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Early 1930's

The Milestown School  
Oakley  
Private

This small school house was re-built by the black community at Oakley from the timbers of another school no longer in use after their own had burned down. Its hipped roof gives it a rather distinctive appearance. Due to consolidation of schools, it is now abandoned.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

SM-319

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC The Milestown School

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Oakley Road, west side

CITY, TOWN Oakley

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

7

STATE Maryland

COUNTY

St. Mary's

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY                                      | OWNERSHIP                                   | STATUS   | PRESENT USE                            |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT             | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC             | <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED              | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE   | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL    | <input type="checkbox"/> PARK                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH               | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS      | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL   | <input 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                  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED   | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED     | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL    | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION              |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> NO                    | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Abandoned |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME St. Mary's County School System

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Leonardtwn

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20650

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. St. Mary's County Courthouse

Liber #: Map 39, P. 205

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Leonardtwn

STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input 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

This small abandoned school stands to the south of the junction of the Oakley Road and an unnamed gravel road. It is square in shape. Its frame is clad in weatherboards painted gray. The entrance is sheltered by a small cantilevered porch with an A-roof. The pyrimidal form of the roof and its tin sheathing, patterned in the shape of shingles and painted silver, give accent to the appearance of this school. The building was locked, so an investigation of the interior was not possible.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

| 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION   | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799        | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899        | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION                 |
| <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               |   |   |   |

Black History

SPECIFIC DATES Early 1930's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to Mrs. Lettie Gough, the Superintendent of the St. Mary's County School System from 1928 to 1958, this building replaced an earlier school for black children that burned in the early 1930's. She said that not far away was located another school, called the Sunny Side School, that had been closed due to the lack of an adequate school population. Since its timbers were still sound, the blacks in the Oakley community asked the School Board if they could dismantle it and re-use the materials to build their school. Permission was granted, and the black community that "believed so strongly in education for their children," "pitched in" together and re-built their school. Due to the consolidation of schools in the past decade, this small one was abandoned.

It remains in good condition and could be moved to a nearby school yard and re-used as a facility for storage, recreation, exhibits, or meetings. Since its history includes so much of the educational experience of the parents, grandparents, and even great grandparents of the students today in the Oakley and Milestown communities, it is especially worthy of preservation and adaptive re-use.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

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Maryland Commission on Afro-American History and Culture

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

20 Dean Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis, Maryland

STATE

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QUAD

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Oakley, Md.  
East Arcade  
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Northwest View  
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