

Capsule Summary
SM-733
Beachville School
Beachville
Private

circa 1859 or 1900

One of only a handful of one room schoolhouses remaining in St. Mary's County, the Beachville School, located near the intersection of Beachville and Jutland Roads, is a visible reminder of the important role rural schools played to the local community.

While dramatically altered, the building's slate shingle gable roof earmarks the original core. The school served the local white community of Beachville and St. Inigoes.

Land records indicate that a school building was situated at this site as early as 1859 when the property was transferred to a number of school trustees. Judging from the exterior, namely the brick chimney flue and the slate roof, however, it appears the school may date from circa 1900. A more thorough interior investigation is warranted to more precisely date the building. If the school was erected in 1859, it would be the earliest one room school in St. Mary's County.

In a telephone conversation with county historian Regina Combs Hammett, land records also indicate the school was officially closed in 1932. Following the closure, sometime in the mid-twentieth century, the building was entirely reoriented. As with most one room schools, the gable end, which usually contained the primary entrance, faced the main road. During the reorientation, the gable end of the Beachville School was turned 45 degrees so that the gable end faced east instead of south. Following this change, the school was significantly modified through the addition of an enclosed porch and one story addition.

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

Residing on the north side of the intersection of Jutland and Beachville Roads, is the Beachville School. Perched close to Beachville Road, the school is oriented on a north/south axis, with the primary elevation facing south. The property is bounded to the east by a cultivated field, to the north and east by residential lots, and to the south by Beachville Road. The 1.67 acre property also contains a non-contributing, small frame garage situated to the northeast of the house.

The Beachville School building is a one story frame building with a gable roof. Modified through a number of additions, new window openings, an enclosed south porch, and a one story addition on the west side, the actual core of the school building is still visible. This section is highlighted by the slate shingle roof pierced by a central brick flue. The additions, meanwhile, are sheathed with asphalt shingles and the west addition features an exterior end masonry flue.

The fenestration of the building has been dramatically altered since its initial construction. While most late-nineteenth and early twentieth century one room schools garnered large windows, it appears they were mostly removed at the Beachville School. The south elevation, for instance, exhibits an enclosed porch pierced by a central door flanked on either side by one-over-one windows. The one room addition is pierced by two two-over-two windows.

The other elevations and interior were not observed.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
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	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
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	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland: 1634-1990. Ridge, Md: Self-published, 1994.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>1.67 acres</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>1.67 acres</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>St. Mary's City</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24 000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded to the south by Beachville Road, to the east by an agricultural field, by a residential lot to the west, and to the north by a wooded residential lot. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber EWA 1440, Folio 177.

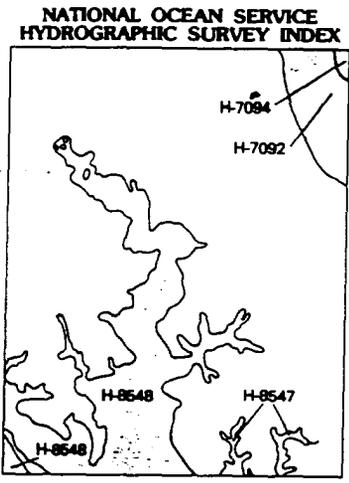
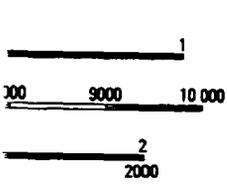
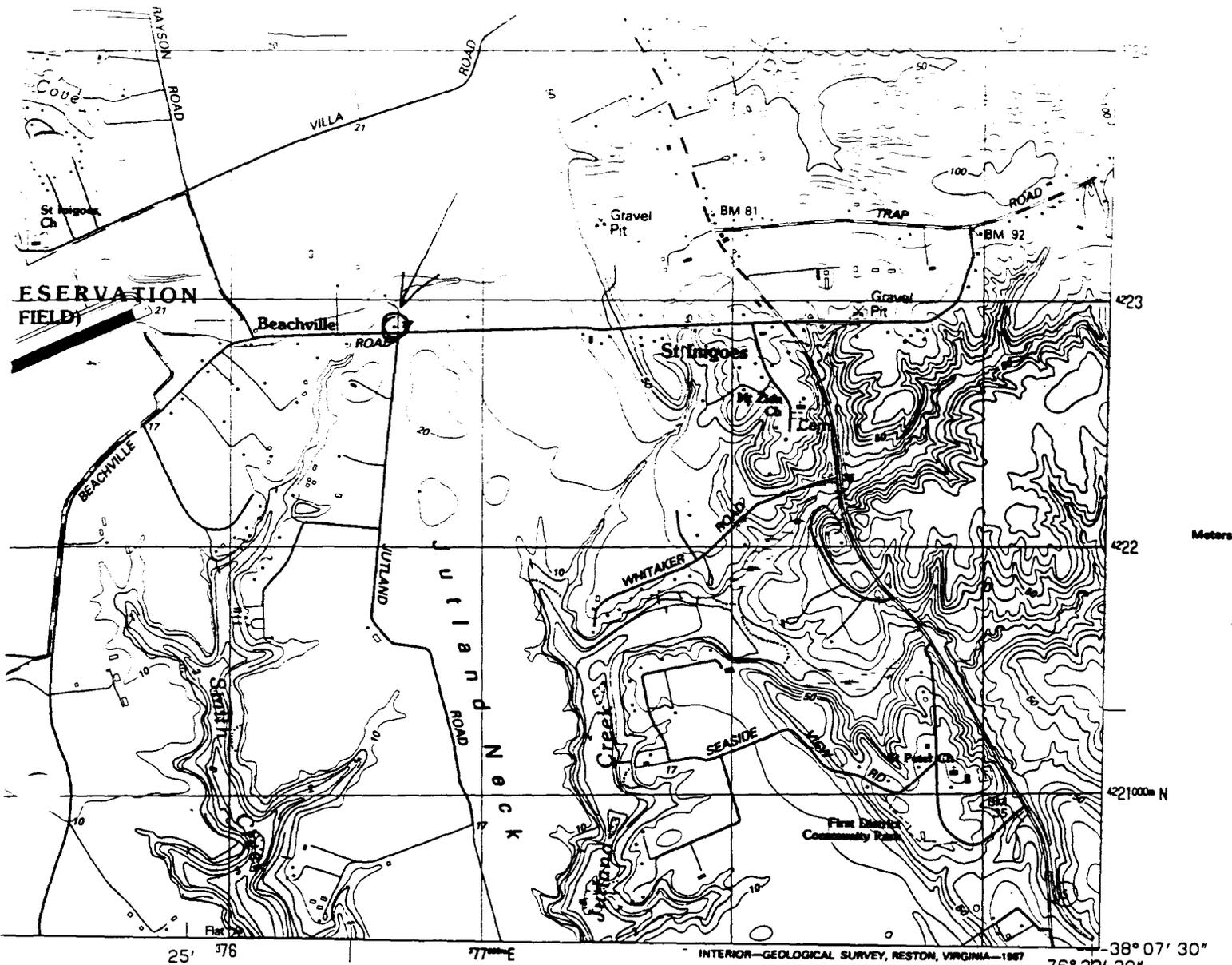
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	St. Mary's County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	August, 1990
street & number	22740 Washington Street	telephone	301-475-4662
city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600



- ROAD CLASSIFICATION**
- Primary highway, hard surface ————
 - Secondary highway, hard surface ————
 - Light-duty road, hard or improved surface ————
 - Unimproved road ... ————
- Interstate Route
 U. S. Route
 State Route

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HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY INFORMATION

SURVEY NUMBER	SURVEY DATE	SURVEY SCALE	SURVEY LINE SPACING (NAUT. MILES)
H-7082	1948	1:10,000	.02-18
H-7084	1946-48	1:20,000	.04-18
H-8547	1959-60	1:10,000	.02-10
H-8548	1980	1:10,000	.02-07

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 Beachville School
 Beachville
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 1780 N SE



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St. Mary's County, Md

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