



PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FORM (PIF) for INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

DHR No. (to be completed by DHR staff) 008-5076

Purpose of Evaluation

Please use the following space to explain briefly why you are seeking an evaluation of this property.

To document and encourage preservation of one of two Rosenwald Schools in Bath County.

Are you interested in applying for State and/or Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits? Yes _____ No x

Are you interested in receiving more information about DHR's easement program? Yes _____ No x

1. General Property Information

Property name: TC Walker School (Millboro School-Rosenwald)

Property address: 1633 TC Walker Road (Route 635)

City or Town: Millboro

Zip code: 24460

Name of the Independent City or County where the property is located: Bath

Category of Property (choose only one of the following):

Building x Site _____ Structure _____ Object _____

2. Physical Aspects

Acreage: _____

Setting (choose only one of the following):

Urban _____ Suburban _____ Town _____ Village _____ Hamlet _____ Rural x

Briefly describe the property's overall setting, including any notable landscape features:

The TC Walker School is located along the south side of Mountain Valley Road (Route 39) between Millboro Springs and Goshen (Rockbridge County). The building is situated on the south side of the road and faces east towards TC Walker Road (Route 635). The building sits on a level lot surrounded by forested areas to the west and south. The original driveway to the school was off TC Walker Road and featured a gravel drive to the front of the school. Today, what would have been the original front lawn is a separate parcel containing several storage unit buildings. Primary access to the building is now off of Route 39 with a gravel driveway leading to the rear of the building.

3. Architectural Description

Architectural Style(s): Vernacular

If the property was designed by an architect, landscape architect, engineer, or other professional, please list here: _____

If the builder is known, please list here: _____

Date of construction (can be approximate): 1929

Narrative Description:

In the space below, briefly describe the general characteristics of the entire property, such as its current use (and historic use if different), as well as the primary building or structure on the property (such as a house, store, mill, factory, depot, bridge, etc.). Include the architectural style, materials and method(s) of construction, physical appearance and condition (exterior and interior), and any additions, remodelings, or other alterations.

The TC Walker School is a one-story, frame, two-teacher Rosenwald School constructed in 1929. The building has been subdivided into two apartments. The building is capped with a standing seam metal hipped roof with a small projecting gable on the front elevation. The school has two interior brick chimneys located towards the rear elevation. The building sits on a foundation of brick piers, infilled with concrete block. There is a continuous brick foundation towards the south end of the building with a walk in basement that houses the furnace. The façade features five bays with two entrances, one towards the north end and one at the south end. The original doors have been replaced with multi-light wood doors but still retain their original three light transom above. Between the two entrances are a series of original and replacement windows. The windows on the north end of the façade are the original six-over-six windows, typical of Rosenwald schools such as this one. The south end of the façade features openings for the original windows but contain plywood inserts and vinyl replacement single slider windows below. The center bay, which at one time contained additional six-over-six window openings, has been covered in vinyl with applied vinyl pilasters.

The north elevation features one bay with an original six-over-six wood window with applied vinyl shutters. The south elevation also features one bay with an original opening but like the south end of the façade features a plywood insert with a single slider vinyl window below. The rear elevation contains six bays, two rear entrances to what are now the two separate apartments. The entrance to apartment on the north end is no longer used and contains one solid wood door with a six light transom above. The rear entrance to the south end apartment features a wood three panel door with three vertical lights. This entrance is accessed via a modern wood deck. Only one larger original window opening remains on the rear elevation and features a replacement vinyl slider window and plywood insert. The remaining three windows are double hung wood two-over-two vertical sash and may also be original to the building.

Briefly describe any outbuildings or secondary resources (such as barns, sheds, dam and mill pond, storage tanks, scales, railroad spurs, etc.), including their condition and their estimated construction dates.

There is one noncontributing shed located off the south elevation of the rear of the building.

4. Property's History and Significance

In the space below, briefly describe the history of the property, such as significant events, persons, and/or families associated with the property.

If the property is important for its architecture, engineering, landscape architecture, or other aspects of design, please include a brief explanation of this aspect.

Please list all sources of information used to research the history of the property. (It is not necessary to attach lengthy articles or family genealogies to this form.)

The TC Walker School is being considered for the National Register under the Rosenwald Schools in Virginia MPD. The two-teacher school was constructed in 1929 at a cost of \$4600, with a \$505 contribution from the African American community. The Fisk database indicates that \$120 was expended for a library. The rural area around Millboro and Millboro Springs housed many African Americans who worked in the resort communities of Hot Springs and Warm Springs. The school is named for Thomas Calhoun Walker, a former enslaved individual from Gloucester County. Mr. Walker was the first African American attorney in Virginia.

The Millboro school meets the requirements under the Rosenwald Schools in Virginia MPD as it was constructed with funds provided by Julius Rosenwald and additional funds were used to encourage additional efforts to educate the African American children living in this area. Additionally, despite significant alterations, the Millboro School is still recognizable as a wood frame two-teacher designed school which was common in the early years of the Rosenwald Fund program. Despite changes to some of the windows, the original layout of the large bank of windows, a recognizable architectural feature of Rosenwalds, is still discernible. The school once held two classrooms, a kitchen and library. There were two Rosenwald Schools in Bath County, this one, and the Switchback School in Hot Springs. The Switchback school was constructed in 1924, and like TC Walker is a two-teacher building. Unfortunately, the Switchback school is slated for demolition due to its deteriorating condition, which will leave TC Walker as the only remaining Rosenwald School in the county.

The period of significance for the school begins in 1929 and extends through 1965 when the school closed. It is being considered locally significant under Criterion A, Ethnic Heritage, African American and under Education. It is also being considered under Criterion C, Architecture.

5. Property Ownership (Check as many categories as apply):

Private: _____ Public\Local _____ Public\State _____ Public\Federal _____

Current Legal Owner(s) of the Property (If the property has more than one owner, please list each below or on an additional sheet.)

name/title: _____

organization: _____

street & number: _____

city or town: _____ state: _____ zip code: _____

e-mail: _____ telephone: _____

Legal Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

• • Signature required for processing all applications. • •

In the event of corporate ownership you must provide the name and title of the appropriate contact person.

Contact person: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____

Applicant Information (Individual completing form if other than legal owner of property)

name/title: _____

organization: _____

street & number: _____

city or town: _____ state: _____ zip code: _____

e-mail: _____ telephone: _____

6. Notification

In some circumstances, it may be necessary for DHR to confer with or notify local officials of proposed listings of properties within their jurisdiction. In the following space, please provide the contact information for the local County Administrator, City Manager, and/or Town Manager

name/title: _____

locality: _____

street & number: _____

city or town: _____ state: _____ zip code: _____

telephone: _____

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Public\Federal ☐

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name/title:

DAC Capital LLC

organization:

street & number:

7029 River Rd.

NOTES

THIS PLAT WAS DRAWN FROM AN ACTUAL FIELD SURVEY AND IS INTENDED TO REPRESENT THAT PROPERTY CONVEYED TO WAYNE F. WILLIAMS OF RECORD IN DEED BOOK 162, PAGE 552. TAX #88-4.

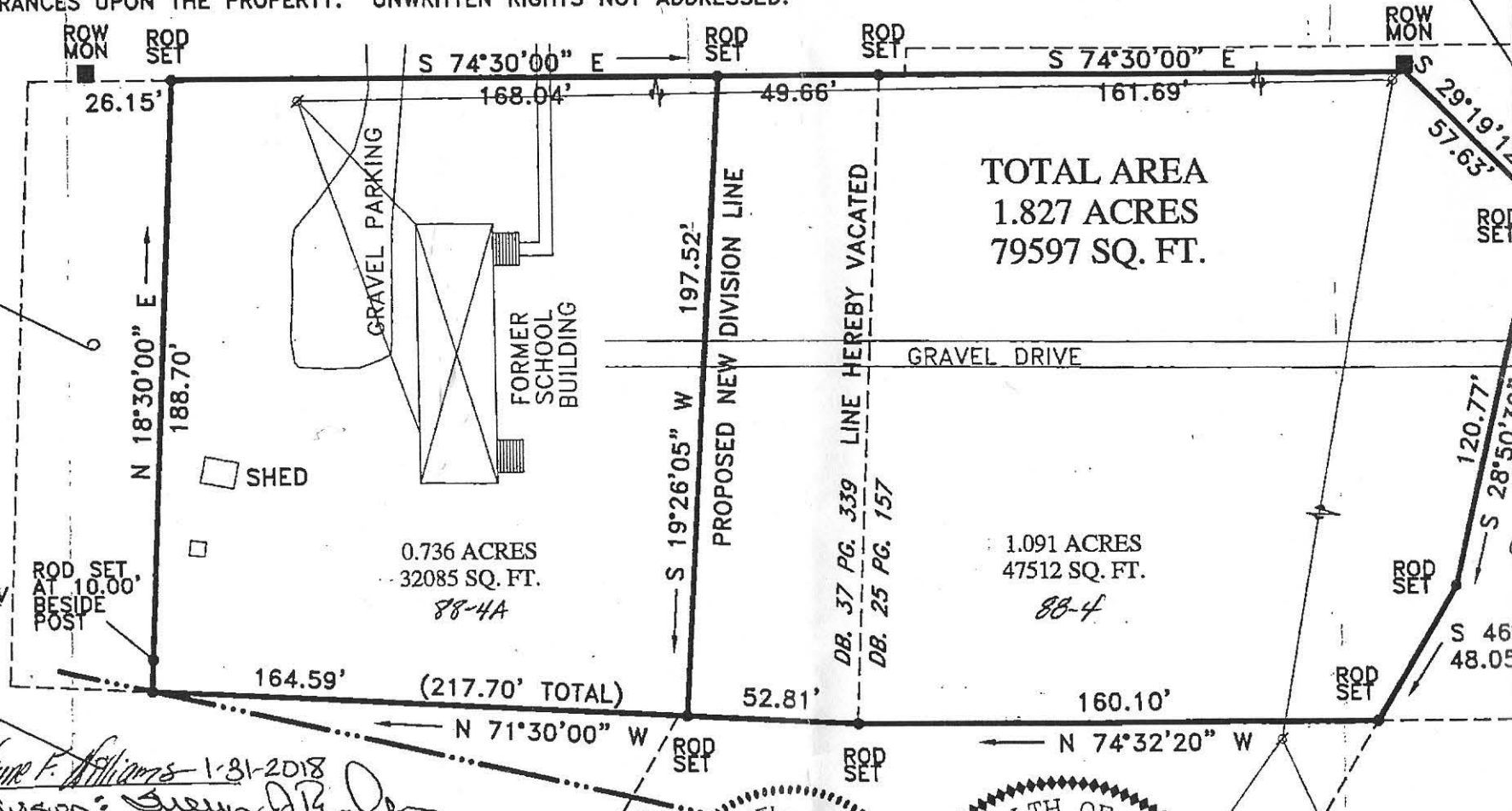
THIS SURVEY WAS PERFORMED WITHOUT THE BENEFIT OF A TITLE REPORT AND MAY NOT INDICATE ALL ENCUMBRANCES UPON THE PROPERTY. UNWRITTEN RIGHTS NOT ADDRESSED.

VA ROUTE 39

VARIABLE RIGHT-OF-WAY
HWY PB 1, PG.

RUBY LEE JACKSON
DB. 58 PG. 158
PC. 1 PG. 42

ODESSA P. JACKSON
DB. 57 PG. 368
TAX #87-120



Owner's consent:

Wayne F. Williams 1-31-2018
Approved for division: *Sherry J. R. R.* 1-31-2018

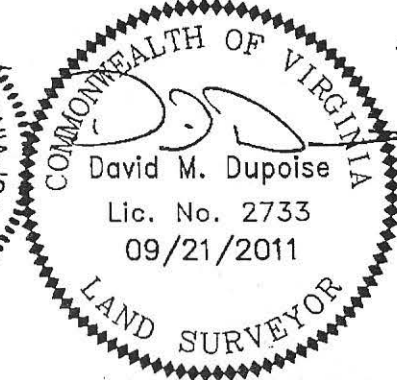
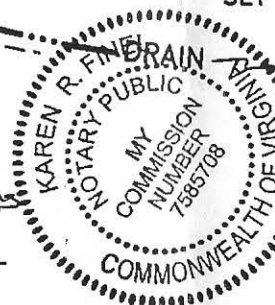
County/City of Bath
Commonwealth/State of Virginia
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 31st day of January 2018, by *RW Vought, Atty for Williams* (name of person seeking acknowledgement)
Karen R. Fine
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 11/30/2018

Wayne F. Williams

MILLBORO MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT
BATH COUNTY, VIRGINIA
SURVEYED 21 SEPTEMBER 2011

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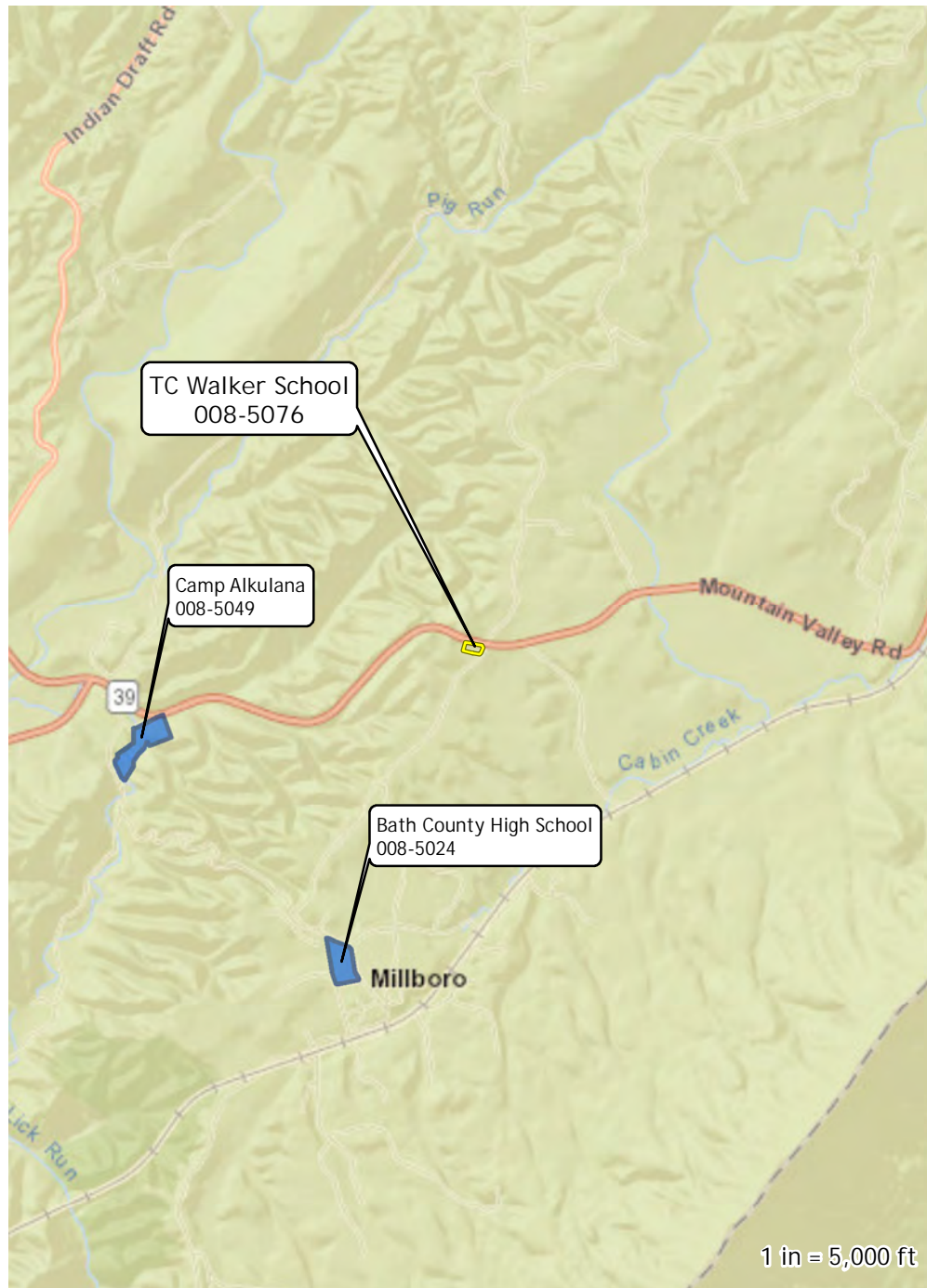


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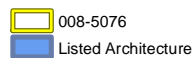
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2018 Aerial Image (via VGIN)



TC Walker School
Bath County, Millboro Quad
DHR ID: 008-5076



Created By: D. Bascone August 21, 2019
 Sources: VDHR 2019, ESRI 2019, VDOT 2019, VGIN 2019
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**Uncovering the History of Bath County's Segregated Schools:
The story of two Rosenwald Schools for the black community**

This year's spring program sponsored by the Bath County Historical Society will present the history of the two Bath County Rosenwald Schools: Union Hurst in Hot Springs and T.C. Walker in Millboro. These two schools are the focus of a project titled, *Ethno-Historic Research on the Rosenwald Schools of Bath County: Switchback School and the Millboro School*. This program is supported by the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities. Project Director Cynthia Boteler will share insights in a multimedia presentation which will incorporate her research and oral history from community members on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 7:00 pm in Trimble Hall, The Dairy Community Center in Warm Springs, Virginia. Virginia State University Archivist Lucious Edwards will give a brief overview of the Archie Richardson Collection, within which Boteler discovered photos of the two schools in 2012. Anthropologist, historian and director of the Tusculum Institute at Sweet Briar College, Dr. Lynn Rainville, will also present information on Rosenwald Schools and her work on her website, *The Rosenwald Schools of Virginia*.

Seven years of organizing Black History programs for Dabney S. Lancaster Community College and a program on the Robert Russa Museum in Farmville compelled Bath County resident, Cynthia Boteler to begin her research. In February of 2010, Boteler wrote a proposal to create an oral history project with a professional development grant from the Virginia Community College System. In July, Boteler -- with the assistance of a small film crew, Union Hurst alumna Perlita Henry, and several community college students -- filmed an alumni reunion for a documentary film on Watson High School in Covington, Virginia. Support for the project was provided by *Coming to the Table*, a program of the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. During this process, Boteler consulted with Perlita Henry, a current board member with the Bath County Historical Society. Henry told Boteler about the two small schools in Bath County, Union Hurst School in Hot Springs, and T.C. Walker School in Millboro. Henry, a resident of Warm Springs, described riding the bus for approximately an hour to attend Watson High School in Covington. "It was a 70-mile roundtrip for the students who lived in Millboro, and we had a 50-mile roundtrip there." Henry attended the Watson High School Reunion and worked with the film crew during the interview process as she knew the alumni being interviewed. Henry also narrated parts of the film. Doris Turner Hayes, whose mother taught at T.C. Walker and Union Hurst, was a graduate of both T.C. Walker School and Watson High School. She shared her memories of T.C. Walker School, some of its history and of actually meeting T.C. Walker.

Two weeks after the film premiered at DSLCC in 2011, Boteler discovered information on the VFH's website on the Scrabble School, a Rosenwald School. Approximately 5,000 Rosenwald schools were built across the south as a result of a partnership between Booker T. Washington and Julius Rosenwald, president of Sears Roebuck. Thus began Boteler's discovery of Union Hurst and T.C. Walker on the Fisk University database of Rosenwald schools among a list of roughly 300 schools in Virginia, and the decision to pursue this journey into Bath County's past. To date, in addition to researching primary sources of the written history beginning in 1871, Boteler completed five oral history interviews with alumni from each school.

This project is sponsored by the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities (VFH), Virginia Hot Springs Preservation Trust and the Bath County Historical Society.

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Switchback School (Union Hurst School)



The Millboro School (T.C. Walker School)