

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-0428
Trujay School
7 Stoddard Court
Sparks, Baltimore County
1879
Private

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The Trujay School is a one-and-a-half-story building of solid coursed rubble stone construction with large granite quoins. The hipped roof with exposed rafter tails, is clad in slate tiles and marked by the presence of a gabled dormer clad in fishscale wood shingles and flush vertical board siding on the side elevation. One rebuilt stretcher bond brick chimney rises from the interior of the roof. The façade, or north elevation, is five bays wide with entries on the outer two bays. The east entry, sheltered by a shed roof supported by triangular wood brackets, features a fifteen-light single-leaf wood door. A fifteen-light single-leaf wood door with a twelve-light fixed transom marks the west entry. Three 12/12 windows pierce the central three bays. All façade openings have square-edged wood surrounds and sills. The west elevation has been altered by the construction of a one-story cinderblock addition that is one bay square with a shed roof. A circa 1990 in-ground swimming pool with a slate surround and a circa 1990 pergola of wood frame construction are also located on the property to the north of the school.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-0428

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Trujay School

2. Location

street and number 7 Stoddard Court __ not for publication

city, town Sparks __ vicinity

county Baltimore County

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

name Steven J. and Pamela J. Shipp

street and number 7 Stoddard Court telephone Not Available

city, town Sparks state MD zip code 21152

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 8651 folio 830

city, town Towson tax map 34 tax parcel 88 tax ID number 2100011807

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	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count		
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	_1_	_ _ _ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	_ _ _	_ _ _ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_ _ _	_ 2 _ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_ _ _	_ _ _ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	_ 1 _	_ 2 _ Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
				_ 1 _	

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 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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8. Significance

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

Specific dates 1879-1960 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1879

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

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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¹ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

² J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 877.

³ J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

⁴ *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

⁵ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

⁶ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .10 Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Hereford Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction in 1870, the Trujay School has been associated with the 4.55 acres of land known as tax parcel 88 of map 34 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

11. Form Prepared by

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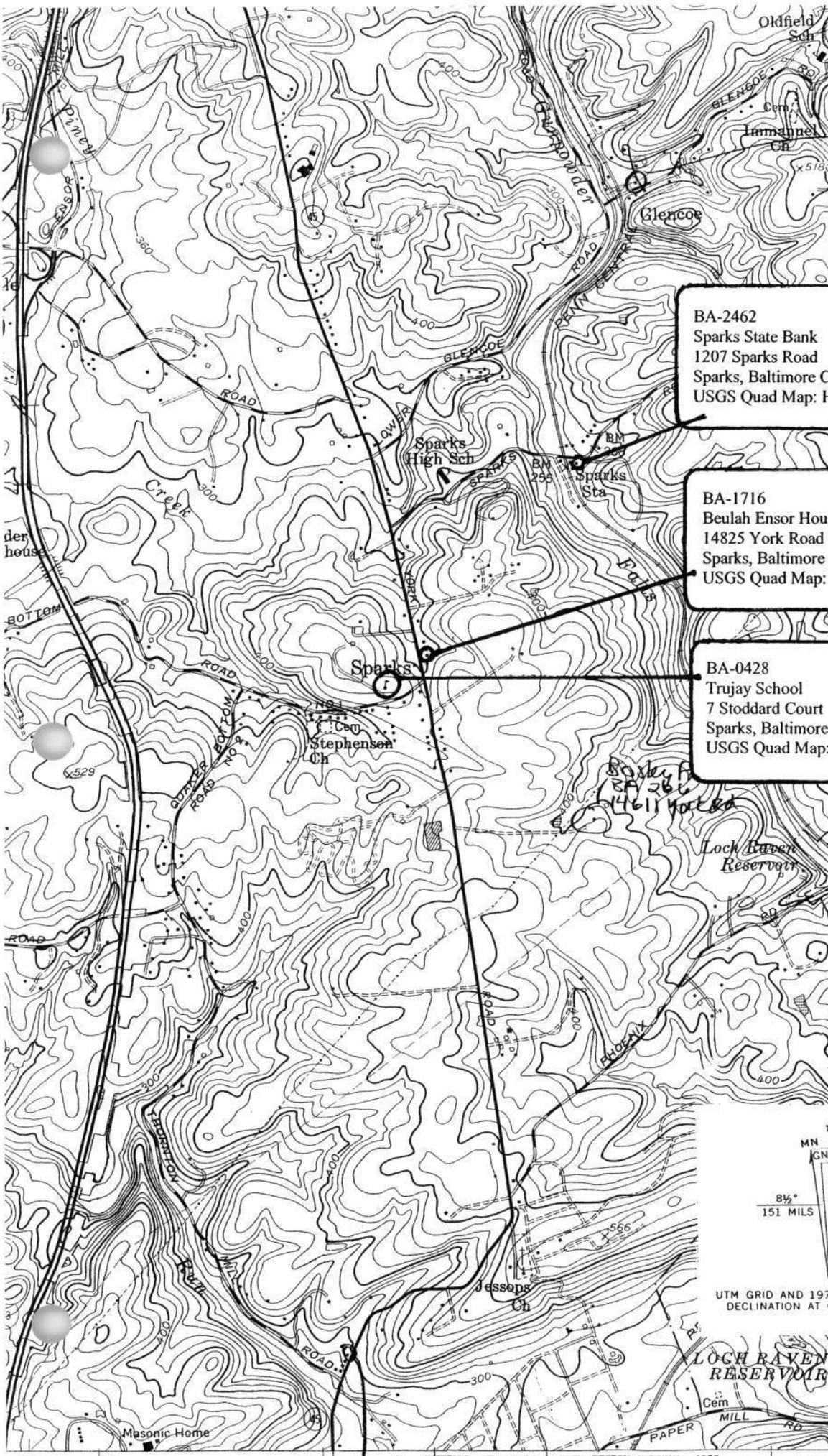
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Sparks, Baltimore County
USGS Quad Map: Hereford

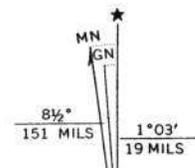
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Beulah Ensor House
14825 York Road
Sparks, Baltimore County
USGS Quad Map: Hereford

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Trujay School
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Sparks, Baltimore County
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*BA 266
14611 York Rd*



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JACKSONVILLE



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HUFF HOUSE - 1879 - Northside of Quaker Bottom Road, 0.1 mile west of York Road. Also called Trujay, this granite, hip-roofed structure in functional style was a former schoolhouse (School 9, District 8) built on land acquired in September 1879, from Josiah Price and auctioned off as surplus to John S. Huff in 1960. Built as 24 x 36 feet. Excellent condition. Location called Shaneybrook's in 1879.