

SUMMARY

HA-1528

Union Chapel School
1010 Old Joppa Rd.
Joppa, Md. 21085

The present school building, now used by Union Chapel United Methodist Church, was a public school constructed in 1914 by D. J. Shanahan for \$2175. After 1910, few one or two teacher schools were constructed, and, thus, this building is unusual for its anachronistic design.

Prior to that, this lot was purchased in 1848 by the Trustees for the Little Falls Meeting House and Forrest Meeting House for the purposes of a school.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Union Chapel School

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1010 Old Joppa Rd., ner. Joppa (on same lot as and north of Union Chapel United

CITY, TOWN

Methodist Church) CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" 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

Seventh Day Adventists

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

1010 Old Joppa Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Joppa, Md.

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
21085

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE
Maryland 21014

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 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

This one story, gable-roofed frame schoolhouse is located adjacent to the Union Chapel United Methodist Church on the west side of Old Joppa Rd.

The school, set on a low stone foundation, is 4 bays long and 2 bays wide and sheathed in German siding. The entrance with a Georgian style broken pediment is in the south end, and there are 2 central brick chimneys with corbelled caps. Windows have 6/6 sash and trim of a slight crossette configuration. The roof has a raked cornice and a bell tower.

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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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The present school building, now used by Union Chapel United Methodist Church, was constructed in 1914 by D.J. Shanahan for \$2175. This was one of only a few one or two teacher schools built after 1910, according to C. Milton Wright, author of Our Harford Heritage. And the design is the traditional one used for schools from the early 19th century on.

However, this apparently was not the first school on this lot. In 1848, the Trustees for the Little Falls Meeting House and Forrest Meeting House acquired one acre from Thomas Kemp and John Saurin Norris "so long as the same shall be used for the purposes of a school or schools...and for no longer time than it shall be so used."¹ Wright states in his book that George C. Curtiss was urged by Lloyd Morris (Norris?) of Wilna to come to Harford County in 1852, and he opened a private school at Union Chapel. It is not clear whether Curtiss' School and the Quakers' School were the same enterprise.

1. HDG Liber 34, Folio 242

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Land records of Harford County
Wright, C. Milton, Our Harford Heritage, 1967

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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

NAME / TITLE

Natalie Shivers, Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning

DATE

8/80

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air, Md.

STATE

21014

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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WHITE MARSH QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
NW/4 GUNPOWDER 15' QUADRANGLE

5763 III SE
(BEL AIR)

178 25' 379 FALLSTON 11 MI 970 000 FEET 76°22'30" 39°30'



4172
4171
600 000 FEET
MOUNTAIN 0.5 MI
2.8 MI TO MARYLAND

27'30"
4169
4168

sville
BM
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