

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-2102
Monkton School
Monkton, Baltimore County
1873

The Monkton School is located in Monkton on Monkton Road in the Tenth District of Baltimore County. Designed by Thomas Dixon, the Monkton School was designated School 10, District 10 in the 1873 report. The contractor was Samuel Miller, chief businessman of Monkton at the time. It was a two-room school with a vestibule and measured 45 x 24 1/2 feet. In 1936, the Board of Education sold it for \$500 to the Monkton M.E. Church, who used it as a meeting hall. It was then sold to the Isaiah Baptist Church. The Isaiah Baptist Church outgrew its original edifice and was offered the meeting hall used by the neighboring Monkton M.E. Church.

Facing northeast, the one-story masonry building rests on a raised random-rubble stone foundation and is capped with a front-gable roof. Originally measuring one bay across and 2 bays deep, the walls of this brick building are constructed in a six-course American bond. The façade of the school features a large gable-roof vestibule, which contains double-leaf replacement doors. Supporting the entryway is a half-round brick voussoir surround filled in with a weatherboard transom. The overhanging eaves of the church roofs are ornamented with an unusual brick corbeled cornice. Each elevation is detailed with stretcher bond brick buttresses. Each side elevation of the vestibule has one window opening both of which are covered with wood plank shutters. The remaining paired double-hung windows are replacement 6/6 vinyl sashes. The windows are supported with wood sills and wood lug lintels. Rising above the asphalt-shingle roof is one exterior-side brick capped chimney.

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

Overlooking Monkton Road, the Monkton School sits at the crest of a small hill in the rural village of Monkton. Two paved asphalt driveways lead to the school from Monkton Road. They connect and circle around the building. At the rear of the property is a line a of trees and wire fence serving as the property line for the Isaiah Baptist Church, whom now occupies the Monkton School building.

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A two-bay deep flush addition was added to the rear elevation of the school. This section rests on a random-rubble stone foundation and is constructed of five-course American bond. The double-hung windows in this section are similar to the original block.

To the southeast of the school, is the Isaiah Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, which was constructed circa 1990. This building has a front-gable roof and a wood-frame structural system.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates	1873	Architect/Builder	Thomas Dixon/Samuel Miller
Construction dates	1873		

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Monkton School is located in Monkton on Monkton Road in the Tenth District of Baltimore County. The Tenth District is highly agricultural with over 48 square miles within its boundaries. In 1881, it was noted to having a population of 2,374, which was down by 192 since the 1870 census.(1) The district is bounded by Harford County on the east, the Eleventh District on the south, Seventh and Eighth Districts on the west, and Seventh District on the north. Monkton developed as a station on the Northern Central Railway. In 1881, the village was approximately 20 miles from Baltimore City and contained a meager population of 40 people. In 1881, there were no African American schools listed in Monkton. The only two African American schools in the Tenth District were located in St. James and Sweet Air.(2)

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The Isaiah Baptist Church outgrew its original edifice and was offered the meeting hall used by the neighboring Monkton M.E. Church. The original church was demolished so a new fellowship hall could be built.

In 1861, Eli Zeigler and his wife conveyed to Abraham Young a parcel of land on Monkton Road on which the Isaiah Baptist Church stands. After 26 years, the property was transferred to Samuel Miller and his wife whom then sold the property to J. Bernard Harris. The property was deeded to Victoria Harris and others after J. Bernard's death sometime before 1902, at which time she conveyed the land to Isaiah Baptist Church.

ENDNOTES

1. J. Thomas Scharf, History of Baltimore City and County from the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881), p. 907.
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3. Baltimore County Inventory, Office of Planning, Towson.

CHAIN OF TITLE

3/16/1861 Eli Zeigler and wife to Abraham Young

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Liber G.H.C. 32 Folio 87

10/18/1887 Samuel Miller and wife to J. Bernard Harris
Baltimore County Courthouse
Liber J.W.S. 169 Folio 496

10/15/1902 Victoria Harris et al to Isaiah Baptist Church
Baltimore County Courthouse
Liber N.B.M. 265 Folio 109

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1 acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Phoenix, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Monkton School is located at 1931 Monkton Road in the village of Monkton in the Tenth District of Baltimore County. This building has been historically associated with tax map 29 parcel 158 since its construction.

11. Form Prepared By

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Monkton School
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Phoenix, MD USGS Map

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