

Circa 1927

P. G. #71B-10
Bowie School
13216 and 13218 10th Street, Bowie, Md.
Priv/Occ/Res/Fair

The Bowie school is a one-story, hip-roofed, two-room building typical of the larger schools built during the late 1920's with Rosenwald funds. It has a projecting entryway centered on its south (main) facade; from this entryway a door (on each side) leads into each of the two large classrooms. The west half of the building has been renovated to make a private residence, and the original shingle siding has been replaced by board. The east half of the building remains in near original condition, its shingle siding intact in most places.

The first school for the black children of Bowie was constructed ca. 1877 on Horsepen Hill, southeast of the railroad junction. As the black population of this railroad town increased, the decision was made to construct a larger school within the corporate limits. The Board of Education purchased a two-acre block of land for the purpose of establishing a colored school with sufficient land for playground purposes. The Bowie school was built in 1927 and became a prototype of black elementary schools of this period: two large, high-ceilinged classrooms each of which served at least three grade levels, a central storage area, and a projecting entryway formed by two cloakrooms. Of the several schools of this type still standing, the Bowie School is closest to the original school form and condition.

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Bowie "Colored" School (#1-14C)

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 13216 and 13218 10th Street not for publication

city, town Bowie vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George

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 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"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Anthony Henry

street & number 13216 10th Street telephone no.:

city, town Bowie state and zip code Md., 20715

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P. G. Co. Courthouse liber 4494

street & number Main Street folio 559

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input checked="" 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 Bowie school is a one-story hip-roofed two-room building typical of the larger schools built during the late 1920's with Rosenwald funds. It has a projecting entryway centered in its south (main) facade. Three doors open onto this enclosed entryway: one door leads straight into a central storage space, while one other door on each side leads into each of the two large classrooms. The projections which enclose this entryway are the cloakrooms.

The building rests on a high foundation (on a gradual slope) but has no basement.

The west half of this school building has been renovated to make a private residence. The original shingle siding has been replaced by board. The east half of the building remains in near original condition, its shingle siding intact most places. Renovation of this east half will begin in the summer of 1983.

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Black History

Specific dates 1927 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 first school for black children in the Bowie area was constructed ca. 1877 on Horsepen (Horseman's) Hill, south and east of the railroad junction. Later, a school was constructed in Duckettsville, just northwest of the town of Bowie, which black children from the west side of the railroad tracks attended, while those on the east side of the tracks attended the school on Horsepen Hill.

As the black population of Bowie grew, the decision was made to construct another elementary school within the corporate limits of the town. In two deeds, 1926 and 1927, Thomas Littlepage conveyed a 2 acre block of land to the Board of Education, for the purpose of establishing a "colored" school at Bowie with sufficient land for playground purposes. The contract for building the school was given to Linthicum and Linthicum, with orders to build a school similar to those already constructed in Capital Heights, Lakeland and Laurel. Thus the Bowie school became a prototype of the Black elementary schools constructed in the late 1920's: two large, high-ceilinged classrooms each of which served at least three grade levels, a central storage area, and a projecting entryway which was formed by the two cloakrooms. The Bowie school is significant because of the several schools of this type still standing, It is the closest to the original school form and condition.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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P.G. Co. Deeds: #4494:559; #1553:159; #293:77; #276:463; H.B. #9:279
P.G. Public Schools, Archives, Plant Maintenance, File #1-14C
Board of Education Journals
Interview with Anthony Henry, 4/83

10. Geographical Data

Acreage 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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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

STATE OF MARYLAND

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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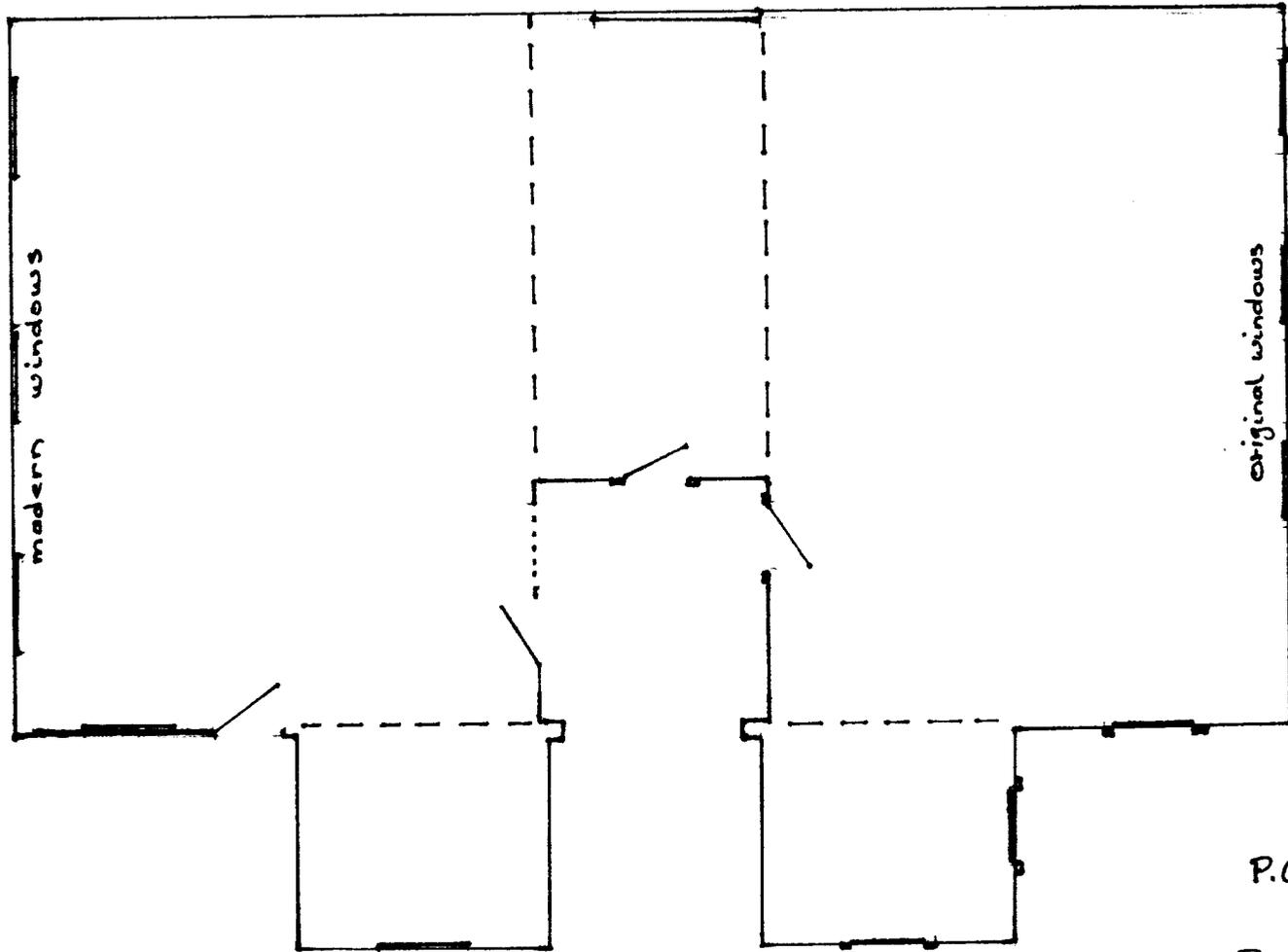
city or town Riverdale

state Maryland

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BOWIE SCHOOL
BOWIE, MD.
1927

sgpearl
may 1983



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BOWIE SCHOOL

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty
- Medium-duty
- Light-duty
- Unimproved dirt
- U.S. Route
- State Route
- Interstate Route



LAUREL, MD.
 N3900—W7645/7.5

1965
 PHOTOREVISED 1979
 AMS 5662 III SE—SERIES V833

Boundary lines shown in purple compiled from latest information available from the controlling authority.

Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey, from aerial photographs taken 1977 and other source data. This information has been checked. Map edited 1979.

(BOWIE)
 5661 NW



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Bowie (Rosenwald) School
Prince George's County
Susan G. Pearl
April 1983
Southeast 3/4 Elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.



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Bowie (Rosenwald) School
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East Elevation
April 1983
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.



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South Elevation
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