

S-272
School No. 4
Shelltown vicinity
private

c. 1860

School No.4 is sited on the north side of Shelltown Road a mile and a half south of Rehobeth. The single-story gable front frame building is supported by a brick pier foundation and trimmed with narrow corner pilasters. The southwest side has six large scale windows that were added around 1920 in an effort to increase the amount of natural lighting. It is thought that this school was the first to accomplish these lighting changes imposed under state standards.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-272

Magi No. 2002725602

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic School No. 4

and/or common

2. Location

street & number N. side of Shelltown Road not for publicationcity, town Rehobeth vicinity of congressional district Firststate Maryland county Somerset

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	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 type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Dennett Butlerstreet & number Shelltown Road telephone no.: 957-0730city, town Rehobeth state and zip code MD 21857

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liberstreet & number Somerset County Courthouse foliocity, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

repository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input 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 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.

School No. 4 is located on the north side of Shelltown Road approximately a mile-and-a half south of Rehobeth, Somerset County, Maryland. The single-story one-room plan frame school faces southeast with the gable running on a northwest/southeast axis.

The c. 1860-70 rectangular frame school is supported by a brick pier foundation, and it is sheathed with horizontal weatherboards. A medium sloped roof is covered with a layer of asphalt shingles. The eaves are extended and the cornices are boxed.

The southeast (main) facade is marked by an enclosed gabled entry. Corner pilasters frame the elevation.

The southwest (side) elevation is distinguished by a series of six off-center 6/6 sash windows installed at a slightly later date to add more light inside.

The northwest gable end is a plain weatherboarded wall without distinguishing features.

Finally, the northeast (side) has three window openings that have been reduced in size from large size 6/6 sash to small square windows. A narrow brick stack rises from the center portion of the structure.

The one-room interior has been generally remodeled for migrant labor housing. The brick stack rests on a metal support post.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

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.

School No. 4, is one of the few relatively intact 19th - century school buildings to remain standing in Somerset County. The exterior was altered slightly around 1920 to accomodate larger windows for state regulations. It is generally thought this school was the first to accomplish these standards imposed under state guidance.



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Near Rehobeth, Somerset County

South Elevation

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Northeast Elevation

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