T-805 c. 1910
Copperville School
Private
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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Copperville School

MHT Inventory Number: T-805

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 House

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Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common COPPERVILLE SCHOOL

2. Location

street & number Northwest side of Copperville Road ___ not for publication

city, town Copperville ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	x occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
x building(s)	x private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	x religious
___ object	___ in process	x yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	x not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

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

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	x original site
x good	___ ruins	x altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

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

The Copperville school is a single story frame schoolhouse that stands on the west side of Copperville Road in the community of Copperville, Talbot County, Maryland. The single story frame building faces southeast with the gable roof oriented on a southeast/northwest axis.

Built around 1900, the single story frame school rests on a brick pier foundation, and the building is sheathed with German style siding. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the school is a modern single-story addition. Two old privies stand in the back yard.

The southeast (main) facade is a three-bay elevation with a center four-panel door entrance flanked by six-over-six sash windows. The front door is topped by a three-light transom and the whole entrance is sheltered by a shed roofed hood supported on stick brackets. A pointed arch louvered opening marks the upper gable end. The eaves are extended with returns at the base of the roof.

The north side of the school building is marked by a series of seven large-size six-over-six sash windows, whereas the south side is a plain wall surface. An interior end brick stack rises through the northwest gable end. Attached to the back of the school is a shorter single-story addition of more modern date.

The interior was not seen.

The two privies are shed roofed frame structures with vertical board siding and board door entrances.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	x architecture	x education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
___ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
x 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ___A ___B x C ___D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

Level of Significance: ___national ___state x local

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

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____ **Quadrangle scale** _____

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
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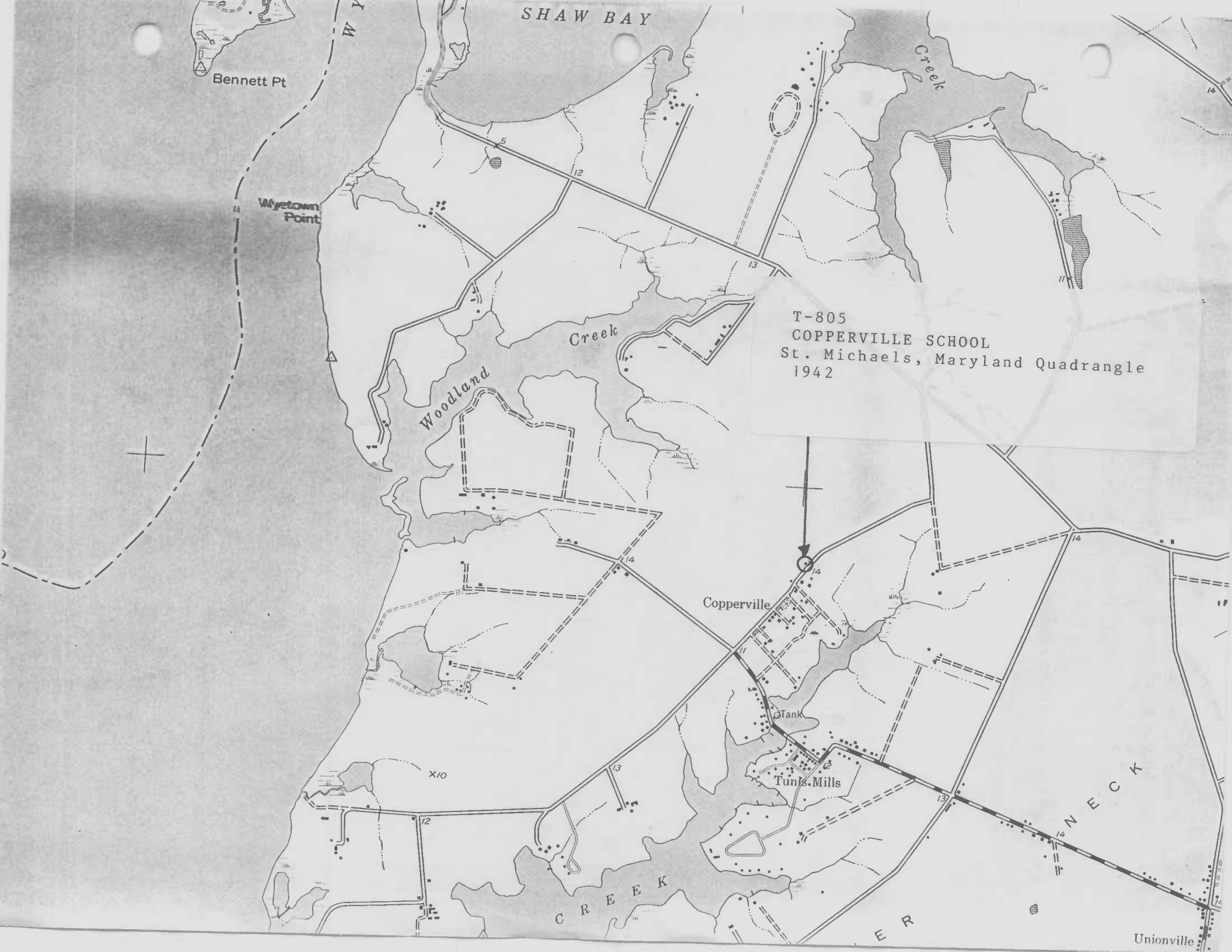
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