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Early 1930's

The Mil~~e~~stown School
Oakley
Private

This small school house was re-built by the black community at Oakley from the timbers of another school no longer in use after their own had burned down. Its hipped roof gives it a rather distinctive appearance. Due to consolidation of schools, it is now abandoned.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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MIAGI # 1903195802

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC The Milestown School
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Oakley Road, west side
CITY, TOWN Oakley CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7
STATE Maryland COUNTY St. Mary's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY OWNERSHIP STATUS PRESENT USE
-DISTRICT -PUBLIC -OCCUPIED -AGRICULTURE -MUSEUM
-BUILDING(S) X-PRIVATE X-UNOCCUPIED -COMMERCIAL -PARK
X-STRUCTURE -BOTH -WORK IN PROGRESS -EDUCATIONAL -PRIVATE RESIDENCE
-SITE PUBLIC ACQUISITION ACCESSIBLE -ENTERTAINMENT -RELIGIOUS
-OBJECT -IN PROCESS -YES: RESTRICTED -GOVERNMENT -SCIENTIFIC
-BEING CONSIDERED -YES: UNRESTRICTED -INDUSTRIAL -TRANSPORTATION
-NO -MILITARY -OTHER: Abandoned

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME St. Mary's County School System Telephone #:
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Leonardtown STATE, zip code Maryland 20650

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. St. Mary's County Courthouse Liber #: Map 39, P. 205
Folio #:
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Leonardtown STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small abandoned school stands to the south of the junction of the Oakley Road and an unnamed gravel road. It is square in shape. Its frame is clad in weatherboards painted gray. The entrance is sheltered by a small cantilevered porch with an A-roof. The pyrimidal form of the roof and its tin sheathing, patterned in the shape of shingles and painted silver, give accent to the appearance of this school. The building was locked, so an investigation of the interior was not possible.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

Black History

SPECIFIC DATES Early 1930's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to Mrs. Lettie Gough, the Superintendent of the St. Mary's County School System from 1928 to 1958, this building replaced an earlier school for black children that burned in the early 1930's. She said that not far away was located another school, called the Sunny Side School, that had been closed due to the lack of an adequate school population. Since its timbers were still sound, the blacks in the Oakley community asked the School Board if they could dismantle it and re-use the materials to build their school. Permission was granted, and the black community that "believed so strongly in education for their children," "pitched in" together and re-built their school. Due to the consolidation of schools in the past decade, this small one was abandoned.

It remains in good condition and could be moved to a nearby school yard and re-used as a facility for storage, recreation, exhibits, or meetings. Since its history includes so much of the educational experience of the parents, grandparents, and even great grandparents of the students today in the Oakley and Milestown communities, it is especially worthy of preservation and adaptive re-use.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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CITY OR TOWN	Annapolis, Maryland		

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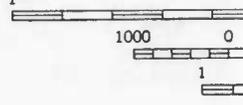
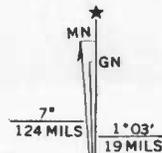
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Oakley, Md.

EAST Cascade

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