

HA-315

ca. 1865

Trappe School
1400 blk. Trappe Road
Dublin Vicinity
Private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Trappe School
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
1400 blk. Trappe Road 1442 Trappe Road, Bel Air
CITY, TOWN
Dublin X VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
1st
STATE
Maryland COUNTY
Harford

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	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"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER none

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Myrtle D. Moxley Telephone #: 457-4470
STREET & NUMBER
1420 Trappe Road
CITY, TOWN
Street, VICINITY OF STATE, zip code
MD 21154

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC
Harford County Courthouse Liber #:
STREET & NUMBER
20 West Courtland St. Folio #:
CITY, TOWN
Bel Air STATE
MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE
—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

5/13/0

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" 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 Trappe School is a one story rectangular fieldstone building possibly built in the late 1850's or early 1860's and located on the north side of Trappe Road about 1/4 mile west of the intersection of Trappe Road with Priestford Road (Maryland Route 136) in the vicinity of Dublin, Harford County, Maryland. The entrance faces east.

The building stands about 20 yards north of the road behind a barbed wire fence. It measures about 20 by 16 feet and has three bays on the east gable end with a center entry. The window and door openings have flat brick arches. The window opening on the north side of the door has been filled in with stone. The north and south elevations have three bays each. The windows have been broken out, but, according to C. Milton Wright who visited the site in the early 1970's, they were 6/6 sliding sash. The corrugated metal roof is undoubtedly not the original covering and there is evidence that the exterior was covered in stucco. These changes may have been made during the early 20th century when the building was used as a tenant house by the Moxleys. Mr. Wright noted a central chimney in the early 1970's which is no longer visible.

The interior was not observed in the current survey, but it was probably originally a one-room school. Interior changes made during its use as a tenant house are unknown.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
REHISTORIC	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1865

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Trappe School resembles Emmorton School in shape and size, but lacks Emmorton's entry foyer. The title search indicates the building ceased being used as a school prior to 1900. A second school was built on Trappe Road near Trappe Church in the 1890's.

Note: Survey No. 315 was originally assigned to Holloway's Barn. Information on this structure has been consolidated under HA-176, Stump-Holloway House.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Notes on school buildings by C. Milton Wright (Miss Mary Wright)
Martenet's Map of Harford County, 1878

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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

Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning

DATE

May 1983

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

(301) 838-6000 ext 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

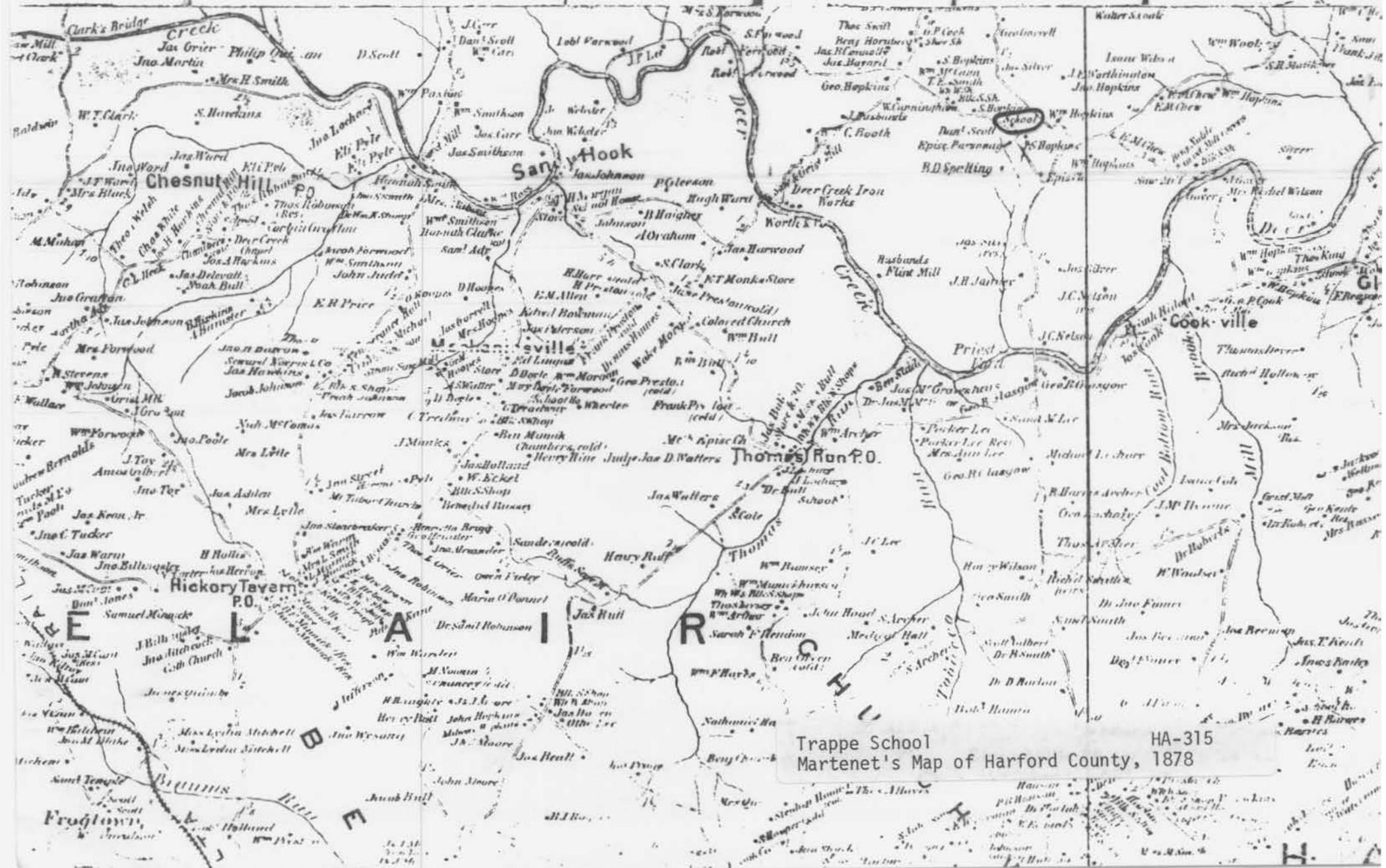
STATE

MD 21014

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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



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Martenet's Map of Harford County, 1878

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BEL AIR QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND—HARFORD CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

CONOWINGO 7 MI.
POPLAR GROVE 1.2 MI. 17'30"

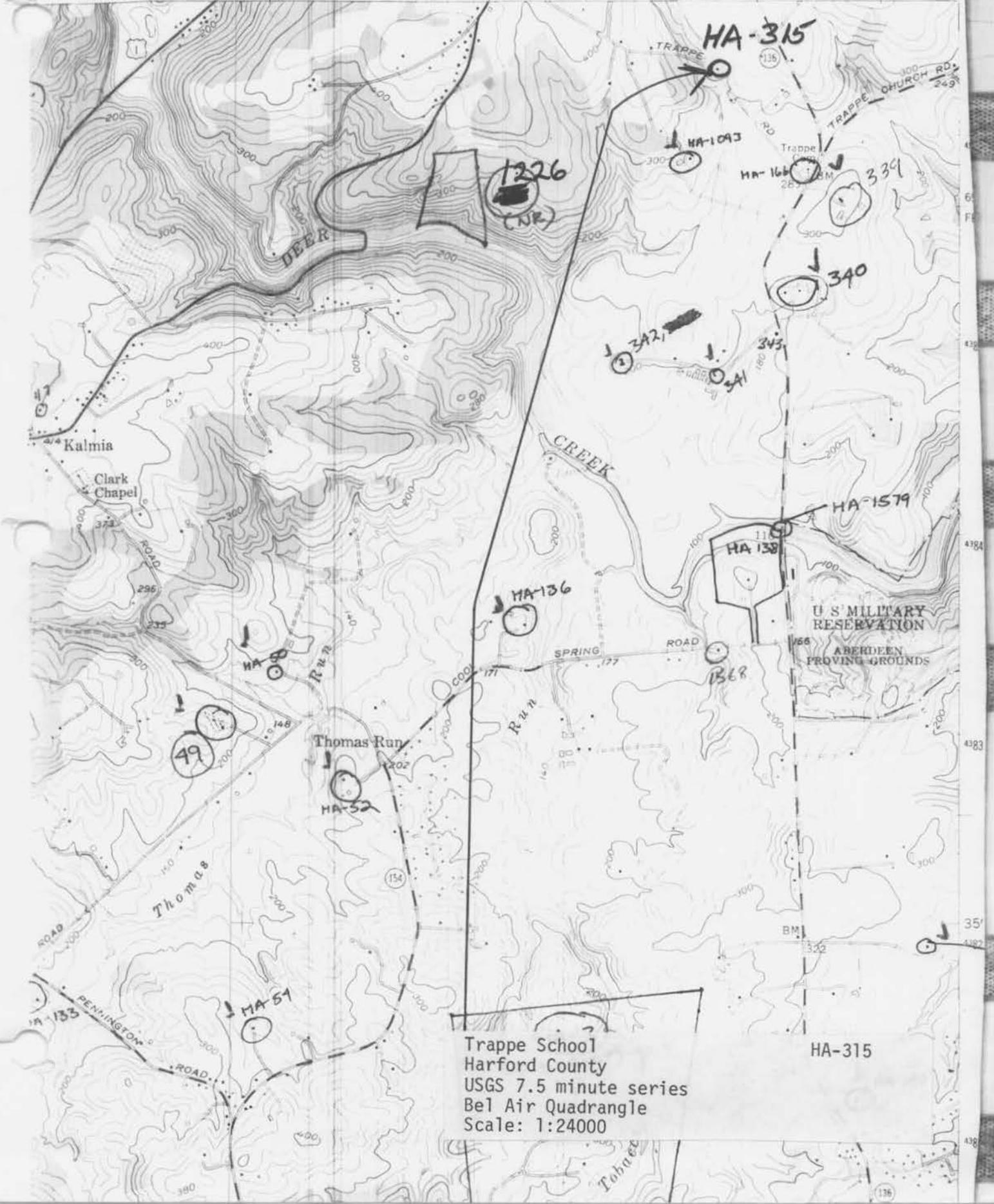
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0.5 MI. TO U.S. 1

WHITEFORD 8 MI.
POPLAR GROVE 1 MI.

1:101,000 FEET

76°



Trappe School
Harford County
USGS 7.5 minute series
Bel Air Quadrangle
Scale: 1:24000

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Trappe School
Harford County, Maryland
Photo: Janet Davis
May 1983
View from south
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