

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA-568**

**3908 Beckleystown Road**

**Hampstead, Baltimore County**

**Circa 1862**

**Private**

The Beckleystown School was historically located in the village of Beckleystown near the town of Hampstead in the Fifth District of Baltimore County. The Fifth District is located in the northwest corner of Baltimore County and is historically known for its abundant waterpower and timber that spurred construction of sawmills, paper mills, and flour mills, making this an industrial region of the county. Located along Beckleystown Road, this schoolhouse was constructed circa 1862. In 1862, the lot was acquired by School Commissioners from Daniel Beckley. Although an exact date of construction for the school has not been determined, historic maps and architectural evidence support a circa 1862 date. Appearing on the Hopkins 1877 Atlas, this school is noted next to the road situated on the northeast side of Beckleystown Road. At the time that the school was constructed, Beckleystown was the largest and most important town in the Fifth District, having a population of 400 in 1881. Most of the town lies within the Fifth District; however, a portion of the east side of town lies in the Sixth District. Industry in the town was focused around the Beckley Paper Mills, which were located to the south of the crossroads on Gunpowder Road. The town was also home to two stores, Zouck's Hotel, a Lutheran and a Methodist Episcopal church, and the Knights of Pythias Union Lodge No. 50.

Set on a random rubble stone foundation, the two-story school was converted to a house in 1932. The façade or south elevation is two bays wide and features five-course American bond brickwork. A single-leaf wood replacement door with three lights and paired 2/2 horizontal sash windows pierce the first story. The second story features two 1/1 windows. All of the windows are replacement windows and those on the first story have rowlock brick sills. The first story façade is further detailed by a rebuilt one-story, two-bay wide porch with a shed roof and square wood posts. In the gable end, there is an inset semi-circular panel with a rowlock surround and stucco cladding. An interior end brick chimney rises above the front-gabled roof of asphalt shingles. According to the owner, a bell tower was removed from the roof, when the school was converted to a dwelling. On the rear of the house, there is a one-story, wood frame addition with a concrete block foundation, vinyl siding, and an asphalt-shingled gable roof. There are four non-historic outbuildings associated with the property, including a stable, pump house, shelter, and shed.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-568

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Beckleysville School

other

## 2. Location

street and number 3908 Beckleysville Road \_\_ not for publication

city, town Hampstead \_\_ vicinity

county Baltimore County

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

name Joan E. Schanberger

street and number 3908 Beckleysville Road telephone Not Available

city, town Hampstead state MD zip code 21074

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 9445 folio 272

city, town Towson tax map 15 tax parcel 73 tax ID number 0520030650

## 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	4
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	1	4
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b> <span style="float: right;">1</span>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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

The Beckleysville School, constructed circa 1862, is situated at 3908 Beckleysville Road. Set on a random rubble stone foundation, the two-story building was converted to a house in 1932. The façade or south elevation is two bays wide and features five-course American bond brickwork. A single-leaf wood replacement door with three lights and paired 2/2 horizontal sash windows pierce the first story. The second story features two 1/1 windows. All of the windows are replacement windows and those on the first story have rowlock brick sills. The first story façade is further detailed by a rebuilt one-story, two-bay wide porch with a shed roof and square wood posts. In the gable end, there is an inset semi-circular panel with a rowlock surround and stucco cladding. An interior end brick chimney rises above the front-gabled roof of asphalt shingles. According to the owner, a bell tower was removed from the roof, when the school was converted to a dwelling. On the rear of the house, there is a one-story, wood frame addition with a concrete block foundation, vinyl siding, and an asphalt-shingled gable roof.

There are four non-historic outbuildings associated with the property, including a stable, pump house, shelter, and shed. The stable, standing one story in height and three bays in width, was constructed in the 1960s. Constructed of wood frame, it features vertical board cladding and a side gable roof with asphalt shingling. The pump house and the shelter were both constructed circa 1970 and stand one story in height. Constructed of wood frame, the one-bay wide pump house is clad in vertical boards and features a concrete block foundation and a front-gabled roof with asphalt shingles. The shelter, which is two bays in width, has a side-gabled roof of corrugated metal that is supported by wood posts. There is also a 1980s prefabricated metal shed with a gambrel roof.

## 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** 1862 ca. **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1862 ca., 1932

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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<sup>1</sup> 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. 869.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Baltimore County Historic Inventory.  
Brooks, Neal A. and Eric G. Rockel. *A History of Baltimore County.* Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979.  
*Map of Baltimore County.* Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915.  
Scharf, J. Thomas. *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.  
Sidney, J. C. *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys.* Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850.
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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property	<u>.50 Acre</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>Unknown</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Lineboro</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24,000</u>

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Beckleysville School constructed circa 1862 is located at 3908 Beckleysville Road in Hampstead in the Fifth District of Baltimore County. It has been historically associated with tax map 15, parcel 73 since its construction.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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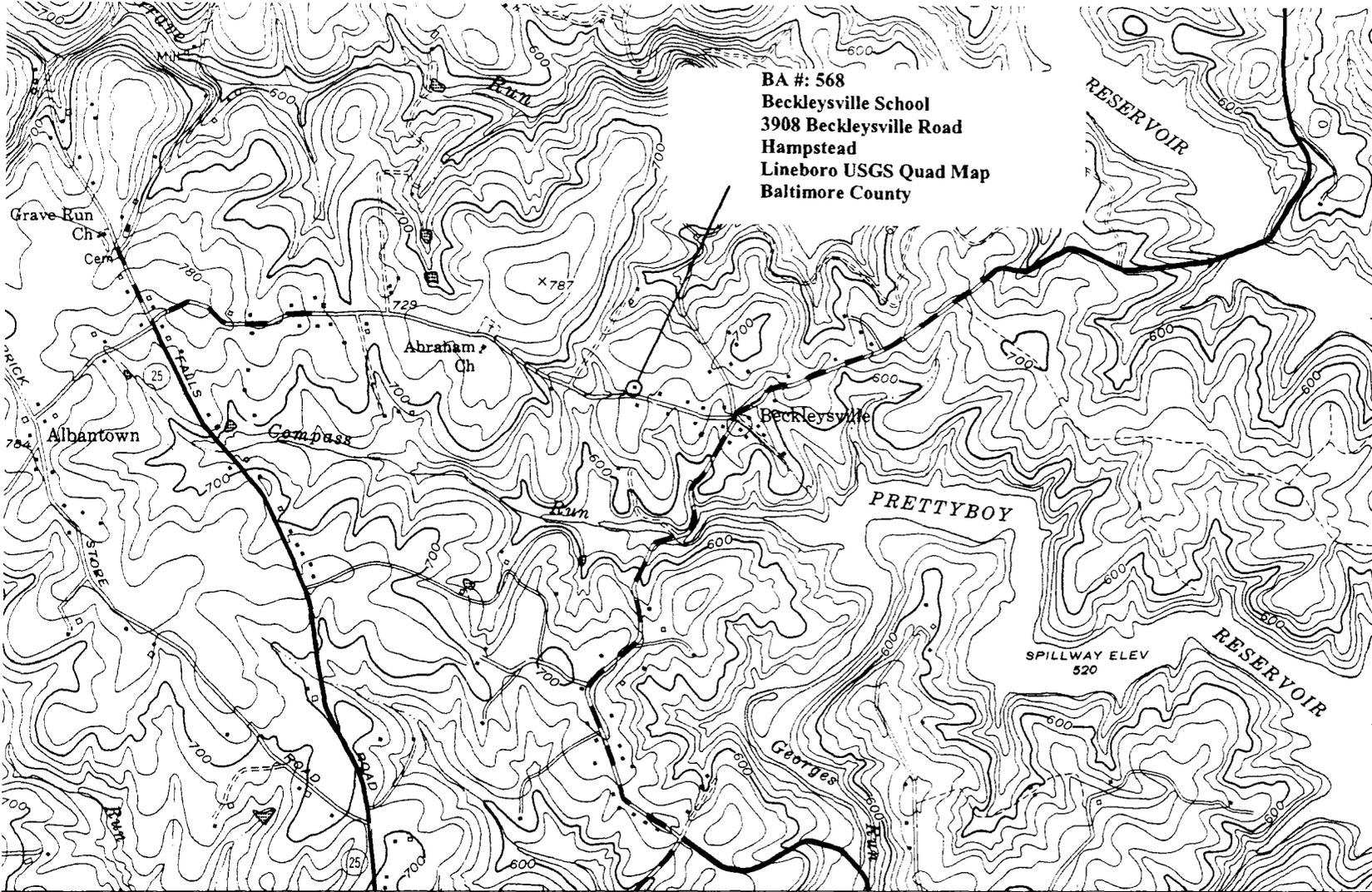
name/title	R. Weidlich and K. Baynard, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Tracerics, Incorporated	date	March 19, 2002
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

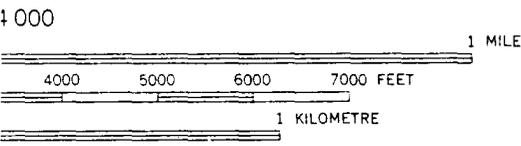
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DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

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 Beckleysville School  
 3908 Beckleysville Road  
 Hampstead  
 Lineboro USGS Quad Map  
 Baltimore County



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 Medium-duty 4 LANE | 6 LANE Unimproved dirt   
 U. S. Route State Route

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Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from aerial photographs taken 1974. This

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SCHOOL, BECKLEYSVILLE SCHOOL, 3908 BECKLEYSVILLE ROAD  
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SCHOOL, SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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SCHOOL, SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

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BECKLEYSVILLE SCHOOL, 3908 BECKLEYSVILLE ROAD

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SCHOOL, NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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