

CT- 1259

BROOMES ISLAND SCHOOL

(1930; 1947-1948 addition)

Broomes Island

Public

This two-room school has the same basic design as the Randle Cliff School and the now-demolished North Beach School. All three were simple Classical Revival designs with a central entrance portico, flanked by ribbons of tall windows that provided ample eastern light to the classrooms. The Broomes Island School was later expanded with a shed-roofed rear addition.

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Broomes Island School (CT-^v) 1259

a) Historical Period Theme: Social/Education/Cultural

b) Geographic Organization: Western Shore

c) Chronological/Developmental Period:

Modern Period, A.D. 1930-Present

d) Resource Type:

Category: building

Historic Environment: village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): school

Known Design Source: none.

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CT - 1259

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name

historic Broomes Island School

and/or common

2. Location

street & number South side, School Road, east of Patuxent Avenue not for publication

city, town Broomes Island vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Calvert

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" 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"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: community center

4. Owner of Property

name Board of Commissioners of Calvert County

street & number c/o Calvert County Treasurers Office, 175 Main Street telephone no.: 410-535-2160

city, town Prince Frederick state and zip code MD 20670-3337

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Circuit Court Clerk's Office liber ABE 269

street & number 175 Main Street folio 666

city, town Prince Frederick state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date of move _____

The Broomes Island School, presently used as a community center, is located in a residential area of the northern portion of the community of Broomes Island. The school and its adjacent playground are located on the south side of School Road, a thoroughfare that extends west from Broomes Island Road.

The Broomes Island School is identical in basic plan to the Randle Cliff School in northern Calvert County. The North Beach School (no longer extant) also appears to have used the same basic design (from postcard of that school in the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum). Each of these schools was built as a two-room school and represented the initial period of school consolidation in the 1930s.

The single story, wood-framed, gable-roofed school is basically rectangular in plan with a shed-roofed rear ell. The building has a symmetrical east facade. The facade is dominated by the central pedimented portico with box columns. This portico shelters the main three-light, three-panel, two-leaf doors. These doors are surmounted by an eight-light transom. The portico has a rock-faced concrete block foundation.

The portico is flanked by ribbons of five, nine over nine, double hung sash windows. These tall windows provided ample natural light to the two classrooms. A secondary entrance to the main block of the building is centered in the south end wall. This four-light, two-panel door is sheltered by a wood-framed, shed-roofed stoop. The north end wall of the main block is blank.

The shed roofed ell extends off the rear (west) elevation of the main block of the school. The north wall of this ell is recessed from the north wall of the main block, while its south wall is flush with the south wall of the main block. The north wall of this ell is fenestrated with paired and single, six over six, double hung sash windows, while the south wall is fenestrated with a pair of single six over six, double hung windows. The west wall is marked by paired six over six windows, as two-leaf, six-light doors. These doors are sheltered by a shed-roofed stoop. A single, six-light wood-framed door is situated near the junction of the south wall of the ell with the main block. This door adjoins a shed-roofed, wood-framed stoop with concrete steps.

The foundation of the school is constructed of rock-faced concrete blocks. The walls are sheathed in aluminum siding, and the roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. A tall brick chimney with corbeled cap projects from the roof of the ell.

8. Significance

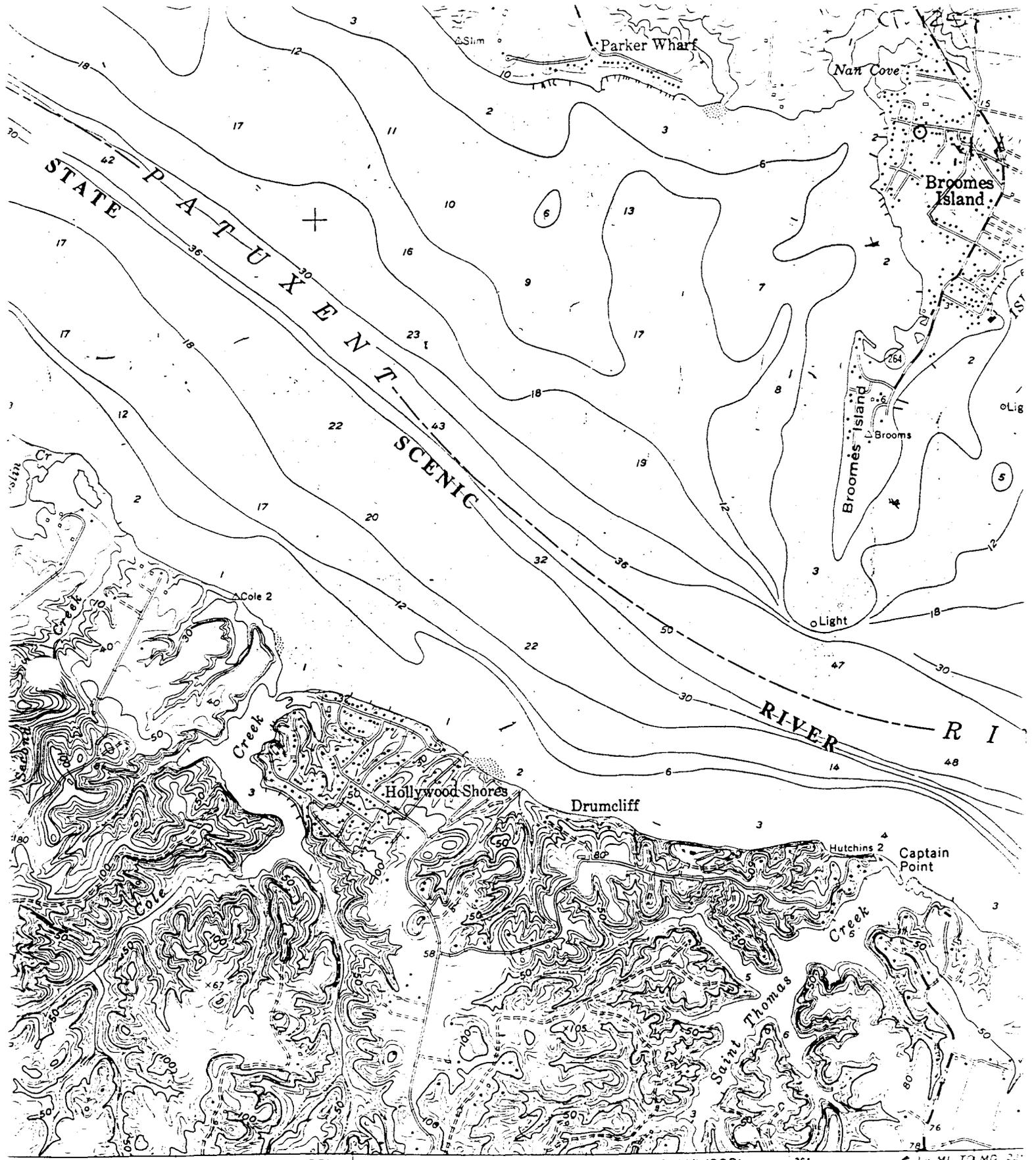
Period	Areas of Significance--Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	1930	Builder/Architect
check:	Applicable Criteria:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D
	and/or	
	Applicable Exception:	<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

As noted in the architectural description, the Broomes Island School is identical in basic plan to the Randle Cliff School and appears to have been identical to the North Beach School (no longer extant).

The first Broomes Island School was probably a one-room school, erected in the late nineteenth century. By 1904, the community boasted a two-teacher school. Approval for construction of the present Broomes Island School was made at the July 29, 1930 meeting of the Calvert County School Board. J.B. Lusby was selected contractor with the total contract cost of \$4,090. It was reported that the school would be ready for occupancy by Thanksgiving. The original school building was completed in 1930, and the rear addition to the building was added in 1947-1948.

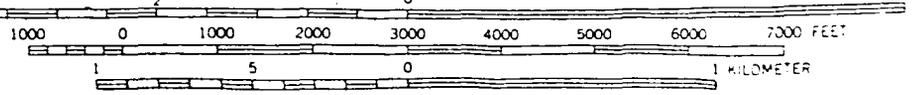
The land for the school was sold by Joshua Wilson Jones and his wife, Nettie, to the Board of Education of Calvert County for \$300 (Calvert County Deed Book AAH 24:472, August 2, 1930). The Board of Education retained title to the building until 1981 when it was transferred to the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County (Calvert County Deed Book ABE269:666, January 9, 1981). The school was the last of the small public schools in the southern portion of Calvert County. In September 1954, 59 white children were enrolled at the school. As of November 1, 1956, enrollment in the school was 71 white children. The school remained in operation until the early 1970s when its students began to be bussed to the consolidated Appeal Elementary School.



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 Broomes Island School
 Broomes Island
 Broomes Island quad

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(HOLLYWOOD)
 5660 1 SE
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9 1/2°
 169 MILS
 0° 58'
 17 MILS

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
 NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
 DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
 THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE



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Brockers Island School

Calvert, Maryland

Douglas McVarish

Maryland

Maryland SHPO

East facade, four windows

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Broomes Island School

Calvert, Maryland

Douglas C. McVinish

Aug 1998

Maryland State

Marine west elevation, tower SE.

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Broomes Island School

Calet Margaret

Douglas Adams

May 1998

Margaret Adams

South-western University 1118

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