

WO-240
School No. 3
Bishopville vicinity
private

c. 1870

Converted to a community hall for the congregation of the Zion United Methodist church, School No. 3 is a plain single-story weatherboard frame structure reflective of the numerous rural educational buildings erected throughout Worcester County during the second half of the nineteenth century. Architectural details suggest a post-Civil War date, and the building is designated on the 1877 Lake, Griffing and Stevenson atlas.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: SCHOOL No. 3

MHT Inventory Number: NO-240

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture, Education

2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SHORE

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

1815-1870 AGRICULTURAL-INDUSTRIAL TRANSITION

4) Resource Type(s):

1. STANDING STRUCTURE
a. SCHOOL

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic SCHOOL NO. 3

and/or common

2. Location

street & number North side of Back Creek Road not for publication

city, town Bishopville vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

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 checked="" 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 Trustees of Zion United Methodist Church

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Bishopville state and zip code MD 21813

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Worcester County folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository 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 type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" 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.

School No. 3, now the community hall for the Zion United Methodist church, stands on the north side of Back Creek Road in the vicinity of Bishopville, Worcester County, Maryland. The single-story frame building faces south with the gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Dating to around 1870, the single-story, gable front frame building is supported by reworked brick foundation and it is sheathed with a layer of plain weatherboard siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A shed addition has been attached to the east side.

The south (main) elevation is a plain weatherboard wall aside from the center door opening. The door has been replaced, and poured concrete steps have been laid to reach the entrance. The eaves are slightly extended.

The west side of the building is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows, and the northernmost bay is covered by a single-story frame addition.

The east side is fully covered by the modern frame addition which rests on a stuccoed block foundation and is covered by plain weatherboards.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input 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		

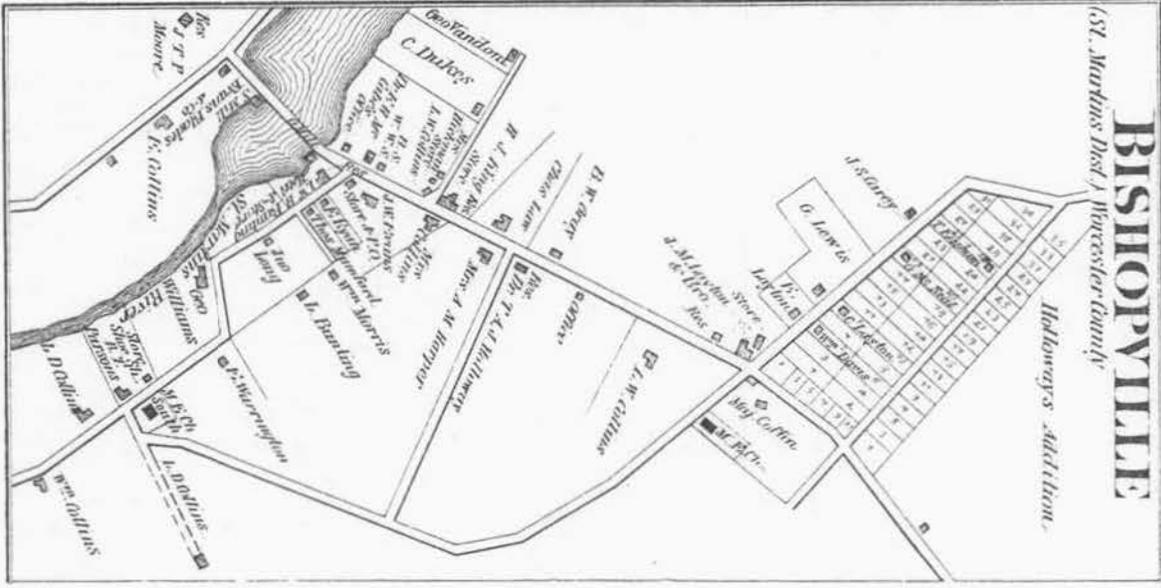
Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

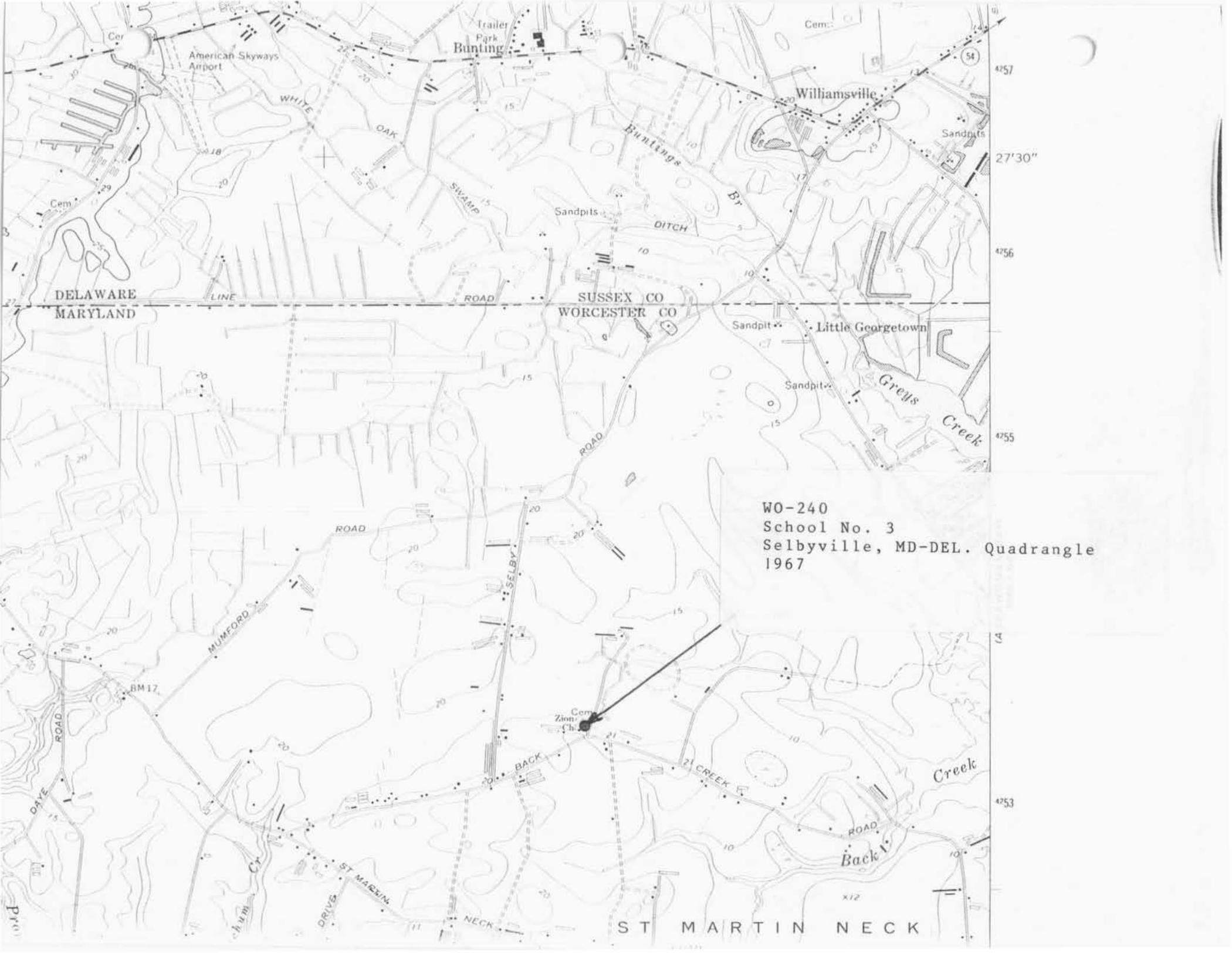
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1877 LAKE, GRIPPING, AND STEVENSON ATLAS

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BISHOPVILLE BUSINESS REFERENCES.
 Dr. T. A. J. HOLLOWAY, Physician and Sur-
 geon.
 L. W. H. BUNTING, Dealer in Dry Goods, No-
 tions, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Ready-made Cloths.
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School No. 3
Selbyville, MD-DEL. Quadrangle
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