

## CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

<b>Survey No.:</b>	WA-II-1137		
<b>Name:</b>	Kline Residence		
<b>Location:</b>	21402 Mt. Aetna Road, Hagerstown, Maryland		
<b>Construction Date:</b>	1894	<b>Access:</b>	No

### Description:

The Kline Residence was originally constructed around 1894 to serve as a white school for the Mt. Aetna area, and continued at this capacity through at least 1930. In 1938, the property was sold by The Board of Education, to Melvin and Edna Bohn who likely converted the school to a residence. Currently the structure serves as a single-family residence.

The Kline Residence stands in the northeast quadrant of the MD 66/Mt. Aetna Road intersection in the area known as Mt. Aetna in Washington County, Maryland. It consists of a single story, rectangular, gable front vernacular structure. Currently asbestos shingles cover much of the exterior and the roof is a combination of standing seam metal and rolled asphalt roofing. A stone foundation and wood clapboard siding are visible under the shingle siding. The residence faces southwest on its lot and has a modest setback from the adjacent roadways. A paved driveway leading from Mt. Aetna Road to a detached garage stands east of the residence.

### Significance:

The Kline Residence represents standard design for one-room schools in Washington County. The property retains its original location, setting, and design, and some materials and workmanship.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

## 1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic Mt. Aetna Schoolhouse

and/or common Kline Residence

## 2. Location:

street & number 21402 Mt. Aetna Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Hagerstown congressional district 16

state Maryland county Washington

## 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	<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"/> education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	

## 4. Owner of Property: (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Peter Vernon Kline

street & number 20304 Benevola Church Road telephone no.

city, town Boonsboro state & zip code Maryland 21713

## 5. Location of Legal Description

office Washington County Courthouse, Land Records Office liber 569

street & number folio 162

city, town Hagerstown state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>		<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	date of move _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved		
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed				

Resource Count: 2

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

The Kline Residence consists of a single-story, rectangular, gable-front vernacular structure. Currently asbestos shingles cover much of the exterior and the roof is a combination of standing seam metal and rolled asphalt roofing. A stone foundation and wood clapboard siding are visible under the shingle siding. The residence faces southwest on its lot at the intersection of MD 66 and Mt. Aetna Road. It has a modest set back from the adjacent roadways and is surrounded by grass, with three bushes at the main façade and a row at the rear of the residence. A paved driveway leading from Mt. Aetna Road to a detached garage stands east of the residence.

On the residence, the façade contains a centered door flanked by 2/2 windows. Also, a small opening in the gable has been covered by plywood. A narrow concrete porch extends across the entire façade, with a standing seam metal shed roof supported by six, plain, square wooden posts. The two side elevations each contains three evenly spaced 9/6 windows and a brick chimney. At the east elevation, a bulkhead door provides access to the basement. At the rear of the residence, a shed roof, enclosed porch attaches to the original structure. The porch consists of wood clapboards and a standing seam metal roof, with six 1/1 windows. A nine-pane door provides access from the porch to the adjacent driveway. A concrete block chimney stands at the west corner of the addition, and a four-pane fixed window occurs in the gable of the original structure.

The garage consists of a single-story, gable-front structure with two wooden doors occupying the façade. The gable on the façade is covered by asbestos shingles and contains a small door opening. Vinyl siding covers the remainder of the garage structure.

## 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	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		

Specific Dates	1894	Builder/Architect						
check:	Applicable Criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D			
	and/or							
	Applicable Exceptions:	<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				

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Kline Residence was originally constructed around 1894 to serve as a white school for the Mt. Aetna area, and continued at this capacity through at least 1930. In 1938, the property was sold by The Board of Education, to Melvin and Edna Bohn who likely converted the school to a residence. Currently the structure serves as a single-family residence.

The Kline Residence stands in the northeast quadrant of the MD 66/Mt. Aetna Road intersection in the area known as Mt. Aetna in Washington County, Maryland. Washington County was established on September 6, 1776 by an act of the Provincial Convention of Maryland. Previous to that time, from the organization of Frederick County in 1748, it had been a portion of that county. It is unknown exactly when and where the first settlement in Washington County occurred. The Lords Proprietary initiated surveys and began granting lands to individuals as early as 1732. These first settlers were chiefly Germans, with a few English, and they settled on large tracts of land. The area known as Mt. Aetna, initially comprising 4482 acres was granted to Daniel and Samuel Hughes in the mid-late 1700s.

The Hughes brothers were involved in iron manufacturing and were considered the most conspicuous manufacturers in the County. They operated furnaces at Hampton before shifting their operation to Black Rock, South Mountain and the Mt. Aetna area. The Mt. Aetna Furnace was located on the south side of the current Mt. Aetna Road. The Hughes became large landholders in the area, owning at least 12,373 acres in the vicinity. Most of this acreage was woodland that provided the large quantities of charcoal consumed by the blast furnaces. Food for the workers was also raised on the land as Mt. Aetna evolved from a factory center to an isolated community for the furnace employees.

The Revolutionary War created lots of work for the Mt. Aetna Furnace as the Hughes brothers sought and received contracts from Maryland and the Continental Congress in Philadelphia to cast cannon. Cannon production began during the winter of 1775-76 and continued until mid-1781. Following work for the Revolutionary War, Mt. Aetna continued as a successful venture throughout the War of 1812, yet operations ceased by 1820 and the Hughes began selling their Mt. Aetna land. William Price and Franklin Anderson acquired much of the Mt. Aetna estate in the mid-1820s. In 1827, they sold most of these lands (1,100- acres) to John Horine. Horine also obtained portion of adjacent grants such as "Resurveyed on Adventure" and "Resurveyed on Discontent." Horine's property included much of the project area except the northwestern quadrant of the intersection, and the original Mt. Aetna tract remained intact through the early twentieth century. Other Horine land was parceled and sold much

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**8. Significance** (continued)

sooner as the area developed as an agricultural area and a crossroads community although the area was never heavily developed. However in 1922, Elder Fleagle moved to the area and attempted to develop Mt. Aetna as a residential area. Fleagle and his Seventh Day Adventist Congregation built the Highland View Academy (now the Mt. Aetna Elementary School) and they did manage to develop a "well-paved conglomeration of lovely homes, two schools, and an independent water supply." This development occurred east of the project area.

The establishment of an education system in Washington County didn't begin taking shape until 1800. At that time parents who could afford to, would send their children to boarding schools outside of the county while others depended on private tutors or themselves, and some area residents would band together to hire a teacher to open a "neighborhood school." A public school system was formally established in Washington County on July 11, 1865 when the first Board of School Commissioners held its initial meeting. At that time, there were 123 schools in the county with a total enrollment of about 4,900. From 1865 to 1900 school attendance increased almost 25%. The substantial and continuous increase in enrollment, attendance, and schools offered evidence that the school system in Washington County had secured the interest and support of the public.

Beginning in 1865, the State Board of Education required that all public schools be built from plans on files in the State Superintendent's office or from plans submitted by the County Board and approved by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. In Washington County, in 1865, the president of the County Board stated that the majority of the schoolhouses were poorly built, badly located, and unfit for the purposes designated. As a result the county undertook a building campaign, with the greatest expansion in the building program occurring in the period from 1867 to 1876. These early schools were one-room designs. As enrollment and attendance increased, two and three room school designs were developed. In Washington County, as late as the 1930s, the majority of schools in the system were one room. However, the number of three or more room structures was rapidly increasing and as pupil mobility improved, a single larger structure would often replace a few one-room structures in an area. This was especially true following the introduction of the school bus.

**National Register Evaluation:**

The Kline Residence represents standard design for one-room schools in Washington County. As such, it is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property retains its original location, design and settings, and some materials.

The Kline property is associated with the Washington County school system and the development of the Mt. Aetna area. However, it was not constructed during the school boom period, and since its conversion to a residence it can't convey its connection to the system. In addition, its construction does not coincide with the furnace period or the development by Elder Fleagle, the two prominent events associated with the development of Mt. Aetna. Therefore, the property does not possess an association with significant events or trends, and is not eligible under Criterion A. Research into the construction of the building and the tenants does not identify any known association with significant persons; rendering the property not eligible under Criterion B. Similarly, the property has no known potential to yield important information, so it is not eligible under Criterion D, and the seven criteria considerations do not

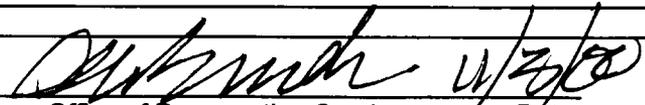
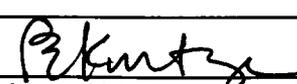
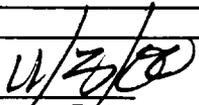
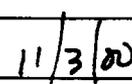
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**8. Significance** (continued)

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While the property does not possess significance under Criteria A, B, or D, it is eligible under Criterion C because it embodies distinctive characteristics of a type of architecture. The Kline Residence is an excellent example of the Washington County one-room schoolhouse and one of only a handful remaining relatively unaltered in the county. A review of a 1915 photograph of the school reveals only minor alterations to the original structure. Changes to the original structure include the addition of windows on the façade, the extension of the front porch to cover the entire façade, the construction of the rear porch extension, the addition of chimneys, and the installation of asbestos shingle siding. The structure does retain the original windows, an unusual style that appeared on various schools in the county, and the original siding material remains under the shingle siding. The county no longer owns any one-room schoolhouses and only a few are known to remain in existence; most of which suffer substantial design additions due to new uses. While the Kline Residence has lost some integrity of materials and design, it does retain more than other existing schools. In addition, the Kline Residence retains the aspects of location, setting, workmanship, and association. Overall, the property retains the integrity and ability to convey its significance as a Washington County one-room schoolhouse and given these considerations, the Kline Residence stands as a rare example of this type of structure.

<b>MHT CONCURRENCE:</b>			
Eligibility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recommended	<input type="checkbox"/> not recommended	
Criteria	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D
Considerations	<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 <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____			
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 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services		 Reviewer, NR Program	
 Date		 Date	

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See attached

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## 10. Geographical Data

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acreage of nominated property 27,007 SF

quadrangle name Myersville

quadrangle scale 1:24000

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### Verbal Boundary Description and Justification

The boundary for this resource follows the current tax parcel, corresponding to that which the owner holds title. Map 59, parcel 26. See attached.

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### List All States and Counties for Properties Overlapping State or County Boundaries

state, county

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state, county

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title	Kelly Steele, Architectural Historian	date	August 2000
organization	Maryland State Highway Administration	telephone	410/545-8698
street & number	707 N. Calvert Street		
city, town	Baltimore	state	Maryland

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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.

Return to:  
 Maryland Historical Trust  
 DHCP/DHCD  
 100 Community Place  
 Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
 (410) 514-7600

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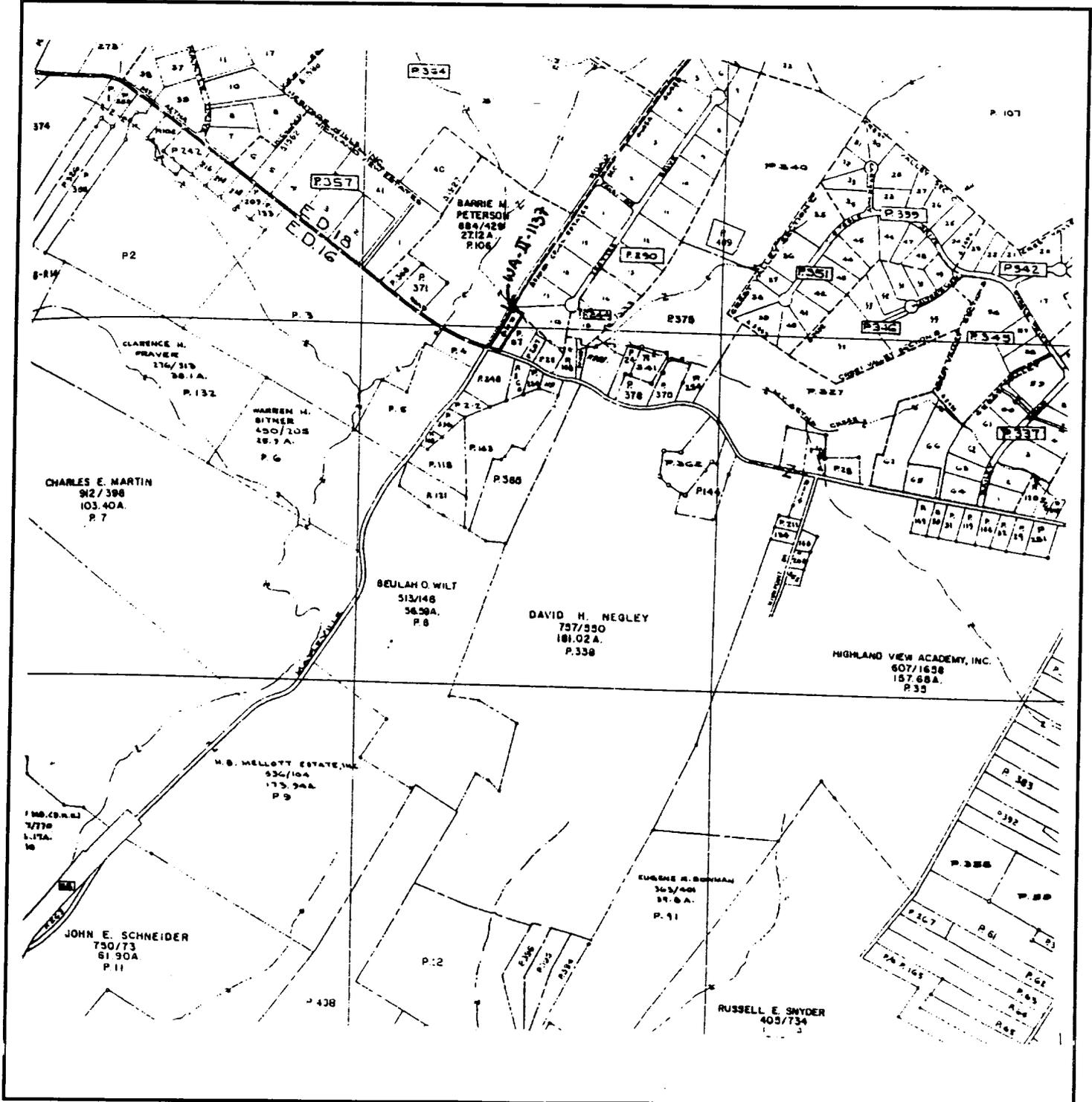
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10. Geographical Data (continued)

Boundary Map:

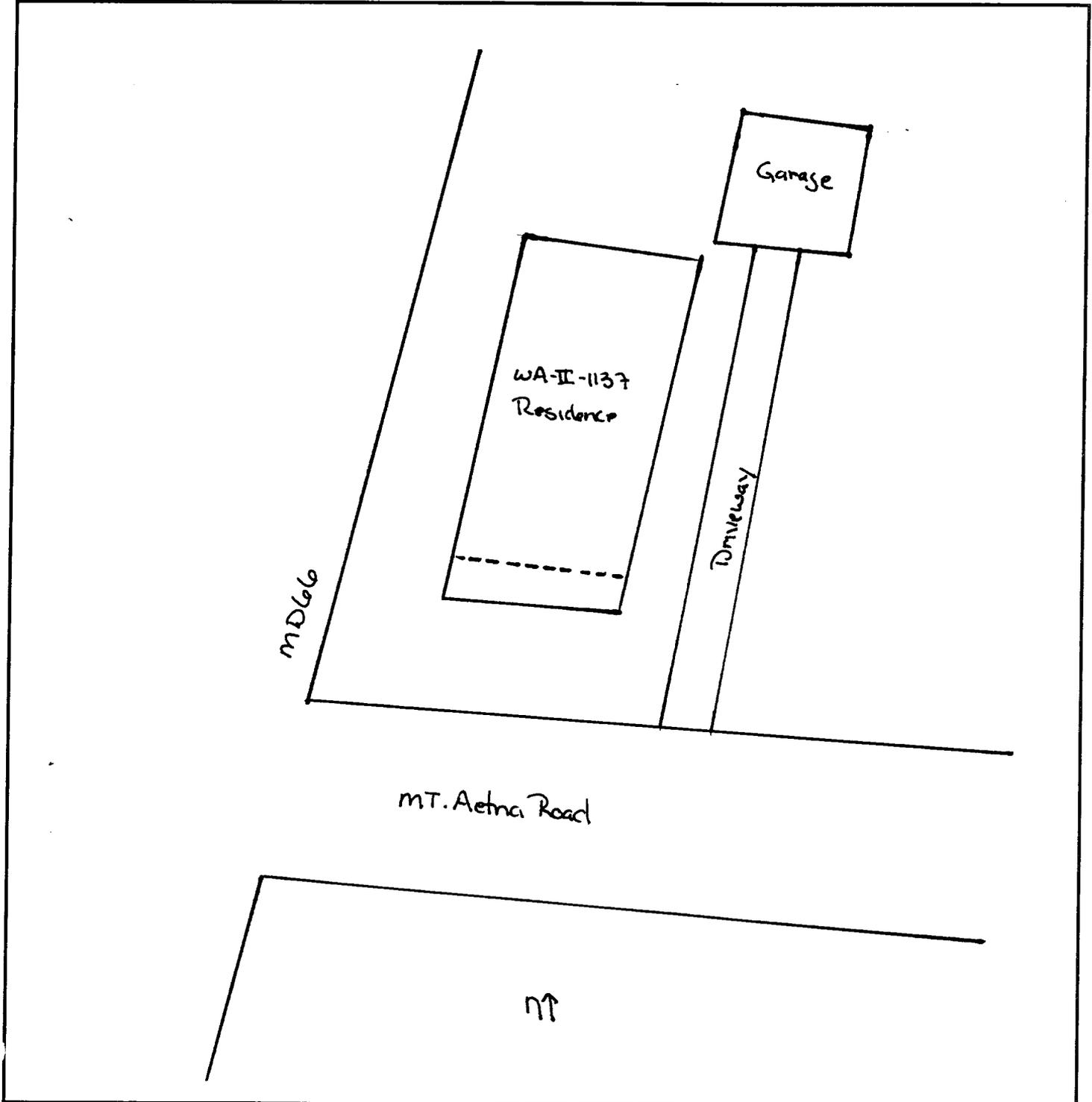


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**10. Geographical Data** (continued)

Resource Sketch:



**PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN  
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

**I. Geographic Region:**

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)  
 Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles,  
Prince George's and St. Mary's)  
 Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll,  
Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)  
 Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

**II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:**

- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815  
 Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870  
 Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930  
 Modern Period A.D. 1930- Present  
 Unknown Prehistoric  
 Unknown Historic

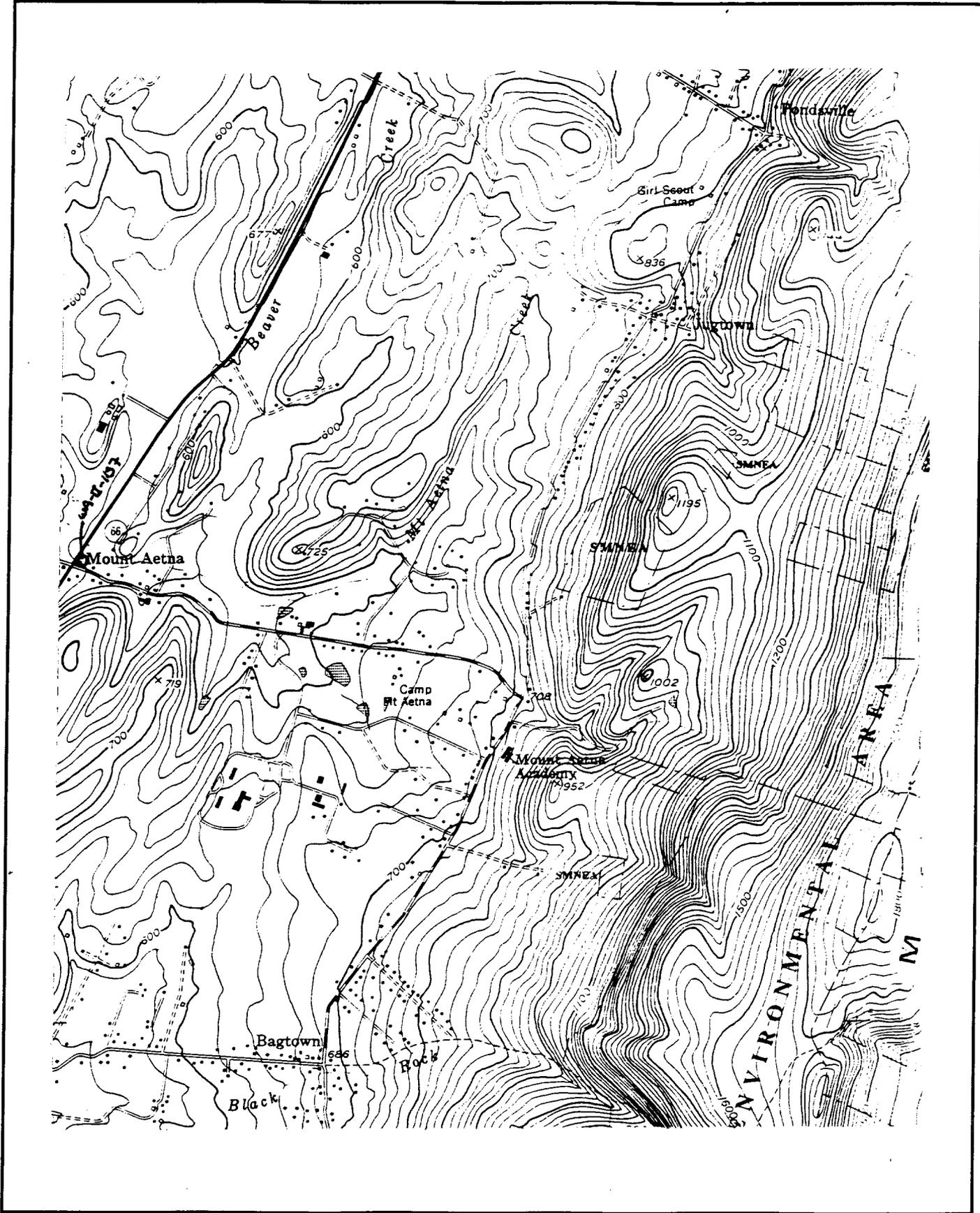
**IV. Historic Period Themes:**

- Agriculture  
 Architecture, Landscape Architecture,  
and Community Planning  
 Economic (Commercial and Industrial)  
 Government/Law  
 Military  
 Religion  
 Social Educational/Cultural  
 Transportation

**V. Resource Type:**

Category: Building  
 Historic environment: Rural  
 Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Education/School  
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 Known Design Source: None

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Quad Map Myersville



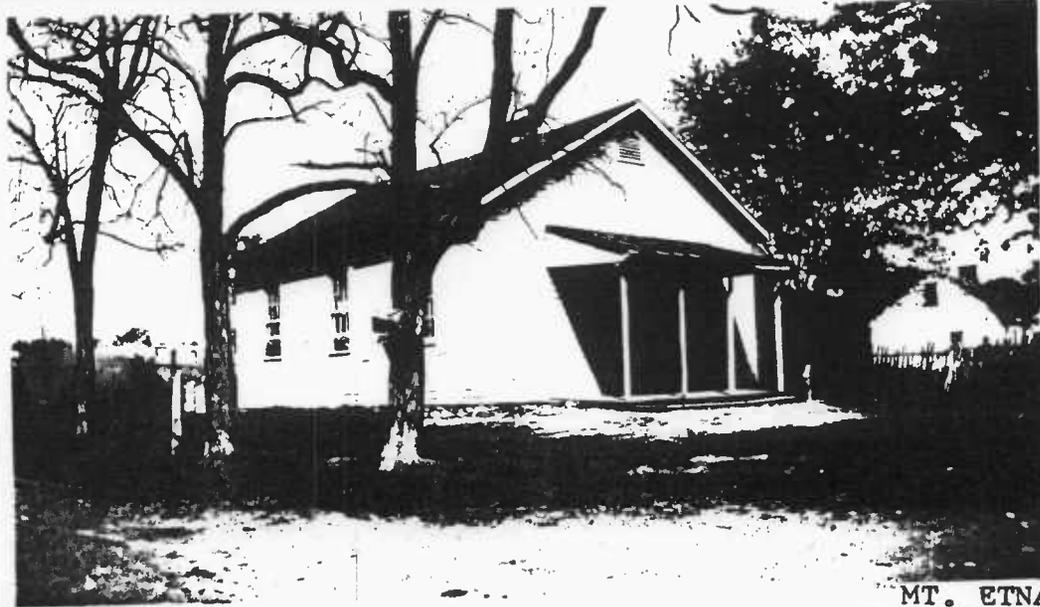
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MT. CARMEL

Schools in Washington  
County, Early 1900s  
by George Bushey

circa 1915 photograph



MT. ETNA



MT. UNION



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2. Kline Residence, 214102 mt Aetna Rd, Hagerstown

3. Washington County, MD

4. Kelly Steele

5. August 2000

6. MD SHPO

7. Facs of reference

8. 10F6



1. WA-II-1137
2. Kline Residence, 214102 Mt. Airy rd. Hagerstown
3. Washington County, MD
4. Holly Steele
5. August 2000
6. mid SHFO
7. SE corner of residence
8. 2 of 6



1. A  $\approx$  1137
2. Kline Residence, 21402 Mt. Airy Rd. Hagerstown
3. Washington Court - MD
4. Kelly Steele
5. August 2000
6. MD 5420
7. East elevation of residence
8. 3 of 6



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2. Kline Properties, 21002 NW Adira Road, Hazelton, WA

3. Washington County MD

4. Kelly Steele

5. August 2000

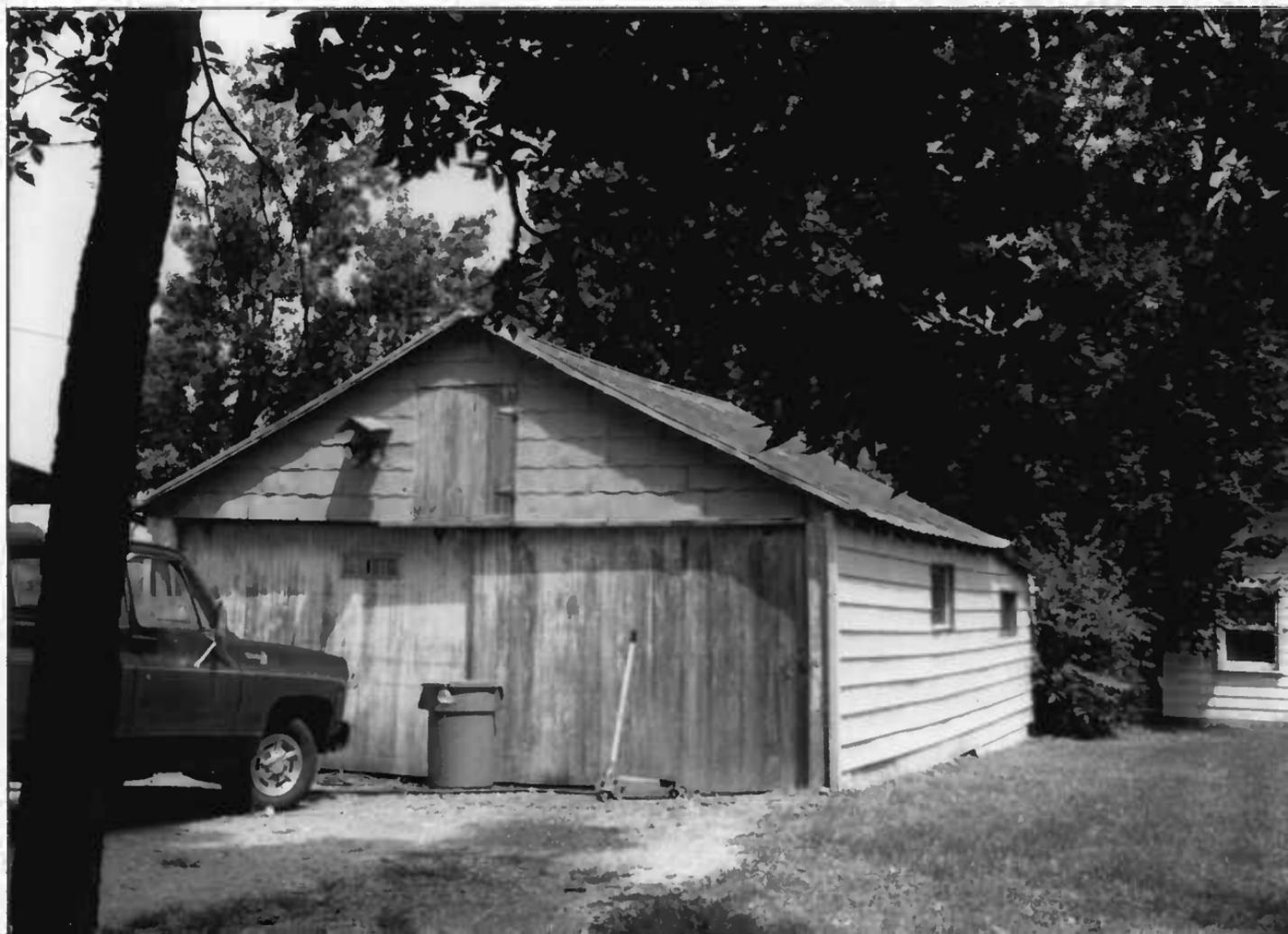
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7. North Elkhorn of residence

8. 41066



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2. Kline Reelings, 2102 mt Alab. Rd. Hagerstown
3. Washington County, MD
4. Kelly Steak
5. August 2000
6. n. 3 2470
7. n.w corner of reelings
8. 5 of 6



1. WA-II-1137
2. Kline Residence, 21462 mt Acton Rd Haystack
3. Washington County, MD
4. Kelly Stebb
5. August 2000
6. MD STRIP
7. garage, n of residence
8. 6 of 6