

Circa 1927

P. G. #71B-10
Bowie School
13216 and 13218 10th Street, Bowie, Md.
Priv/Occ/Res/Fair

The Bowie school is a one-story, hip-roofed, two-room building typical of the larger schools built during the late 1920's with Rosenwald funds. It has a projecting entryway centered on its south (main) facade; from this entryway a door (on each side) leads into each of the two large classrooms. The west half of the building has been renovated to make a private residence, and the original shingle siding has been replaced by board. The east half of the building remains in near original condition, its shingle siding intact in most places.

The first school for the black children of Bowie was constructed ca. 1877 on Horsepen Hill, southeast of the railroad junction. As the black population of this railroad town increased, the decision was made to construct a larger school within the corporate limits. The Board of Education purchased a two-acre block of land for the purpose of establishing a colored school with sufficient land for playground purposes. The Bowie school was built in 1927 and became a prototype of black elementary schools of this period: two large, high-ceilinged classrooms each of which served at least three grade levels, a central storage area, and a projecting entryway formed by two cloakrooms. Of the several schools of this type still standing, the Bowie School is closest to the original school form and condition.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Bowie "Colored" School (#1-14C)

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 13216 and 13218 10th Street not for publication

city, town Bowie vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Anthony Henry

street & number 13216 10th Street telephone no.:

city, town Bowie state and zip code Md., 20715

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P. G. Co. Courthouse liber 4494

street & number Main Street folio 559

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title NONE

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

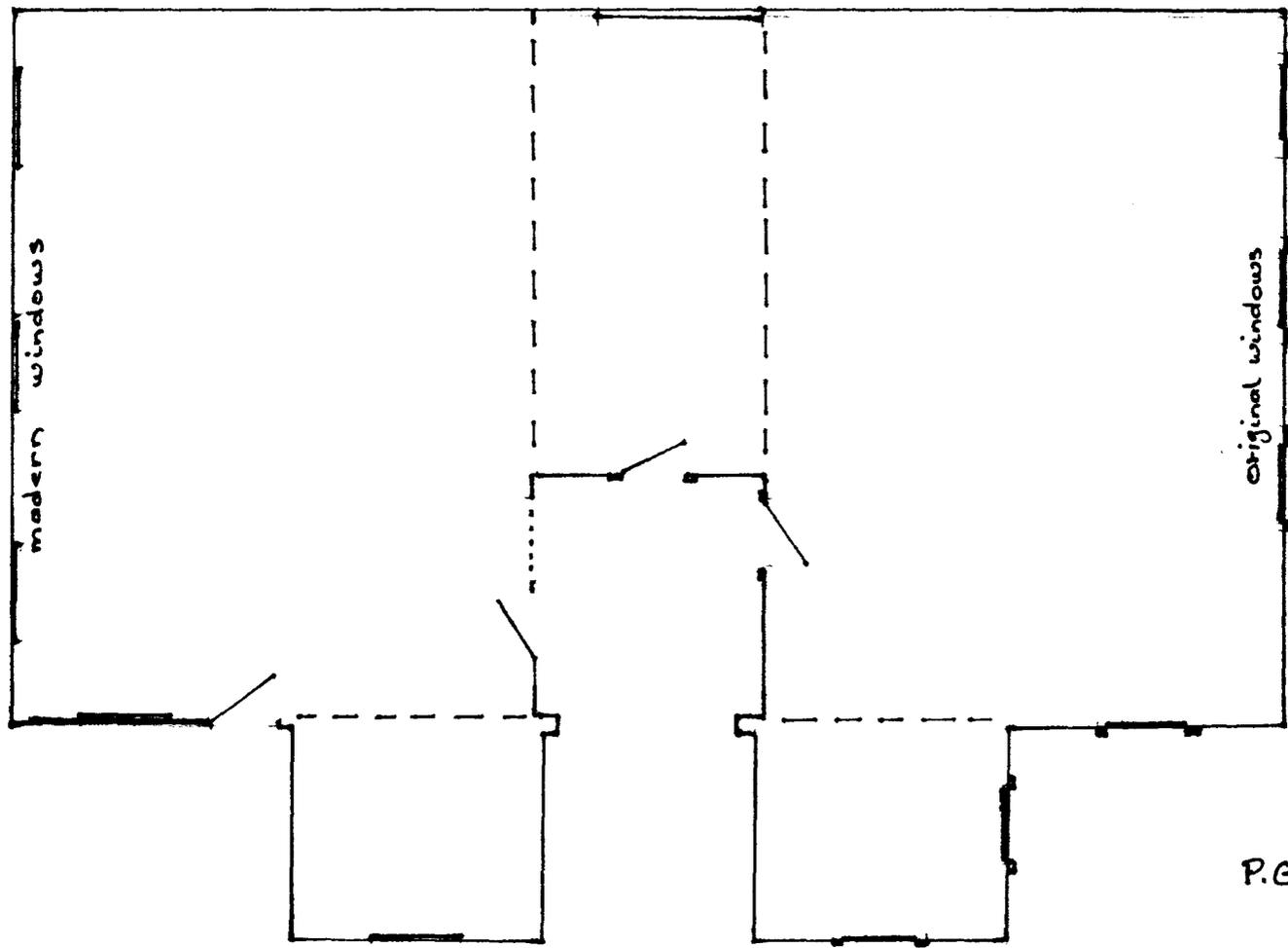
Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Bowie school is a one-story hip-roofed two-room building typical of the larger schools built during the late 1920's with Rosenwald funds. It has a projecting entryway centered in its south (main) facade. Three doors open onto this enclosed entryway: one door leads straight into a central storage space, while one other door on each side leads into each of the two large classrooms. The projections which enclose this entryway are the cloakrooms.

The building rests on a high foundation (on a gradual slope) but has no basement.

The west half of this school building has been renovated to make a private residence. The original shingle siding has been replaced by board. The east half of the building remains in near original condition, its shingle siding intact most places. Renovation of this east half will begin in the summer of 1983.



1/8" = 1'

sgpearl
may 1983

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BOWIE SCHOOL
BOWIE, MD.
1927



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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty Light-duty
- Medium-duty Unimproved dirt
- U. S. Route State Route
- Interstate Route



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

Boundary lines shown in purple compiled from latest information available from the controlling authority

Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from aerial photographs taken 1977 and other source data. This information not field checked. Map edited 1979

LAUREL, MD.

N3900—W7645/7.5

1965
 PHOTOREVISED 1979
 AMS 5662 III SE—SERIES V833

(BOWIE)
 5662 I NW



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Bowie (Rosenwald) School
Prince George's County
Susan G. Pearl
April 1983
Southeast 3/4 Elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.



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Bowie (Rosenwald) School
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East Elevation
April 1983
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.



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South Elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.