



**86A-027-24 Croome Settlement School and Croom Institute Site**  
**14409 St. Thomas Church Road**

**Croom**

Constructed in 1905 and used as a classroom and dormitory, this two-story frame dwelling is now a residence. Along with two extant classroom/workshop buildings, it comprises the Croome Settlement School, which was a later iteration of the Croom Institute, located on the same site. Both were early 20th century efforts by Susie Willes, the sister of the Rector Francis Willes of St. Thomas' Church (86A-027-07) to provide education and manual training for African-Americans outside the then-segregated public school system. The Croom Institute operated from 1903 until 1918; the Croome Settlement School from 1920–1952. The main building, shown above, has been partially restored for use as a residence.