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Charlestown Schoolhouse
Charlestown Street, Lonaconing
1870's

Charlestown Schoolhouse was built in the late 1870's when many schoolhouses were being built in western Allegany County. By the 1880's there was at least one public school in each community of the Georges's Creek mining region. Like most of the schoolhouses built at this time the Charlestown Schoolhouse is frame with a hipped roof. It originally had two front entrances and tall pedimented windows.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Charlestown Schoolhouse
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Charlestown Street Sixth
CITY, TOWN Lonaconing VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER Storage

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Thomas H. Wilt Telephone #: 463-2052
STREET & NUMBER 20 Charlestown Street
CITY, TOWN Lonaconing VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21539

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Allegany County Courthouse Liber # 298 Folio # 532
STREET & NUMBER 30 Washington Street
CITY, TOWN Cumberland STATE Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Charlestown Schoolhouse is located near Jackson Run southeast of Lonaconing.

This two room schoolhouse consists of a rectangular one story, four bays wide frame structure with weatherboarding. The low foundation is of random ashlar and rubble stone with a plain water table. The hipped roof is covered with tar paper. Eaves consist of boxed cornice, soffit, and bedmould. A corbeled brick chimney in the center of the building is original.

There were originally two entrances on the north. One has been removed but the other includes a five panel door with original hardware. Most windows have been altered but three. Three over one light windows may be original. A gabled vestibule on the north has been removed.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The public school system of Allegany County was established in 1865, but it was not until the 1870's that adequate schoolhouses were erected. (1) Until that time some coal companies provided for the education of the children in the Georges' Creek mining area.(2) " Once the school building program really began, the mining areas were well looked after." (3)"By 1881 every community had at least one public schools." (4)

Charlestown Schoolhouse was built in the late 1870's when the citizens of the area were actively engaged in "fund raising and building programs." (5) In 1881 the two room schoolhouse was run by Ella McCaffree (6). Like most of the schoolhouses built in the western part of the county at the time this building has a hipped roof and originally had two front entrances and tall pedimented windows. Although drastically altered the Charlestown Schoolhouse is a reflection of the progress of public education in Allegany County.

- (1) Katherine A. Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region 1835-1910 (Iitaca: Cornell University Press),p 109-110
- (2) Ibid, p110
- (3) Ibid, p111
- (4) Harry Stegmaier, et al. Allegany County-A History (Parsons, W. Va.: McClain Printing Co.) p. 263
- (5) Ibid, and Unpublished document "School Properties" Allegany County Board of Education, Cumberland, Md. p. 19
- (6) John T. Scharf, History of Western Maryland (Philadelphia: L.J. Everts Co.) p. 1356 and interview with Mrs. Thomas H. Wilt, October 27,1979

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 40'x104'

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 June 14, 1979
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CITY OR TOWN	Cumberland	STATE Maryland 21520

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

INVENTORY NO: _____

DATE: AL-VI-B-172

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REMODELING: Drastic, ~~moderate~~, minor

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NAME OF PROPERTY: Charleston School

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: _____

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: 2 room North W - D

NAME OF OWNER: Thomas H. Wilt 298/532 40x104 MAP 58 p. 63 ED 10

ADDRESS: 20 Charleston St Louisville Ky 40539

12/11/50es

Vestibule removed ED 10

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

now intersection

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

DWELLING SHAPE: () square, cross, rectangular

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

no tongue or groove

- 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

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others random rubble and uncoursed

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone replaced w/ cement blocks and ashlar

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

ALL replaced w/ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{8}$ fixed & $\frac{3}{1}$

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: orig & now 1 on N 5 panel' on hand.
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

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

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

TAR PAPER

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable() cement flat form porches

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:

USE: _____
SIGNIFICANCE: _____
DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____



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5163 II SE
(BARTON)

WESTERN
MARTON I.T. 411

4379

32'30"

4378

Lonaconing

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CHARLESTOWN SCHOOLHOUSE
CHARLESTOWN ST. LONACONING
USGS LONACONING QUAD
1:24,000
1950

Midland-Gilmer
Reservoir
Strip
Mine

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FIGURE 80.

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CHARLESTOWN SCHOOLHOUSE



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CHARLESTOWN SCHOOLHOUSE
CHARLESTOWN ST. LONA CONING

DAVID A. DORSEY

10/27/78

SOUTHEAST