

Capsule Summary  
SM-581  
Glebe School  
Leonardtwn Vicinity  
Private

c. 1880-1890

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St. Mary's County  
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization:	Western Shore
Chronological/Developmental Period:	Industrial-Urban Dominance, 1870-1930
Historic Period Theme:	Architecture

Resource Type

Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Function and Use:	School, Dwelling
Known Design Source:	None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-581

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DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Glebe School

and/or common

## 2. Location

NE corner of intersection of St. Andrews Church Rd & Fairgrounds Rd.  
street & number  not for publication

city, town Leonardtown  vicinity of congressional district 3

state Maryland county St. Mary's TM-41, P-55

## 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 (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Calvin Ben Jones

street & number Box 717 Dalrymple Road telephone no.:

city, town Chesapeake Beach state and zip code Maryland 20732-0717

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber MRB 414

street & number folio 211

city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. SM-581

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

The Glebe School is located on the north side of the intersection of Fairgrounds Road and St. Andrews Church Road near Leonardtown, Maryland. The building is oriented on a north-south axis and is situated on a flat one acre parcel. The school is bounded to the north and east by a wooded tract, to the south by St. Andrews Church Road, and to the west by a cultivated field.

The Glebe School, constructed c. 1890s, is a one story, gable front, frame building that originally featured one interior room. While the foundation is obscured, the walls are clearly sheathed with wood lap siding. The gable roof is covered with pressed-metal shingles and is pierced by an interior brick chimney.

The primary or south elevation of the school features a wood panel door flanked on west side by a paired set of six-over-nine, double-hung sash windows. These windows appear to be later replacements. These bays are sheltered by a porch that features four square supports. The roof of the porch is covered with asphalt shingles. Immediately above the porch is a pair of six-over-six windows that light the attic. This elevation also features cornice returns.

The east elevation was once pierced by four six-over-six windows. Three of these window openings have been boarded over with the northern most window remaining. A modern one-over-one window has been installed near the middle two window bays. An exterior cinder block chimney, not original to the building, extends through the eave on this elevation.

The north elevation is pierced by a pair of modern sliding glass doors. It is not clear if this elevation originally featured any openings.

The west elevation was originally pierced by four six-over-six windows. The middle two bays have been boarded over and a pair of sliding glass doors have been inserted. The southern most window of the elevation is a six-over-six window. The northern most window consists of three, eight pane reused sash.

The interior was not investigated.

# 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input 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		

**Specific dates** **Builder/Architect**

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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.

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. SM-581

Regina Combs Hammett, History of St. Mary's County, Maryland, 1634-1990 (Ridge, Md: N.p., 1991), 294-331.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 acre

Quadrangle name Hollywood, Md

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Same as per deed description.

### 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 Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization St. Mary's County Dept. of Planning and Zoning date 5-19-97

street & number 22740 Washington Street telephone 301-475-4662

city or town Leonardtwn state Maryland

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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CROWNSVILLE, MD

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8.1 Significance

Chain-of-Title

(All deeds are located at the Land Records Office, St. Mary's County Courthouse, Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: Liber MRB 414, Folio 211

Grantee: Calvin Ben Jones

Grantor: John and Norma L. Curry

Date: June 1, 1988

Notes: The property is listed as containing 1 acre.

Reference: Liber DBK 233, Folio 77

Grantee: John and Norma L. Curry

Grantor: Lester Lee McCall, et ux

Date: July 30, 1975

Reference: Liber 202, Folio 172

Grantee: Lester Lee and Alice Jane McCall

Grantor: Alice Marie Lacey

Date: December 12, 1973

Reference: Liber CBG 13, Folio 166

Grantee: Ernest Joseph Lacey and Alice Marie Lacey

Grantor: Joseph M. and Agnes P. Heard, Charles B. and Mary B. Heard, and Grace Heard Woodburn and Tester Woodburn--heirs of Charles A. Heard.

Date: October 25, 1941

Reference: Liber JMM 7, Folio 370

Grantee: Charles A. Heard

Grantor: Board of Education of St. Mary's County, Md

Date: July 31, 1931

Notes: The deed notes that the building is no longer used for school purposes and is sold for \$200 to Mr. Heard.

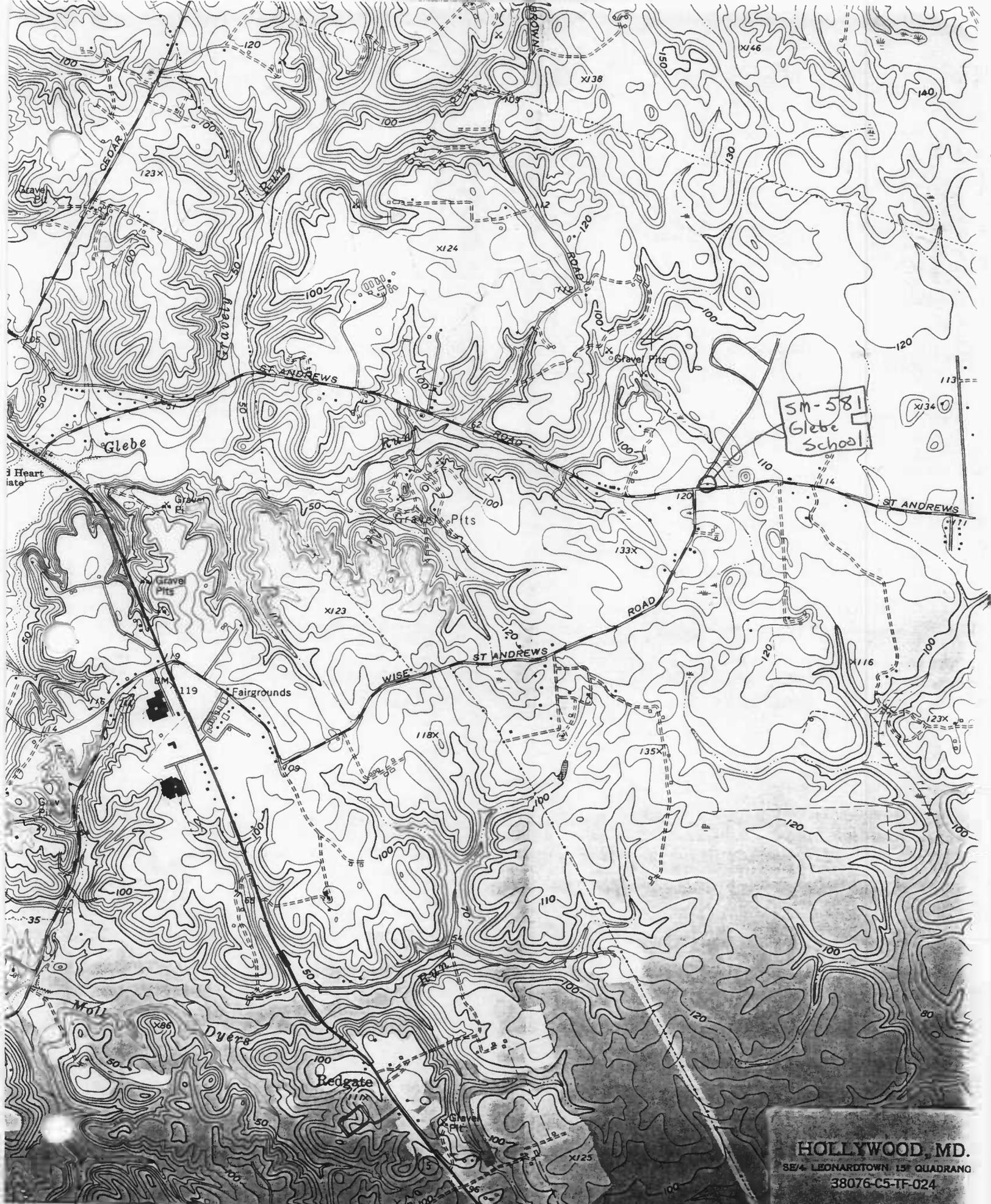
Reference: Liber JFF 5, Folio 350

Grantee: Board of Education of St. Mary's County, Md

Grantor: Richard H. Miles

Date: February 17, 1882

Notes: John F. Dent, Hy. I. Carroll, and William L. Thomas, esq. are all listed as members of the St. Mary's County Board of Education.



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**HOLLYWOOD, MD.**  
SE/4 LEONARDTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE  
38076-C5-TF-024

1963  
PHOTOREVISED 1984  
DMA 5660 I SE-SERI V 832

1:50,000 FEET 1:59  
VALLEY LEE 6 MI. 360 GREAT MILLS 6 MI. 361 35' 362  
INT LOOKOUT 25 MI.

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S+E elevations

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