

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA- 632
Oakland School
1415 Oakland Road
Freeland, Baltimore County
1918 ca.
Private

The Oakland School dates to an early 20th century period of modest growth in the small town of Oakland Station, a community located along the Northern Central Railroad in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. Constructed in 1900, the building is representative of the many vernacular schools built in small towns and rural communities throughout Baltimore County in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. This building is at least the second school to be constructed, for an earlier building is indicated in the 1877 county atlas. Oakland Station began to develop after 1850, and by the late 1870s, the town comprised several residences, a school house, and the church, nearly all of which were centered around the intersection of the railroad and Oakland Road. After this initial period of development, Oakland Station—which is now known merely as Oakland—did not expand beyond its borders or population density.

The Oakland School is a one-story, one-bay wide building of solid six-course American bond brick on a solid random rubble stone foundation. The school features a front gable roof clad in standing seam metal and a small square bell tower that rises from the front of the roof ridge. Fronting north, the façade is dominated by a projecting entrance bay with a gable roof and a one-bay square porch with a gable roof supported by square wood posts. The entry features a flush single-leaf wood door. The west elevation of the projecting bay is marked by a cinderblock exterior chimney. One interior chimney of stretcher brick construction with a corbeled cap rises from the west wall of the three-bay-deep main block. A one-story, circa 1980 wood frame addition to the south elevation is clad with vinyl siding and is capped by a gable roof clad in standing seam metal. Directly behind the school is a one-story, two-bay wide privy of cinderblock construction that dates to circa 1970. The privy has a shed roof and is pierced by two flush-vertical-board single-leaf wood doors.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA- 632

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Oakland School

other _____

2. Location

street and number 1415 Oakland Road _____ not for publication

city, town Freeland _____ vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Oakland Church, Incl

street and number 1415 Oakland Road telephone Not Available

city, town Freeland state MD zip code 21053

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 10146 folio 579

city, town Towson tax map 2 tax parcel 41 tax ID number 0615000025

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	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	<u> </u> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u> </u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>1</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

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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 1918 ca.-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1918 ca.

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

² *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

³ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1 Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name New Freedom Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1918, the Oakland school has been associated with the 1.5 acre known as tax parcel 41 of map 2 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

11. Form Prepared by

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1415 OAKLAND ROAD

OAKLAND

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRUCKERIES

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NW CORNER

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TRAILERIES

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SER CORNEK

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1872

Oakland School (School No. 7)
1415 Oakland Road
(south side, just west of N.C.R.R. R-O-W)
Oakland

This school house, shown in the 1877 atlas of Baltimore County, is now the fellowship hall of Oakland United Methodist Church. Built in a functional style, it is a brick building three bays deep, set on a high stone foundation. The building has a tin gable roof and a high front entrance porch. There are two chimneys, an old one of brick and a recent one of concrete block (external).

The building was sold off by the Board of Education in 1933. The old School Commissioners had acquired three lots here in 1872.