

CT- 1254

CHANEYVILLE SCHOOL

(c. 1933)

Chaneyville

Private

The Chaneyville School appears to be the most recently constructed extant one-room school in Calvert County. Available evidence suggests that it was built to accommodate African American students and was in use from 1933 until 1952. It is now used as a residence and has been substantially changed from its original appearance.

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

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Chaneyville School (CT-V)

a) Historical Period Theme: Social/Education/Cultural

b) Geographic Organization: Western Shore

c) Chronological/Developmental Period:

Modern Period, A.D. 1930-Present

d) Resource Type:

Category: building

Historic Environment: village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): school

Known Design Source: none

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CT- 1254

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name

historic Chaneyville School

and/or common Catterton House

2. Location

street & number 7880 Southern Maryland Boulevard (Maryland Route 4)

not for publication

city, town Owings

vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county Calvert

3. Classification

Category

district

building(s)

structure

site

object

Ownership

public

private

both

Public Acquisition

in process

being considered

not applicable

Status

occupied

unoccupied

work in progress

Accessible

yes: restricted

yes: unrestricted

no

Present Use

agriculture

commercial

educational

entertainment

government

industrial

military

museum

park

private residence

religious

scientific

transportation

other:

4. Owner of Property

name Joseph & Lorraine Catterton

street & number 7880 S. Maryland Boulevard

telephone no.: 410-251-6315

city, town Owings

state and zip code MD 20786

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Circuit Court Clerk's Office

liber JLB 62

street & number 175 Main Street

folio 151

city, town Prince Frederick

state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing

Historical Surveys

title

date

federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved

date of move _____

The former Chaneyville School, now the Catterton residence is located atop a rise on the west side of Maryland Route 4 (Southern Maryland Boulevard) in the community of Chaneyville. Nearby are several other recently constructed houses owned by members of the Catterton family, and driveways lead to these houses.

The building is recognizable as a school because of its characteristic massing and roof slope but has been substantially altered and enlarged in its conversion to a house. Physical evidence and information provided by the owner indicates that the gable-fronted portion of the present house was built as a school. This block has the characteristic roof slope of Calvert County one-room schools, although the depth of the block suggests that it may have been enlarged. Additions include a raised porch that extends across the majority of the east facade and wraps around to the front portion of the south wall, and a single story, cross-gabled two bay block appended to the north wall of the original block.

The front is centered on the east facade of the original block and is reached off the five bay wraparound porch. This porch has a concrete block foundation and a concrete slab surface. Single six over six, double hung windows are placed to either side of the front door, and these windows are flanked by ornamental shutters. Paired, two over two, double hung sash windows with horizontal muntins are placed in the gable peak. The south elevation of the original block is fenestrated with irregularly placed six over six, double hung windows. A door placed in the east bay provides access to the porch. A second door is placed in the raised basement at the west end of the south wall.

The building is sheathed in vinyl siding. Its roof junction is marked by a boxed cornice, and the roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The basement, which is raised at the rear, is constructed of concrete block.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance--Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates c. 1933 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

The land on which the school building stands was the site of a schoolhouse prior to 1882. However, the present building may be a replacement for the original schoolhouse.

The earliest available deed for the property indicates that in December 1952 the Board of Education of Calvert County sold a 1.5 acre parcel to Joseph H. and Ruth E. Fowler for \$5 and other valuable considerations, described as "being all of the schoolhouse lot conveyed to the Calvert County Board of Education by the Gibbons family" and recorded prior to 1882 (Calvert County Deed AWR 33:294, December 19, 1952).

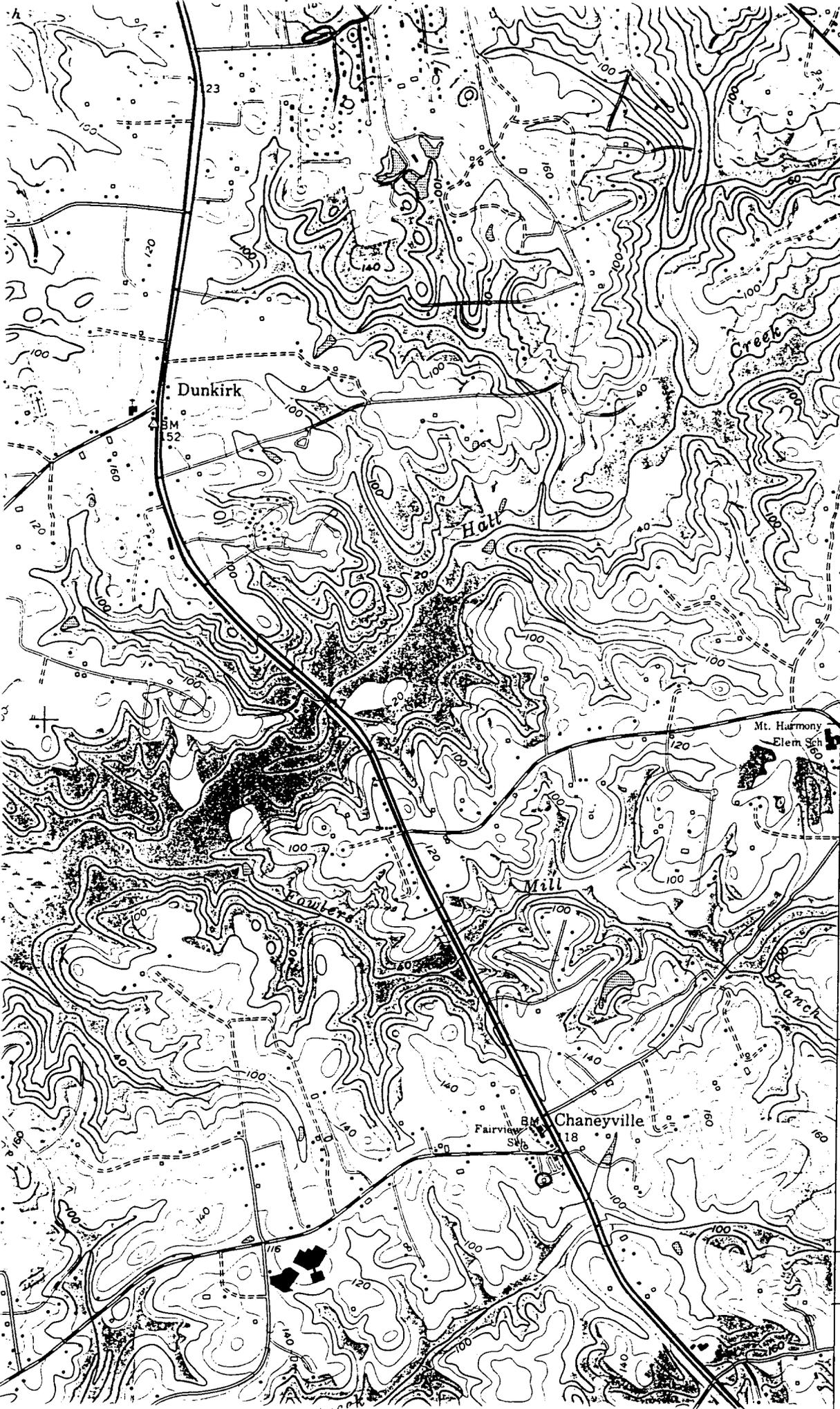
In December 1963, the Fowlers sold a five acre parcel, including the site of the school, to Joseph and Lorraine Catterton for \$5 and other good and valuable considerations (JLB 62:151, December 20, 1963).

According to Richlyn Goddard, from information received from local informants, the school was used as an African American school from 1933 to 1952. The school may have been erected at the beginning of this period. This possibility is supported by the design of the school. It is the only identified school in Calvert County with a gable front plan and raised foundation, a design that suggests a different construction date from the typical one-room school in the county.

The school has been greatly altered in its conversion to a house and no longer retains the architectural integrity necessary to convey historic significance as a school.

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OWINGS 1.8 MI.



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42'30"

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Chaneyville Schoo
Chaneyville
Lower Marlboro
quad

(NORTH BEACH)
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RICK 8.7 MI.



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School

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Maryland State

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Chaneyville School

Calvert Maryland

Douglas McVarish

March 1998

Maryland SHPS

NE facade & NW elevation toward SW

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Co. 100 2500

Calif. Marwood

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SE elevation toward NW

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