

CT- 1262

WALLVILLE SCHOOL (AFRICAN AMERICAN)

(c. 1880)

Wallville

Private

This school was built as a school for white children in St. Leonard. To alleviate severe overcrowding in the small original Wallville (African American) School, this school was relocated to the site in Wallville, and the original school on the site was moved a short distance south.

This one-room, wood-framed, German-sided school has been altered in its conversion to a house. Alterations include replacement of windows and doors and installation of a dormer.

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Wallville School (African American) (CT-<sup>v</sup> CT-1262)

a) Historical Period Theme: Social/Education/Cultural

b) Geographic Organization: Western Shore

c) Chronological/Developmental Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

d) Resource Type:

Category: building

Historic Environment: rural

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

Known Design Source: none

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CT- 1262

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DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

1. Name

historic Wallville School (African American)

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 2490 Lloyd Bowen Road \_\_\_not for publication

city, town Wallville \_\_\_vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Calvert

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

4. Owner of Property

name David S. & Mary E. Washington

street & number 2490 Lloyd Bowen Road telephone no.: unlisted

city, town St. Leonard state and zip code MD 20685-2401

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Circuit Court Clerk's Office liber ABE 244

street & number 175 Main Street folio 560

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 second Wallville School (African American) has been converted to an attractive residence. Although the building has been altered significantly, the characteristic roofline and massing of a typical Calvert County one room school is still clearly evident.

The Wallville School is located on the south side of Lloyd Bowen Road with its facade facing north toward the road. The facade is three bays wide with a central doorway flanked by single windows. Prefabricated concrete steps provide access to the front door. Both the doorway and windows are recent replacements. The two over two, double hung windows are probably replacements for the original, six over six, double hung windows. A third two-over-two window is centered in the gable peak and is flanked by ornamental shutters. The southwest elevation is fenestrated with two pairs of two over two, double hung windows, probably installed to replace original single windows. The northeast elevation is fenestrated with a single and paired two over two, double hung sash windows, flanked by ornamental shutters. A door, located off-center on this elevation, provides access to a concrete deck. A shed dormer, fenestrated with a single, small one over one window projects from the southwest roof slope.

The building is sheathed in German siding, while the dormer is sheathed in aluminum siding. A concrete block chimney adjoins the center of the southwest elevation. The roof has open eaves and is sheathed in asphalt shingles.

# 8. Significance

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

Specific dates	c. 1880	Builder/Architect
check:	Applicable Criteria:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D
	and/or	
	Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G
	Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local

This school building is one of three surviving one-room schools in the southern Calvert County community of Wallville. Two, both on Lloyd Bowen Road, were used by African American students, while the third, on Mackall Road, was used by white students. Although altered in its conversion to a house, it retains integrity and is locally significant for its role in the final chapter of the one-room African American school in Calvert County.

The property on which the Wallville School (African American) is situated is thought to have been the site of a school prior to 1881, the year in which most county records were destroyed by fire. The earliest recorded deed involving the property dates from 1949 when the Board of Education of Calvert County sold the parcel on which the school stands, noted as adjoining land owned by Isaac Bowen, to Goodman and Belle Goldstein, for \$10 and other valuable considerations. This deed indicated that acquisition of the property by the Board predated 1881 (Calvert County Deed Book AWR22:557, July 21, 1949).

Three years later, the Goldsteins sold the 1.05 acre parcel containing the school to Donald H. and Esther Rodey of Pasadena, Maryland for \$1 and other valuable considerations (Calvert County Deed Book AWR31:493, September 9, 1952). The Rodeys owned the property until 1978 when they sold it to John D. and Anne F. Whisman for \$6,500 (Calvert County Deed Book ABE 235:774, August 30, 1978).

After owning the property for less than a year, the Whismans sold the property to its present owners, David S. and Mary C. Washington, for \$35,000 (Calvert County Deed Book ABE 244:560, March 27, 1979). The alterations to the schoolhouse appear to date largely from the period of Washington family ownership.

At the July 6, 1933 School Board meeting, three African American schools, Paris, Hall Creek, and Wallville, were identified as acutely overcrowded. The solution chosen for Wallville was the relocation of a larger school to the site, and the relocation of the existing school a short distance away. By 1934, a white school in St. Leonard had been moved to the site (Goddard 1995:15). This school is the present Washington House. The first school to occupy the site is the school building now located south of this building on the opposite side of Lloyd Bowen Road.

The relocated school functioned for only a short time as an active school. The one-room African American schools at Parker's Creek, Wallville, and Lusby were permanently closed in the 1948-1949 school year, and students were bussed to the Island Creek and Appeal schools (Goddard 1995:39). As noted, in the summer of 1949, the school was sold by the school board.

The exact date of construction of the school is not known. The massing of the building suggests a similarity to other one-room schools in Calvert County known to have been constructed in the late nineteenth century.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Calvert County Deeds. Calvert County Circuit Court Clerk's Office. Prince Frederick, MD.

Goddard, Richard. *Persistence, Perseverance & Progress: History of African American Schools in Calvert County, Maryland, 1865-1965* (1995).

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .86 acre

Quadrangle name Broomes Island, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References **do NOT complete UTM references**

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 34-22. This represents the land historically associated with the school.

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

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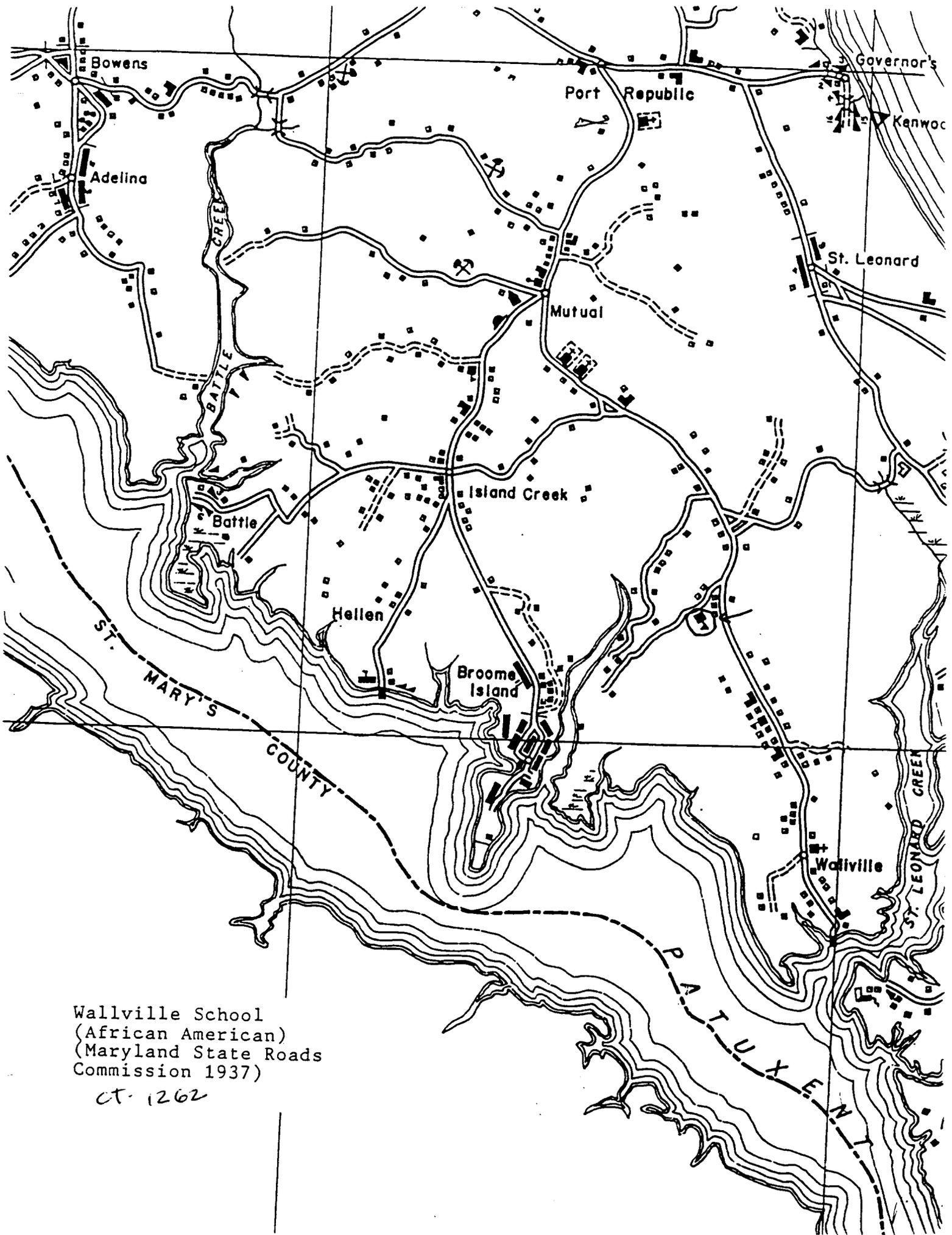
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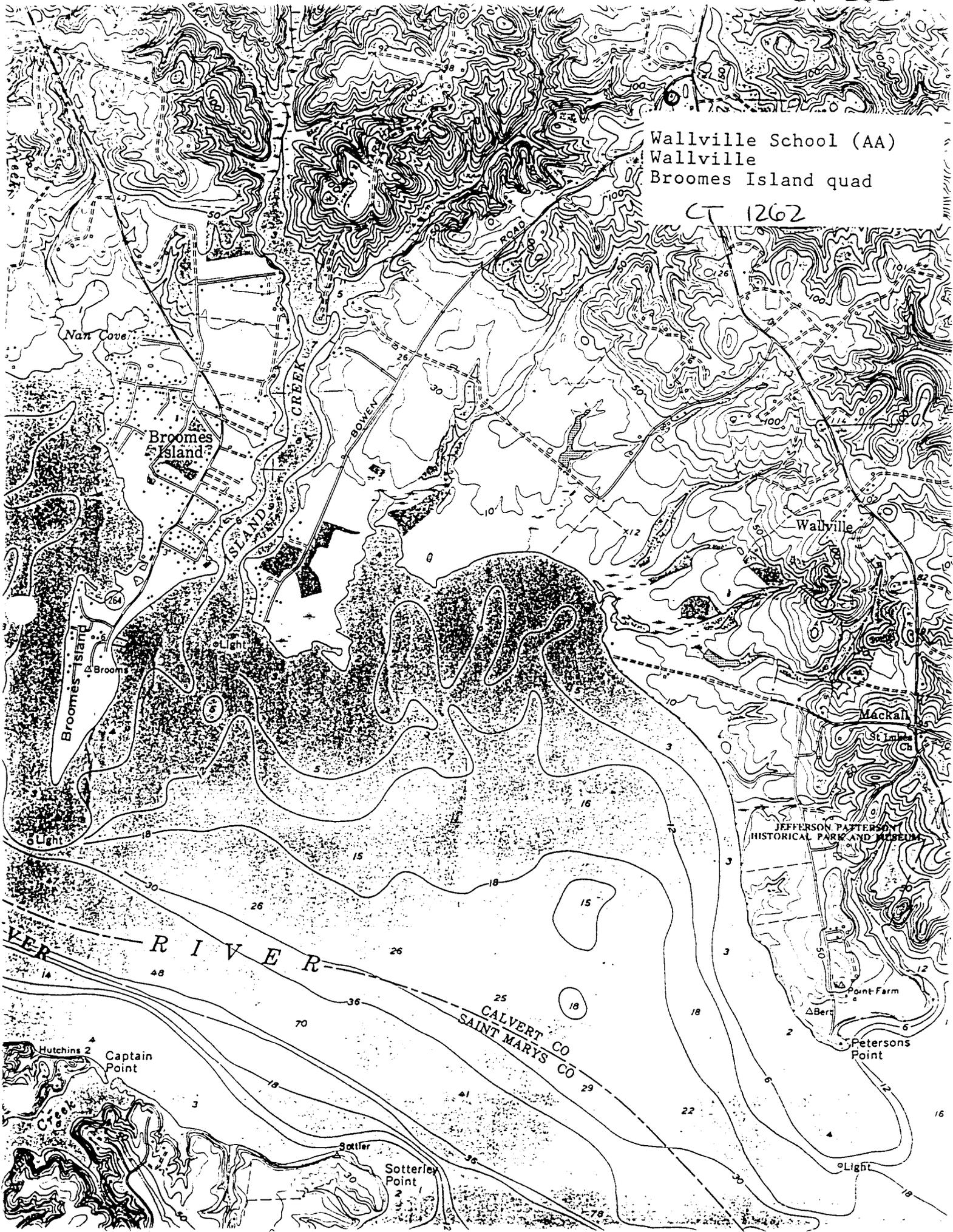


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