

Grahamtown Schoolhouse
AL-V-A-145
Walnut Street, Grahamtown
1880's

The most ornate of the county schoolhouses built in the latter half of the nineteenth century is the Grahamtown Schoolhouse. It was built during the 1880's on land conveyed to the county by Curtis M. Graham. Graham showed his cultural awareness in the design of his 1871 Victorian Revival Mansion located nearby, and probably was influential in the Roman Doric design of the schoolhouse.

The attractive portico includes a monumental pediment supported by six wooden Roman Doric columns. The entrance is surmounted by a semi-elliptical tracery fanlight and is flanked by tracery side lights. Each of the sidelights is between engaged fluted Ionic columns which support a small cornice.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Grahamtown Schoolhouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Walnut Street

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Grahamtown

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Assembly of God

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

C/O Clarence Llewellyn et al
211 Welsh Hill

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 193

Folio #: 72

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street
Cumberland

CITY, TOWN

Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Grahamtown Schoolhouse is located on the northeastern side of Walnut Street in Grahamtown.

The building consists of a "T" shaped one story thirteen bays wide frame structure with german siding covered with asbestos shingles flanged at the foundation. It rests on a high foundation of random rock faced ashlar stone with a plain water table. The hipped gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Eaves consists of a boxed cornice, soffit, bedmould and frieze. One interior brick chimney with a corbeled cap is original. Windows are wide nine over one lights with wooden lugsills. Three entrances are on the rear of the building, one has a transom.

The main entrance is in the center of the southwestern facade recessed under a full height Roman portico. The entrance includes a moulded semi-elliptical fanlight with tracery, sidelights with tracery each surrounded by small, engaged, scrolled Ionic columns, with mouldings, which support a cornice over each of the side lights. The door is of two panels and one light with original hardware. The pediment is supported by six plain and slightly tapered Roman Doric columns, two of them engaged. The monumental pediment includes a boxed cornice, soffit, and frieze with a bedmould and simple brackets. The face of the pediment contains an oval lunette with wide wooden moulding with a wooden "keystone".

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The public school system of Allegany County was established in 1865.(1) During the 1870's schoolhouses were built in almost every village of the George's Creek mining region. These schoolhouses were usually built on land donated by mining companies. (2) The property on which the Grahamtown Schoolhouse was erected was conveyed to the Board of School Commissioners by Curtis M. Graham in 1882. (3)

Graham, who showed an excellent taste for architecture in his Victorian Revival mansion built in 1871, was probably influential in the Roman Doric design of the schoolhouse. (see AL-V-A-014) It is unlike any other schoolhouse built in the county during the latter half of the nineteenth century. The attractive portico with a monumental pediment is supported by six wooden Roman Doric columns, two engaged. The entrance consists of a semi-elliptical tracery fanlight and tracery sidelights. Each sidelight is located between engaged fluted Ionic columns, which support a small cornice. The schoolhouse stands as a reminder of the cultural awareness of past citizens of Allegany County.

- (1) Katherine A. Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region 1835-1910 (Ithaca: Cornell University Press) pp109-110
- (2) Ibid, pp 110-111
- (3) Unpublished document "School Properties" Allegany County Board of Education Cumberland, Md. p. 61, and Allegany County Land Records Liber 59, Folio 34

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records
Harvey, Katherine A. Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region 1835-1910 Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1969
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 150'x142'x210'117'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Coordinator

ORGANIZATION Allegany County Historic Sites DATE July 10, 1979

STREET & NUMBER 3 Pershing Street TELEPHONE 777-5944

CITY OR TOWN Cumberland STATE Maryland 21502

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: A1-V-A-145

DATE: 10/12/78

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Grahamtown Schoolhouse

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: _____

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: SW

NAME OF OWNER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

STORIES: 1(✓) 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() 1/3

WINGS, ADDITIONS: small cement blocks in corners of T

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular) T

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- LOG
- OTHER: Coverings asbestos shingles german siding

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others _____

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone RANDOM ROCK FACED ASHLAR

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other() WOODEN LOGSICLES
pegged() nailed() wide(✓) narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: center SW 2 panels one light. semi elliptical fanlight
HARDWARE: original(✓) replaced() w/ tracery. tracery
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN side lights. 4 engaged ionic
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards columns support cornice

Boxed CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original(✓) replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: MEDIUM HIPPED GABLE
Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # _____
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable(✓)

CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick(✓) Stone() Corbeled(✓) original(✓) replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior(✓)

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS: Portico. Ped w/ 6 plain Roman Doric columns - 2 engaged. Ped w/ boxed cornice, soffit, frieze w/ bed mould, simple brackets lunette w/ keystone

USE: _____
SIGNIFICANCE: _____
DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____
CONDITION: _____



1680000 FEET (PA.)
 110000 FEET (PA.)
 39°37'30"
 78°52'30"
 682000m E
 4389000m N



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
 Heavy-duty 4 LANE 16 LANE Light duty
 Medium-duty 4 LANE 8 LANE Unimproved dirt
 U. S. Route State Route

FROSTBURG, MD.-PA.
 NW/4 FROSTBURG 15' QUADRANGLE
 N3937.5—W7852.5/7.5

1949

AMS 5263 III NW—SERIES V833

0 FEET
 LEVEL
 ACCURACY STANDARDS
 WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
 MBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

(CREAPTOWN)
 5263 III SE



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GRAHAMTOWN SCHOOLHOUSE
WALNUT ST. GRAHAMTOWN

DAVID A. DORSEY

10/10/78

EAST



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GRAHAMTOWN SCHOOLHOUSE

WALNUT ST. GRAHAMTOWN

DAVID A. DORSEY

10/10/78

EAST



AZ-U-A-145

GRAHAMTOWN SCHOORHOUSE

WALNUT ST. GRAMMANTOWN

DAVID A. DORSEY

10/10/78

west