



Havre de Grace Historic Landmark and District Nomination Form

Please read the Historic Landmark and District Nomination Form Instructions carefully before completing this form. All fields must be completed for the form to be accepted. This nomination form is designed to provide the information necessary for staff and the Havre de Grace Historic Preservation Commission to evaluate the significance of the nominated property or district for possible designation as a Havre de Grace Historic Landmark or Historic District. Staff assistance is available to answer any questions you may have regarding this form or the program.

General Property/District Information

Name The Havre de Grace Colored School Museum and Cultural Center Inventory No. HA-1617-8
 Other _____
 Address 555 Alliance Street
 City/Town, ZIP Havre de Grace, MD 21078
 Tax ID Number 84-2019323

Property Owner (s)

Name (s) The Havre de Grace Colored School Museum and Cultural Center Telephone _____
 Street and Number 555 Alliance Street Cell Phone _____
 City/Town Havre de Grace State MD ZIP Code 21078
 Email Address hdgcoloredschool@gmail.com

For additional owners, attach a separate sheet.

Applicant (if different from the property owner)

Name (s) Patricia D. Cole Telephone _____
 Street and Number _____ Cell Phone _____
 City/Town _____ State _____ ZIP Code 21286
 Email Address hdgcoloredschool@gmail.com

Applicant's relationship to the nominated property President

Property/District Type

For individual properties, identify the property type by its most important resource and list each resource on the property. For districts, select "District" and list the resources within the proposed boundaries. Attach a separate sheet, if needed.

- Building e.g. house, barn, spring house: _____ Former segregated school building _____
- Structure e.g. bridge, wall, kiln, windmill: _____
- Site e.g. battlefield, archaeological site: _____
- Object e.g. milestone, boundary marker, fountain: _____
- District _____

Condition of the Primary Resource(s) - For Districts Mark All That Apply

- Excellent Deteriorated
- Good Ruins
- Fair Altered

Historic Background of Property/District

Historic Use		(mark all that apply)	Period of Significance	Status
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied
<input type="checkbox"/>	Commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant
<input type="checkbox"/>	Defense/ Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> For Sale
<input type="checkbox"/>	Domestic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Process of Transfer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation/ culture	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposed for demolition
<input type="checkbox"/>	Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	(for districts, mark all that apply)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Funerary	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government			
			Prehistoric	
			1600 - 1699	
			1700 - 1799	
			1800 - 1899	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1900 - 1999	
			2000 - Present	

Historic Significance

Why is the property or district being nominated? Please choose one or more of the following criteria for designation.

Criteria for Designation:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	It is associated with events that have made significant contributions to our history.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	It is associated with the lives of persons significant in our history.
<input type="checkbox"/>	It embodies character, interest or value as part of the heritage or culture of Harford County, Maryland or the Nation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	It embodies the distinctive characteristics of a particular architectural style, period, or method of construction.
<input type="checkbox"/>	It represents the work of a noted architect or master builder.
<input type="checkbox"/>	It possesses high artistic value.
<input type="checkbox"/>	It represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	It has yielded and has the potential to provide important information about history or prehistory.

Please provide a detailed narrative that addresses how the property meets the above criteria. Please attach additional sheets, if necessary.

The Havre de Grace Colored School holds great historic significance as an educational institution for African Americans in Harford County, Maryland. The school's journey began in 1912 with the construction of a two-room white wooden framed building, which served as one of the more than 14 grammar schools for African American children in Harford County. In a time of racial segregation, the school played a crucial role in providing quality education and empowering the African American community in Havre de Grace, Maryland.

One key aspect of the Havre de Grace Colored School's significance was in 1930 when the school was designated as the first public high school for African American students. This achievement was made possible through the establishment of a County-Wide Black Parent and Teacher Association (P.T.A.) led by Mr. Clayton C. Stansbury. Over the years, the school continued to grow, with a four-room brick extension added in 1936.

During an era when educational opportunities for African Americans were limited, this school offered a safe space for learning and personal growth. Its curriculum aimed to empower students with knowledge and skills, enabling them to obtain the necessary life skills to navigate a segregated society.

Langston Hughes, a famous American poet, novelist, and playwright, was a frequent visitor to the Colored School by invitation of the school's principal, Mr. Leon S. Roye. Hughes' presence highlighted the importance of the school as a center for cultural enrichment and intellectual stimulation.

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Moreover, the Havre de Grace Colored School became a meeting place for the local African American community, fostering a sense of unity and collective action. It served as a hub for cultural and social events, promoting black pride and heritage. Not only did the school provide a place of learning, but it also offered a space for community members to gather, share ideas, and organize movements for equal rights and social justice. Many influential leaders, educators, and activists emerged from this school and went on to make significant contributions to society. The last graduating class from the Havre de Grace Colored School was in 1953.

After experiencing changes and abandonment over the years, the former Mayor of Havre de Grace acquired the school in the 1980s. It served as a medical facility for several years before being put up for sale in 2016. In recognition of its historic significance and to further promote African American culture, the Havre de Grace Colored School Foundation (HdGCSF) formed with a goal of acquiring this important piece of American history. The HdGCSF and the Community Projects of Havre de Grace (CPoHdG), a non-profit organization, worked together to raise awareness and resources to acquire the school. Through their combined efforts, they successfully purchased the school in 2018 under CPoHdG. Shortly thereafter, the HdGCSF created the nonprofit Havre de Grace Colored School Museum and Cultural Center (HCSMCC), Inc. In February 2019, the CPoHdG successfully transferred ownership to the HCSMCC, Inc.

The HCSMCC's main purpose is to document and preserve African American life, history, and culture in Harford County, Maryland. Through exhibits and historical displays, the museum allows individuals interested in African American culture to explore and appreciate this rich history. It also provides an opportunity for all Americans to understand the shaping of their own stories, histories, and cultures through national influences. The museum highlights the cultural and civil context, showcasing how American values of resilience and optimism are reflected in African American history and culture.

The Havre de Grace Colored School's historic significance lies in its role as an educational institution that empowered the African American community in Harford County, Maryland. Through providing education, fostering cultural enrichment, and promoting equal rights, the school left a lasting legacy that continues to shape the community today.

Photos Attachments:

- Page #07 – 1912 Building
- Page #08 – 1936 Building
- Page #09 – 1946 Class – Front View Bldg 1936
- Page #10 – 1912 / 1936 Side View – Stokes Street
- Page #11– 1912 / 1936 Side View – Stokes Street
- Page #12 – 1936 Bldg Side Vies
- Page #13 – 1936 Bldg Front View – Alliance Street
- Page #14 – 1936 Bldg - Alliance Street
- Page #15 – 1936 Bldg – Alliance Street
- Page #16 – 1936 Bldg Track – Alliance Street
- Page #17– 1936 Bldg Track – Alliance Street
- Page #18 – 1936 Bldg Track – Alliance Street
- Page #19 – 1936 Bldg Track – Alliance Street
- Page #20 – Class Unk – Front View Bldg 1936
- Page #21 – 1946 Class – Front View Bldg 1936
- Page #22 – 1951 Class – Front View Bldg 1936
- Page #23– 1952 Class – Front View Bldg 1936
- Page #24 – 1953 Class (The last graduating class)– Front View Bldg 1936
- Page #25 – 1949 Classroom
- Page #26– Black Teachers of Harford County – with Mr. Dennis Noble, Supervisor of Colored Schools
- Page #27 – Harford County Black P.T.A. led by Mr. Clayton C. Stansbury
- Page #28 – HdG Colored School teachers
- Page #29 - Blueprint dated 1935
- Page #30 - Blueprint dated 1935

Property/District Name: The Havre de Grace Colored School
Museum and Cultural Center, Inc.

Inventory No. HA-1617-8

Property Owner(s) Consent Form

Obtaining approval of this request for designation as a Havre de Grace Historic Landmark does not absolve the applicant from obtaining all other applicable permits and approvals, such as building permits, certificates of appropriateness, tax credit applications, etc. Please contact the Havre de Grace Historic Preservation staff for assistance with consent for Districts.

*I/We The Havre de Grace Colored School
Museum and Cultural Center, Inc. are the lawful owner (s) of record for the property located at 555 Alliance Street, Havre de Grace, Maryland 21078, which has been nominated for designation as a Havre de Grace Historic Landmark. I/We do hereby grant my/our consent for the submittal of this nomination form and designation of my/our property as a Havre de Grace Historic Landmark, if so designated by the Havre de Grace Historic Preservation Commission and the Havre de Grace City Council. I/ We hereby certify that I/we am/are familiar with and understand the applicable state and local codes and ordinances, and the procedural requirements as prescribed in Article XIII. General Provisions for Historic Landmarks, of the Havre de Grace City Code.*

Name Patricia D. Cole , President Signature  Date 8/21/2023
(Property owner)

Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____
(Property owner)

Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____
(Applicant)

Historic Landmark and District Nomination Mandatory Checklist

Instructions: After completing the nomination form, fill out this checklist to ensure that your nomination contains the documentation required for evaluation. The checklist is based on the detailed information included in the Historic Landmark Nomination Form Instructions. Read and check each line carefully; **the nomination review period will not begin until a completed form with checklist is submitted. Please attach your documentation to this form.**

A **Location Map** showing the property boundaries proposed for designation.

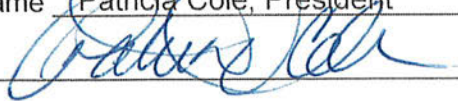
Photographs of existing conditions. Include: photo elevations of the primary resource and any secondary resources; detail photographs of any character defining features; if available any historic photographs.

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I attest that I have completed the Historic Landmark and District Nomination Form and provided the documentation required for evaluation.

Applicant Name Patricia Cole, President

Signature 

Date 8/21/2023

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Significant exterior features to be protected:

Exterior facades (all elevations) with original materials for both the wooden frame portion from 1912 and brick structure from 1936. In the case of replacement from prior work when the building was converted to medical offices (such as the windows), we would ask that future replacements replicate original material to the maximum extent possible. Retention of slate roof and wood clapboard on the 1912 portion is considered to be critical to the historic integrity of the structure.

Areas to be included:

Building exterior and any attachments thereof, such as accessibility ramps, and any structural changes to the building, such as elevator access to ground level. This includes window and exterior door replacements, chimney (if ever desired), railings, and roof replacement.

Types of undertakings, other than those requiring a building or demolition permit to be reviewed:

Subdivision of property, accessory structures, and similar items as deemed necessary by the Director of Planning to require review by the Historic Preservation Commission.

Other Recommendations:

The Department would ask that you provide courtesy review for interior restoration projects only for the sake of idea sharing, where it may be helpful to have additional input. A suggestion by Planning Department staff is to have the flagpole restored in its original location at the main entrance and the railing for the main stairs replicated in any new front entrance access.

Date of Public Meeting: September 12, 2023

The Havre de Grace Historic Preservation Commission, in conjunction with the Department of Planning has reviewed the *Havre de Grace Historic Landmark and District Nomination* for the above listed resource, and has determined that:

The completed nomination meets the required criteria for designation, and therefore is **approved**, and is recommended to the Havre de Grace City Council for designation.

The completed nomination does not meet the required criteria for designation, and therefore is **denied**.



Chair, Havre de Grace Historic Preservation Commission

10/3/2023

Date



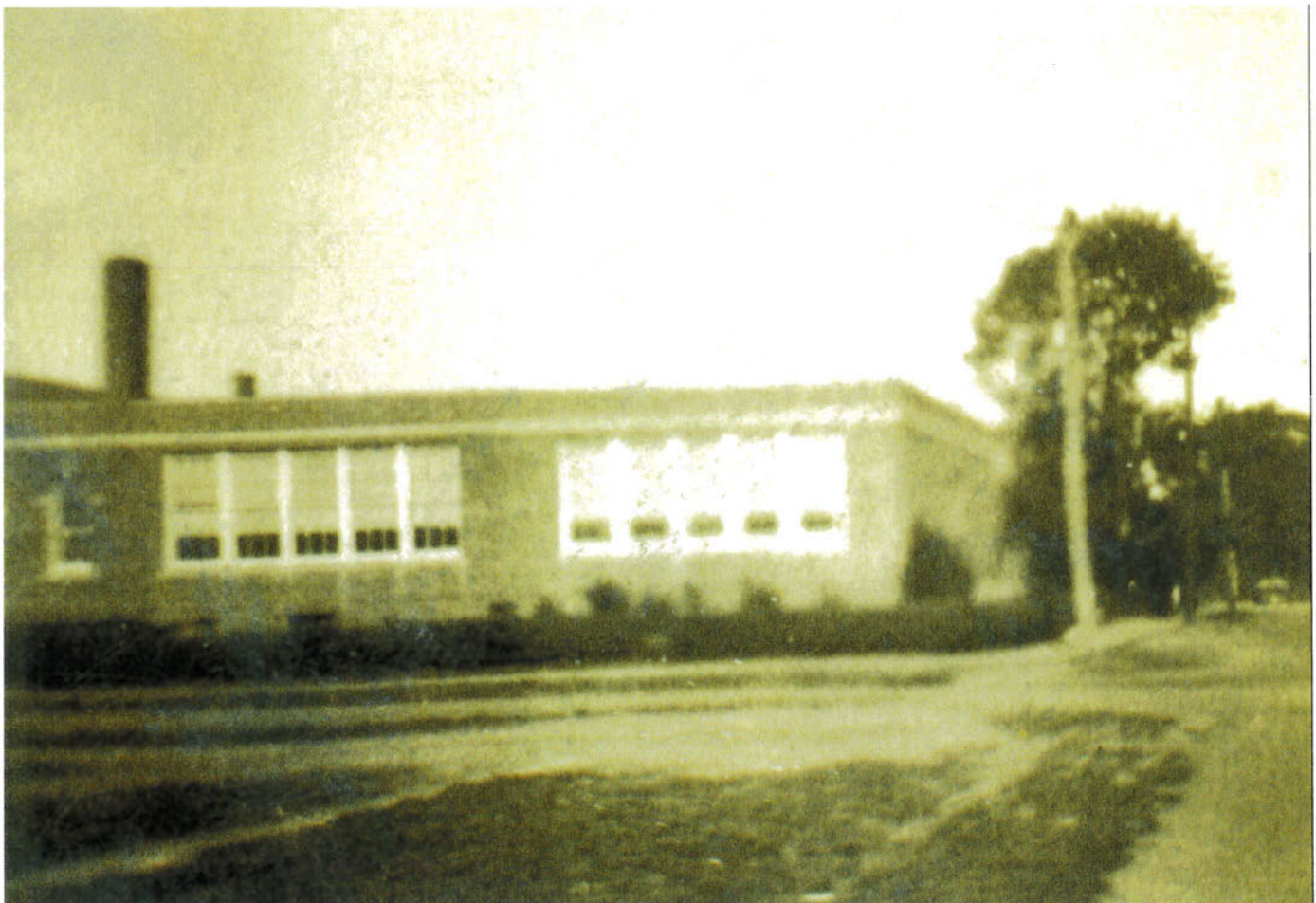
Director, City of Havre de Grace Planning Department

10/12/2023

Date



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Girls' Track Team

1952



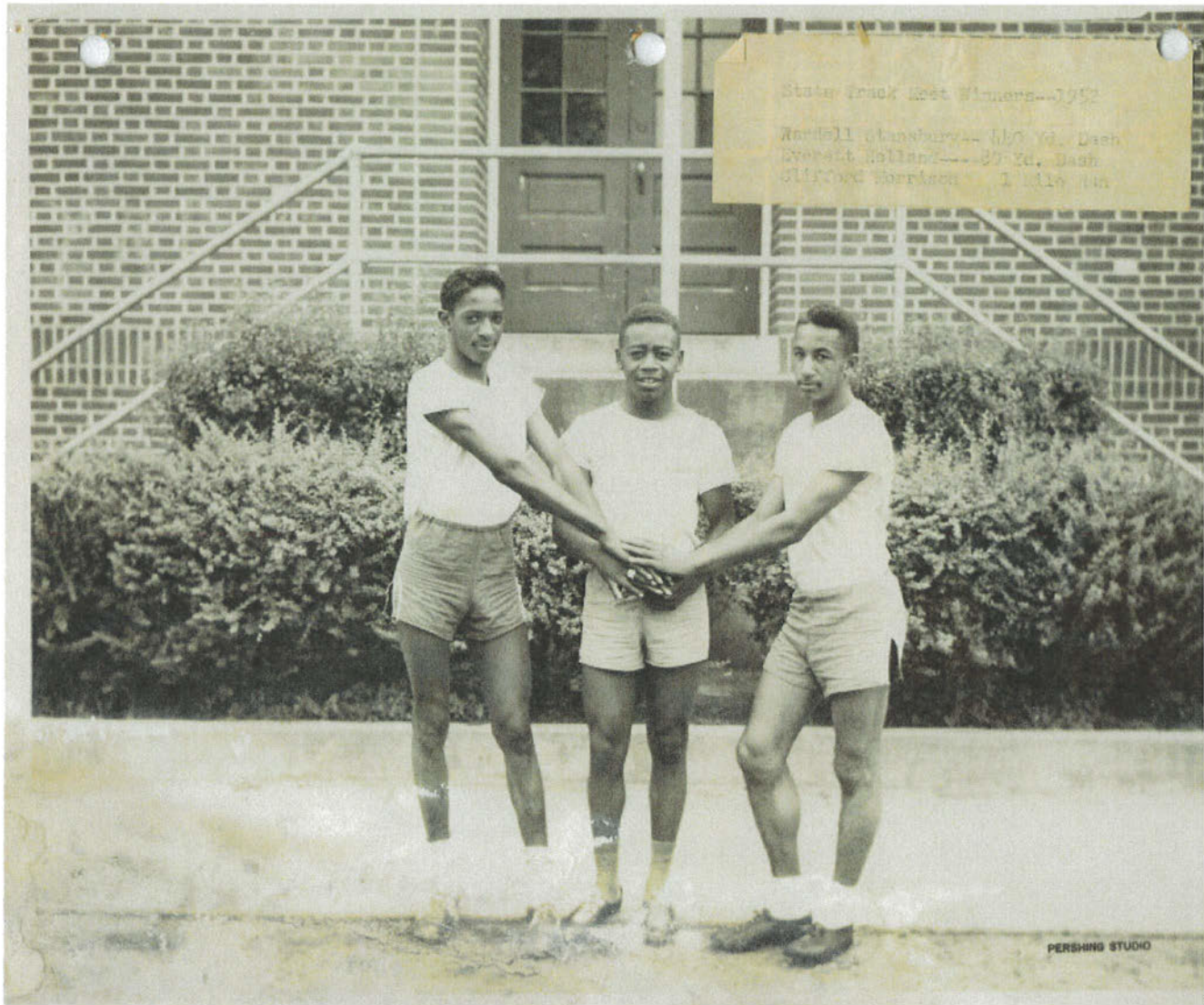
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State Track Meet Winners--1952

Harrell Stanbury-- 440 Yd. Dash
Eversett Holland-- 80 Yd. Dash
Clifford Harrison-- 1 Mile Run

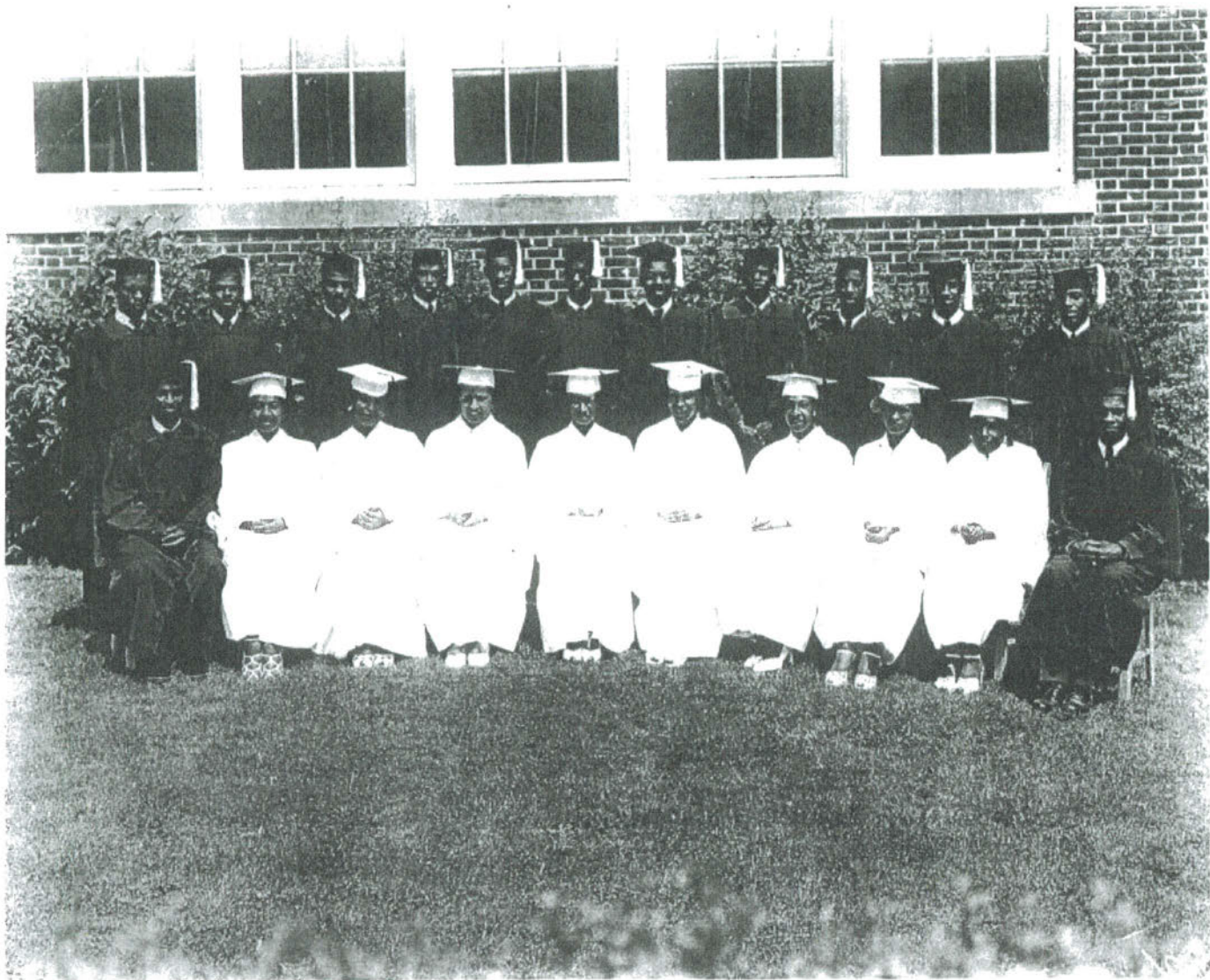
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CLASS of 1946





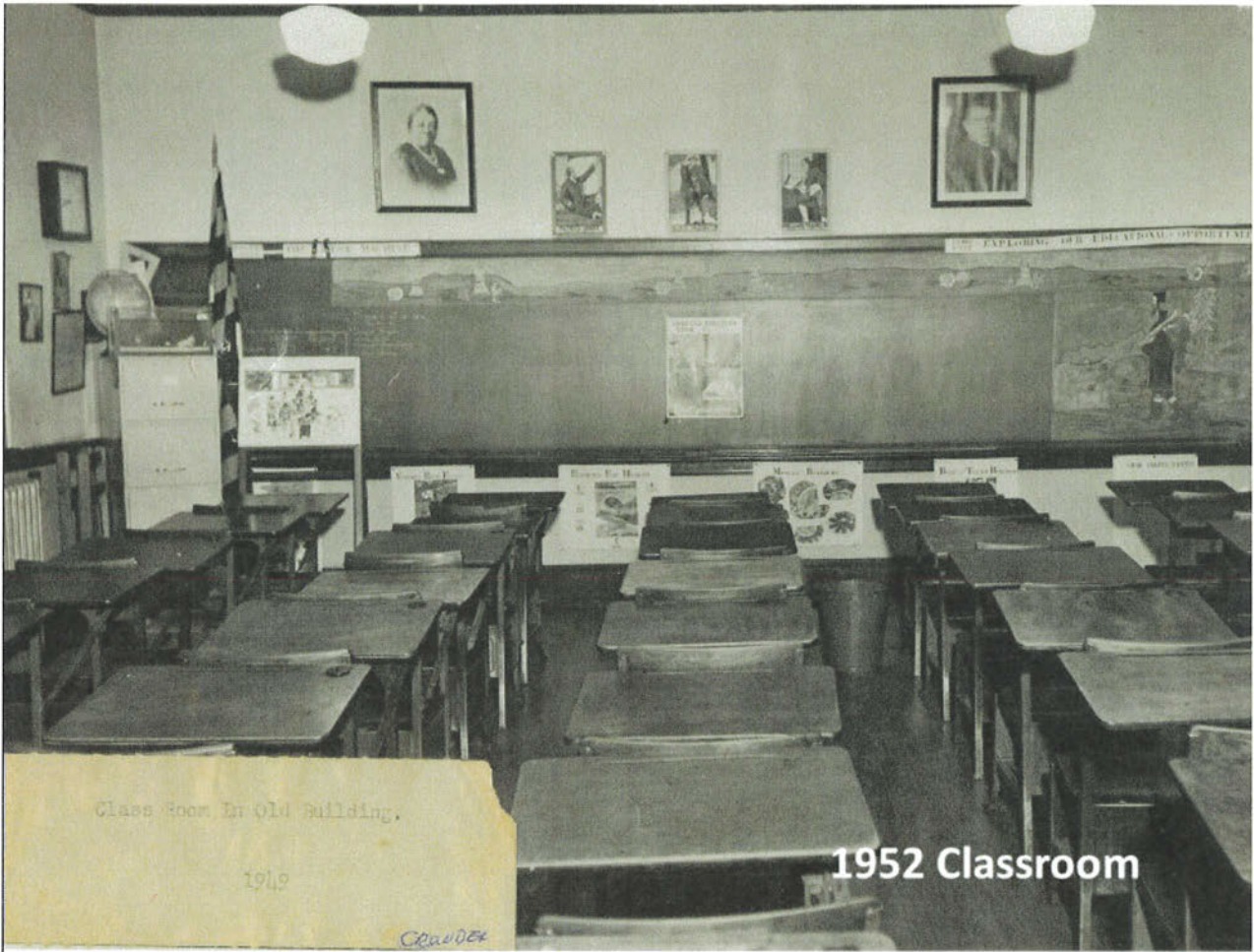
Graduating Class

June 1952

CLASS W/ 195



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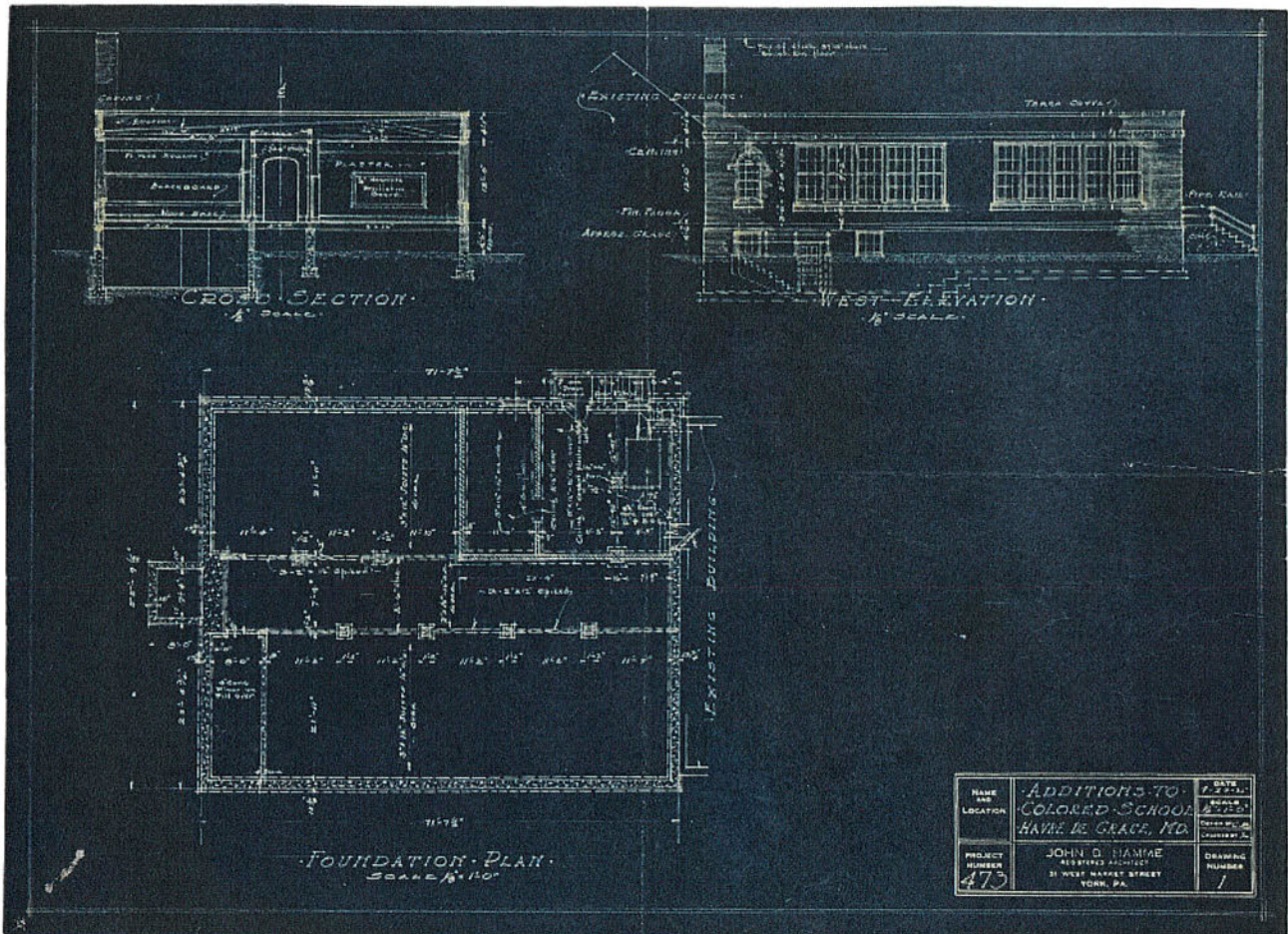
Pictured are members of Colored PTA, teachers, parents and Students at a meeting held in classroom of Old Colored Elementary School, Havre de Grace, Md. (Mr. Clayton Stansbury, Morgan Jones, Mr. Vandela Williams, Otto Williams, Professor & Mrs. Leon Roye, Marie Brown, Elizabeth Jennifer, Mrs. L. Williams, Dr. Percy Williams, Rev. Alfred Johnson, Bernard James, Leroy Stansbury, Irving Williams and Robert Hill.



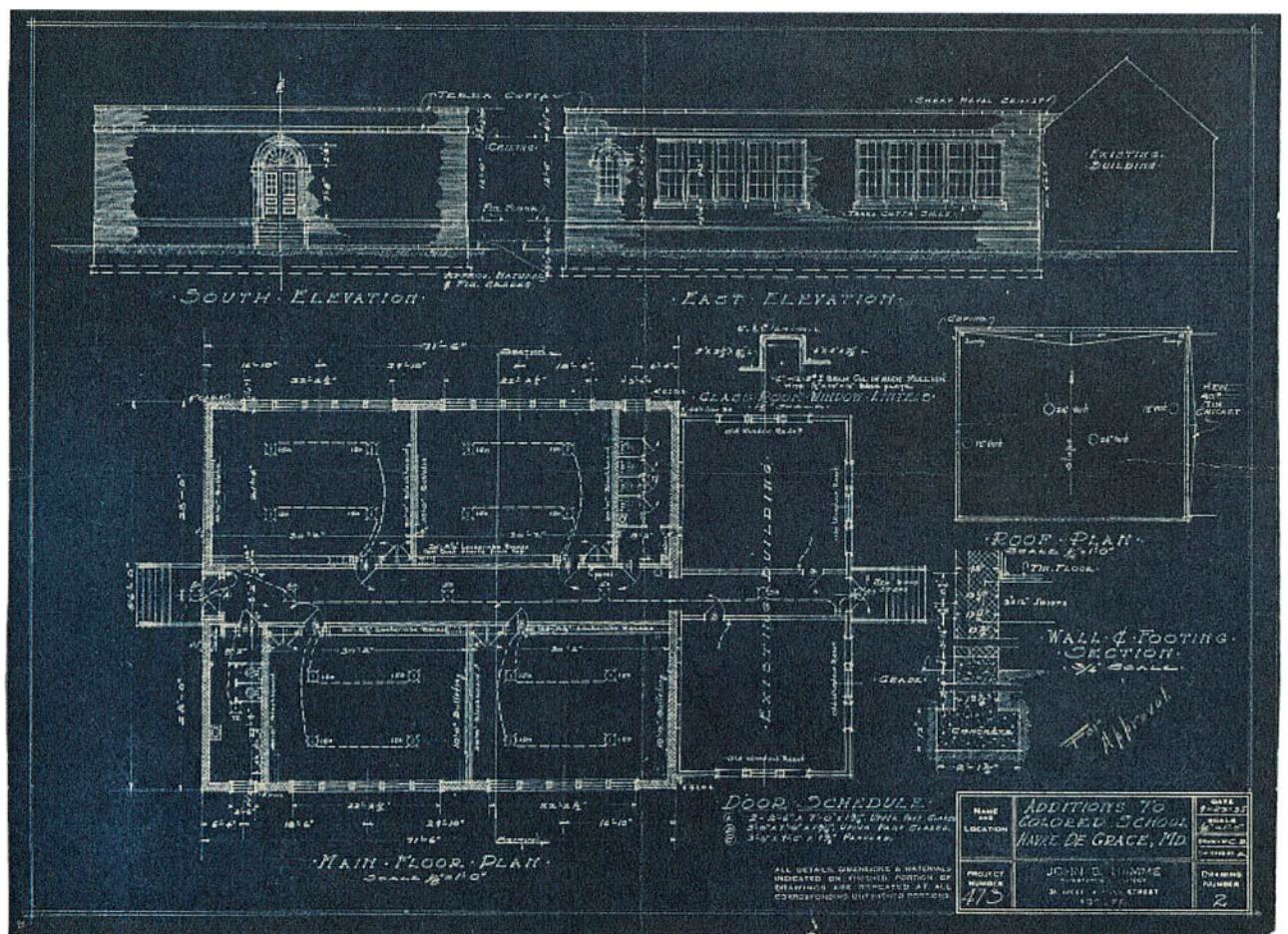
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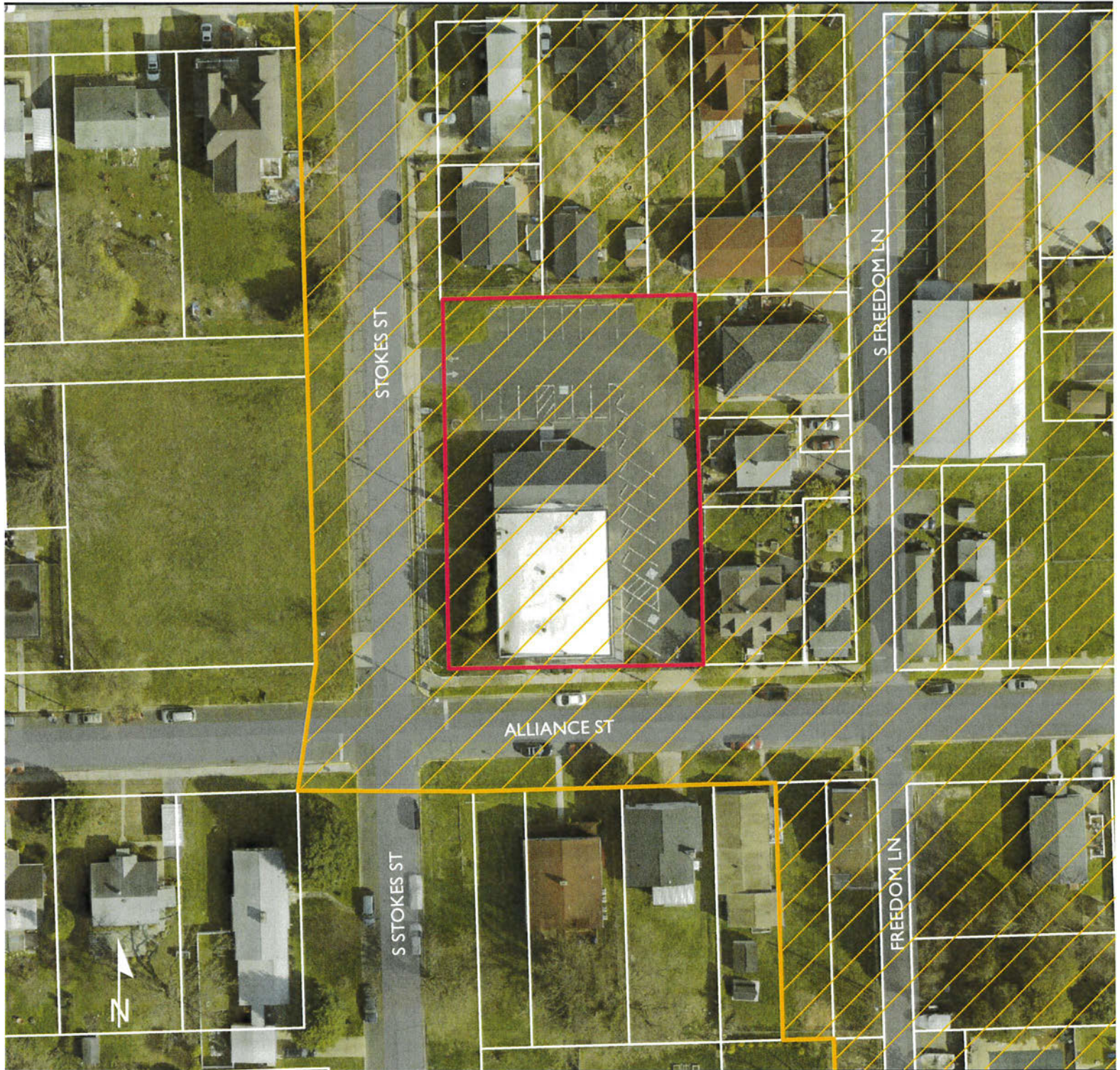


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The Havre de Grace Colored School Museum and Cultural Center



HA 1617-8, The Havre de Grace Colored School Museum and Cultural Center
within the National Register Historic District boundary

555 Alliance Street
Havre de Grace, Maryland

CITY COUNCIL
OF
HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-16

Introduced by Council Member Jones

**A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF
HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF
MARYLAND AND SECTIONS 33 AND 34 OF THE CITY CHARTER
TO DESIGNATE THE HAVRE DE GRACE COLORED SCHOOL
MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER AS A HAVRE DE GRACE
HISTORIC LANDMARK**

WHEREAS, The Havre de Grace Colored School Museum and Cultural Center, Inc. as an organization celebrates the legacy of those that advocated for equitable access to education for African American students in Harford County, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The Havre de Grace Colored School Museum and Cultural Center as a building holds great historical significance as an educational institution for African Americans in Harford County, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, the two-part building includes a wooden frame portion which was constructed as a grammar school in 1912 for African American children in Havre de Grace and the adjoining brick portion was completed in 1936 as the first high school for African American children in Harford County during segregation; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission has the distinct role of designating landmarks, sites, structures, or districts of historic or architectural significance in order to preserve and enhance the quality of life and to safeguard the historical and cultural heritage of Havre de Grace; and

WHEREAS, The Havre de Grace Colored School Museum and Cultural Center has been nominated to be the first established Havre de Grace Historic Landmark by its Executive Director, Ms. Patricia Cole, and was approved by the Historic Preservation Commission at its meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is determined, decided, and resolved by the City Council that the designation of The Havre de Grace Colored School Museum and Cultural Center as a Havre de Grace Historic Landmark is hereby approved.

ADOPTED by the City Council of Havre de Grace, Maryland this 16th day of October, 2023.

SIGNED by the Mayor and attested by the Director of Administration this 17th day of October, 2023.

ATTEST:

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF HAVRE DE GRACE



Stephen J. Gamatoria
Director of Administration



William T. Martin
Mayor

Introduced: 10/16/2023

Passed/Adopted: 10/16/2023

Effective Date: 10/17/2023