HO- 1000
Daisy Schoolhouse
15910 Union Chapel Road
Private

Description:
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Significance:
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Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO- 1000

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Daisy Schoolhouse

other

2. Location

street and number 15910 Union Chapel Road ___ not for publication

city, town Woodbine X vicinity

county Howard

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

name Union Chapel Partners LLC

street and number 8620 Baltimore National Pike telephone

city, town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21043

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 9338 folio 593

city, town Ellicott City tax map 13 tax parcel 55 tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

_____ Contributing Resource in National Register District
_____ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
_____ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
_____ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
_____ Recorded by HABS/HAER
_____ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
_____ Other:_____

6. Classification

Category
_____district
_X_building(s)
_____structure
_____site
_____object

Ownership
_____public
_X_private
_____both

Current Function
_____agriculture
_____commerce/trade
_____defense
_____domestic
_____education
_____funerary
_____government
_____health care
_____industry
_____landscape
_____recreation/culture
_____religion
_____social
_____transportation
_____work in progress
_____unknown
_X_vacant/not in use
_____other:

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	1	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
0

7. Description

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Condition

___ excellent ___ deteriorated
___ good ___ ruins
X fair ___ altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Description:
The Daisy Schoolhouse is located at 15910 Union Chapel Road, on the north side of the road, several hundred feet east of Daisy Road in Daisy, in western Howard County, Maryland. The building faces south toward the road and is setback from the road approximately 75 feet.

Exterior
The main block of the building is a one-story, one-bay by three-bay frame structure covered in aluminum siding, with a rubble stone foundation and a gable roof with standing-seam metal and a north-south ridge. The building has been enlarged with shed-roofed additions on the east and west sides, covering those sides completely. These additions are not historic. There is German siding still exposed on the exterior walls, especially on the west elevation inside the addition, and it is fastened with cut nails.

The south elevation of the main block has a large roll-up garage door in the center, and the gable end has a diamond window of one light. The building has a box cornice with returns. There is an exterior brick chimney set north of center on the east elevation, now covered by the east addition below the eave line. The north elevation has a long addition attached to it that covers everything below the eave line. The north gable end is identical to the south gable end.

Interior
The interior of the main block is one open space with a concrete floor and a parged foundation that has some rubble stone visible beneath the parging. The foundation sits between 14 and 18 inches above the concrete floor. There are hewn heavy-timber sills on the west and north sides of the building, sitting on the foundation, and on part of the south and east elevations. The center of the east elevation has had the sill replaced with CMUs. The walls have 3-inch-wide beaded-edge vertical-board half wainscot, with

circular-sawn lath above it that is fastened with cut nails and plastered. The studs and down braces in the wall are sash-sawn 2 by 4s. The studs are crippled at the down braces. The down braces and studs must all be nailed, since there is no evidence of pegs in the sills. The sills do not appear to be reused. The windows have six-over-six double hung sash that are mortised and tenoned and pinned at the corners and one vertical muntin is pinned at the top or bottom rails and the meeting rails. The windows have 10-inch by 18-inch lights, ovolo muntins, and parting beads. They are hung on sash cords and have head-cut trim.

The east elevation has three six-over-six sash, with a doorway between the center and north bays that has four lights over three lying panels. This doorway appears to be cut through the wall at a later date. The north elevation has no openings, but has four horizontal boards set just above the wainscot, and the east, west, and top sides of this arrangement of boards all had a one-inch board of trim around it that has now been broken off. These boards are now painted white, but beneath it there is black paint indicating that this was a blackboard originally. The blackboard boards are machine-planed on the back side, and are tongue-and-grooved. The wainscot railing on the north end has been broken off, so it is not possible to tell how deep it was, but it projected from the wall much further than the wainscot rail on the east and west elevations. This railing probably served as a chalkboard ledge. The west elevation had three six-over-six sash, but the center one was converted to a doorway when the west addition was constructed, and the floor here slopes down to reach the floor level in the addition; the top of the sash has been closed off. The ceiling is masonite.

The southeast and southwest corners have the railing at the top of the wainscot notched, and there are ghosts in the plaster walls on both the side and front walls that align with these notches and extend all the way up to the ceiling. These ghosts were clearly for walls that enclosed the two corners, and there are ghosts on the walls for three shelves on both the east and west walls, above the wainscot. The losses of the original framed floor and the ceiling have resulted in the loss of additional information that may have explained further the configuration of these corner closets. There is a furnace on the west side of the schoolhouse, on the interior, with a metal stove pipe that rises from it and turns to the east and passes through the wall into the brick chimney just on that outside of the east wall. This chimney is located at the north jamb of the center window.

The construction of the building was observed during the dismantling of it. The school is built with a modified balloon frame, with hewn sills that are half-lapped at the corners. The corner posts are larger than the studs, and are toe-nailed to the sills and plates with cut nails. The plates are also hewn and have a half-lap scarf joint in the center. The studs are sash-sawn and are toe-nailed with cut nails from the plate above each stud. There are small-dimensioned horizontals nailed between the studs near the sill and near the chair rail, on which the circular-sawn wainscot is nailed. The roof framing has a hewn summer beam that runs north-south in the center of the building and is one piece. The summer beam is

notched for lap joints at the ends of the joists. The joists are sash-sawn 2 by 6s, with plaster burns on the bottom faces. The bottoms of the joists are notched about ¾ of an inch to lap over the plates, and are toe-nailed to them. The rafters are 2 ½ inches wide and 4 ¾ inches deep at the foot, and are tapered to 2 ¾ inches deep at the ridge, where they are mitered and butted. They are also mitered at the foot and toe-nailed on top of the joists. There are purlins that are set near the center of the rafters, are 2 ½ by 4 inches, and are supported by struts that have a birds-mouth cut on the bottom and sit on the upper corners of the summer. The struts are on every third rafter pair. The rafters support wood sheathing. There is one joist and rafter near the center of the east side that has been cut back flush with the wall where the chimney was. Beneath the metal roofing was asphalt shingles.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
__ 1600-1699	__ agriculture	__ economics	__ health/medicine	__ performing arts
__ 1700-1799	__ archeology	__ education	__ industry	__ philosophy
X 1800-1899	X architecture	__ engineering	__ invention	__ politics/government
__ 1900-1999	__ art	__ entertainment/ recreation	__ landscape architecture	__ religion
__ 2000-	__ commerce		__ law	__ science
	__ communications	__ ethnic heritage	__ literature	__ social history
	__ community planning	__ exploration/ settlement	__ maritime history	__ transportation
	__ conservation		__ military	__ other: ____

Specific dates N/A **Architect/Builder** N/A

Construction dates 1884-85

Evaluation for:

_____ National Register _____Maryland Register ___X___not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Significance:

The community of Daisy probably dates to the creation of the store on the corner, supposedly built in the late 1870s, and the name was given the post office there shortly after Senator Arthur Pue Gorman was elected, in 1881; Daisy was the nickname of his daughter, Grace. In October, 1884 the Howard County Board of School Commissioners received a deed for ½ acre of land on Union Chapel Road in Daisy, which they purchased for $25 from William and Mary Silence. The board minutes from September 1883 record that a committee was asking for a school near Daisy, but it is not clear if this was a request for a colored school or a white one. The committee stated that they could raise $200 toward the new building, but the board declined to take this on. However, the minutes from the August 1884 meeting are less equivocal, stating:

"The Board then heard a delegation from the 4th Dist. near Daisy asking additional school facilities and offering to build such a house as this Board would accept and [illegible] for the money provided the Board would agree to give $250 payable at the end of the next fiscal year.
"The Secy was instructed to procure the necessary furniture for the new school house."

Plans for the Daisy school were quickly followed by plans for a new school in Glenelg, also in the fourth district, and most of the Board minutes seem to be related to the Glenelg school. This school was apparently school no. 9 in district no. 4. However, one note in the minutes from February 1886 was for materials from E. A. Talbott for school no. 8 in district no. 4. Talbott was a lumber and hardware dealer in Ellicott City. In September 1886 a bill for $53.68 was paid for "painting Daisy School House." The building may have been ready for the 1885 school year, but certainly was open by the autumn of 1886. A photograph of the front of the school before it was altered for a garage, shows a single doorway in the center, with a two-light transom, and a narrow four-over-four sash to each side. In the gable end is a diamond light that survives.[1]

The school was apparently one of the last one-room schoolhouses to remain open in Howard County, closing around 1946.[2] In 1948 the building was sold to Robey Mullinex, who owned and operated Mullinex Motors at the corner, and its use at this time is unknown. In 1965 it was purchased by Harry and Mary Eyre, who operated a bus service, and it was apparently they who made the major alterations to the building. The front wall was opened up for a large roll-up garage door and the wood floor removed and a concrete floor poured in its place. The building was used as a bus repair garage, and was enlarged with additions on all three other sides. However, the bulk of the interior survives intact, in better condition than most one-room schools, which have typically been cut up to create a dwelling. Most of the wainscot, windows, and blackboard survive, and there are clear ghosts in the walls of closets that were built into the two front corners. The original brick stove chimney survives just outside the east wall of the school. The stove must have sat in the center of the floor, with the stovepipe running up toward the ceiling, then turning east and passing through the wall into the chimney stack.

The arrangement of some of the details of the school differs from that of the Florence School (HO-253), which was built c. 1872-73. Florence School had a bank of four windows on the northwest wall and only two on the southeast, while the Daisy School had three identical windows on each side. The stove chimney was set in the middle of the Florence School, while the Daisy School chimney was moved to the exterior. The front end of the Florence School was walled off to create a vestibule. Because of

[1] Susan Thornton, "Daisy, Daisy: Whatever Happened to the Town they Named after You?" *Howard County (Maryland) Times*, 14 March 1991, pp. 37-39. Howard County Board of School Commissioners, Minutes, pp. 202, 231, & 248.
[2] Barbara W. Feaga, *Howard's Roads to the Past* (Ellicott City, MD: Mays & Associates, Inc. for the Howard County Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee, 2001), p. 93.

changes to the Daisy School, it is not clear whether it was similarly closed off, but there were closets in the front corners. It is not known whether Florence School also had closets. It is also not known whether the school board had standard plans drawn for schools, which may have changed in detail over time, or whether each school loosely followed a general arrangement while creating its own unique details. The Florence School had two doors from the vestibule into the classroom, probably because there were two aisles between three columns of desks. The Daisy School was likely similarly arranged. The recollections of Norman Hill, who attended the school in the early 1940s, were that Daisy School had a vestibule with two doors in it leading into the schoolroom proper, plus a door to each side closet. Both closets had hooks for coats and shelves for hats and lunches, and one of them had a water cooler in it. There was a stove right in the center of the schoolroom, and the north end had a raised platform for the teacher. There were two columns of desks down each side and two down the center.[3]

An application for demolition of this building in 2009 has led to an attempt to salvage the schoolhouse after the additions have been removed. The school is supposed to be dismantled by architect Bruno Reich for eventual re-erection at an undetermined location.

[3] Interview of Mr. Norman Hill conducted by Becky Reich, January 2010.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See footnotes

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	.5 A		
Acreage of historical setting	.5 A		
Quadrangle name	Woodbine	Quadrangle scale:	1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the property lines for tax map 13, parcel 55, which encompasses all of the historic structures on the property.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	December 2009
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	Maryland

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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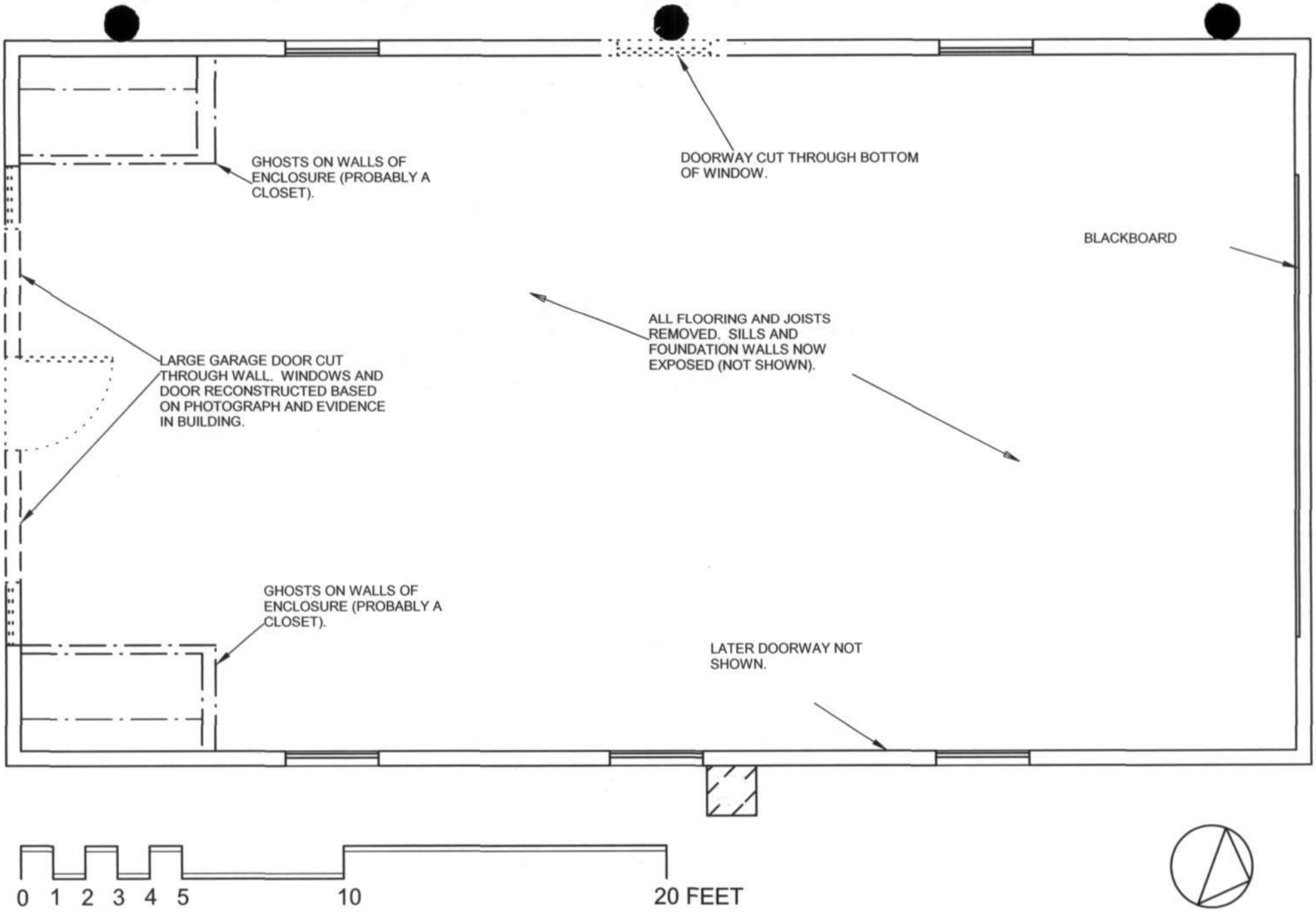


HO-1000 DAISY SCHOOLHOUSE 15910 UNION CHURCH ROAD

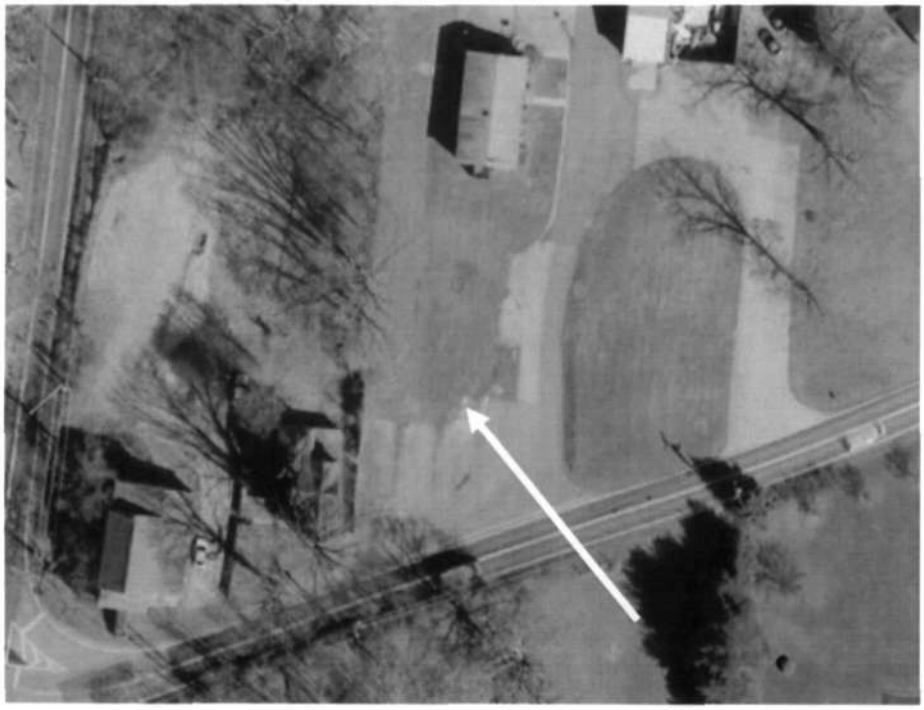
FIRST FLOOR PLAN -- MEASURED AND DRAWN BY KEN SHORT -- NOVEMBER 2009

Daisy School House (HO-1000)
15910 Union Chapel Road
CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU-MENT	CONSIDE R-ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
K. Dale Ashwell Nancy L. Ashwell/?	Union Chapel Partners, LLC/?	7/5/2005	MDR 9338-593	Deed – Fee Simple	$850,000	½ A.	
Harry L. Eyer, Jr. Mary K. Eyre/?	K. Dale Ashwell Nancy L. Ashwell/?	7/26/1991	MDR 2380-337	Deed – Fee Simple	$81,904.83	½ A.	
A. Robey & Mildred M. Mullinex (H/W)/Howard	Harry L. & Mary K. Eyre, Jr. (H/W)/?	1/25/1965	WHH 430-600	Deed – Fee Simple	$10.00	½ A.	
Board of Education of Howard County Thomas G. Pullen, Jr. State Super. of Schools/MD	A. Robey Mullinex & wife Mildred M./Howard	11/17/1948	MWB 207-493	Deed – Fee Simple	$1,200	½ A.	"no longer needed for educational purposes or for use as a public school house" sold 11/9/1948 p/o "Ridgely's Great Park"
William T. & Mary E. Silence (H/W)/Howard	Board of County School Commissioners of Howard County	10/29/1884	LJW 49-315	Deed – Fee Simple	$25.00	½ A.	
Dennis P. Gaither & wife Leonna/ Howard	William T. Silence & wife Mary E.	10/4/1873	WWW 33-306	Deed – Fee Simple	$493.17	73-3-36 ARP	

HO-1000 Moved c. 2010
Daisy Schoolhouse
15910 Union Chapel Road, Woodbine
Bing Maps Bird's Eye View, c. 2009, facing N

National Web Map Service 6" Orthophoto Map, c. 2010



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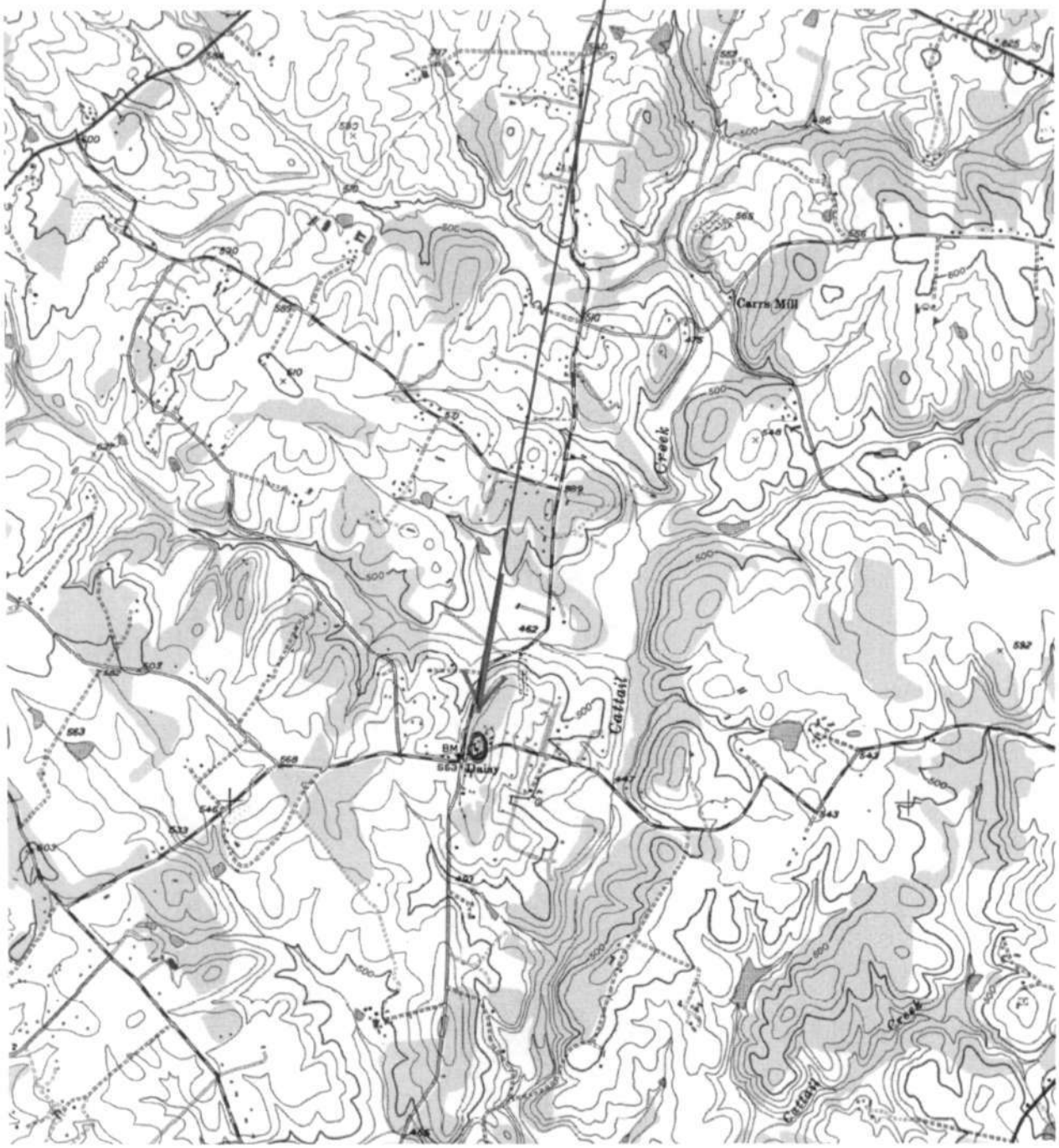

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Daisy Schoolhouse
15910 Union Chapel Road
Woodbine quad

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Daisy Schoolhouse
15910 Union Chapel Road
Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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South elevation

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East & north elevations

HO-1000_2009-11-23_03
Interior, east elevation

HO-1000_2009-11-23_04
Interior, view northwest

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South Elevation

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East & North Elevations

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Interior, East Elevation
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Interior, view northwest
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Original Daisy Schoolhouse
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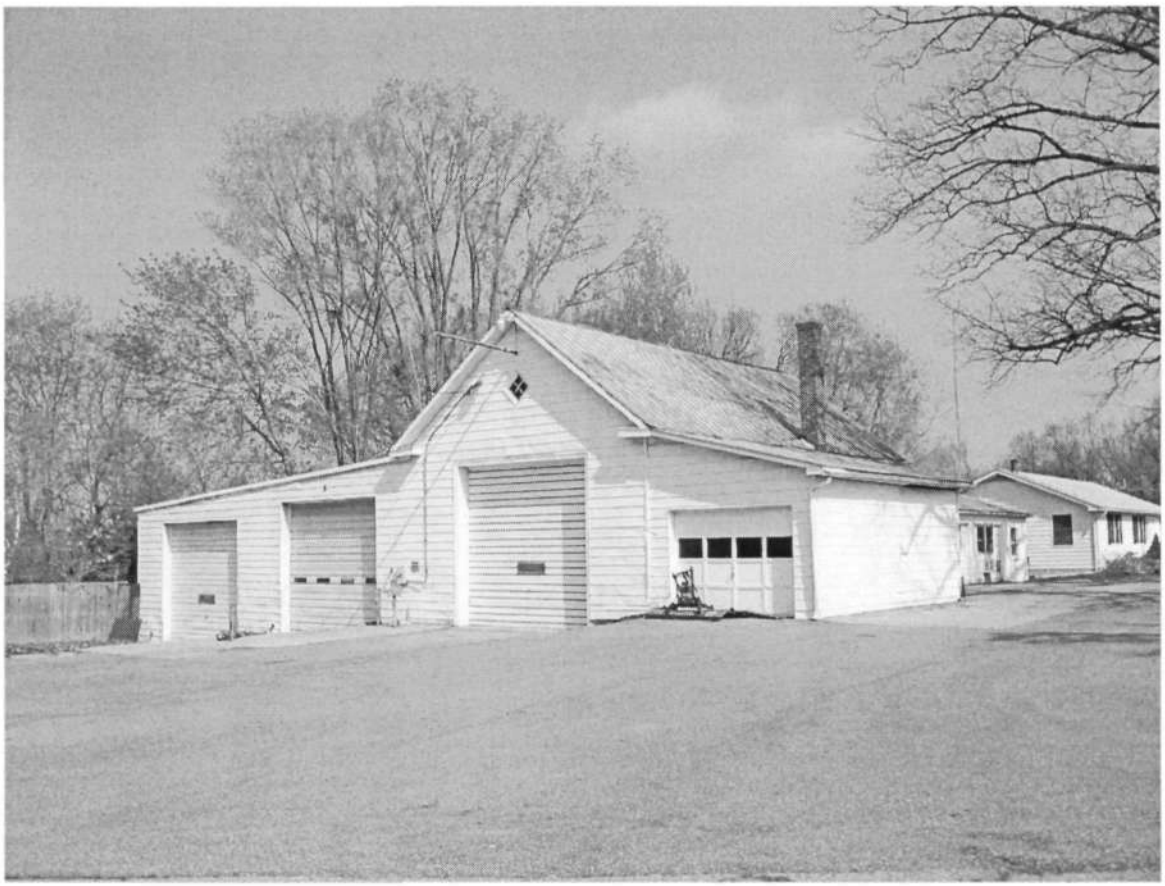
April 21, 2004
Digital color photo on file at MHT



According to a local resident, the town of Daisy was named for the teacher at this school.