

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ___
no

Property Name: Bivalve School Inventory Number: WI-683

Address: 15 Spar Lane (3866 Spar Lane) City: Bivalve Zip Code: 21814

County: Wicomico USGS Topographic Map: Nanticoke

Owner: William and Natalie Hucke Is the property being evaluated a district? ___yes

Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____

Project: Residential Elevation Agency: FEMA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no ___yes Name: NA Date: NA

Is the property located within a historic district? ___yes no

<i>If the property is within a district</i>		District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district ___yes	Eligible district ___yes	District Name: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ___yes ___no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ___		

<i>If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)</i>	
Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes ___no	

Criteria: A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Architectural Description

15 Spar Lane is a white, rectangular wood-frame building that stands one and a half stories. The primary, southeast elevation is basically symmetrical and is defined by its central entry bay that features a gabled front, which extends from the center of the primary, side-gabled roof. The gable is finished with scallop-style imbrication. The central bay includes a single pedestrian door with one window of dissimilar size on each side, both of which appear to be six-over-six wood windows. Flanking the central bay are two individual window bays, both of which appear to be large six-over-six wood windows. A brick chimney stack rises above the central bay penetrating the center of the side gabled roof. Also penetrating the roof at the primary façade are shed dormers that flank the gable of the central bay. The dormers are symmetrical featuring the same configuration of three apertures, which appear to be six-over-six wood windows. The rear, east elevation features similar large six-over-six wood windows; three modern dormers with gable fronts and synthetic six-over-six windows; and a closed in porch at the center of the elevation, which features a single pedestrian door at center. The side, southwest elevation features two large six-over-six wood windows at the first floor and two synthetic six-over-six windows within the gable, which is also finished in scallop-style imbrication. The side, northeast elevation features a small vehicle door and two synthetic six-over-six windows within the gable, which is also finished scallop-style imbrication. The entire building is finished in white siding, which appears to be closely matching synthetic.

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Eligibility recommended ___	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D	Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None
Comments: <u>Historic school heavily modified lacks integrity</u>	
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>7/2/14</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>7/2/14</u> Date

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Historic Context

15 Spar Lane is located just a few feet from the Nanticoke River in the Village of Bivalve, Wicomico County, Maryland. Originally named for an early family, Waltersville became Bivalve between 1890 and 1900, which was during its period of greatest economic development and prosperity. The name Bivalve represents the local economic importance of the shellfish industry. Architecturally, the area was defined by modest wood-frame buildings typical of shore communities in Maryland of the nineteenth century.

The Bivalve School, at 15 Spar Lane, was constructed in 1895 as a one room school building. In 1900, two additional rooms were constructed. By 1900 the building was "L" shaped with a rear wing at the east elevation. Early teachers included Beatrice Robertson, Mollie Betts, Nellie Darby, Marian Insley, Emma Caulk Ruth Hayman and Mary Mann. The building was used as the Bivalve School until the 1930s at which time it was converted into a residence.

National Register of Historic Places Evaluation

The Bivalve School is one of the oldest school buildings extant in Wicomico County and is, certainly, the oldest school in the Bivalve community. The school was originally constructed as a one room building in 1895. As the local maritime economy and its population prospered and advanced rapidly in the last years of the nineteenth century, a larger school building was required and two additional rooms were added in 1900. The school appears to have been used through the 1930s, as the primary educational facility in the community. As a result, the Bivalve School is eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under Criterion A for Broad Patterns of American History as related to the development of the local maritime community and its educational system for the children of Bivalve community.

While there have been substantial changes to the exterior of the building, the primary elevation appears very much as the Bivalve School did at the turn of the twentieth century. At the primary elevation, changes include reconfiguration of the chimney and the addition of shed dormers when the school was converted to a residence. The northwest elevation is largely the same other than the addition of two windows within the side gable below the original scallop-style imbrication. The northeast elevation has undergone substantial changes with the removal of two large windows on the first floor and the addition of both a vehicle doors and two windows within the side gable. The rear, northwest elevation has also undergone substantial changes with the addition of three dormers in recent years. The el, rear addition has been removed and a large porch added at center, which has been enclosed. The interior of the building retains its early twentieth century ceiling height, wainscoting, trim, doors, and floors. The large windows, indicative of this type of school, are almost all original. Most importantly, the primary elevation is intact and has undergone few changes since the building was used as a school. While the three-room school building has lost integrity of design, the building retains integrity of location, materials, workmanship, and setting, which naturally invokes integrity of association and feeling. As a result, FEMA finds that the Bivalve School retains sufficient integrity for listing in the NRHP.

FEMA finds that the Bivalve School is eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criterion A for its association with Broad Patterns of American History as it is related to the development of Bivalve and its maritime community.

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USGS Nanticoke - Wicomico County, Maryland



Aerial View of 15 Spar Lane, Bivalve, MD

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Photo 1: Front (southeast) façade, looking northwest



Photo 2: Front (southeast) façade, looking northwest

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Photo 3: Side (southwest) façade, looking northeast



Photo 4: 3/4 view of side (southwest) and rear (northwest) façades, looking northeast

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Photo 5: Rear (northwest) façade, looking southeast



Photo 6: ¾ view of side (northeast) and rear (northwest) façades, looking south

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Photo 7: Overall rear view of 15 Spar Lane, looking south



Historic Photo 8: The Bivalve School, Circa 1907

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