

Anne Arundel - 802  
Freedmen's Bureau School(Mill Swamp) (Site)  
Mill Swamp Rd.  
West River,MD 20881

1865

South of the South River Bridge, in southern Anne Arundel County, is Mill Swamp Rd. connecting Rt.2 with Muddy Creek Road. Almost at the lowest point in this road, the Freedmen's Bureau established the first colored school in the County in 1865. This school was supported by federal funds and closed in 1870 when President Andrew Johnson vetoed the bill that would have continued and increased the powers of the Freedmen's Bureau. The structure that housed the first school has long disappeared, but the old Ralph Bunche School (now a Community & Day Care Center) is close to the site.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Freedmen's Bureau School (Mill Swamp) - Site

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER Mill Swamp Rd.

CITY, TOWN West River (Owensville) VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Fourth

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Anne Arundel

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Anne Arundel Co. Bd. of Education

Telephone #: 224-0113

STREET & NUMBER 2644 Riva Rd.

CITY, TOWN Annapolis VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code MD, 21404

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Anne Arundel Co. Court House

Liber #: NHG 11

Folio #: 340

STREET & NUMBER Church Circle

CITY, TOWN Annapolis

STATE Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE N/A

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE 1865

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

There is noway of knowing exactly where this structure was located . It stood somewhere on the property now used as a day care center (old Ralph Buunche Shool) on the north side of Hill Swamp Rd., 1/2 mile from its junction with Rt. 2.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**



**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**

NAME / TITLE

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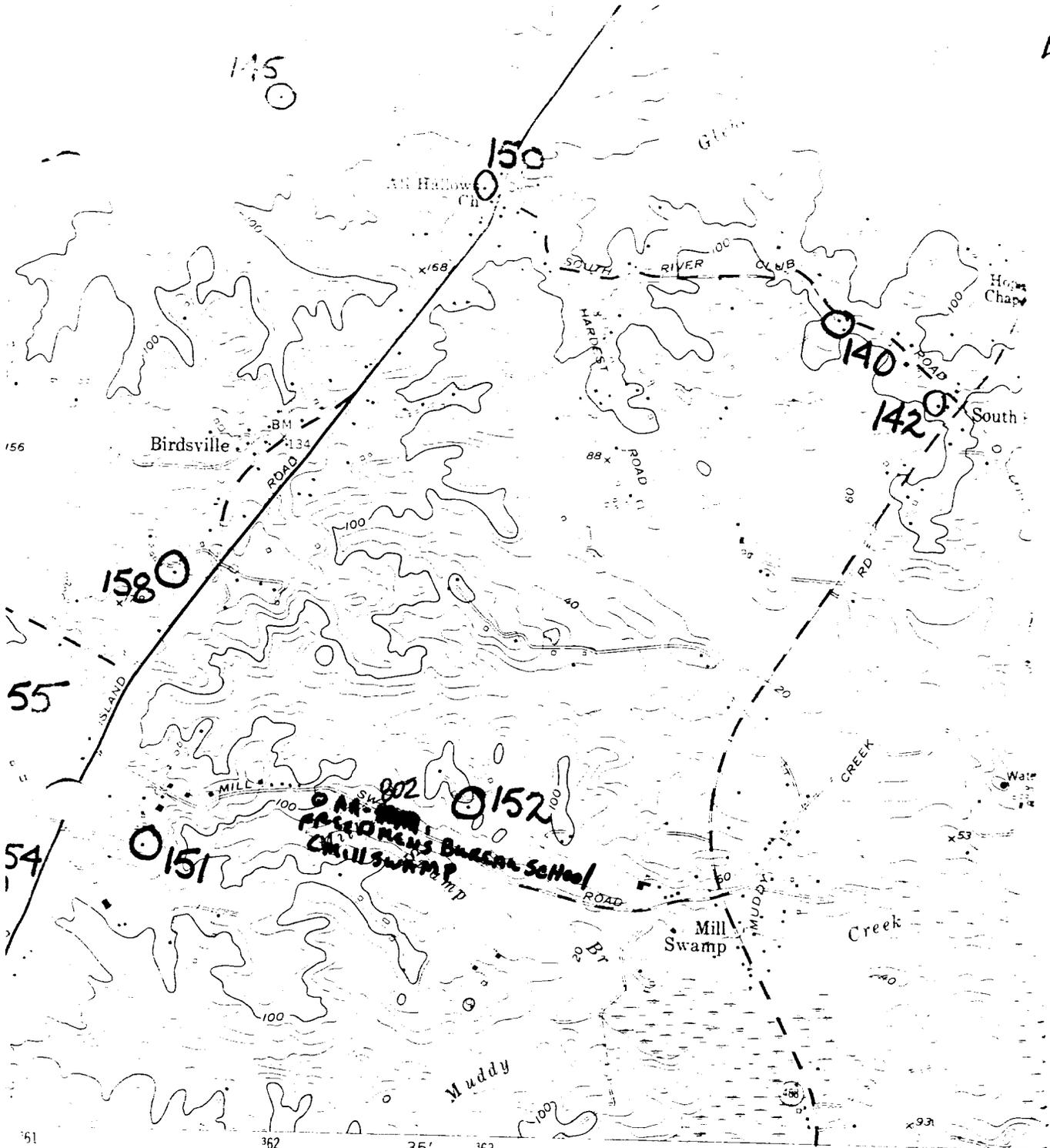
STREET &amp; NUMBER 20 Dean Street TELEPHONE 2692893

CITY OR TOWN Annapolis 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.

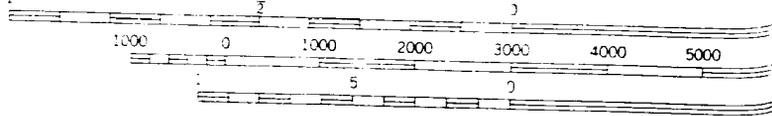
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



1.9 MI. TO MD. 255 (DEALE)  
 SHADY SIDE 7.9 MI. 5661 1 SE

SCALE 1:24,000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET

DATUM: 5 FT. M. SEA LEVEL

DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL  
 THE LINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER  
 THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 0.9 FEET

MAGNETIC NORTH  
 1957

THIS MAP COMPILED WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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**SOUTH RIVER**