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CHANEY SCHOOL

(c. 1880)

Chaney

Private

Among the most altered former one-room schoolhouses in Calvert County, the building is identifiable as a school because of the basic massing of the main block and its appearance on historic maps. The most obvious alterations include replacement of windows, construction of additions, and sheathing in modern materials. Because of these changes, the building lacks the necessary architectural integrity to be significant.

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Chaney School (CT-318)

a) Historical Period Theme: Social/Education/Cultural

b) Geographic Organization: Western Shore

c) Chronological/Developmental Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

d) Resource Type:

Category: building

Historic Environment: rural

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-318

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name

historic Chaney School

and/or common

2. Location

street & number west side, Brickhouse Road, south of Chaney Road not for publication

city, town Chaney vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Calvert

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name William H. Hardesty

street & number telephone no.: unlisted

city, town Dunkirk state and zip code MD 20754

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Circuit Court Clerk's Office liber JLB 192

street & number 175 Main Street folio 78

city, town Prince Frederick state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Calvert County Historic Sites Survey

date December 1980 federal state county local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state MD

7. Description

Condition
 excellent

 good

 fair

 deteriorated

 ruins

 unexposed

Check one
 unaltered

 altered

Check one
 original site

 moved

date of move _____

The Chaney School is located on a relatively flat tree-shaded lot at the bend of Brickhouse Road south of Chaney Road. Surrounding land use is residential and agricultural.

Originally a one-room schoolhouse similar to many others built in Calvert County, the Chaney School has been extensively altered in its conversion to a residence. Few obvious exterior elements of the original school building remain. According to the present tenant, the building sustained a fire after its conversion to a house, and some of these changes may date to post-fire remodeling.

In its original form, the Chaney School was most likely a gable-fronted, single story, wood-framed building. Recent alterations have included the relocation of the door to the east elevation, the construction of a porch across the east elevation, and the construction of two additions to the south end of the original block. All windows appear to be modern replacements. The east facade of the original block is fenestrated with two pairs of eight over eight, double hung, sash windows flanked by ornamental shutters. The front door to the house is placed in the north bay of the east elevation. A shed-roofed, four bay porch runs the length of the east wall of the main block. This porch has a concrete slab floor laid atop a rock-faced concrete block foundation. A second floor, placed in the north wall of a south addition, adjoins the south end of the porch.

The end and rear wall of the north block are fenestrated with one over one, double hung, vinyl replacement windows. The foundation walls of the north block are constructed of rock-faced concrete block, the walls are sheathed in vinyl siding, the original soffits have been replaced by vinyl soffits, and the roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. A square chimney projects from the roof ridge near the north end of the block.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	c. 1880	Builder/Architect
check:	Applicable Criteria: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input 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	

Because of the lack of extant early deeds in the Calvert County records, the exact construction date of the Chaney School is uncertain, although similarity in massing to other schools suggests that it was erected about 1880. The last teacher in this white one-room school was Elvin Howard. She recalled in an interview that the school closed in 1932.

The earliest recorded deed involving the school property was filed in 1969. In that year, the Board of Education of Calvert County sold an acre of land containing the building formerly known as the Chaney School to Charles A. and Frances Walton for \$10 and other valuable considerations (JLB 111:384, June 30, 1969). In 1970, the Waltons sold the school parcel, then measured at .761 acre, to Robert L. and Anne M. Jellison for \$10 and other valuable considerations (JLB 119:331, May 7, 1970).

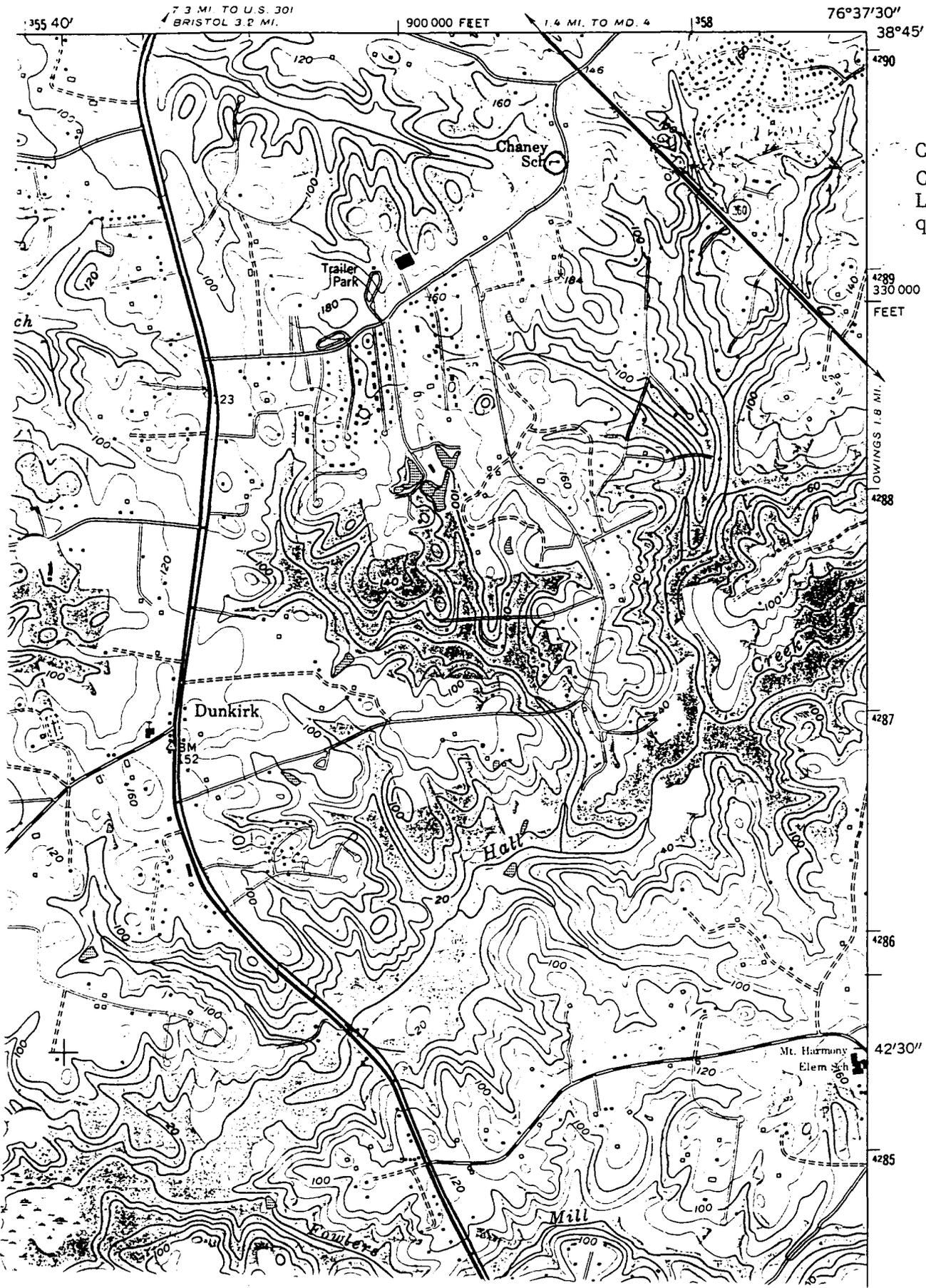
The Jellisons defaulted on obligations concerning the property, and in 1976, Adrian L. Joy, sheriff of Calvert County, sold the property to William H. Hardesty, its present owner, for \$35,000 (JLB 192:78, March 8, 1976). Hardesty may have been responsible for most alterations to the building. It is presently used as a rental residence.

The Chaney School is among the most altered examples of a one-room school in Calvert County. These alterations include replacement of windows, reorientation of the building, construction of major additions, installation of a porch, sheathing in modern siding materials, and replacement of soffits. According to the tenant, the interior retains a higher level of integrity. The interior was not viewed. Because of the level of alterations, the school lacks sufficient integrity to be significant as exemplifying the history of education in Calvert County.

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LOWER MARLBORO QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

5601 USE
(IDEAL)



Chaney School
Chaney
Lower Marlboro
quadrangle

4289
330 000
FEET
OWINGS 1.8 MI.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Chaney School
 AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Brick House Road

CITY, TOWN
Chaney _____ VICINITY OF _____ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT _____

STATE
Maryland _____ COUNTY
Calvert

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Robert L. Jellison Telephone #: _____

STREET & NUMBER _____

CITY, TOWN _____ STATE, zip code _____
 _____ VICINITY OF _____

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: JLB 119
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. FOLIO #: 331
Calvert County

STREET & NUMBER _____

Route 765

CITY, TOWN _____ STATE _____
Prince Frederick MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE _____

DATE _____

_____ FEDERAL _____ STATE _____ COUNTY _____ LOCAL _____

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS _____

CITY, TOWN _____ STATE _____

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Late 19th Century

Once the Chaney School, this building has been converted into an attractive home. The tall one-story frame building measures three bays long by two deep. A porch covers the east elevation. A modern addition joins the south gable end. A stove flue heats the north gable end.

Modern materials were used in the remodeling of this building.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although many of the original materials and finishes are gone from this building, its original form is still apparent, declaring it to be a school. This is one of a few such old schools remaining in Calvert County, and practical renovation along with careful upkeep insure its continued survival.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Merry Stinson

ORGANIZATION

Historic Sites Survey

DATE

December, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 5 Box 154

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Leitersburg

STATE

MD 21740

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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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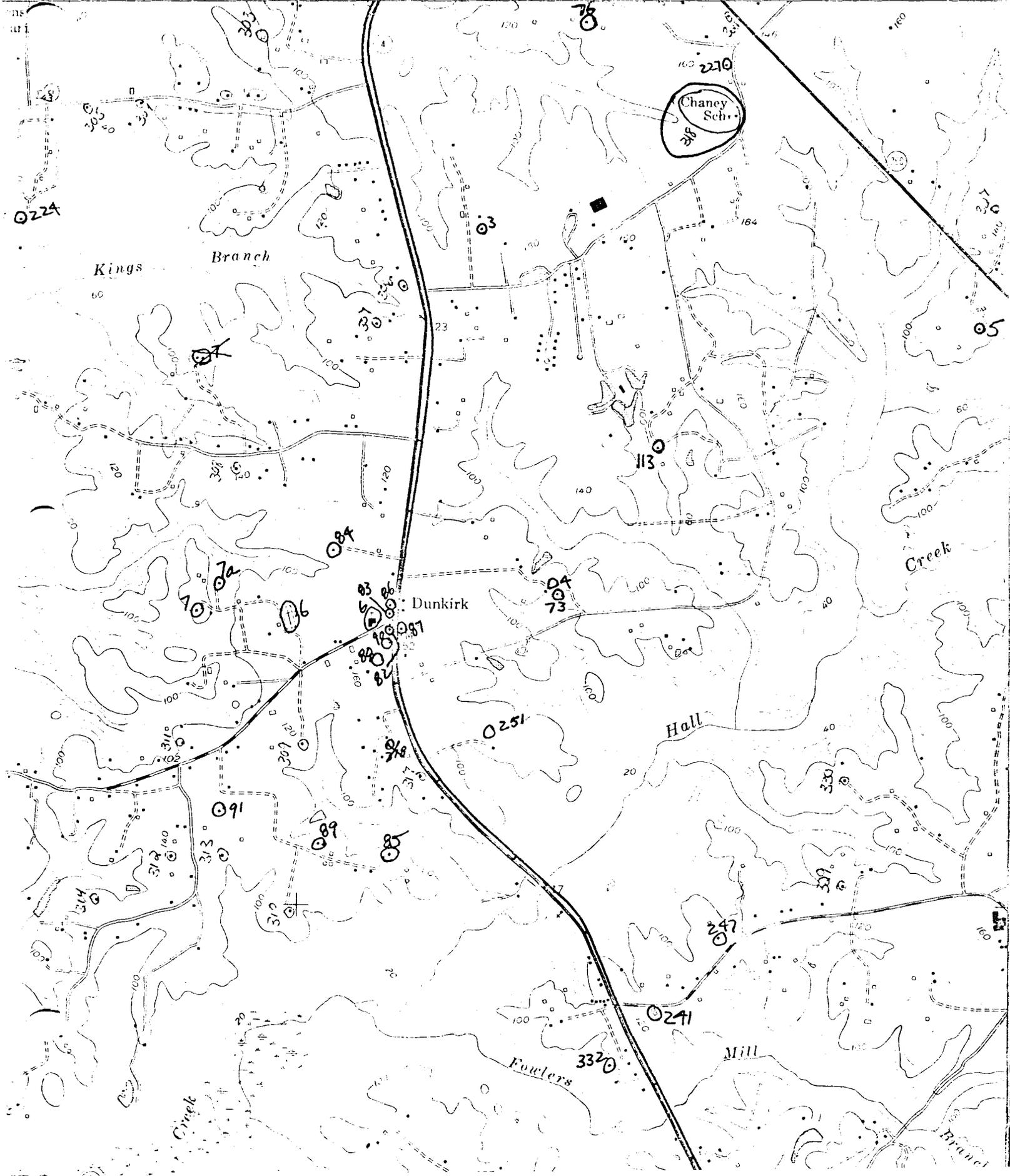
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CHANEY SCHOOL
(Late 19th Century)
Dunkirk
Private

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Robert L. Sellison; Chaney School

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MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

354 155 40' 7.3 MI TO U.S. 301 BRISTOL 3.2 MI 900 000 FEET 1.4 MI. TO MD. 4 358 76° 3'





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Chaney School
Brick House Road, Chaney
N&E elevations

Calvert County
Maryland Historical Trust
Merry Stinson 1980





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Chaney School

Calvert Maryland

Douglas McVarrish

March 1998

Maryland SHPO

East facade & with elevations, toward NW

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Chaney School
Calvert Maryland
Douglas M. Parish
March 1978

Maryland SHPO
East facade & north elevation, toward SW
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