HA-315 ca. 1865

Trappe School
1400 blk. Trappe Road
Dublin Vicinity
Private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Trappe School

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
1400 blk. Trappe Road 1442 Trappe Road, Bel Air

CITY, TOWN
Dublin

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
1st

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
_DISTRICT	_PUBLIC	_OCCUPIED	_AGRICULTURE	_MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	X UNOCCUPIED	_COMMERCIAL	_PARK
_STRUCTURE	_BOTH	_WORK IN PROGRESS	_EDUCATIONAL	_PRIVATE RESIDENCE
_SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	_ENTERTAINMENT	_RELIGIOUS
_OBJECT	_IN PROCESS	_YES: RESTRICTED	_GOVERNMENT	_SCIENTIFIC
	_BEING CONSIDERED	_YES: UNRESTRICTED	_INDUSTRIAL	_TRANSPORTATION
	x not applicable	X NO	_MILITARY	X OTHER none

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Myrtle D. Moxley

Telephone #: 457-4470

STREET & NUMBER
1420 Trappe Road

CITY, TOWN
Street,

_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
MD 21154

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC
Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:
Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER
20 West Courtland St.

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air

STATE
MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

_FEDERAL _STATE _COUNTY _LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	XXDETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	XXORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	XXALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Trappe School is a one story rectangular fieldstone building possibly built in the late 1850's or early 1860's and located on the north side of Trappe Road about 1/4 mile west of the intersection of Trappe Road with Priestford Road (Maryland Route 136) in the vicinity of Dublin, Harford County, Maryland. The entrance faces east.

The building stands about 20 yards north of the road behind a barbed wire fence. It measures about 20 by 16 feet and has three bays on the east gable end with a center entry. The window and door openings have flat brick arches. The window opening on the north side of the door has been filled in with stone. The north and south elevations have three bays each. The windows have been broken out, but, according to C. Milton Wright who visited the site in the early 1970's, they were 6/6 sliding sash. The corrugated metal roof is undoubtedly not the original covering and there is evidence that the exterior was covered in stucco. These changes may have been made during the early 20th century when the building was used as a tenant house by the Moxleys. Mr. Wright noted a central chimney in the early 1970's which is no longer visible.

The interior was not observed in the current survey, but it was probably originally a one-room school. Interior changes made during its use as a tenant house are unknown.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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	__ARCHITECTURE	X EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
XX1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY) local history
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1865 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Trappe School resembles Emmorton School in shape and size, but lacks Emmorton's entry foyer. The title search indicates the building ceased being used as a school prior to 1900. A second school was built on Trappe Road near Trappe Church in the 1890's.

Note: Survey No. 315 was originally assigned to Holloway's Barn. Information on this structure has been consolidated under HA-176, Stump-Holloway House.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Notes on school buildings by C. Milton Wright (Miss Mary Wright)
Martenet's Map of Harford County, 1878

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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
Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION	DATE
Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning	May 1983
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
45 South Main Street	(301) 838-6000 ext 207
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Bel Air	MD 21014

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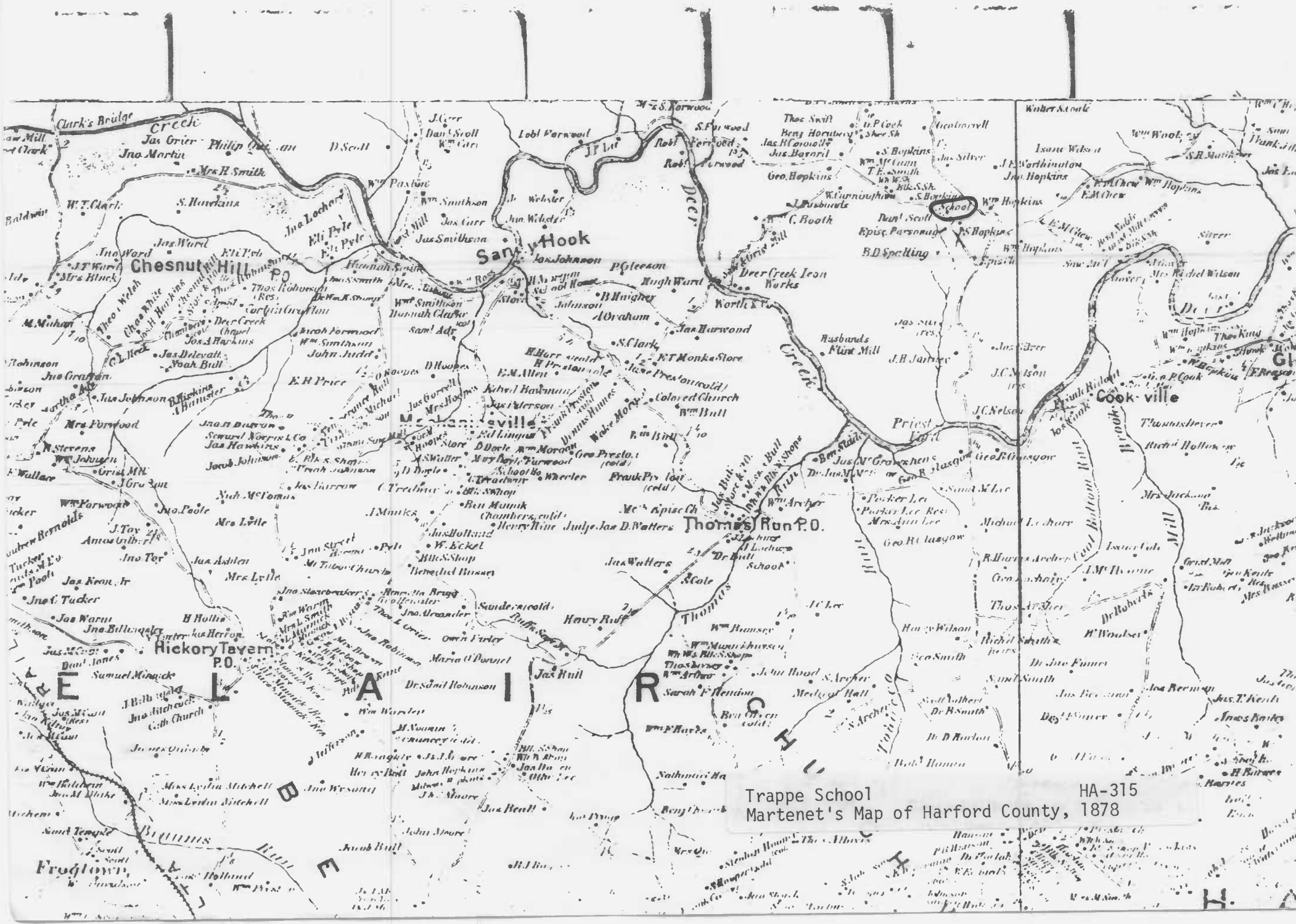
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Trappe School
HA-315
Chain of Title (Partial)

1.	100/185	30 May 1900	Grantors: H. Clay Brook Grantees: Board of County School Commissioners "....that certain tract or parcel of land on the public road from the Darlington and Priestford road to Muttonsburg...containing 158 square perches..."
2.	96/499	2 Sept. 1899	Grantors: H. Clay Brook Grantees: Board of County School Commissioners "...that school building and lot formerly used by said board of School Commissioners for school purposes..."
3.	6/209	8 Nov. 1854	Grantors: Ruth Davis, Martin Davis, and Julia Ann Davis Grantees: Harford County



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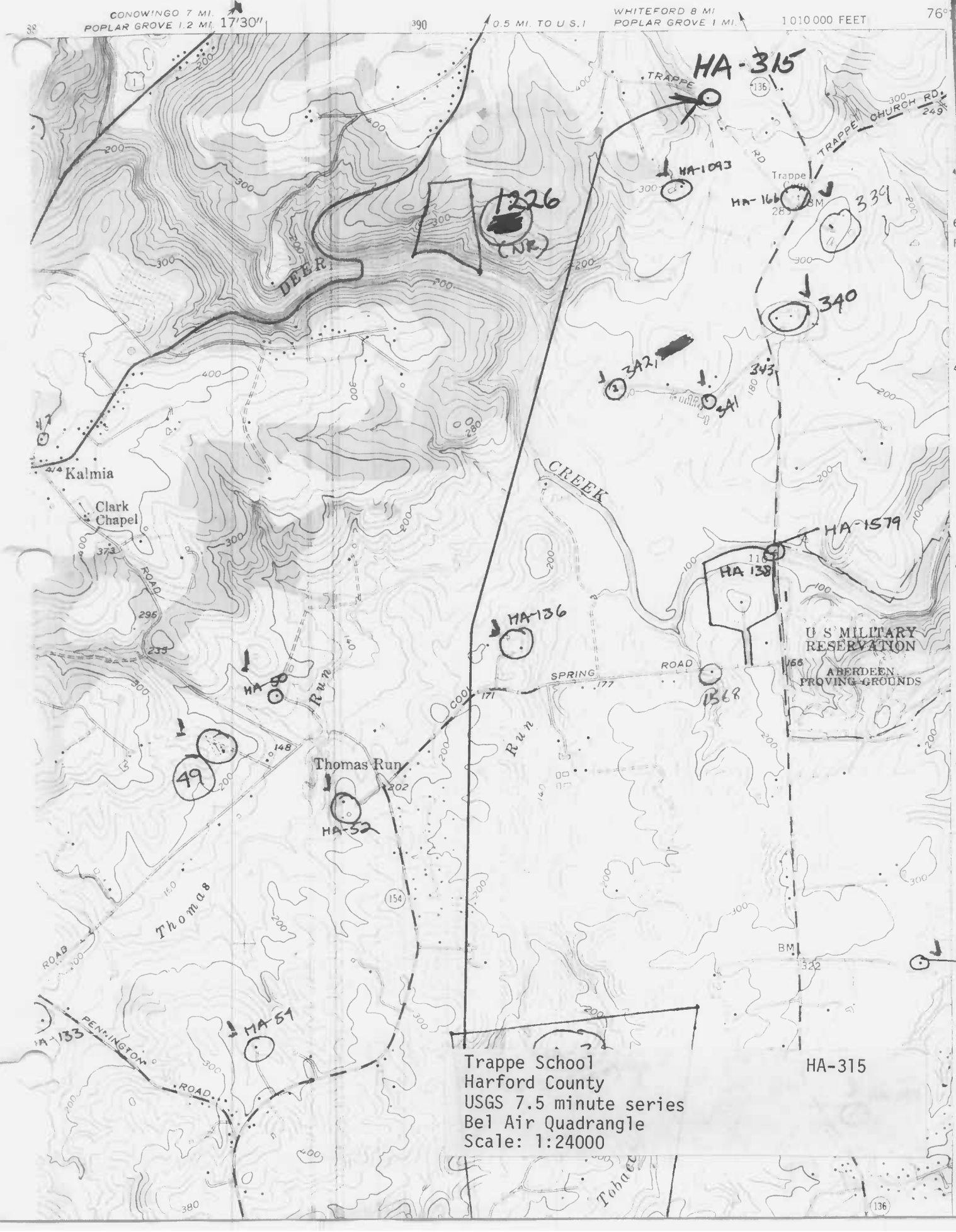

Trappe School HA-315
Harford County, Maryland
Photo: Janet Davis
May 1983
View from south
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