

CT- 1265

RANDLE CLIFF SCHOOL

(1939; 1957 addition)

Randle Cliff

Public

The Randle Cliff School, identical in basic design to the Broomes Island and North Beach schools, is representative of the last generation of two-room segregated schools constructed in Calvert County. This school was built to accommodate African American students living near the Chesapeake Bay in northeastern Calvert County. The school is a wood-framed, side-gabled, rectangular building with a central entrance portico.

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Randle Cliff School (CT-^v) 1265

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.

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HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CT- 1265

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name

historic Randle Cliff School

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Dalrymple Road at Dory Brooks Road not for publication

city, town Randle Cliff 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Board of Commissioners of Calvert County c/o Calvert County Treasurer

street & number 175 Main Street telephone no.: 410-535-2160

city, town Prince Frederick state and zip code MD 20678-3337

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Circuit Court Clerk's Office liber JLB 144

street & number 175 Main Street folio 540

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

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
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The Randle Cliff School is located at the corner of Dalrymple Road and Dory Brooks Road in the southwestern portion of Randle Cliff, a village on the Chesapeake Bay south of Chesapeake Beach. Its site is raised above the west side of Dalrymple Road. A driveway extends around the building, and a small parking area is located to its south.

The Randle Cliff School is similar in basic design to the Broomes Island School (now the Broomes Island Community Center) and the North Beach School (no longer extant). The main block of the building, rectangular in plan with a side gable, contains single classrooms on either side of a central entrance hall. The entrance to the building is defined by a central entrance on the east facade. This entrance is emphasized by a small, pedimented portico. Two steps lead up to the concrete stoop and provide access to the two-leaf, wood front doors. These doors are surmounted by a full-width transom. The doors are flanked by two sets of five, nine over nine, double hung, sash windows.

The north and south end walls of the main block contain off-center, four-light, two panel, wood doors. Both adjoin recently constructed, wood-framed stoops. As with the Broomes Island School, a shed-roofed ell projects from the rear wall of the main block. The ell of the Randle Cliff School is substantially smaller than that at Broomes Island. It is recessed from both end walls of the main block. The ell is fenestrated with two-light, wood-framed windows, and a door is placed near the center of its rear wall. This door is raised significantly above ground level and is reached by wood-framed steps.

As with the Broomes Island School, the Randle Cliff School has a foundation constructed of rock-faced concrete blocks. The walls are sheathed in aluminum siding, and the roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. One brick chimney projects from the rear slope of the main block, while a second chimney, clad in aluminum siding material, adjoins the rear wall of the rear ell.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance--Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistory	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	1939	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, the Randle Cliff School is identical in basic plan to the Broomes Island School and the North Beach School (no longer extant). It was constructed to accommodate African American students in the Randle Cliff (Summer City) area of northeastern Calvert County. According to Goddard, the first Randle Cliff School was constructed in 1918. This school had one room.

At the February 25, 1938 school board meeting, a proposal was made to erect a two-room school in Randle Cliff for African American children. This proposal was accepted, and the school was completed the following year. The Randle Cliff School remained open until integration of Calvert County schools in 1966. As of November 1, 1956, its two classrooms accommodated 64 students. In 1957, the school was enlarged with the construction of a shed-roofed addition to the rear of the main block. Following integration, its students were transported to the formerly all-white Beach Elementary School in Chesapeake Beach. The Randle Cliff School is now used as a Head Start center.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Calvert County School Board Minutes [manuscript]. Brooks Administrative Center. Prince Frederick, Maryland.
Dunkle, Maurice A. "A School Plant Survey of Calvert County, Maryland. Part I." November 1956.
Goddard, Richlyn F. *Persistence, Perseverance and Progress: History of African American Schools in Calvert County, Maryland, 1865-1965*. 1995.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.86Quadrangle name North Beach, MDQuadrangle scale 1:24,000UTM References **do NOT complete UTM references**A

Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Map 12D, Parcel 13. This parcel includes all of the land historically associated with the school.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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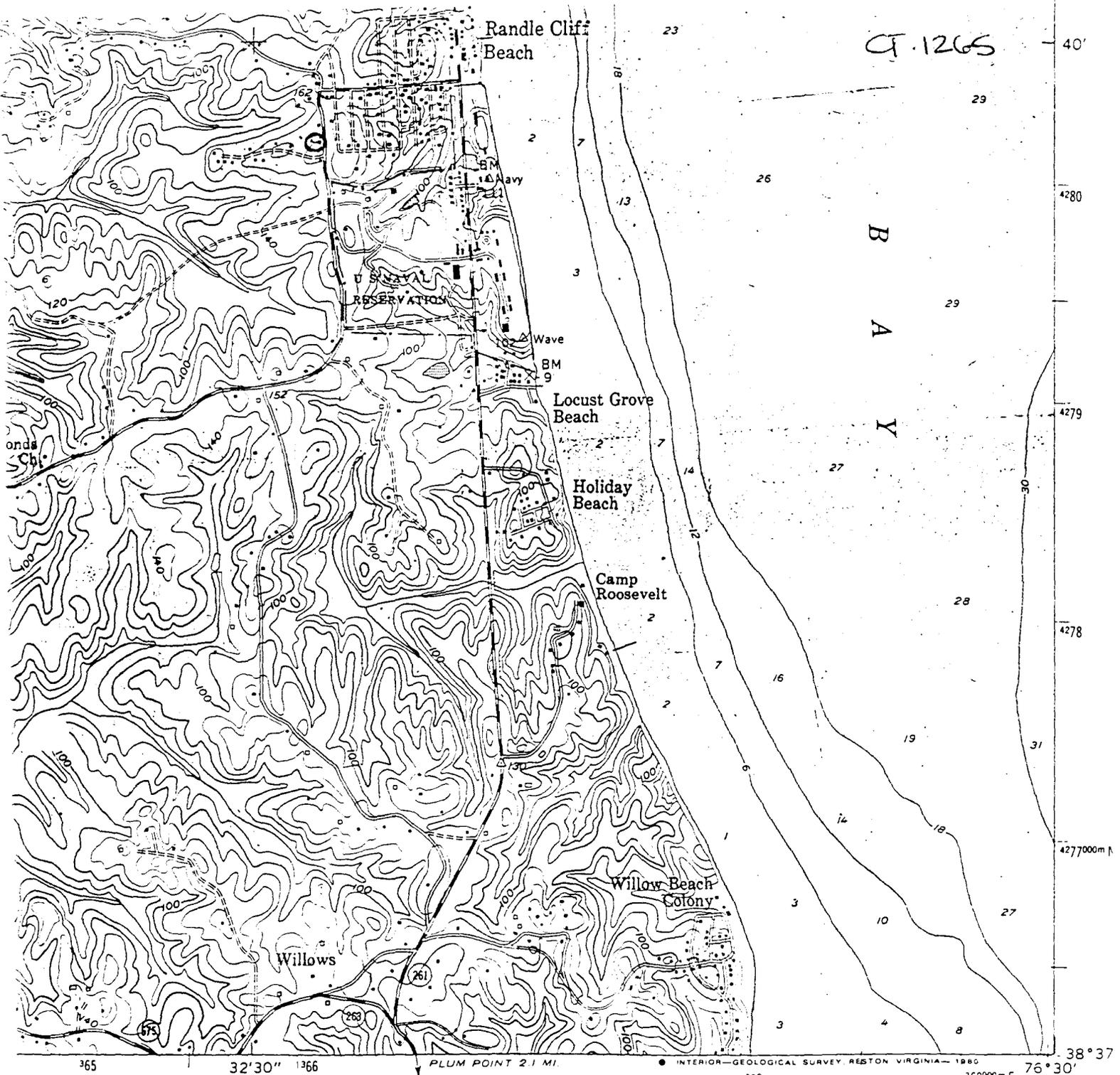
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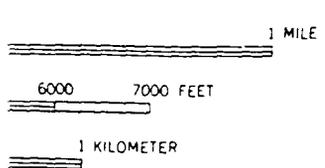
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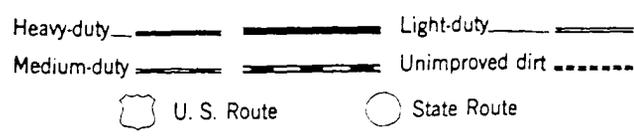


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Randle Cliff School
 Randle Cliff
 North Beach quadrangle

ROAD CLASSIFICATION



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NORTH BEACH, MD.

N 3837.5 — W 7630/7.5

1953
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Randolph School

Calvert, Margaret

Douglas Melrose St

June 1918

Marshall St PO

East facade, tower window

112.



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Pondie Cliff School

Eastport Maryland

Dr. J. M. Johnson

May 1948

Maryland

Northwest - 1/2 Section 11, T14N, R10W, S1E

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