

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #82A-24 Building Date: 1925

Building Name: Cheltenham Schoolhouse

Location: 10411 Old Indian Head Road, Cheltenham, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Excellent/Inaccessible

Description:

The Cheltenham schoolhouse is a one-story (with basement) hip-roofed two-room schoolhouse, typical of the larger schoolhouses constructed in Prince George's County in the 1920's. In recent years, it has been converted into two apartments; the entrance and fenestration have, therefore, been considerably altered, and the northern section of the basement has been converted into a garage. Originally, one entered the building through the projecting gabled entryway in the center of the main (east) facade, and went up a short flight of steps to either of the two large classrooms. These classrooms were lighted on the east facade by banks of twelve foot high windows. The rear walls of the classrooms were covered by blackboards, and had no windows. Since 1950, the Cheltenham schoolhouse has been converted into two apartments. The projecting entryway now has a door with transom and sidelights. The tall classroom windows have been replaced by two modern 8/8 windows (with shutters) on each side of the entry. The siding on the front of the building is vinyl, and on the sides and rear is asbestos shingle. There is a new synthetic shingle roof. The building rests on a high concrete basement foundation.

Significance:

The Cheltenham schoolhouse is typical of the more substantial two-room schools built in Prince George's County in the 1920's. It was constructed in 1925 to replace the two small schoolhouses which had for many years stood on the adjoining property. These buildings were maintained by the Board of County School Commissioners until they were virtually destroyed by a severe windstorm in 1924. In November of that year, the Board of Education (which had superseded the Board of County School Commissioners in 1921) ordered that two acres be purchased for the construction of a new two-room building, and that the old lot be sold. Accordingly two acres were purchased from Herbert Grow, and the new school house (known as School #2, District #11) was constructed in 1925. The new Cheltenham School was one of the more substantial rural schoolhouses in Prince George's County, with two large, well-lighted classrooms, and a full basement. It served as a school until 1945, when it was closed and sold to the Marlboro post of the American Legion, which used it as a meeting place for several years. In 1950 it was sold to the present owner, who has converted the two classrooms into two apartments, and the north section of the basement into a garage. Although the building retains its original schoolhouse lines, its entrance and fenestration are completely altered, and its appearance is a mere suggestion of its original function.

Acreege: 2 acres

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Cheltenham Schoolhouse (School #2, District #11)

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number 10411 Old Indian Head Road  not for publicationcity, town Upper Marlboro Cheltenham  vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

### 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 type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site        | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                 | <b>Accessible</b>                          | <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 type="checkbox"/> no                | <input type="checkbox"/> military      | <input type="checkbox"/> other:            |

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

name Leonard Furgang

street &amp; number 11313 Maryvale Road telephone no.: 627-3815

city, town Upper Marlboro, state and zip code Maryland 20772

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 1284

street &amp; number Main Street folio 416

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale state MD. 20737

# 7. Description

|   |                                       |   |   |                    |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|
| <b>Condition</b>                              |                                       | <b>Check one</b>                            | <b>Check one</b>                                  |                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                 | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved                    | date of move _____ |
| <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.

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# 8. Significance

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|---|--|---|---|--|
| <b>Period</b>                             | <b>Areas of Significance—Check and justify below</b> |   |   |  |
| <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/<br>humanitarian                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799        | <input type="checkbox"/> art                         | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> theater                                     |
| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)<br>Local history |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   |  |

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|-----------------------|------|--------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Specific dates</b> | 1925 | <b>Builder/Architect</b> | Thomas A. Garner |
|-----------------------|------|--------------------------|------------------|

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 Cheltenham schoolhouse is typical of the more substantial two-room schools built in Prince George's County in the 1920's. It was constructed in 1925 to replace the two small schoolhouses which had for many years stood on the adjoining property. There had been a schoolhouse at the old location since before the establishment of the Board of County School Commissioners in 1865; it was replaced circa 1882 by two buildings, one of which housed the primary grades, and the other the intermediate grades. These buildings were maintained by the Board of Commissioners until they were virtually destroyed by a severe windstorm in 1924. In November of that year, the Board of Education (which had superseded the Board of County School Commissioners in 1921) ordered that two acres be purchased for the construction of a new two-room building, and that the old lot be sold. Accordingly two acres were purchased from Herbert Grow, and the new school house (known as School #2, District #11) was constructed in the following year.<sup>1</sup> Thomas A. Garner of Croom was contracted to complete construction of the building before the first of September 1925, for the cost of \$5,740. The new schoolhouse was to be covered with asbestos shingles painted French gray with white trim; a used furnace from the old Surratts school was to be installed in the basement.<sup>2</sup>

The new Cheltenham School was one of the more substantial rural schoolhouses in Prince George's County, with two large, well-lighted classrooms, and a full basement. It served as a school until 1945, when it was closed and sold to the Marlboro post of the American Legion, which used it as a meeting place for several years. In 1950 it was sold to the present owner, who has converted the two classrooms into two attractive and comfortable apartments, and the north section of the basement into a garage.<sup>3</sup> Although the building retains the lines of its original schoolhouse form, its entrance and fenestration are completely altered, and its appearance a mere suggestion of its original function.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G. #82A-24

See chain of title  
See notes, item #8

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2 acresQuadrangle name Brandywine, Section B

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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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 |
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| state | code | county | code |
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, research historianorganization Historic Preservation Commissiondate February 1985street & number c/o County Planning Division, M-NCPPCtelephone 952-3521city or town County Administration Building,  
Upper Marlboro,state Maryland 20772

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

8. Continued

Notes:

1 P.G. Board of Education, Journal, Vol. III p. 57;  
P.G. County Deed #224:187; interview with owner.

2 Closed school files, Department of Plant Maintenance, P.G. County  
Public Schools.

3 P.G. County Deeds #904:293; #1284:416

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P.A. 82A-24

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Cheltenham School

AND/OR HISTORIC: School House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Old Indian Head Road

CITY OR TOWN: Cheltenham

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Prince George's

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)   | OWNERSHIP   | STATUS   | ACCESSIBLE<br>TO THE PUBLIC  |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District<br><input type="checkbox"/> Site<br><input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input type="checkbox"/> Public<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work<br>in progress | Yes:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Restricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural  | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Park                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial    | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) | _____                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational   | <input type="checkbox"/> Military   | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious                    | _____                                    | _____                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum     | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific                   | _____                                    | _____                             |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Prince George's County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: None

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION

|           |   |  |                                |   |                                |                                    |
|-----------|---|--|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| CONDITION | (Check One)                                 |  |                                |   |                                |                                    |
|           | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair  | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated             | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
|           | (Check One)                                 |  |                                | (Check One)                                       |                                |                                    |
|           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered       | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site |                                |                                    |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building is one story, frame house that has been turned into a residence. The five bay facade has a central entrance porch; the doorway has sidelights and a transom light divided from the doorway by a small canopy.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |                         |                         | O<br>R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES |                         |  |
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| CORNER   | LATITUDE                | LONGITUDE               |        | LATITUDE  | LONGITUDE               |  |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC DATE: 19 Sept 74

STREET AND NUMBER:  
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:  
 National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Chain of Title

Cheltenham Schoolhouse

P.G. #82A-24

#1284:416  
14 Sept 1950  
Deed

Marlboro Post #115 of American Legion to Leonard and Mary Furgang; 2 acres which grantor acquired by #904:283.

#904:293  
8 Nov 1946  
Deed

Board of Education of Prince George's County, to Marlboro Post #115 of American Legion; 2 acres which the Board of Education acquired by #224:187.

#224:187  
18 Nov 1924  
Deed

Herbert E. Grow, et ux. to Board of Education of Prince George's County; 2 acres, beginning at the intersection of the public road from Rosaryville to Cheltenham and the private road leading to the property of Ernest Furgang; (part of a tract which grantor acquired by #172:337)

301

SJB LOT 2 8684

LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

R-A

3063/850 463A P.15

S. H. SPICER 2654-323 1262A P.26

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ALBERT J. THOMAS 5169/503 1446A P.27

LINDA A GRIMES ETAL 3896/3 346A P.67

MORRIS W. MODLIN 1835-441 1.92A P.71 1.13A P.115

ROBT R DULEY 4248/721 418A P.42

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BOARD OF ED

P.151

BERTUS D THOMAS 2761/336 1444 P.28

JOHN M FURGANG ETAL 4409/762 19.00A P.145

2.00A P.176

J V BROCKS 2.874 P.33 P.99

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HATTIE L THOMAS 190/63 10.50A P.3

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JOHN J FUR 4047/581 3.00A P.14

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JOHN M FURGANG 4409/762 17.50A P.149

GEORGE H SAVOY 1105/101 1913A P.40

2376/154 4.9 RF 2.00A P.62

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JAMES A DONALDSON, R, ETAL 5544/362 3.50A P.150

ALICE G. GREENWELL P.41 RICHARD M BUTLER P.42

LELANC R SADLER 5444/777 3.84A P.44

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ARDE KITCHEN 4635/794 22.11A P.109



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Cheltenham Schoolhouse  
Prince George's County, MD.  
Susan G. Pearl  
February 1985  
East elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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Cheltenham Schoolhouse  
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West elevation  
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NAME 20TH. C. SCHOOL HOUSE

PG. 82A-24

LOCATION OLD INDIAN HEAD Rd NEAR R.R TRACKS CHELTENHAM, Md

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PHOTO TAKEN 9/19/74 MDWYER



NAME CHELTENHAM SCHOOL # 82A-24

LOCATION OLD INDIAN HEAD Rd CHELTENHAM, Md

FACADE S

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