

## SUMMARY

HA-1558

Dunkale School  
Whitaker Mill Road  
Joppa, Maryland

This traditional one-story frameschool house was constructed around 1898 on one acre purchased by the Board of County School Commissioners from Jesse and Joseph B. Hoskins, owners of the adjacent Jesse Hoskins Farm (HA-1557). There are no records of when the school closed, and it was sold in 1951 to the Children's Fresh Air Society of Baltimore City, which owned the Hoskins Farm.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Dunkale School

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Whitaker Mill Road, east of Old Joppa Road, Near Benson

CITY, TOWN

Joppa

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

**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
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Bruce J. & Mary Margaret Hegstad

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 700

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21001

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Belair

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

5A-1555

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The old Dunkale School is located on the east side of Whitaker Mill Road, east of Old Joppa Road and south of the old Fresh Air Camp (HA-1557).

This one-story gable-roofed structure measures 16' x 36' x 16' and is four bays long and three bays wide. It is frame, now sheathed in asphalt shingles, (the original German siding is partially exposed on the north side) and set on a low stone foundation. A one-room gable-roofed structure is connected to the south side by a hyphen, and a one-story shed-roofed screened porch spans the north side. The roof has exposed eaves, and there is an exterior brick chimney in the center of the south side. Windows have 6/6 sash and pediments with a slightly projecting fillet; some have panelled wooden shutters. Entrances are located in the second from the west bay on the north side and in the westernmost bay of the south side.

On the interior is one large room on the east and three smaller rooms on the west. The latter have beaded board wainscots to shoulder height. The large room has a beaded narrow board ceiling.

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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 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

Named for the tract on which it stood, the Dunkale School was constructed around 1898 after the Board of County School Commissioners purchased one acre from Joseph B. and Jesse Hoskins for \$35.<sup>1</sup> The Hoskins owned the adjacent farm, which was sold to the Children's Fresh Air Society of Baltimore City in 1908. It is unclear how long the school was in operation: the records of the present Board of Education reveal only that in 1919 Dunkale School had 20 students and the principal was Gladys M. Baldwin. C. Milton Wright, author of Our Harford Heritage, notes in his unpublished files that Dunkale School was a one-room-with-additions schoolhouse. In 1951, the Board of Education sold the structure to the Fresh Air Society.<sup>2</sup>

The configuration of the Dunkale School is a traditional mid-to-late 19th century schoolhouse form, although by 1898 brick schools were beginning to be built in the larger centers. The scarcity of records of this institution indicates that the Dunkale School was neither a large nor a particularly distinctive Harford County school.

1. WSF 94/175

2. 367/21

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land, will and equity records of Harford County  
Interview with Ralph Barham, Public Information Officer with the Harford  
County Board of Education, July, 1980  
Unpublished notes of C. Milton Wright

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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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CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air, MD

STATE

21014

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Joppa, Maryland  
April, 1980  
Natalie Shivers  
North east

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Southwest

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