

CAPSULE SUMMARY

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Old Marlboro Primary School

14554 Elm Street

Upper Marlboro, Prince George's County, Maryland

1896

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The Old Marlboro Primary School at 14554 Elm Street in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, is a typical example of late-nineteenth-century educational architecture. Noteworthy for the role it played in education, the Old Marlboro Primary School is most significant for the role it played in the early years of public education for girls in Prince George's County. Situated adjacent to the Old Marlboro High School (PG: 79-019-52), these buildings sited on a hill overlooking Upper Marlboro represent 150 years of public education. The Old Marlboro Primary School maintains a low level of integrity due to its replacement materials and multiple additions, and as a result, does not retain sufficient integrity to convey its significance as a late-nineteenth-century schoolhouse.

The Old Marlboro Primary School was constructed in 1896. The one-story, six-bay Craftsman-style building has a bungalow form. The wood-frame structure is set on a poured concrete foundation and capped by a side-gabled roof. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and features overhanging eaves. Square-butt wood shingles clad the schoolhouse, featuring corner boards. The structure features two exterior-end brick chimneys of stretcher-bond brick construction. All of the original windows have been replaced with vinyl-sash windows. The façade (south elevation) features a one-story, centrally located screened porch. Located on the same parcel of land as the Old Marlboro Primary School are two historic resources, the Doctor William and Sarah Beanes Cemetery (PG: 79-019-22) to the east, and the Old Marlboro High School (PG: 79-019-52) to the west.