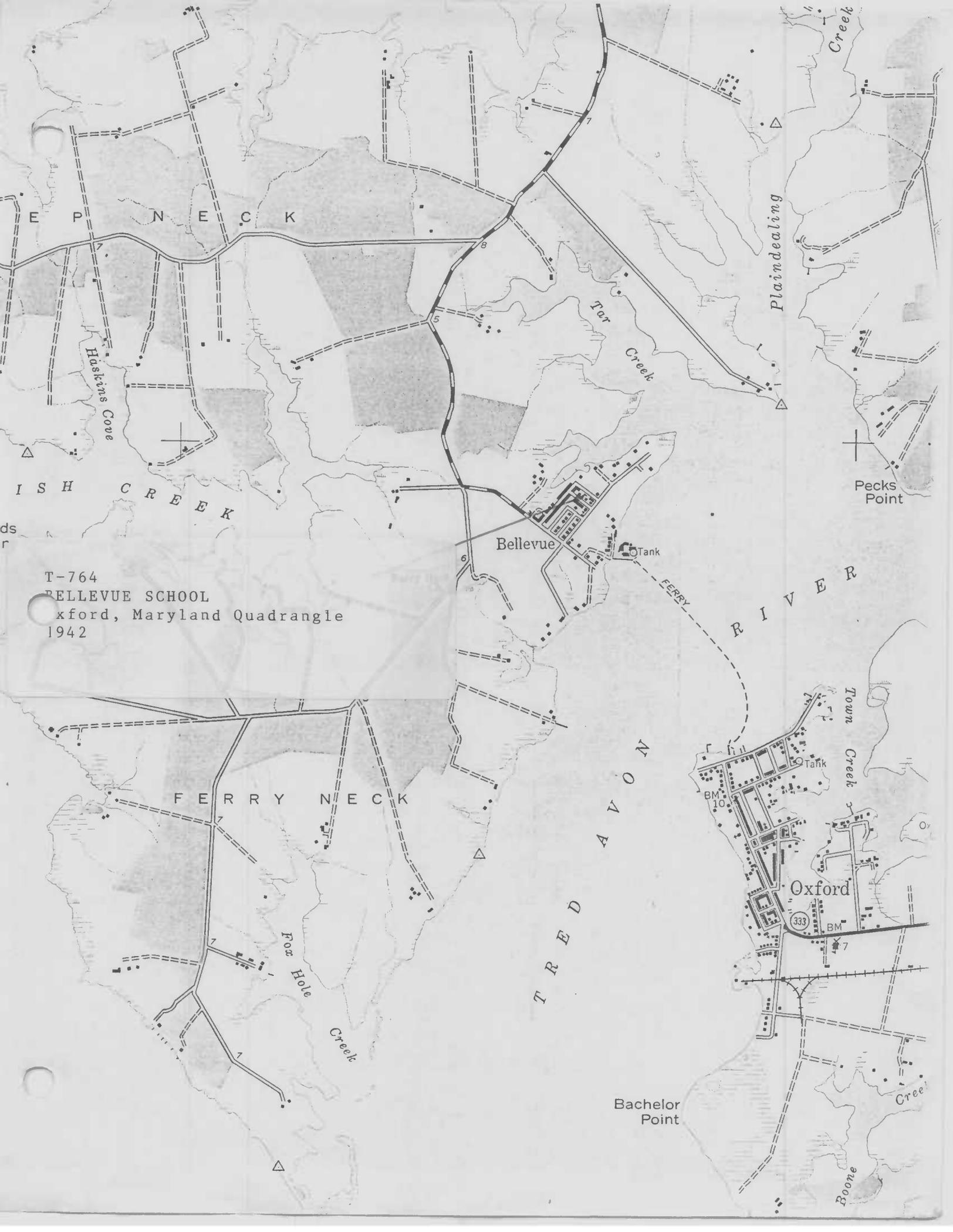
11. Form Prepared By

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organization	Private Consultant/Talbot County	date	5/22/90
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BELLEVUE SCHOOL
Oxford, Maryland Quadrangle
1942



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OLD BELLEVUE SCHOOL

Southwest elevation

Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland

5/90, Paul Touart, photographer

Negative/Md Historical Trust



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BELLEVUE SCHOOL (COMMUNITY CENTER)

Bellevue, Talbot County, Maryland

Southwest elevation

4/90, Paul Touart, photographer

Negative/MD Historical Trust



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BELLEVUE SCHOOL BUILDING

(Before relocation)

Royal Oak vic., Talbot Co., MD

Documentary photograph, c. 1910

Collection of W. G. Bodenstein

Negative/same as above