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 NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
 INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

 SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
 TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS
1 NAME

HISTORIC

First Free School of Ann Arundell County

AND/OR COMMON

Free School at Davidsonville

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North side of Laval Drive

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Davidsonville

VICINITY OF Laval

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

COUNTY

Anne Arundel

CODE

003

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER None

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. Paul Warner, Capital Programs

Anne Arundel Board of Education

STREET & NUMBER

2644 Riva Road

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Anne Arundel County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Church Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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 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

Archeological work completed and reported in July 1978 by Dr. Kenneth Orr states that "investigation conducted indicates that the site excavated on Lot 29, Laval Drive, Davidsonville, was indeed the Old (First) Free School as suggested in the archives and oral traditions of the area. The building date of the first Free School is somewhere between its contractual date of 1724 and 1746 when it was under full operation with John Wilmot as schoolmaster." This statement is based on a comparison of the existing walls, foundations, and rubble of the original fireplace in the "shedd," with a description in the contract with one "Mr. Thomas Gassoway to undertake to build a school house, for and in consideration of one hundred and thirty pounds Currant Money of Maryland." (See records of the Board of Visitors for Ann-Arrundell County 1724 attached.) Walls, windows, doors, and two fireplaces placed in the above mentioned contract match those found in the archeology work. Conversation with people who lived in the house or attended the "last" free school complete the findings. A wooden structure believed to be situated about 150 yards northeast of the stone structure is believed to be the second free school, built about 1869.

In a 1973 report to the Maryland Historical Trust by J.T. Wollon, Jr., architect, he described the existing building as abandoned, deteriorating building 49' x 18' consisting of six rooms on two floors, the first floor containing two rooms with ceilings 10 feet high and the remains of a wood shed. The second floor consists of three rooms, a den, and a bathroom. The first floor walls consist of two distinct styles of construction occurring in two joined sections, both utilizing local brown sandstone: (1) a smooth, square-cut section measuring 18' x 25' laid in coursed ashlar, and (2) a rough uncut stone section measuring 18' x 24' laid in fine-ground oyster bonding. The second floor is frame construction with shingles. The shingles were added between 1915 and 1934 according to Mrs. Van Horn who resided there at the time.

Tests made at this time under the transversing hallway separating the two sections of the first floor revealed the presence of a stone wall foundation connecting the smooth-stone sections and would provide the fourth wall for a separate structure as described in the 1724 contract.

The building is believed to have been altered on five separate occasions - once due to fire in the "shedd" area (see attached).

Little interior remains of the original structure. However, windows in one section are believed to be original, and several glass panes are of the early 19th century.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #1.

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Anne Arundel County
Maryland

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(DESCRIPTION, continued)

ATTACHMENT 1

The Martin Van Horns bought the property from Mr. and Mrs. Luther McKenny and moved into the old building in 1915. The McKennys bought the property from the Board of Visitors of the Free School of Anne Arundel County (deed dated March 1911) as authorized by Maryland Assembly (Acts of the Assembly, Chapter 577 of the year 1910, pp. 547-548). Curiously, the old house was on a 2 acre deed separate from the rest of the farm. The Board of Visitors, who had been in charge of the property since 1723 when an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland created Reverend Joseph Colebatch and others as the Visitors of the Free School for Anne Arundel County, empowering them to purchase property for the purpose of the Free School and to conduct the same, and giving them and their successors perpetual existence as a body politic, with all power and authority necessary. (Maryland, Acts of the Assembly, 1723).

But the Free School in 1911 was not the old building which we excavated. It was a one room wooden school with a large vestibule located about 1/8th mile southwest on a hill under a large sycamore tree which is still there. This school was known as the Old Rutland School and the "Last Free School". Many of the parents of the older generation in the area went to school here. One such older gentleman remembered when he and his friends would visit the old spring near the Old Free School, our site to get the daily requirement of fresh water for the school.

The Van Horn children remember the old building as having a 200 year old first floor, but a second floor which was more recent. A Mrs. Boswell, an old lady when the children were young, had attended school in the bottom part of the old building. She had to pay for the instruction possibly at a time when the Free School was in financial straits. Interviewees including the Van Horns remember that the wooden school building was dragged to a location about 25 feet north of the shed and used as a "brooder home" (chicken coop). Its remains must be on the site property although it has not been discovered to date.

The proceeds from the 1911 sale and 2 acres of the property were devoted to setting up the third school located at Rutland Road and Ross-back Road. This was known simply as a public school which, by this time, were all "free"--that is supported by public contributions.

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(DESCRIPTION, continued)

Architect's Plans for the First Free School, 1724

"The Record containing the Proceedings of the Visitors of the Free School for Annearrundell County 1724" is a remarkable original document giving an account of the numerous meetings from March 7, 1724 to August 13, 1794. On the final meeting the architect was given implicit instructions for building the school. These are transcribed herein from the original (Visitors 1724). Dashes indicate missing words some of which are sometimes guessed-at in parentheses.

"THEN the Visitors appointed to meet at Annapolis Thursday the 13th Day of August 1724 --
THEN likewise the Visitors agreed with Capn. Gassoway to build a School House and took a Bond of Gassoway for his Compliance with the said agreement which follows: VIZ:
ARTICLES of Agreement made of _____" and between, the Revd. Mr. Joseph Colebatch, Samuel Young, William Loch, Esq. Cap'n. Daniel Mariarte, Mr. Richard Warfield, Mr. Charles Hammond, and Mr. John Beale, Gent., Visitors Ann-Arundell County School of the one part, and Mr. Thomas Gassoway of the same County Gent. of the other part (as L)
Impris: The said Thomas Gassoway, for and in consideration of the said one hundred and thirty pounds Currant Money of Maryland undertakes to build a School house, twenty-five foot in le(ngth) Eighteen foot wide, the rafters Sixteen foot in length, and the length of the said house, ten foot in width, a passage _____ said shedd with four Doors. VIZ: one leading out of the gre(at room) into the said shedd, and one to each room of the shedd, _____ panelled Doors, and the other to be at the Front of the _____ to lay the floors above and below in the house and sh(edd) Carry up a pair of stairs in the large room, make a _____ under the stairs aforesaid, two large Windows in the (front) of the great Room, a large window at the End of the (great) Room, two Windows in the Front of the Shedd, and last, two Dormant Windows, one Front Door, and one door for head of the Stiars, a Partition in the Chamber, the large Room to be lined with plank, the Chamber and Shedd to be plastered, as likewise the sealing overhead of the great Room to be plastered, a stack of chimneys with three fire places: the lower fire place to be seven foot in the clear, and the Chamber chimney to be four foot - House and Shedd to be underpinned with good thick shingles, the said house and shedd to be underpinned and to fix the same into bastard Sash frames - to get Sills for the said House and Shedd, our of the heart of White Oak and to be in Bigness ten Inches one way, and Eight the other, and the other part of

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the Frame, to be of a Suitable bigness for such a house to be well framed, - The said Gassoway to do the work, workman like finding every-thing to work for Compleating and finishing the said work at his own (hand) and charge

THE said Gassoway, Rev. Mr. Joseph Colebatch, Sam Young, and William Loch, Esq.: Cap'n Daniel Mariarte, Mr. Richard Warfield, Mr. Charles Hammond, and Mr. John Beale, Gent.^m. _____ of the School Af'said: Undertake upon the aforesaid Thomas Gassoway compleating and finishing the work in _____ and form as above and hereafter _____."

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ATTACHMENT 2

ANALYSIS FROM INTENSIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY
OF THE SITE

By Kenneth Orr, 1978

Building Periods of the Site

Building Period Number 1.

Not long before the period of popularity of English creamware pottery (1740-1760) the great room of Structure I and the kitchen shed, Structure II, were built on a natural grade 12-18" below the present surface. Structure I faced the South River, and Structure II faced to the northeast 28' away. The first Structure II was different from later versions in having a lower chimney stack made of orange colored bricks, a loose rubble foundation, and a lower floor level. The area between the two structures was liberally littered with sherds and other debris associated with a passageway between a kitchen and the dining area. This passageway may have been covered but it was not paved. Flat field stones at the present entrance of the shed found at the earliest level suggest stepping stones.

Building Period Number 2.

In the later part of the 18th century, or early 19th century, stone walls connected the two structures creating Structure III. In this process the northeast wall of Structure I was knocked out and the debris used to build up the floor level of Structure III, along with the chimney stack of Structure II. At this time the front of the house was reversed and a coursed ashlar veneer put on the Structure II segment. Two front doors were cut into the front of the house. The former front door was blocked up, and a back door opened in the middle of the enlarged structure. The original dormer attic was probably extended at this time with the new chimney of Structure II providing a fireplace for the new section. A foundation was put in part under Structure II, and a massive chimney foundation built to support the new stack. Major diagnostic sherd: Blue/green shell-edged pearlware.

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Building Period Number 3.

In the middle of the 19th century the 2nd story of the house was raised to full height with an additional short-roof attic. The stack of the house Structure I was replaced at this time with a new foundation to support the additional weight. A centrally located door, between Structures I and III, was cut and the two front doors blocked up. Windows were enlarged at this time and an original window blocked up in the now right rear of the extended house. Diagnostic traits: architectural.

Building Period Number 4.

In the 1920's Structure II was cut in half and a flat roof replaced the "A" roof. A large cement stoop was added.

Building Period Number 5.

During or shortly after the 1930's a root cellar, 4-5 feet deep at the southwest end of Structure I, was built with perpendicular posts supporting the joist beams. This proved to be a dubious improvement since during periods of rain the depression would fill with water. This required strengthening the foundation walls. The cellar entrance at the corner of the southwest wall was finally blocked up.

The 1724 Plans for the First Free School and the Archaeological Site.

The 1724 plans and the archaeological data on the old building of Lot 29 agree on the following points:

1. Both have a tripartite construction: a house (Structure I), a shed (Structure II) and a connecting passageway (Structure III).
2. Both agree on the dimensions of the house (Structure I) as 18' x 25'.
3. Structure 1 has 2 windows in the front of the house as required by the 1724 plan.
4. There are architectural clues that the present full story 2nd floor may have originally been an 18th century dormer attic.
5. There are no inconsistencies, apparent or real, except as noted below.

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The archaeological site data appears to disagree with the 1724 Plan on the following points:

1. The 1724 plan requires underpinning of stone or brick with the rest of the building of shingles. "Underpinning" ordinarily means the short wall on which the 1st story timbers rest. Structure I has a stone wall extending to the 2nd story. This may be a real discrepancy between the two plans. However, the implementation of the 1724 plan may have called for stone walls, and "underpinning" may have had an elastic meaning to include walls in the 18th century.
2. Most of the chronological indicators of the site indicate 2nd quarter of the 18th century. If the first School House was built in 1724 (and we don't know that the old building was undoubtedly in existence when the first of the Free School advertisements was carried in the Maryland Gazette:

May 27, 1746: Reading, Writing, in the usual Hands; Grammar, Arithmetic, Vulgar decimal, Instrumental, Algebraical; Merchants Accounts,...

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 checked="" 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
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<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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The First Free School of Ann Arrundell County was established by an Act of the General Assembly of colonial Maryland in 1723. In that same year a Board of Visitors was appointed by the Assembly to locate land and construct a free school. Records of the meetings of the Board of Visitors are available in the Hall of Records. Dr. Kenneth Orr's July 1978 archeology report on Lot 29, Rutland Road, Laval authenticates that the stone building on this property was built between 1724 and 1745 and matches the description in the records of the Board of Visitors.

This would make the building the earliest remaining Free School in Maryland. Under an earlier Act of the colonial General Assembly of 1696, two schools were authorized, one at Oxford of which we have no record of construction; and King William School in Annapolis, which is presently St. John's College. St. John's was moved from the site of the original school and no known original buildings remain. Washington College in Chestertown was also once a Free School. However, land was not purchased for the Kent County Free School until 1728, and the original buildings were destroyed to build Washington College in 1796.

From advertisements in the Maryland Gazette, it is known that a John Wilmot was teaching at the Free School in Ann Arrundell County in 1746, and remained until 1763 at which time another ad appeared in the Maryland Gazette for a new schoolmaster. Instruction was held in the building until about 1865, when a wooden building was constructed nearby and became the "Last" Free school. At that time the stone building was converted to a residence and remained so until approximately 1960.

In the early 1900's the wooden "school" building was moved to a site approximately 150 yards northwest of the residence and used as a chicken coop.

The Anne Arundel County Retired Teachers Association and the Anne Arundel County Board of Education would like to restore the building to be used as a museum. The Anne Arundel County Committee of the Maryland Historical Trust, Anne Arundel Heritage, Inc., and many other community organizations will aid in the restoration of the Free School.

Upon the completion of historic structures report by the Maryland Historical Trust, a decision will be made as to the period of restoration by a policy group consisting of representatives of involved organizations.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being Lot 29 in the LaVall Housing Development in Davidsonville, Maryland,
described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the North side of LaVall Road and at the
Southwestern most corner of said Lot 29; thence, following in a
northeasterly direction, the arc of a curve of radius 550.38 feet,
18.31 feet; thence, running with said LaVall Road North 69 degrees
29 minutes 23 second East, 150.30 feet; thence, running North 20 degrees
30 minutes 37 seconds West, 300.0 feet; thence, running north 33 degrees
58 minutes 19 seconds West, 53.11 feet; thence, running north 89 degrees
11 minutes 53 seconds West, 153.17 feet; thence running South 18 degrees
36 minutes 15 seconds East 407.25 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 1.4 acres more or less.

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for the
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1. NAME

COMMON:
Anne Arundel County Free School

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Off of east side of Rutland Road, on north side of main street

CITY OR TOWN:
through development of Lavall, near Rutland

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Anne Arundel

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC		
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Green Hill Company

STREET AND NUMBER:
(C.G. Aben, Jr., Realtor, South River Bridge, Edgewater)

CITY OR TOWN: Edgewater STATE: Maryland 21037

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Anne Arundel County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Annapolis, Maryland

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

Map # 49, AD #2, Parcel #30 Liber/Folio #1249/141

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

ORGANIZATION DATE

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature

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7 DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> (Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>An abandoned building used as a dwelling until 1956 is located on a wooded plot, part of a larger tract of land now in the process of purchase. The potential future owner is interested in having site placed on the National Register. Amount of land is negotiable.</p> <p>The present building measures 18'x6' in width and 47'x9' in length. The lower story is of fieldstone containing low grade iron ore such as is found at the head of South River. The fieldstone of the ends and back of the building is rough laid. At the front of the building the fieldstone to the right of the front door is shaped but is of uneven size and rough laid; that at the left of the door is shaped in blocks and laid in courses. The second story is frame covered with asbestos shingles. The shingles were put on between 1915 and 1938, according to a local person who lived there during those years.</p> <p>Some of the rafters of the building were hand hewn, others were sawn. There is a center hall with staircase. There is a room on each side of the hall. The room to the right has a chimney stack at the far end, with a fireplace that has been bricked up. A second fireplace opens behind this, into a crude lean-to shed now in a ruinous condition. This shed replaced a 1-1/2 story frame wing which appears in an old photograph.</p> <p>A copy of the original specifications for construction of the Anne Arundel Free School is attached.* This provided for a building 18' x 25', which is one-half the existing building. A chamber above with fireplace provided living quarters for the schoolmaster. There were originally 150 acres of land as part of the school property to furnish a partial living for the schoolmaster.</p> <p>* Pages 13 and 14 of "The Proceedings of the Visitors of the Free School for Annearrundell County 1724"</p>	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Colonial
 16th Century

- 16th Century
 17th Century

- 18th Century
 19th Century

- 20th Century

PRINCIPAL DETAILS (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

- Prehistoric
 Historic

- Agriculture
 Architecture

- Art
 Commerce

- Communications
 Conservation

Education

- Engineering
 Industry

- Invention
 Landscape

- Architecture

- Literature
 Military

- Music

Political

- Religion/Philosophy

Science

Sculpture

Social/Humanitarian

Theater

Transportation

Urban Planning

Other (Specify)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Free School of Anne Arundel County was established as a result of the Act of General Assembly of the Maryland Colony in 1723. This was the second of two separate Acts by the colonial government for the education of its sons - one in 1696 and this one in 1723.* This appears to be the only school building established in response to the Act of 1723 still in existence in the State. If acquired by the Board of Education, it would be used as a museum with Retired Teachers of Anne Arundel County acting as collectors. The goal is to have it ready for the Bicentennial celebration.

A number of advertisements appear in the Maryland Gazette advertising either the services of the Anne Arundel County Free School, or vacancies for schoolmasters:

Maryland Gazette, May 27, 1746: Reading, Writing, in the usual Hands; Grammar, Arithmetic, Volgar Decimal, Instrumental, Algebraical; Merchants Accounts, with the Italian method of Bookkeeping; Geometry, Trigonometry, Plain Spheric; with their Applications in Surveying, Navigation, Astronomy, Dialling; Likewise the Use of the Globe and Sandry other parts of the Mathematics, are concisely taught at the Anne Arundel County School near the Head of South River, by
 John Wilmot.

May 12, 1763: Wanted, A SCHOOLMASTER to teach Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic. Such an one will meet with Employ, on Application to Samuel Snowden

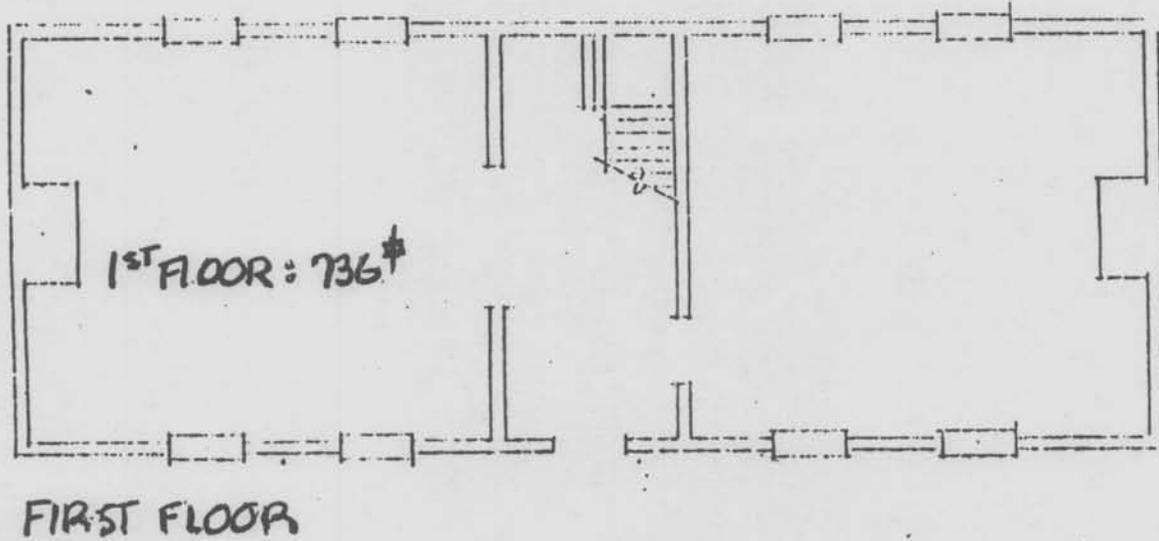
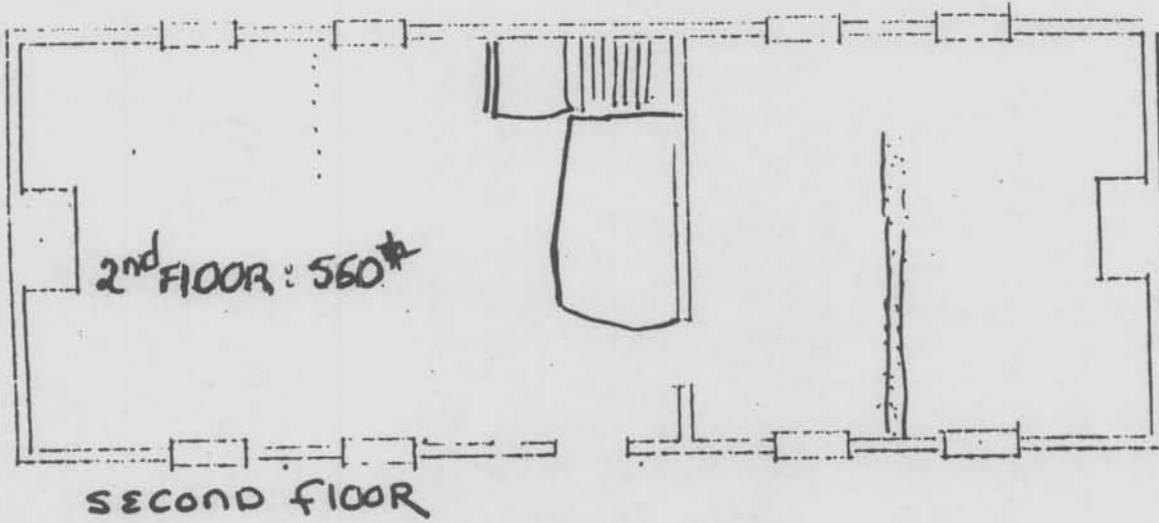
October 15, 1767: Wanted, A Master, etc.

February 15, 1781: Any person capable of keeping school, etc.

* As a result of the 1696 Act of the General Assembly, King William's School in Annapolis was established; as a result of the 1723 Act, King's School was established. The latter was chartered as Washington College in 1782; two years later the former was chartered as St. Johns. The Free School continued at least up until Revolutionary days to serve the younger children.

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ATTACHMENT III



Present floor Plan

A.A. FREE SCHOOL

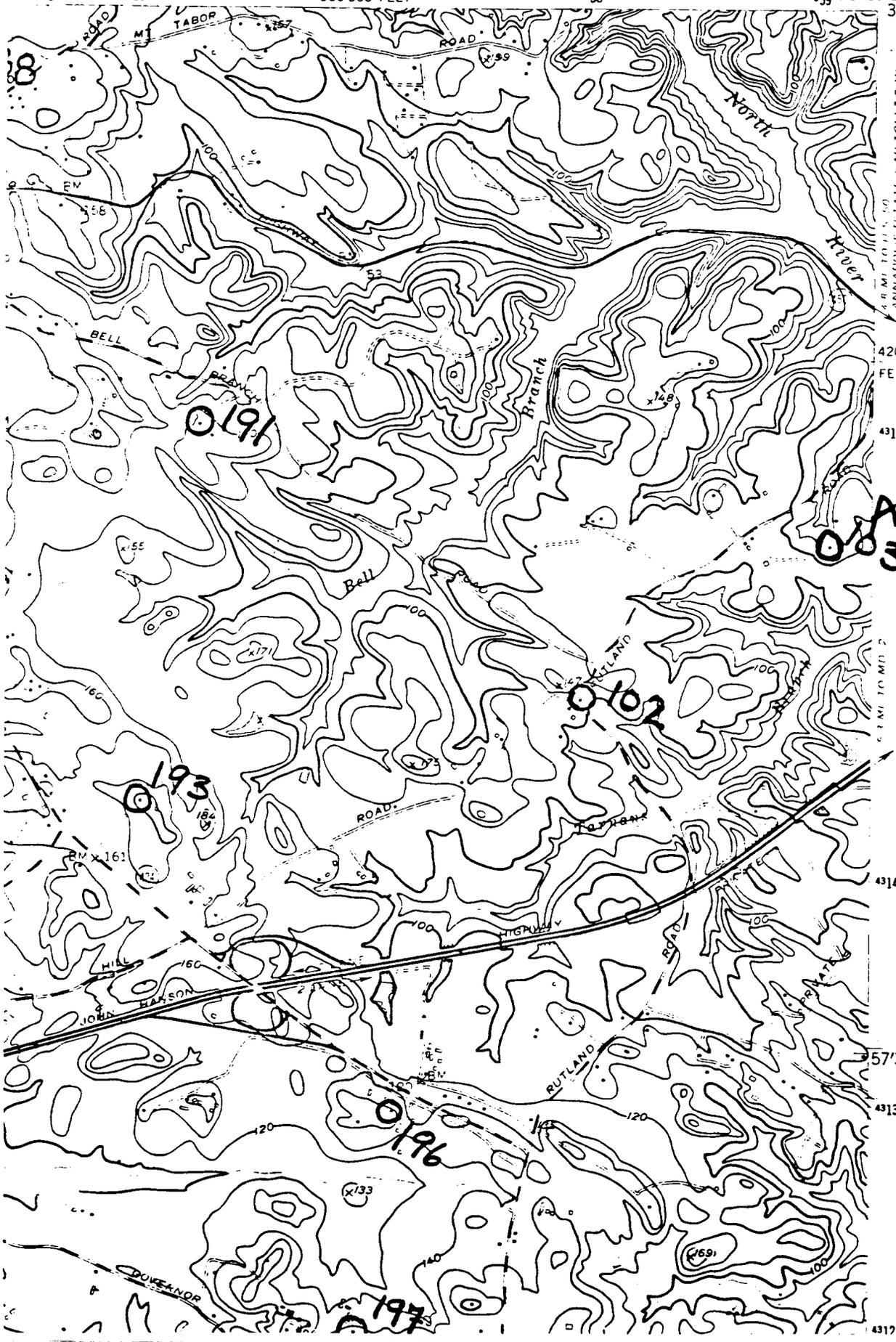
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MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

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Free School
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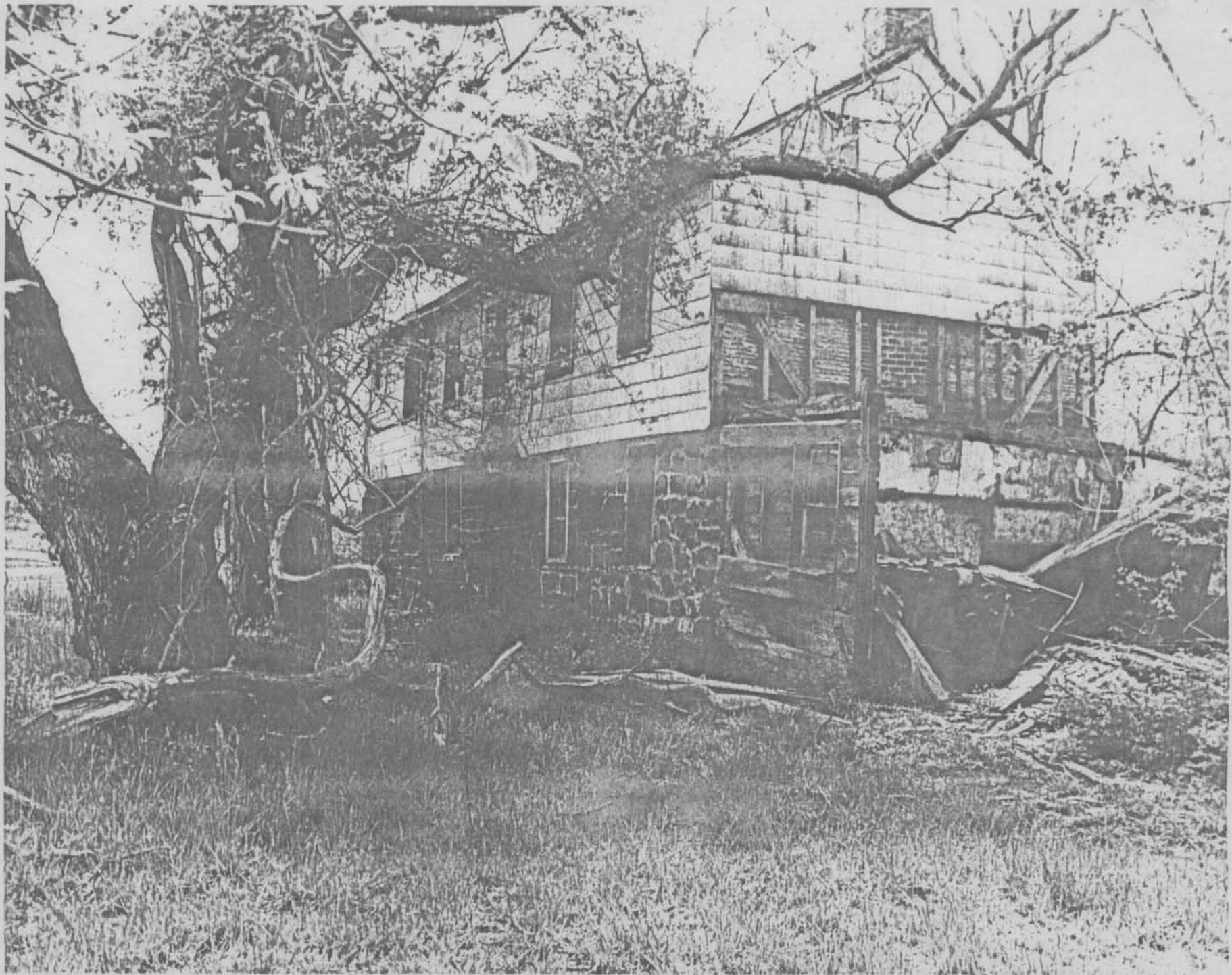
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Old Toy White
1850s

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South Elevation



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S.W. Corner



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Anne Arundel County
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East Elevation



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N.E. Elevation