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Warwick Academy  
Warwick  
private

c. 1859

Warwick Academy, a single story one room by three bay eight course common bond brick school stands on the western fringe of the first district town of Warwick. At the time of the building's construction Warwick was a thriving crossroads located between Middletown, Delaware and the lower Eastern Shore. During the decades after its construction the railroad passed through Middletown, ~~and~~<sup>white</sup> Warwick began a slow economic decline. The next decades also brought the Civil War and the eventual emancipation of local slaves. As a result, a small black community developed on the west side of town and around the brick academy. The last decade of the 19th century brought a change in the Warwick school system with the construction of a new school in 1890 along Main Street. The old brick school academy was later used as a black school and finally a residence.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Warwick Academy

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Warwick Road just west of center of town

CITY, TOWN

Warwick

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Henry & Elsie Brooks

Telephone #: 775-6770

STREET & NUMBER

Warwick Road

CITY, TOWN

Warwick

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21912

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: RRC 11

Folio #: 439

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Court House

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 type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The old Warwick Academy c. 1859 is a single<sup>story</sup> brick structure located on Warwick Road just west of the center of town. The structure faces southwest with the main gable running on a southwest/northeast axis.

The previous school building is presently a residence in the midst of a black community. Various single story shed additions have been added to the main facade in a haphazard manner. The brick block is three bays deep by one room across and laid in eight course common bond. The brickwork extends below ground level. A medium sloped corrugated tin roof covers the structure and has extended eaves on all sides. An interior end stove stack rises out of the north gable end. The window sash has been partially covered but were probably 9/9 with plain trim. Louvered shutters remain on each opening. The exact date of erection is recorded in the south gable end on a marble datestone with the inscription:

WARWICK ACADEMY  
INSTITUTED  
BUILT A.D. 1859

The interior was not seen but has been generally remodeled to suit a permanent living space.

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" 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 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

The Warwick Academy is one of a few known mid 19th century brick school buildings in the county. Most other structures that date from the period are of frame or stone construction. A concerned citizenery must have raised this structure in anticipation of many years of very active school children. The building must have remained in use for fifty years until a black community developed in the immediate area. It was in the late 19th century that a second school building was erected in the midst of town, and this structure was used as a black school.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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

Cecil County Committee

DATE

10/16/79

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Court House

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

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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SOUTH ELEVATION

WARWICK ACADEMY

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NORTHEAST ELEVATION

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