

Small Towns, Black Lives

Franklin Street School
Cape May, New Jersey, 2002

The Franklin Street School in Cape May opened in 1927 and functioned as a racially separated elementary school, for the African American community in Cape May until 1948. It was among the last of the segregated schools in the state, maintaining its separate status for nearly one year beyond the passage of the 1947 New Jersey State constitution that ended racial segregation in public institutions. The Franklin Street School is currently being restored by the Center for Community Arts.





Boling Children at School
Port Republic, New Jersey, 1911



The photographs are from the collection of Doris Mollick, Port Republic, New Jersey. The girl in the lower image is identified as “Annie Boling,” standing with her class at the Port Republic School. The boy in the upper image is identified as “Johnnie Boling,” also with his class outside the Port Republic School.

Reverend James Saylor
Chesilhurst, New Jersey, 1993

James Saylor was born in Ashville, North Carolina, and he moved to Chesilhurst in 1963. He became custodian of the Chesilhurst School in 1976 and has been pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church in Weymouth, New Jersey, since 1989. Reverend Saylor is married with four children.





Elaine Edwards and Sarah Lucile Stewart-Mitchell
Swedesboro, New Jersey, 2001

Elaine Edwards and Lucile Stewart-Mitchell are standing in the Mount Lebanon Lodge that once served as the one-room segregated school for this community. Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Stewart-Mitchell worked to have this building listed on the state and national historic registries.



Richardson Avenue School
Swedesboro, New Jersey, 1999

The Mount Lebanon Lodge Masonic Hall on Richardson Avenue served as a “separate but equal” school from 1931 until 1942. The Richardson Avenue School is listed in the New Jersey Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places.

Gladys Spaulding
Whitesboro, New Jersey, 1989

Gladys Spaulding is the daughter-in-law of Wylie and Edith Spaulding. Wylie Spaulding, along with other members of the Spaulding family, were among the first residents of Whitesboro.



Whitesboro Head Start
Whitesboro, New Jersey, 1990

Site of the first church and one-room school started in 1904. The Head Start building was originally constructed by Middle Township to serve Whitesboro as a “separate but equal” four-room schoolhouse. The first teacher in the original school was Mamie White, daughter of Congressman George H. White.



During the *Small Towns, Black Lives* project, there were many conversations with members of the community about the segregated schools that were common throughout the region.

The audio and video portions were originally created as personal note-taking, as a result the quality was never intended for a final production. However, these materials are presented here as a window into my experiences and process.

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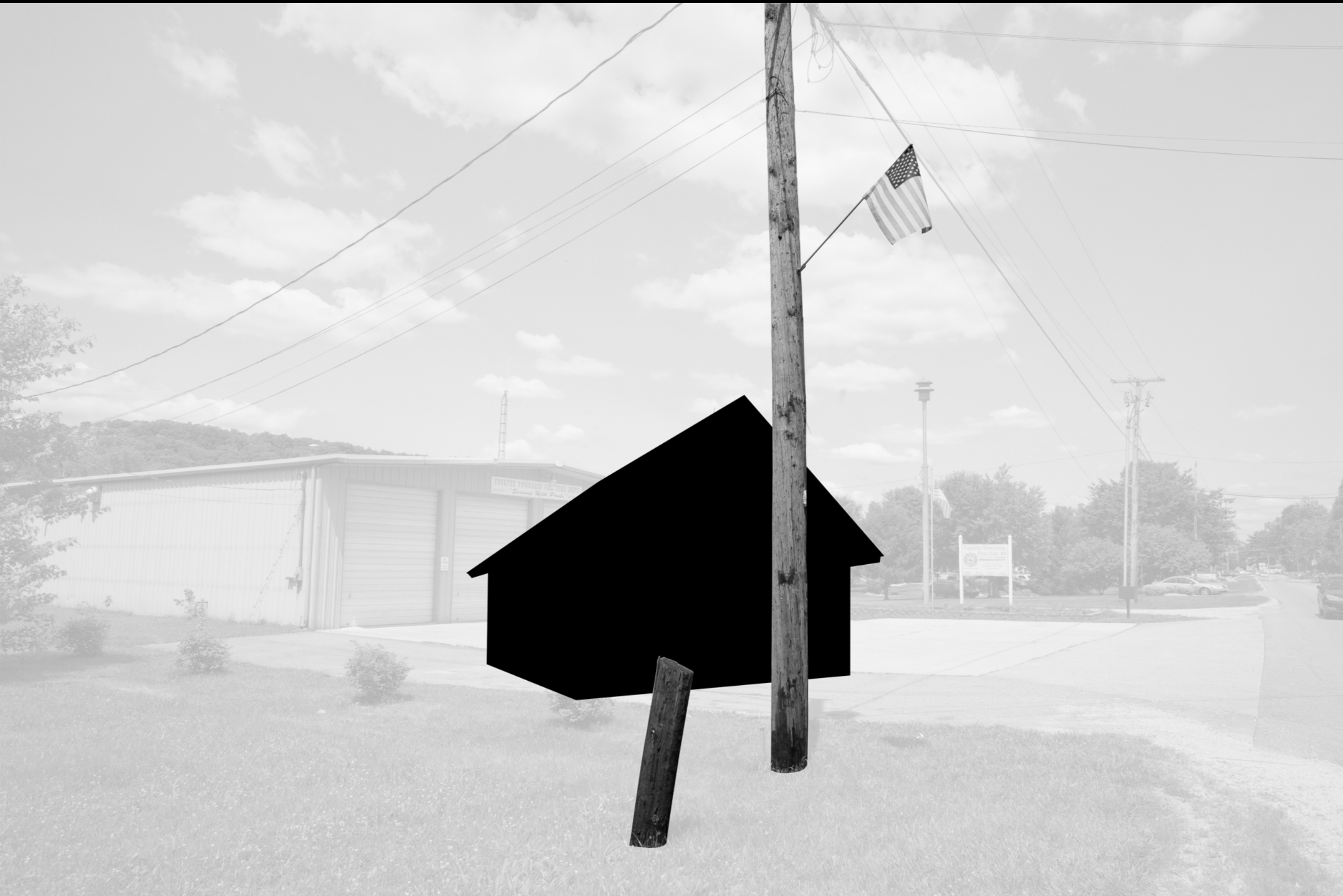
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