

P.G. #86B-21

1928

Brandywine(Rosenwald) School
14110 Gibbons Church Road, Brandywine, Md.
Priv/Occ/Res/Good

The Brandywine school is a typical example of schools with Rosenwald funds in the late 1920's: one-story, hip-roofed, frame, with a three bay main (west) facade. Entrance is through a shallow vestibule on this west facade. Modern double-sash windows have replaced the original, larger ones, and a small addition has been added to the front just north of center.

Until the late 1920's, the Black children of the Brandywine area attended the one-room schoolhouse on the road between Brandywine and Nottingham. Then, with the beginning of the Rosenwald program for building rural Negro schools, the decision was made to erect a new schoolhouse across from Gibbons Church. H.H. Sasscer deeded the land to the Board of Education, and the school was constructed in 1928. As with other Black schools, at the time of the 1954 Supreme Court decision, the Brandywine school was closed and its students entered newer integrated schools. The building was purchased at auction, and converted into a residence, which it remains today. It is still recognizable, however, as the original school building, and stands as a visible landmark in the progress of Negro education.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Brandywine (Rosenwald) School

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 14110 Gibbons Church Road not for publication

city, town Brandywine vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland county P.G.

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 Melber Cannon

street & number 14110 Gibbons Church Road telephone no.:

city, town Brandywine state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G. County Courthouse liber 4416

street & number Main Street folio 607

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

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

The Brandywine Rosenwald School is a typical sample of this type of school building - one-story, frame, hip-roofed, with a three bay principal (west) facade. The entrance is through a shallow vestibule on this west facade. Modern double-sash windows have replaced the original, larger ones, and a small addition has been added to the front just north of center. Indoor plumbing has been installed to convert this building into a comfortable residence.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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P.G. Co. Deeds: #4416:607; #2538:412; #1527:311; #331:271

Interview with Rev. R. O. Johnson; Thos. S. Gwynn Jr., (Ass't. Supt. of Schools)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting			Northing							

B

Zone	Easting			Northing							

C

Zone	Easting			Northing							

D

Zone	Easting			Northing							

E

Zone	Easting			Northing							

F

Zone	Easting			Northing							

G

Zone	Easting			Northing							

H

Zone	Easting			Northing							

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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11. Form Prepared By

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West elevation
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