

# Easement

WI-77  
Rockawalkin School  
Salisbury vicinity  
Private

c. 1900

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Rockawalkin School

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-77

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s):     Architecture  
  Education
  
2. Geographic Orientation:       Eastern Shore
  
3. Chronological/Development Period(s):     Industrial/Urban Dominance  
  1870-1930
  
4. Resource Type(s):             School

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

*Easement*

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

historic Rockawalkin School School No. 3

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number SE corner of Pemberton Dr. and Ellegood St.  not for publication

city, town Salisbury  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Wicomico County Council

street & number 125 North Division Street telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21801

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

date 1975  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state MD 21032

# 7. Description

Survey No. WI-77

### Condition

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

### Check one

unaltered  
 altered

### Check one

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

The Rockawalkin School stands on the southeast corner of Pemberton Drive and Ellegood Street on the property of Pemberton Elementary School west of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The single-story, rectangular frame school building faces northwest with the roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis. The school was moved to this site in 1973 from its original location on the corner of Nanticoke Road (MD 349) and Rockawalkin Road.

Built around 1900, the single-story rectangular frame schoolhouse is supported on a modern brick foundation, and the exterior is supported on a continuous brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with plain weatherboard siding. A layer of wood shingles covers the medium pitched gable roof.

The main (north) facade is a gable-front elevation with an entrance filled with a five-panel door. Piercing the gable end is a half round louvered vent. The eaves are extended and the rafter ends are exposed.

The east side of the school building is defined by a bank of six nine-over-nine sash windows along with a single nine-over-nine sash window that lights the front vestibule. A narrow brick stove chimney protrudes through the gable roof.

The west side is pierced by a single nine-over-nine sash window in the northwest corner and two small three-pane windows below the eave.

Attached to the southeast (rear) wall is a shed-roofed addition lighted on the east side by a single six-over-six sash window. The shed room is accessed through a door on the southwest side which is also pierced by a six-over-six sash window.

The interior is divided into a front vestibule and classroom. Beaded board wainscoting trims the perimeter of each space. The walls are covered with later wallboard, but the seams are obscured with narrow pine strips. The ceiling in the classroom is covered with narrow tongue-and-groove pine boards. Hanging from the ceiling are early twentieth century globe chandeliers.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. WI-77

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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<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		

**Specific dates** \_\_\_\_\_ **Builder/Architect** \_\_\_\_\_

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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ROCKAWALKIN SCHOOL

SALISBURY VICINITY, WICOMICO CO., MD.

NORTHEAST ELEVATION

4/99, PAUL TOWERS, PHOTOGRAPHER

NEC / M.D. HISTORICAL TRUST

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ROCKAWAY SCHOOL

Salisbury vicinity, Wicomico Co., MD

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

4/99. PAUL TOWERS, PHOTOGRAPHER

NEG. / MD HISTORICAL TRUST

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Rockaway School

Salisbury vicinity, Wicomico Co., MD

Southwest elevation

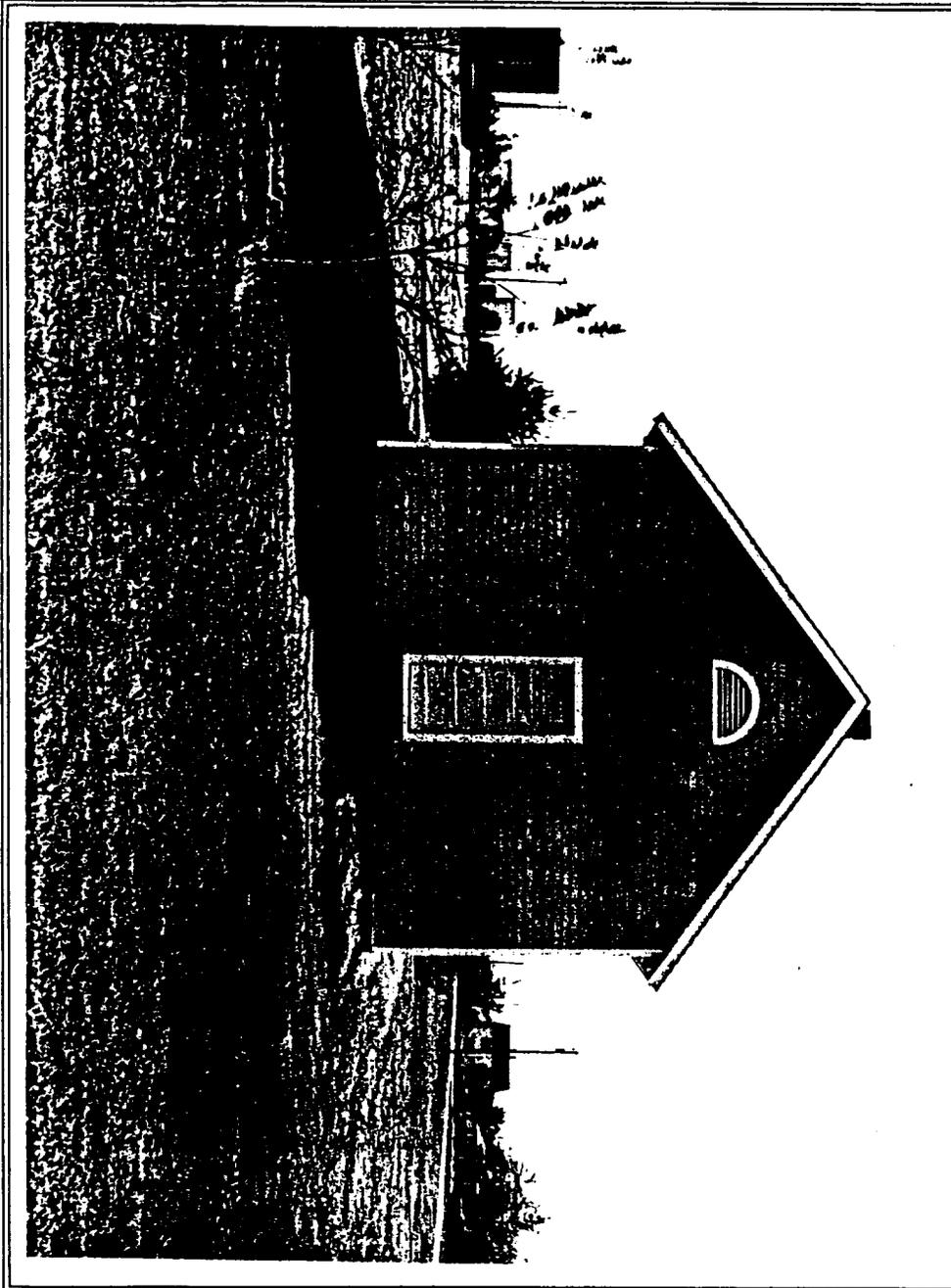
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# Easement

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ROCKAWALKIN SCHOOL  
WICOMICO COUNTY SALISBURY  
EASEMENT EXHIBIT NO. 3

FRONT (NORTHWEST) ELEVATION  
SCALE:  
PREPARED: 12/74  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

NORTH

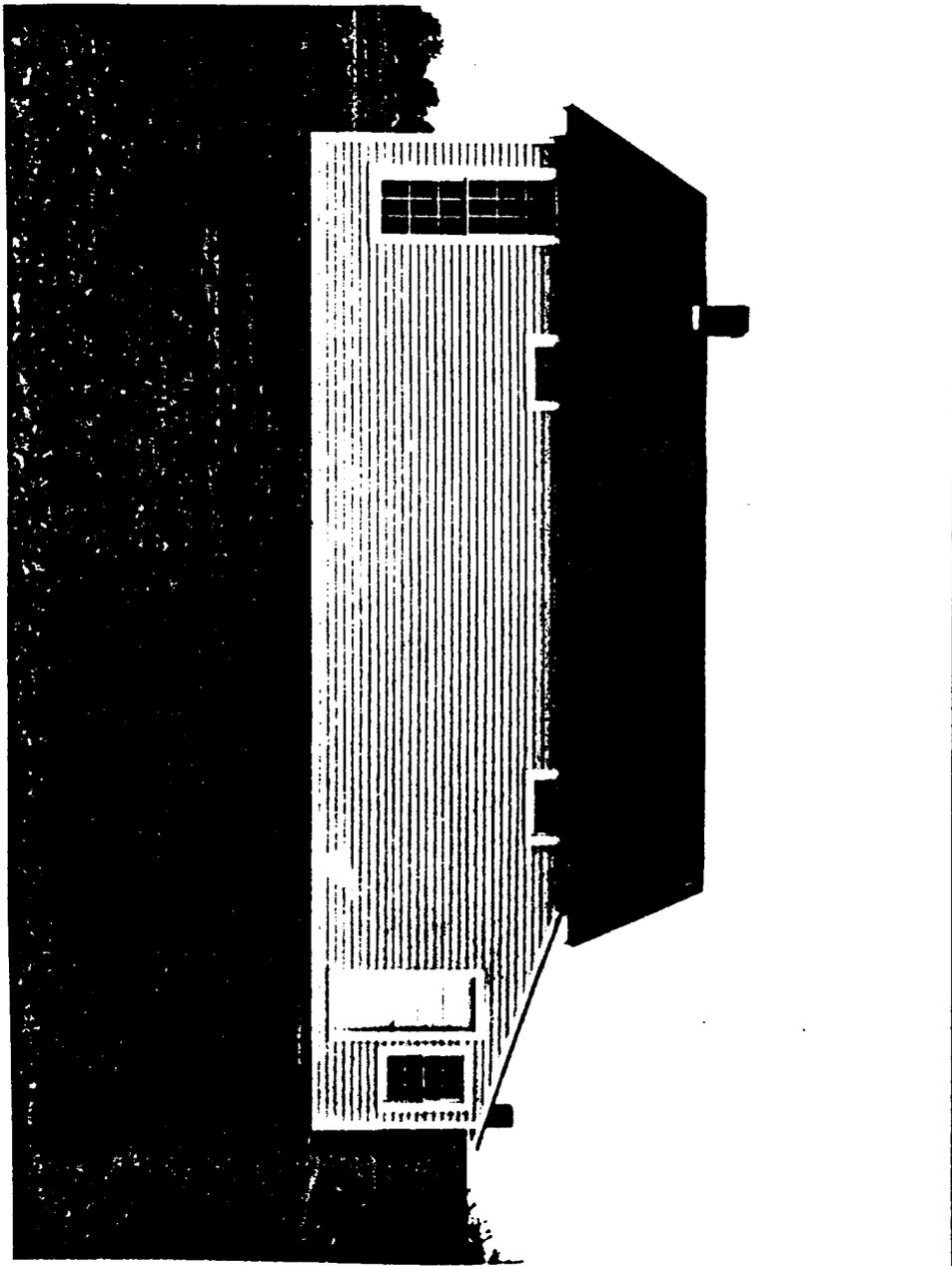
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Pemberton Drive & Ellegood Street, Salisbury  
SALISBURY, MD

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ROCKAWALKIN SCHOOL  
WICOMICO COUNTY SALISBURY  
EASEMENT EXHIBIT NO. 4

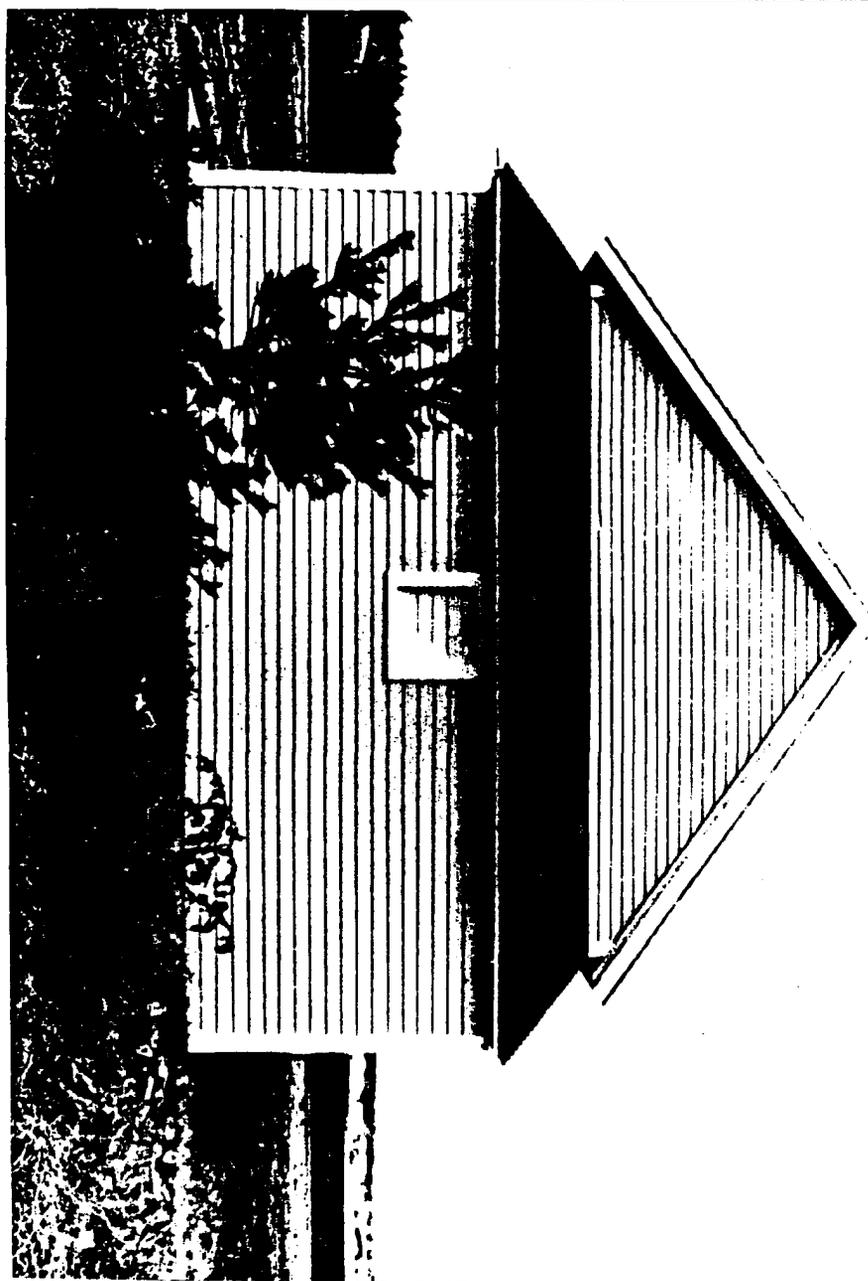
SIDE (SOUTHWEST) ELEVATION  
SCALE:  
PREPARED: 12/74  
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ROCKAWALKIN SCHOOL  
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EASEMENT EXHIBIT NO. 5

REAR (SOUTHEAST) ELEVATION  
SCALE:  
PREPARED: 12/74  
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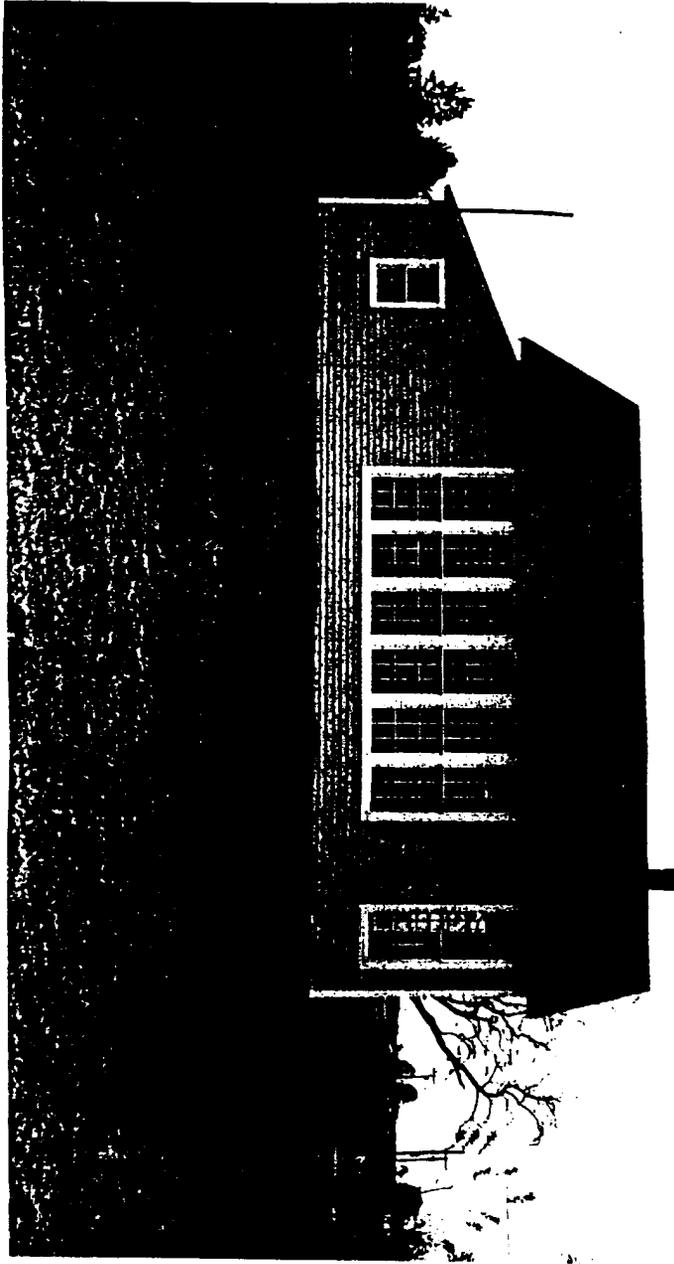
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EASEMENT EXHIBIT NO. 6

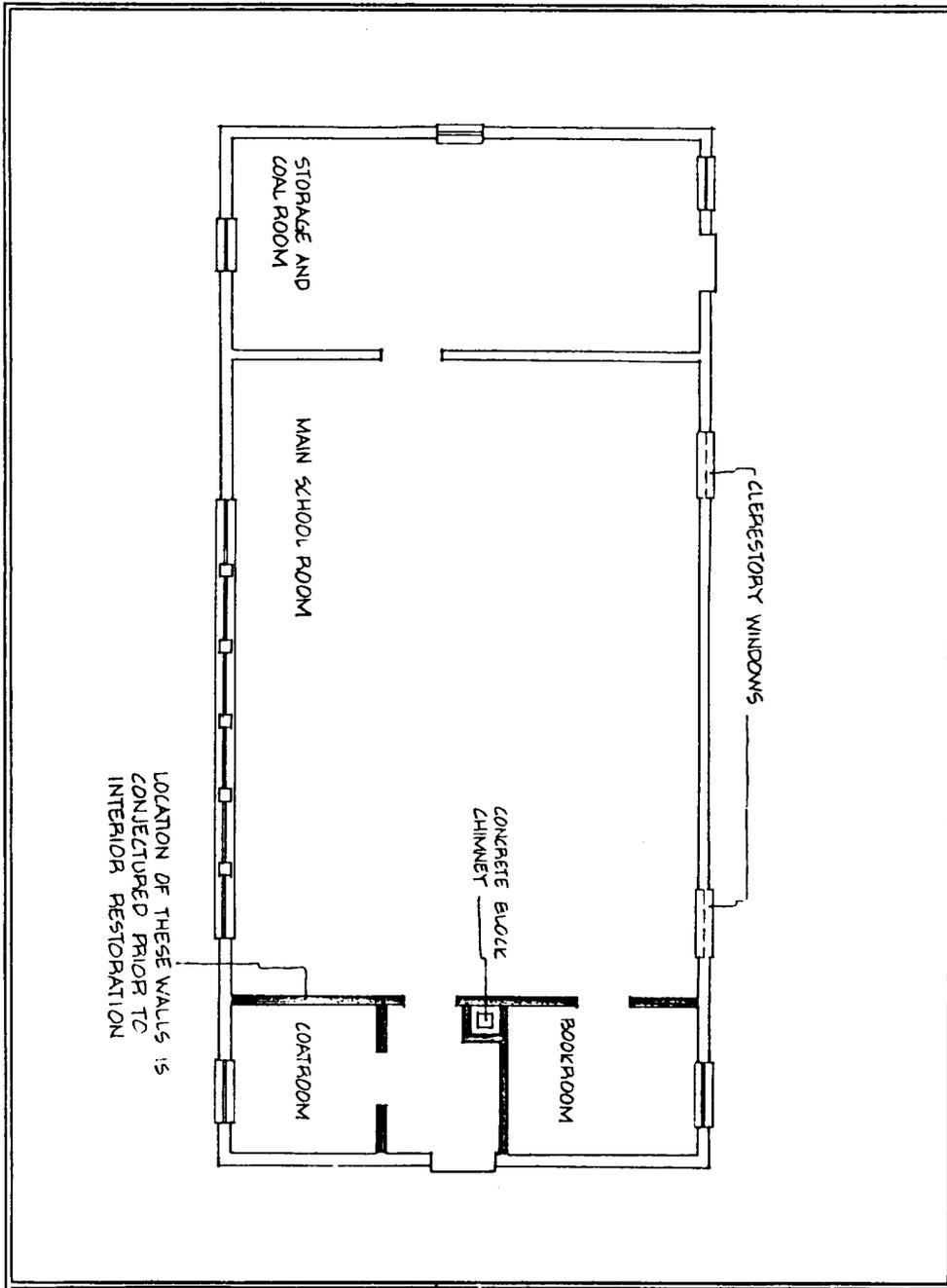
SIDE (NORTHEAST) ELEVATION  
SCALE:  
PREPARED: 12/74  
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ROCKAWALKIN SCHOOL  
WICOMICO COUNTY SAUSBURY  
EASEMENT EXHIBIT NO. 7

FLOOR PLAN <sup>PRIOR TO RESTORATION</sup>  
SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"  
PREPARED: 12/74 J. CALFIELD  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

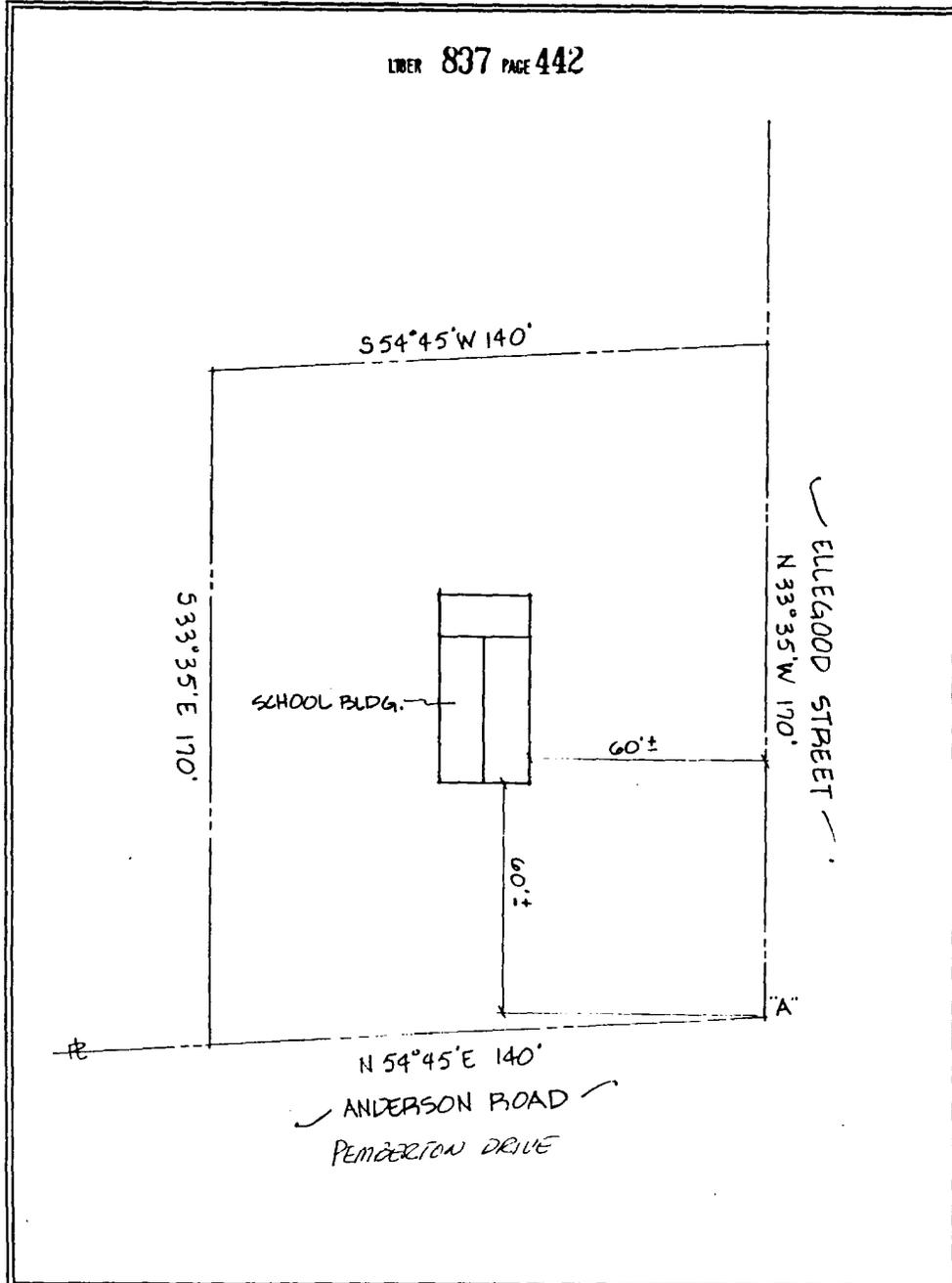


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ROCKAWALKIN SCHOOL WILDOMICO COUNTY SAUGBURY EASEMENT EXHIBIT NO. 2	SITE PLAN SCALE: 1" = 30'-0" PREPARED: 12/74 J. CAUFIELD MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST	 NORTH
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 Land Records of Wicomico County, Maryland in Liber A.J.S.  
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*W. James Smith* Clerk



## Kokowalpa School

Taken in 1929 after the school was  
renovated & brought up to state standards.

This picture was used as the way the  
school would be ~~restored~~ restored.



Rockaway School

1973

After move to Pemberton School  
property at beginning of restoration