

A substantial effort to better the County School system during the third quarter of the 19th century (1850 - 1875) can not be better illustrated than by listing the number of mid 19th century schoolhouses that remain in Cecil County. Most of them have experienced a change to domesticity but they do support a definite increase in the educational facilities for the county's youth.

School No. 2, or the Fingerboard School as it is locally known, typifies these single story frame structures spotted throughout the county. Most have had smaller sash replacements and numerous interior divisions. Some schoolhouses differ in appearance as will be seen in other entries.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 197

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

School No. 2

AND/OR COMMON

~~Earle~~ Fingerboard School

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Glebe and Schoolhouse Road

CITY, TOWN

Earleville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: none

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Essex Lodge Farm Inc.

Telephone #: 275-2497

STREET & NUMBER

Essex Lodge Glebe Road

CITY, TOWN

Earleville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21919

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: RRC 12  
Folio #: 405

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

School No. 2 c. 1855 is an abandoned School building on Glebe Road just north of Earleville, Md. The structure was converted into a residence and later left empty. The typical story and a half frame structure is one of dozens built throughout the county at approximately the same time.

The structure rests on a fieldstone foundation and is sheathed with narrow weatherboard siding. The medium sloped composition tile roof has a brick stove stack rising out of the north slope of the roof.

The south facade is three bays across with a central entrance and modern 6/6 sash. The sash windows were considerably larger before the structure was somewhat remodeled. The entrance appears to have been a window first with a door cut through later. A small shed roof adds protection to the entry. The eaves are extended with the soffits sloped.

The east side is three bays across but the structure is not as deep as long. This appears to have been the primary facade with a central entry and flanking 6/6 sash windows. A double 6/6 sash lights the attic level.

The north side has three windows openings and similar detailing. The west end is the same as previously described for the east end.

The interior was not open for a full inspection but reeded door and windows surrounds have bullseye corner blocks.

A delapidated shed and outhouse are found west of the school building.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

School No. 2 or as it is more widely known, the Fingerboard School House is a typical school building for the mid 19th century. Almost all have been converted into residences which result in alterations. This structure offers no exception to that rule and therefore no more significant than the dozen other structures of its type. A school building was also here in 1858 and called Jamison's School (~~Map~~ Map).  
*Map*

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**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**

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ORGANIZATION

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DATE

1/29/80

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Md.

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.

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FINGERBOARD SCHOOL (NO. 2)

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LANLEVILLE, MD.

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