

CAPSULE SUMMARY

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Good Luck Schoolhouse

7600 Northern Avenue

Glenn Dale, Prince George's County, Maryland

1899

Private

The Good Luck Schoolhouse, constructed c. 1899, is one of the oldest extant schoolhouses in Prince George's County. Constructed for African-American students, the school was originally designated as Colored School #2 in District #14; it is also known as the Glenn Dale Colored School. This one-room schoolhouse is an example of vernacular educational architecture dating from the turn of the twentieth century. The school served the Glenn Dale (later known as Brookland) community until it was deemed obsolete in 1935 following the construction of two nearby Rosenwald schools. The school was rehabilitated to serve as a single-family dwelling c. 1938; it is currently vacant. The Good Luck School does not retain sufficient integrity to convey its significance as one of the oldest, extant, African-American schoolhouses in the county due to deterioration, change in use, and alterations/additions.

This one-story, three-bay wide, three-bay deep schoolhouse was constructed in 1899. The foundation of the building is not visible. The wood-frame structure was originally clad in German wood siding but has been reclad in German vinyl siding. The vinyl siding was attached directly to the wood siding. The front-gable roof has overhanging eaves, cornice returns, raking wood cornice, and is covered with asphalt shingles. Fenestration of the building consists of 6/6, double-hung, wood-sash windows set in square-edge wood surrounds with wood sills. An interior-end brick chimney with plain cap pierces the roof of the rear addition, which was added in the early twentieth century. An exterior-side, rock-faced, concrete-block chimney is located on the south addition, which was constructed c. 1915.