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Camp Springs School
7039 Allentown Rd., Camp Springs, Md.
Priv/Occ/Comm/Good

1924

The Camp Springs "colored" school is a one-story gable-roofed frame building, with entrance through the central bay of the south (main) facade. A small pedimented canopy shelters this entrance. The windows which originally flanked this central entrance have been covered by new wooden siding, and there are new entrances in both the east and west gable ends. This was a two-room school with central cloak-room vestibule. Attached at right angles to the north facade is a smaller, lower, gable-roofed section.

There was a school for Black children on this site since 1902 (possibly the one-room section presently attached at right angles to the rear of the main building). The main building was constructed in 1924 with money from the Rosenwald fund; contractor W. E. Fowler was hired to complete the building by October of that year, and at the same time, repair the older school building. The school adjoined Mt. Hope A.M.E. Church, and trustees of the Church gave written permission for the children of the school to use the two-acre churchyard as a playground. The school was sold at auction in 1955, and since that time has been converted into a kitchen and cabinet shop. It is still recognizable, however, as a typical school building of the period, and is therefore a significant site in the history of Black education in Prince George's County.

7. DescriptionSurvey No. ~~76A-10~~

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

This is a one-story gable-roofed frame building, with entrance through the central bay of the south (main) facade. A small pedimented canopy covers this entrance. The windows which originally flanked this central entrance have been covered by new wooden siding, and there are new entrances in both the east and west gable ends. This was a two-room school with central cloak-room vestibule.

Behind the building and attached to the north facade at right angles is a smaller, lower gable-roofed section, which may be the original (1902) one-room Camp Springs "Colored" School.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
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Specific dates 1924 (and 1902) **Builder/Architect** R.E. Mitchell/W.E. Fowler

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
 Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

There has been a school for black children on this site since 1902. In June of that year, the Board of School Commissioners for Prince George's County ordered that a school for Black children be established near Camp Springs, and the school committee was directed to select a site. A deed for 3/4 acre (plus 12 ft. wide right-of-way from the public road) was executed in October 1902. By January 1903, the one-room school building was completed.

The present building was constructed in 1924 with money from the Rosenwald fund. (It was identified as "colored" school #2, District #6). Architect Russell E. Mitchell drew up the plans for the building, and contractor W. E. Fowler of Seat Pleasant was hired to have the building completed by October 1924. (At the same time, Fowler was to repair the old school, and this may be the small one-room section presently attached at right angles to the rear of the 1924 structure.)

Adjoining the school property to the west was the Mt. Hope A.M.E. Church (established in 1891); in June 1924, the trustees of the church gave written permission for the children of the school to use the two-acre church yard as a playground.

The schoolhouse was sold at auction in 1955, and since that time has been considerably altered; it is presently used as a kitchen and cabinet shop. It is still easily recognizable as a school building, and is a significant site in the history of Black education in Prince George's County.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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P. G. Co. Deeds: #1936:182; #11:79
 P.G. School Archives, P.G. Schools Plant Maintenance Office
 The Public Schools of P. G. Co., 1976
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10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name _____

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UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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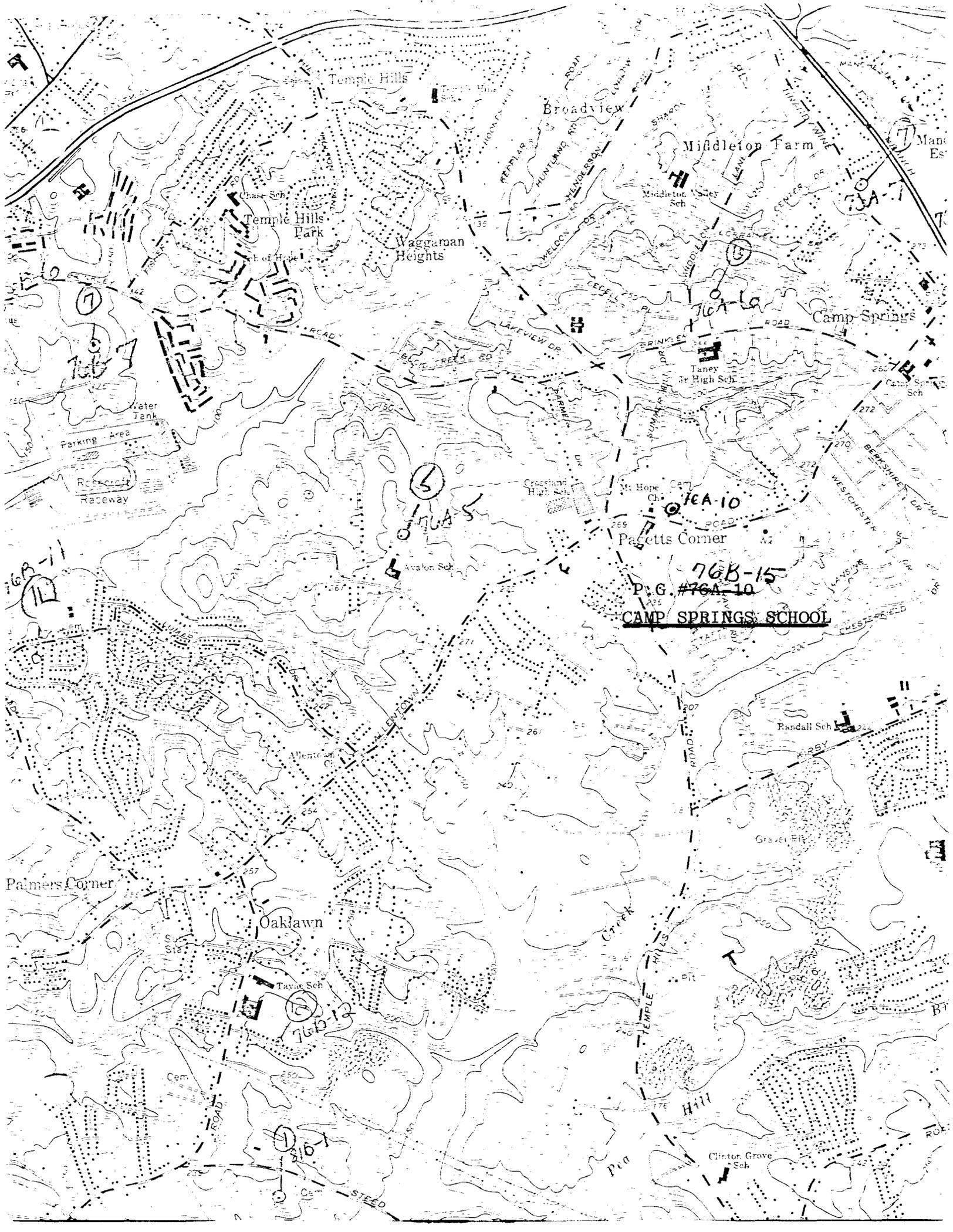
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Camp Springs (Rosenwald) School
Prince George's County, Md.
Susan G. Pearl
March 1983
Southwest 3/4 elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.