

SUMMARY

HA-1558

Dunkale School
Whitaker Mill Road
Joppa, Maryland

This traditional one-story frameschool house was constructed around 1898 on one acre purchased by the Board of County School Commissioners from Jesse and Joseph B. Hoskins, owners of the adjacent Jesse Hoskins Farm (HA-1557). There are no records of when the school closed, and it was sold in 1951 to the Children's Fresh Air Society of Baltimore City, which owned the Hoskins Farm.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Dunkale School

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Whitaker Mill Road, east of Old Joppa Road, Near Benson

CITY, TOWN

Joppa

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Bruce J. & Mary Margaret Hegstad

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 700

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21001

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Belair

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING 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
<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 type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The old Dunkale School is located on the east side of Whitaker Mill Road, east of Old Joppa Road and south of the old Fresh Air Camp (HA-1557).

This one-story gable-roofed structure measures 16' x 36' x 16' and is four bays long and three bays wide. It is frame, now sheathed in asphalt shingles, (the original German siding is partially exposed on the north side) and set on a low stone foundation. A one-room gable-roofed structure is connected to the south side by a hyphen, and a one-story shed-roofed screened porch spans the north side. The roof has exposed eaves, and there is an exterior brick chimney in the center of the south side. Windows have 6/6 sash and pediments with a slightly projecting fillet; some have panelled wooden shutters. Entrances are located in the second from the west bay on the north side and in the westernmost bay of the south side.

On the interior is one large room on the east and three smaller rooms on the west. The latter have beaded board wainscots to shoulder height. The large room has a beaded narrow board ceiling.

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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 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 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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Named for the tract on which it stood, the Dunkale School was constructed around 1898 after the Board of County School Commissioners purchased one acre from Joseph B. and Jesse Hoskins for \$35.¹ The Hoskins owned the adjacent farm, which was sold to the Children's Fresh Air Society of Baltimore City in 1908. It is unclear how long the school was in operation: the records of the present Board of Education reveal only in 1919 Dunkale School had 20 students and the principal was Gladys M. Baldwin. C. Milton Wright, author of Our Harford Heritage, notes in his unpublished files that Dunkale School was a one-room-with-additions schoolhouse. In 1951, the Board of Education sold the structure to the Fresh Air Society.²

The configuration of the Dunkale School is a traditional mid-to-late 19th century schoolhouse form, although by 1898 brick schools were beginning to be built in the larger centers. The scarcity of records of this institution indicates that the Dunkale School was neither a large nor a particularly distinctive Harford County school.

- 1. WSF 94/175
- 2. 367/21

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, will and equity records of Harford County
Interview with Ralph Barham, Public Information Officer with the Harford
County Board of Education, July, 1980
Unpublished notes of C. Milton Wright

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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
Natalie Shivers, Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION DATE
Harford County Historic District Commission

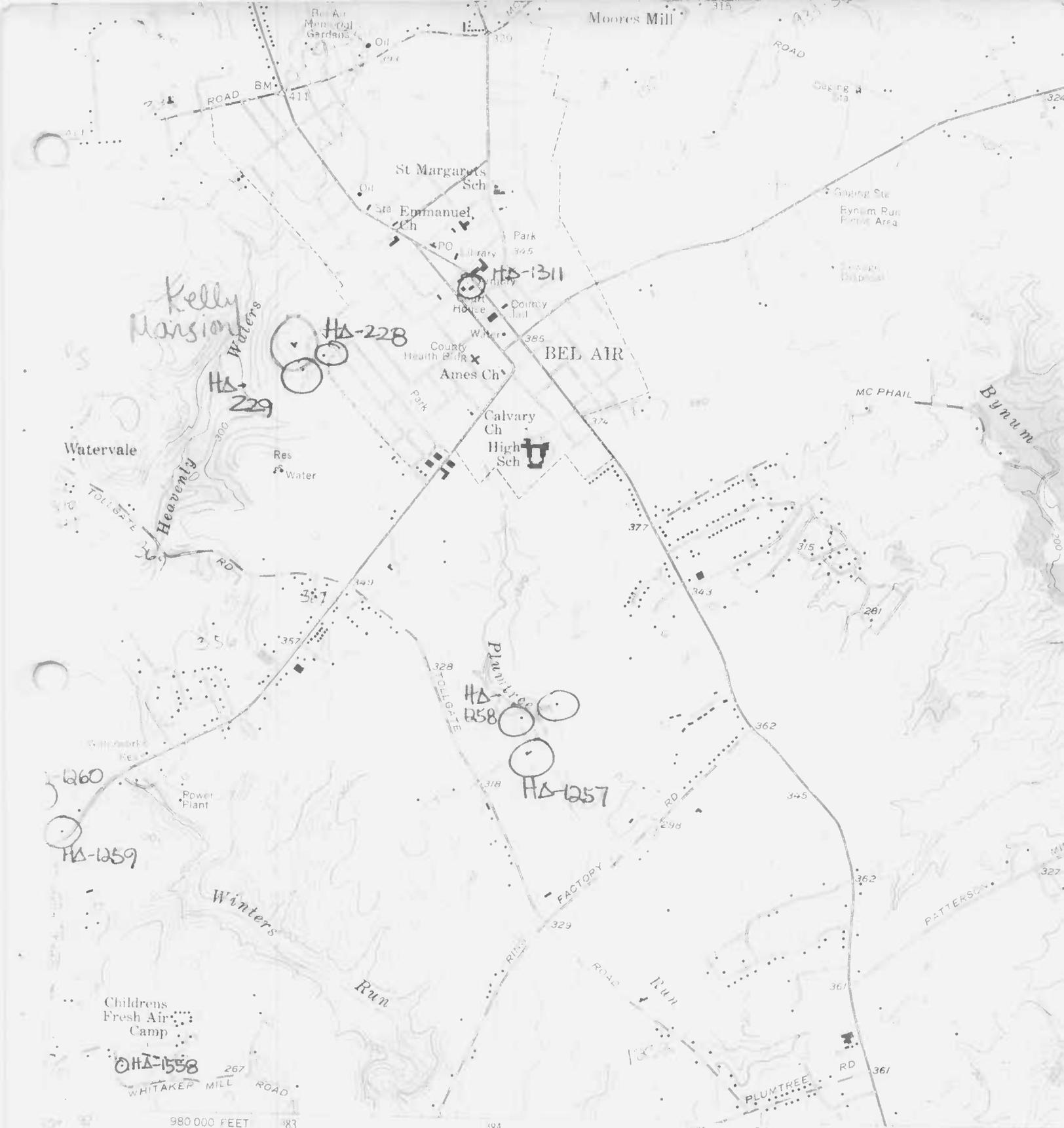
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CITY OR TOWN STATE
Bel Air, MD 21014

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 methods. Aerial photographs taken 1955. Field check 1956

Geoid elevation: 1927 North American datum
 Grid: UTM grid based on Maryland coordinate system
 Contour interval: 10 feet
 Contour lines: Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks
 Contour lines: shown in blue

Contour lines: indicate areas in which only
 one contour building are shown

BEL AIR USGS QUADRANGLE MAP

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Dunkale School
Joppa, Maryland
April, 1980
Natalie Shivers
North east

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Dunkale School
Joppa, Maryland
April 1980
Natalie Shivers
Southwest

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