

AL-VI-B-179
Pekin Schoolhouse
Route 36, Pekin
1870's

The public school system of Allegany County was established in 1865, but it was not until the 1870's that adequate schoolhouses were built. "Once the school building program really began, the mining areas were well looked after." Schoolhouses in the mining region were usually built on land donated by the mining companies. The schoolhouse in Pekin was built in the late 1870's in the middle of town. It was staffed by a principal and two teachers. The gabled roof is hipped on one end. On the southeast is a gabled vestibule, a feature found on most schoolhouses in the western part of the county.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Pekin Schoolhouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 36

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Pekin

___ 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
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER: *Storage*

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ellis L. Warnick

Telephone #:

463-5380

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1

CITY, TOWN

Moscow

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 445
Folio #: 109

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE
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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Pekin Schoolhouse is located on the southeastern side of Route 36 in Pekin.

The building consists of a one story rectangular frame structure with germansiding. It rests on a low stone foundation of random rubble with a plain water table. The gable front roof which is hipped on the northwest, is covered with tar paper. Eaves consist of a cornice, soffit, and bedmould. Two original brick chimneys are located inside end.

The main entrance is in a gabled vestibule on the southeast. This pedimented entrance includes a five light transom and double doors of five panels each. A pedimented entrance on the northwest includes a three light transom and a five panel door. Wide pedimented windows with wooden lugsills are pegged six over six lights.

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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 _____

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 coal companies provided for the education of the children of 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 school." (4) The schoolhouses were usually built on property donated by the mining companies. (5)

Pekin school was built in the late 1870's on a parcel of land in the center of town. (6) The principal in 1881 was William J. Bogan who was assisted by two teachers. (7) The building is unusual in that the roof is gabled on the southeast and hipped on the northwest. A gabled vestibule on the southeast is the main entrance.

The schoolhouse is empty and in fair condition. It stands as a reminder of the progress of education in Allegany County.

- (1) Katherine Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region 1835-1910, Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1969 P.109-110
- (2) Ibid, p.110
- (3) Ibid, p.111
- (4) Harry Stegmaier, et al. Allegany County -- A History (Parsons W. Va. McClain Printing Co.) p.263
- (5) Katherine Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region 1835-1910, Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1969 p.110
- (6) Unpublised document "School Properties" Allegany County Board of Education Cumberland, Md. p. 127
- (7) John T. Scharf, History of Western Maryland, Philadelphia : L.R. Everts Co. 1882 p. 1356

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 100'x105'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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ORGANIZATION Allegheny County Historic Sites

DATE June 14, 1979

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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: 111

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DATE: _____

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

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NAME OF PROPERTY: Perkin School house

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 2 rooms S. of 36 in PERKIN

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: SE

NAME OF OWNER: Community Hall? ED 10
100 x 105

ADDRESS: 445/109 Perkin Ethel L. Warwick lots 12-13 Parcel 244
Rt. 1 Moscow Rd Map 57

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

5 Bays Long

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

german siding

- () 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 rest, brie's
Southern (main) facade has german & ship lap siding

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others corner boards

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low Brick, Stone rubble with ventilating gable of vert life

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick removed

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: on gabled veranda - center S. facade double S panel
HARDWARE: original() replaced() doors S light transom
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards N - 5 panel orig. w/ 3 light transoms ped.

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; T&P paper original(✓) replaced()

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

CHIMNEYS: Number: 2 Brick(✓) Stone() Corbeled() stone cap original(✓) replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end(✓) Outside end() Central() Interior()

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

COMMENTS:

USE: _____
SIGNIFICANCE: _____
DATE CONSTRUCTED: prob
LOCATION: _____



35'
4383
4382
5163 II SE (BARTON)
WEST VIRGINIA 6.4 MI
MARTON 1.4 MI
4379

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PEKIN SCHOOLHOUSE
RT 36 PEKIN
USGS LONACONING QUAD
1:24,000
1950



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PEKIN SCHOOLHOUSE

RT. 36 PEKIN

DAVID A. DORSEY

10/17/78

NORTH



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PEKINSCHOOLHOUSE
RT. 36 PEKIN
DAVID A DORSEY
10/17/78
south