

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historical Sites Inventory Form**

**1. Name** (Indicate preferred name)

historic **Croom Schoolhouse (School #1, District #4)**

and/or common **Croom Schoolhouse**

**2. Location**

street & number **10100 Croom Road**

city, town **Upper Marlboro** vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 5

state **Maryland** county **Prince George's**

**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	both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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
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**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name **Charles Harley, Jr., and Mary A. Harley**

street & number **10100 Croom Road** telephone no. \_\_\_\_\_

city, town **Upper Marlboro** state **MD** zip code **20772**

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. **Prince George's County Administration Bldg.** fiber **2495**

street & number **14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive** folio **191**

city, town **Upper Marlboro** state **MD** zip code **20772**

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title **Prince George's County Historic Sites and Districts Plan**

date **1992** federal  state   county local

depository for survey records **Community Planning, M-NCPPC**

City, town **Upper Marlboro** state **MD** **20772**

## 7. Description

Survey No. ~~PG#86A-27-9~~

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

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

The Croom Schoolhouse stands on a knoll on the north side of an unpaved lane which runs behind St. Thomas' Church; the lane leads eastward from the main road through the village of Croom to the old St. Thomas' Church Rectory.

The schoolhouse is a one-and-one-half-story cross-gabled building (circa 28 by 32 feet) of T-shaped configuration. The building is of wood frame construction, covered with tan stucco. Entrance is in the south facade, in a three-bay central projecting crossgable. The upper part of the modern wooden door has three small windows arranged on a diagonal line, and the door is surmounted by a single-pane transom. The door is approached by a small stoop consisting of three plain concrete steps; there is no porch on the south facade. Above the central door, high in the apex of the south crossgable is a small semi-lunette window that lights the loft level. (The loft level is further lighted by a small rectangular window in each of the east and west gable ends.) The central crossgable that forms the south facade is further lighted by a 6/6 double-hung-sash window on each side of the central door.

There is a rear door, with upper glazing, centered in the north elevation of the building; the door is surmounted by a four-pane transom. On each side of the door is a full-size 6/6 double-hung-sash window; between the door and the window to its west is a small 1/1 double-hung-sash window. The central door and the two westerly windows are sheltered by a simple one-story porch with concrete floor and hip roof supported by four plain board posts. This asymmetrically placed porch is approached by two concrete steps.

Both the east and west gable ends of the building are lighted by three full-length windows on the first story, and a small rectangular window at loft level. Windows on all elevations are long, 6/6 double hung sash, and have plain board surrounds painted dark green. Cornices are boxed with crown molding, and returned at the east and west gable ends and at the principal south crossgable. All of the cornices are painted dark green. All elevations of the building are covered with tan stucco. The foundations of the house are of concrete block, covered with stucco and marked by a single course of board, painted dark green as is all of the trim. The foundations enclose a full basement; exterior access to the basement is through a small gabled entrance in the first (southernmost) bay of the east foundation. The gable roof of the building is covered with gray synthetic shingle, and an interior brick chimney rises west of center, just south of the ridge.

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The floor plan of the house, originally one large classroom with front vestibule, has been divided into five principal spaces plus a small kitchen and a bath. A set of glazed double doors, each leaf having fifteen lights, divides the two westerly spaces on the west. The southernmost (front) of these two spaces is heated by a small wooden stove. Another set of glazed double doors separates this southwest parlor from the entry room/vestibule that fills the south projecting cross-gable; the two fifteen-light leaves of this double door are flanked by stationary glazed panels, each with ten lights. All openings have plain board surrounds with natural wood stain. A small bathroom has been built between the two smaller east spaces, and the rear central space has been converted into a narrow kitchen, complete with another small heating stove. There is a complete loft space above all of the first-story spaces.

Northeast of the house, at the northern edge of the one-acre property, are three outbuildings in deteriorating condition. The westernmost has board-and-batten siding, with gable roof, with entrance centered in the south gable front. To the east is a long shed-roof building with plain vertical wood siding, and between them is a smaller shed-roof building, also with vertical board siding. All three have red standing-seam metal roofs, and all are used for storage.

### 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance- check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 2000		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		(local history)

Specific Dates	1907/08	Builder/Architect:			
check: Applicable Criteria		A	B	C	D
and/or					
Applicable Exception		A	B	C	D
Level of Significance		national	state	local	

The Croom Schoolhouse is one of the larger of the early twentieth-century schoolhouses planned and erected by the Board of County School Commissioners in Prince George's County. This schoolhouse was erected in 1907 for the white children of the Croom area, and it is a good example of adaptive use, having been converted in the 1930s into a residence.

There has been a school at this location since 1866, within a year after the establishment of the Board of County School Commissioners (today the Board of Education). One acre of land was deeded to the Board in February 1866 by Fielder and Rebecca Bowie; this land was part of a tract known as Page's Rest, which adjoined St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, the focal point of the Croom community. The school that was built there just after the Civil War was known as School #1, District 4 (Nottingham).<sup>1</sup>

By 1907, the old schoolhouse was in need of repair, and the people of Croom petitioned the Board to build a new schoolhouse. In June 1907, the Board recommended the construction of an addition to the old building and approved an expenditure of \$600, but by July had decided that a new building was required. Dr. William H. Gibbons, the village physician, was appointed to head the building committee.<sup>2</sup> Work began in the fall of 1907, and the completion of the building was reported in mid February 1908. At that time, Dr. Gibbons asked for an additional appropriation, making a total of \$964.02. This total cost was approved by the Board, and the contractor was paid in March. The finished building (28 by 32-feet) was examined and approved by local builder William H. Wyvill in April 1908.<sup>3</sup> Unlike most of the schools of its era, its wood construction was stuccoed, and its foundations enclosed a full basement.

<sup>1</sup> Prince George's County Deed FS#3:465; *Journal* of the Board of County School Commissioners, Volume I, 1865-1903

<sup>2</sup> See PG#86A-27-6 Inventory File (William H. Gibbons House).

<sup>3</sup> *Journal* of the Board of County School Commissioners, Volume II, 1903-1921, entries for 1907 and 1908; *Prince George's Enquirer*, 14 February 1908.

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A report filed by the teacher in 1919 gives several pieces of information about the schoolhouse at that time. The surface of the building was described as "pebble-dashed" (i.e., stuccoed), an unusual feature for schools of the period. The interior consisted of one large classroom, which was considered large enough to accommodate up to 70 pupils; at the time of the report in 1919, however, there were only 22 desks, which would have accommodated only 44 pupils. There were two privies, and water was carried from a well 150 feet away from the schoolhouse. The concrete cellar was described as in good condition in 1919, and the building was heated by a stove which burned either coal or wood. The 1919 report indicated that the schoolhouse was in need of repair.<sup>4</sup>

The Croom Schoolhouse went out of use in the spring of 1934 when its pupils were transferred to the elementary school in Upper Marlboro. The Board sold the school to J. Wilton Dennison and Mary E. Dennison in that year, and the building was converted into a residence.<sup>5</sup> The exterior of the building retained its original appearance, while the interior was divided into living spaces. It is assumed that the present partitions and the interior trim date from that period.

Since the 1930s, the converted schoolhouse has been the home of the Galloway and Harley families. The one-acre property was sold to members of the Galloway family, and, beginning in 1942, became the residence of Henry and Beatrice Galloway. The Galloways sold the property in 1960 to Charles and Mary Agnes Harley; it has been the Harley family home since that time.<sup>6</sup>

The Croom Schoolhouse is an example of one of the more substantial of the early twentieth-century schoolhouses. Although it has been converted to a different use, the building has changed little on the exterior. It is larger than the Nottingham (PG#82B-35-12) and the Aquasco (PG#87B-36-4) schoolhouses which were built within the same decade, and, unlike these two, its wood frame structure is fully stuccoed. The Croom Schoolhouse is the only surviving schoolhouse of this type and period in Prince George's County. It exemplifies the social, educational and cultural heritage of the rural village of Croom, it is a good example of early twentieth-century school architecture, and a distinctive visual feature of the Croom community.

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<sup>4</sup> Report on Croome Schoolhouse (#1 in District 4), filed 23 October 1919, Closed School files, Plant Maintenance Division, Prince George's County Board of Education.

<sup>5</sup> Closed School files, Board of Education; Prince George's County Deed.#409:331.

<sup>6</sup> Prince George's County Deeds #628:444, #654:446; #1599:551, #2495:191; Prince George's County Administration File #10121

9. Major Bibliographical Sources

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Cf. Notes, Item #8  
Cf. Chain of Title

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 acre (Parcel 8, Tax Map 128)

Quadrangle name Upper Marlboro, Section I

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

A				B				
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing	
C				D				
E				F				
G				H				

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name title	Susan G. Pearl, Research/Architectural Historian		
organization	Prince George's County	date	July 1985, January 2002
	Historic Preservation Commission		
street & number	c/o Community Planning Div., M-NCPPC	telephone	(301) 952-3521
city or town	Upper Marlboro	state	MD 20772

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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100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023

Chain of Title

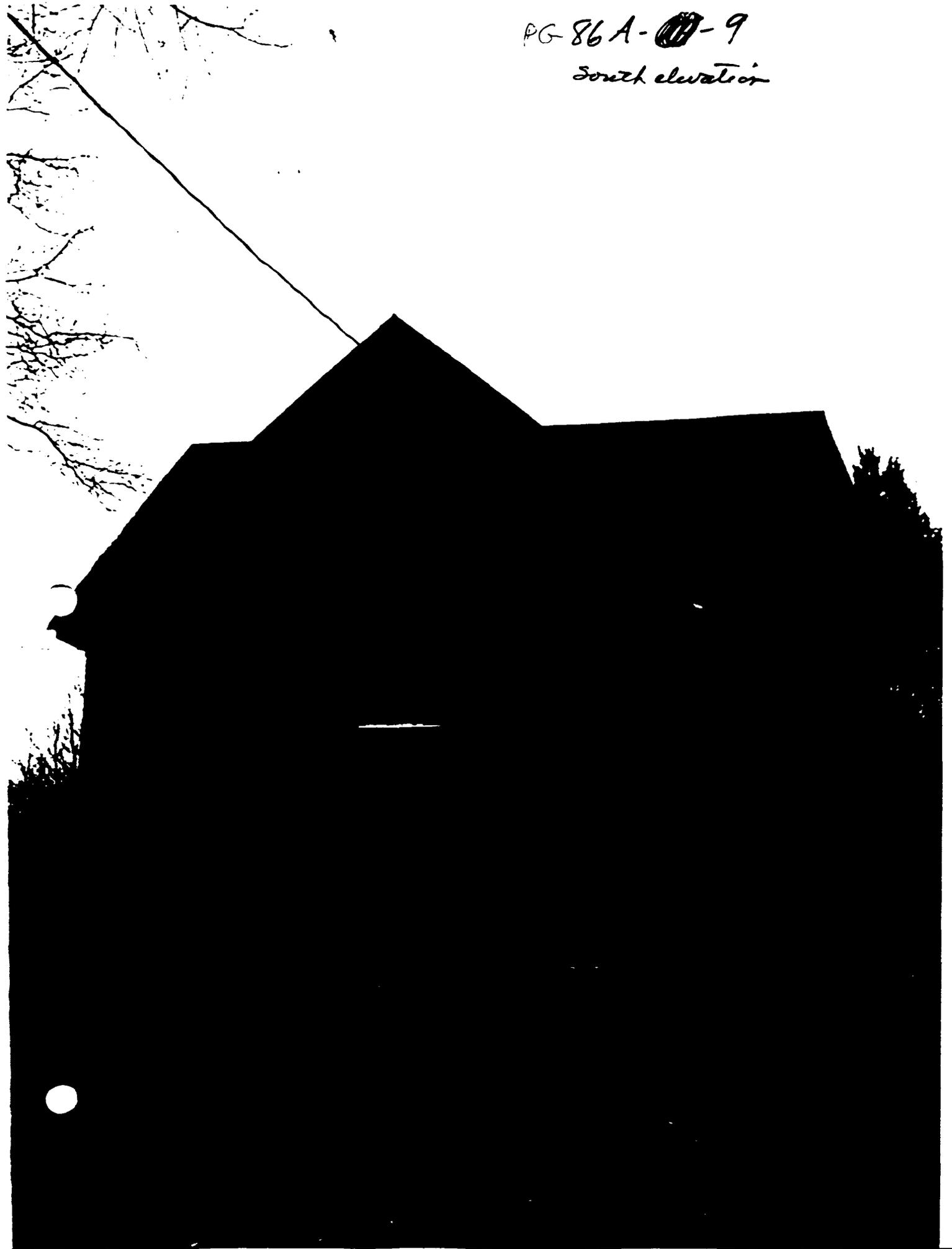
Croom Schoolhouse

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- 2495:191  
13 Oct. 1960  
Deed  
Henry G. Galloway and Beatrice M. Galloway, his wife, to Charles Harley, Jr., and Mary Agnes Harley, his wife, 1 acre, same property described in a deed to Galloways by #1599:551.
- 1599:551  
16 March 1953  
Deed  
Joseph L. Galloway and Mary L. Galloway, his wife, Myrtle C. Henry, unmarried, Barrington G. Henry and Mae C. Henry, his wife, to Henry F. Galloway and Beatrice M. Galloway, his wife, 1 acre, same property obtained by the Rachel Henry Galloway from Wilton Dennison and wife. (#654:446).
- #10121  
1951  
Estate File  
Rachel Henry Galloway died in D.C. 4 Feb. 1951. Estate being administered in Orphan's Court. Henry and Beatrice Galloway have occupied said property since 1942.
- 654:446  
17 Aug. 1942  
Deed  
J. Wilton Dennison and Mary E. Dennison, his wife, and Joseph L. Galloway to Rachel Henry Galloway, 1 acre known by the name of "Page's Rest," same property obtained by grantors by #409:331.
- 628:444  
15 April 1942  
Agreement  
J. Wilton Dennison and Mary E. Dennison, his wife, to Joseph L. Galloway, 1 acre, same property that grantors obtained by #409:331.
- 409:331  
13 March 1934  
Deed  
The Board of Education of Prince George's County to J. Wilton Dennison and Mary E. Dennison, his wife, 1 acre known by the name of "Page's Rest," same land conveyed to the Board of School Commissioners by FS #3:465.
- FS #3:465  
22 Feb. 1866  
Deed  
Fielder Bowie and Rebecca Bowie, his wife, to Board of School Commissioners, 1 acre, part of the tract of land called "Page's Rest."

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South elevation



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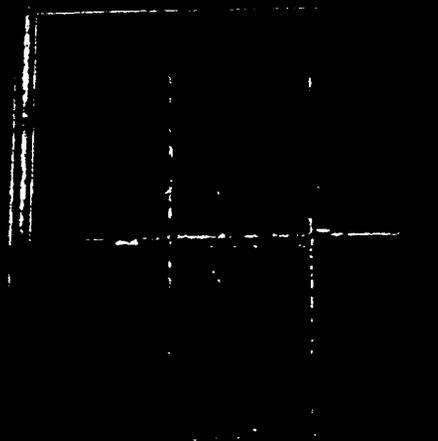
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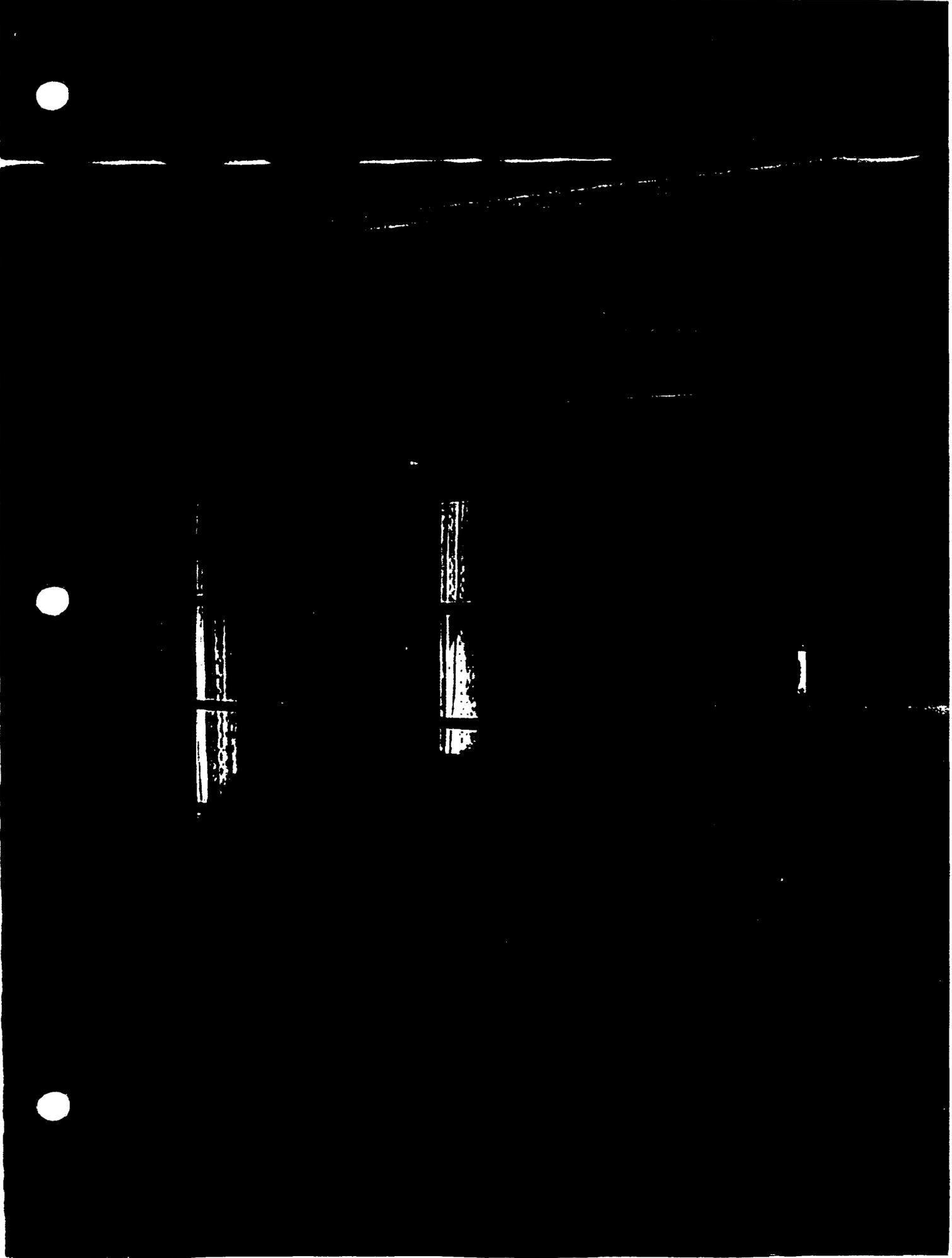
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East window



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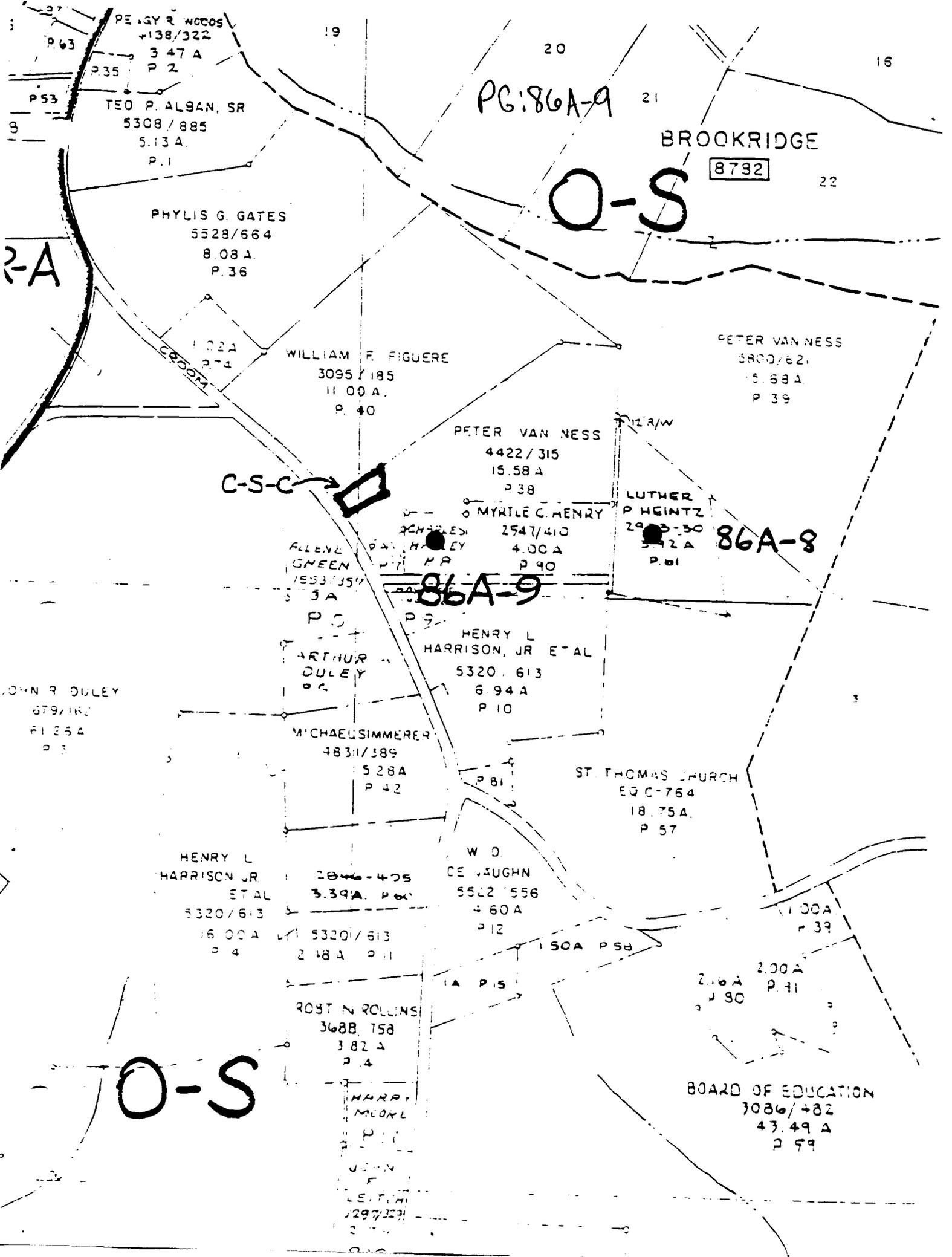
View north, french doors to NW parlor



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Outbuildings from SW





2-A

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BROOKRIDGE

8732

O-S

C-S-C

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O-S

PELGY R. WOODS  
138/322  
347 A  
P 2  
TED P. ALBAN, SR  
5308/885  
5.13 A.  
P. 1

PHYLIS G. GATES  
5528/664  
8.08 A.  
P. 36

WILLIAM F. FIGUERE  
3095/185  
11.00 A.  
P. 40

PETER VAN NESS  
5800/621  
15.68 A  
P. 39

PETER VAN NESS  
4422/315  
15.58 A  
P. 38

LUTHER P HEINTZ  
2903-30  
3.72 A  
P. 61

MYRTLE C. HENRY  
2547/410  
4.00 A  
P. 40

ALLENE GREEN  
1553/357  
3 A  
P. 9

HENRY L HARRISON, JR ET AL  
5320/613  
6.94 A  
P. 10

ARTHUR DULEY  
P. 6

JOHN R DULEY  
679/162  
61.25 A  
P. 3

MICHAEL SIMMERER  
4831/389  
5.28 A  
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ST THOMAS CHURCH  
EQ C-764  
18.75 A.  
P. 57

HENRY L HARRISON JR ET AL  
5320/613  
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W D DE VAUGHN  
5522/556  
4.60 A  
P. 12

ROBT N ROLLINS  
3688/758  
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2.16 A P. 90  
2.00 A P. 91

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
3086/482  
43.49 A  
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HARRY MOORE  
P. 11

JOHN F. LEITCH  
1297/323  
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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #86A-9 Building Date: 1907/08

Building Name: Croom Schoolhouse

Location: 10100 Croom Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

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Significance:

The Croom Schoolhouse is one of the larger of the early twentieth century schoolhouses erected by the Board of School Commissioners in Prince George's County. It is a good example of adaptive reuse, having been used since the 1930's as a dwelling. There has been a school since 1866 at this location, on part of a tract known as Page's Rest, which adjoined St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, the focal point of the Croom community. The school erected there was School #1 for the white students of the Nottingham District. By 1907 the old schoolhouse was in need of repair, and the people of Croom petitioned the Board to build a new schoolhouse. A standard 28 by 32 foot frame schoolhouse was erected and completed by the spring of 1908 for a cost of ca. \$1000. Unlike most of the schools of its era, its framing was stuccoed and its foundations enclosed a full basement. The interior consisted of one large classroom which could accommodate 60 to 70 pupils. The Croom schoolhouse went out of use in the spring of 1934 when its pupils were transferred to the Upper Marlboro School. The Board sold the school to J. Wilton Dennison in that year. Since that time it has been the home of the Dennison, Galloway and Harley families. It is an example of one of the more substantial of the early twentieth century schoolhouses and the only one which was pebble-dashed (stuccoed).

Acreage: 1 acre

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

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street & number 10100 Croom Road telephone no.:

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### 5. Location of Legal Description

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street & number Main Street folio 191

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD.

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state MD. 20737

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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1907 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or  
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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G. #86A-9

cf. Chain of Title  
cf. Notes, Item #8

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 acre, Tax Map 128, parcel 8

Quadrangle name Upper Marlboro, Section I

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

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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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Notes

1 Prince George's County Deed FS #3:465; Journal of Board of County School Commissioners, Volume I, 1865-1903.

2 Journal of Board of County School Commissioners, Volume II, 1903-1921. Closed school files (#1, District 4), Office of Plant Maintenance, Board of Education.

3 Closed school files; cf. chain of title.

Chain of Title

Croom Schoolhouse  
P.G. 86A-9

2495:191  
13 Oct. 1960  
Deed Henry G. Galloway and Beatrice M. Galloway, his wife, to Charles Harley, Jr., and Mary Agnes Harley, his wife, 1 acre, same property described in a deed to Galloways by #1599:551.

1599:551  
16 March 1953  
Deed Joseph L. Galloway and Mary L. Galloway, his wife, Myrtle C. Henry, unmarried, Barrington G. Henry and Mae C. Henry, his wife, to Henry F. Galloway and Beatrice M. Galloway, his wife, 1 acre, same property obtained by the Rachel Henry Galloway from Wilton Dennison and wife. (#654:446).

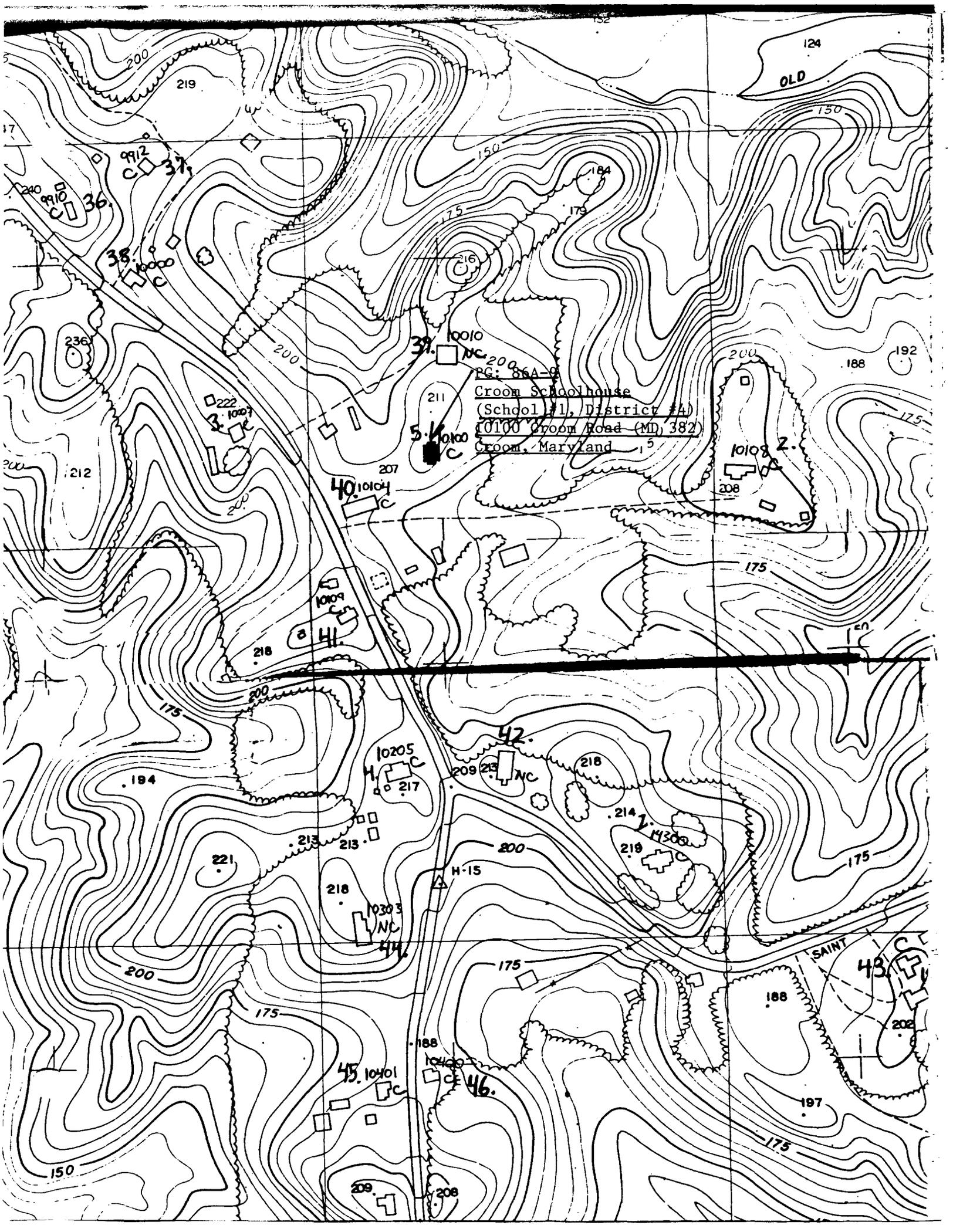
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1951  
Estate File Rachel Henry Galloway died in D.C. 4 Feb. 1951. Estate being administered in Orphan's Court. Henry and Beatrice Galloway have occupied said property since 1942.

654:446  
17 Aug. 1942  
Deed J. Wilton Dennison and Mary E. Dennison, his wife, and Joseph L. Galloway to Rachel Henry Galloway, 1 acre known by the name of "Page's Rest," same property obtained by grantors by #409:331.

628:444  
15 April 1942  
Agreement J. Wilton Dennison and Mary E. Dennison, his wife, to Joseph L. Galloway, 1 acre, same property that grantors obtained by #409:331.

409:331  
13 March 1934  
Deed The Board of Education of Prince George's County to J. Wilton Dennison and Mary E. Dennison, his wife, 1 acre known by the name of "Page's Rest," same land conveyed to the Board of School Commissioners by FS #3:465.

FS #3:465  
22 Feb. 1866  
Deed Fielder Bowie and Rebecca Bowie, his wife, to Board of School Commissioners, 1 acre, part of the tract of land called "Page's Rest."



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OLD

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Croom Schoolhouse  
(School #1, District #4)  
0100 Croom Road (MD) 382  
Croom, Maryland

10108  
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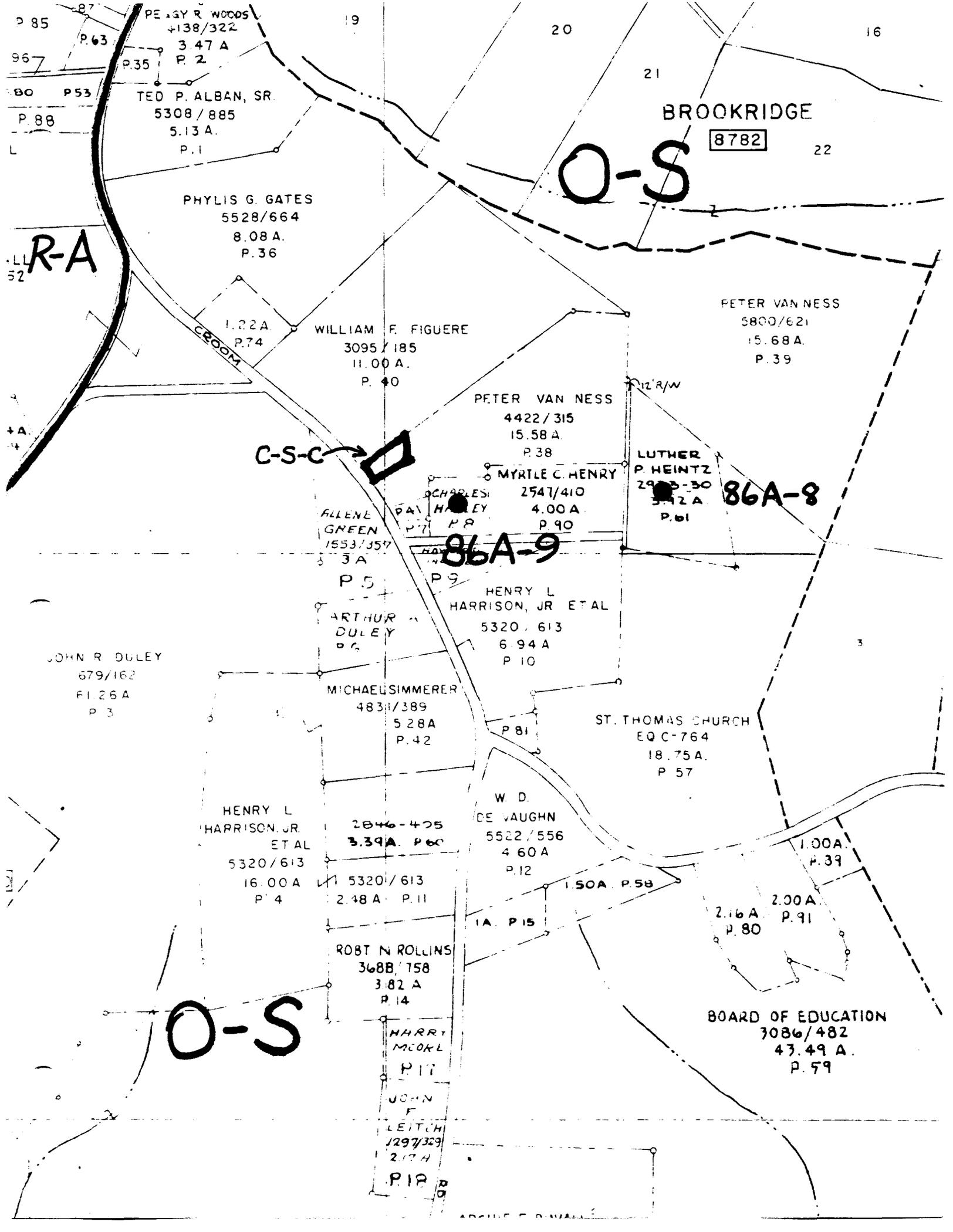
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SAINT



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967  
P.88  
P.1

PEGGY R WOODS  
+138/322  
3.47 A  
P.2  
TED P. ALBAN, SR.  
5308/885  
5.13 A.

BROOKRIDGE  
8782  
22

R-A

PHYLIS G. GATES  
5528/664  
8.08 A.  
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O-S

1.22A  
P.74

WILLIAM F. FIGUERE  
3095/185  
11.00 A.  
P.40

PETER VAN NESS  
5800/621  
15.68 A.  
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C-S-C

PETER VAN NESS  
4422/315  
15.58 A.  
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LUTHER  
P. HEINTZ  
2903-30  
3.72 A  
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CHARLES  
PAUL HALEY  
2547/410  
4.00 A.  
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ALLENE  
GREEN  
1553/357  
3 A  
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HENRY L  
HARRISON, JR ET AL  
5320/613  
6.94 A  
P.10

ARTHUR  
DULEY  
P.6

JOHN R DULEY  
679/162  
61.26 A  
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MICHAEL SIMMERER  
4831/389  
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ST. THOMAS CHURCH  
EQ C-764  
18.75 A.  
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HENRY L  
HARRISON, JR.  
ET AL  
5320/613  
16.00 A  
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3.39 A. P.60

W. D.  
DE VAUGHN  
5522/556  
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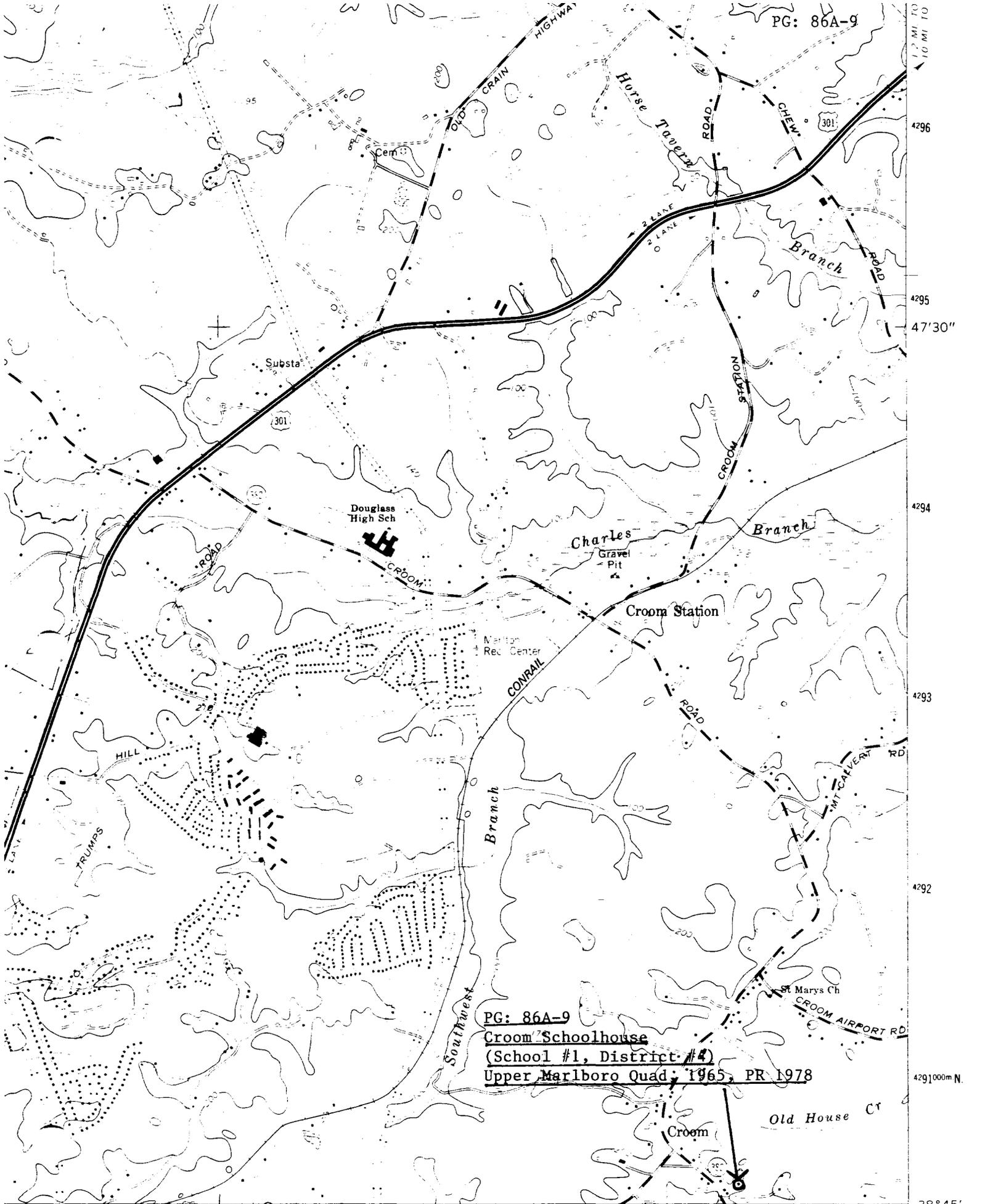
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HARRY  
MOORE  
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JOHN  
F  
LEITCH  
1297/329  
2.17 A  
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1.2 MI TO  
1.0 MI TO



4296

4295

47'30"

4294

4293

4292

4291000m N

38°45'

76°45'

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Croom Schoolhouse

(School #1, District #4)

Upper Marlboro Quad; 1965, PR 1978

● INTERIOR-GEOLOGICAL SURVEY RESTON, VIRGINIA-1978  
NAVY OR 3 MI 1:347000m E  
11 M TO MD 35

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

344 47'30"

345

346

1 MILE

6000 7000 FEET

(LOWER 56)



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Croom Schoolhouse  
Prince George's County, MD.  
Susan G. Pearl  
April 1985  
Northeast 3/4 elevation  
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Croom Schoolhouse  
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South elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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April 1985  
Southwest 3/4 elevation  
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NAME OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

#86A-9

LOCATION off Rt 382 Croom, Md

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