

Duckworth Schoolhouse
AL-VI-D-198
Stoney Run Road, Westernport
ca. 1867

In 1867, two years after the establishment of Allegany County's public school system, the Board of School Commissioners purchased a tract of land "for the purpose of free school." This school was identified as the "Duckworth Settlement School" in Scharf's 1881 inventory of county schools. The building was probably erected in 1867 in the isolated Stoney Run area northeast of Westernport. The Hampshire and Baltimore Coal Company operated coal mines in the neighborhood of the school.

The one room schoolhouse is a simple gabled frame structure with german siding. Entrance was originally through a gabled vestibule offset on the south. It is one of the earlier schools built under the county's public school system.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Duckworth Schoolhouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Stoney Run Road

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Westernport

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE | |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Vincent T. Clark

Telephone #: 359-9094

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 122

CITY, TOWN

Westernport

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21562

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 335

Folio #: 561

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

AL-7-0-101

7 DESCRIPTION

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Duckworth Schoolhouse is located off Stoney Run Road near Westernport.

The building consists of a one story, one bay wide frame structure with german siding. It rests on a high foundation of random rubble with a plain water table. The gable front roof is covered with tar paper. Eaves consist of a cornice, soffit, and frieze, with returns. The main entrance now obscured by an addition was originally in a gabled board and batten vestibule now removed. Windows are four over one lights with a simple pediment. The original windows were two over two lights with shutters. A frame addition has been added to the south and west.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 ca 1867

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Scharf states in his 1881 History of Western Maryland that " In 1865 the public school system was established in Allegany County, and under it education has prospered and has been greatly extended." (1) Two years later in January of 1867, the Board of School Commissioners purchased a tract of land from Allen C. Duckworth "for the purpose of free school." (2) In an entry in his 1881 inventory of county schools Scharf identifies this school as the "Duckworth Settlement School" and Mr. Duckworth as one of the trustees of the school. (3)

The building was probably erected in 1867 in the isolated Stoney Run area northeast of Westernport. An 1880 map of the Georges' Creek mining region shows that the Hampshire and Baltimore Coal Company operated a mine in the neighborhood of the school.(4)

The one room schoolhouse is a simple gabled frame structure with german siding. Entrance was originally made through a gabled vestibule offset on the south. One of the earlier schools built under the county's public system, Duckworth Schoolhouse is a reminder of the progress of education in Allegany County.

- (1) John T. Scharf, History of Western Maryland (Philadelphia: L.H. Everts Co.) p.1355 Vol. II
- (2) Allegany County Lands Records, Liber 26, Folio 78
- (3) John T. Scharf, History of Western Maryland (Philadelphia:: L.H. Everts Co.) p.1355 Vol.II
- (4) Ibid, P. 1446, Vol. II

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Lands Records
Scharf, John T. History of Western Maryland. Philadelphia:
L.H. Everts Co., 1882

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 43 Acres

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 |
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| 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: AL-VI-D-198

DATE: 7/3/79

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Duckworth Schoolhouse

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Stony Run Rd Westemport

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South

NAME OF OWNER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: gabled frame on south and west

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: german siding 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 _____

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone RANDOM RUBBLE

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other() ⁴/₁ simple ped.
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: obscured by addition
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Returns
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; TAR PAPER original() replaced()

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

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

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

COMMENTS:

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

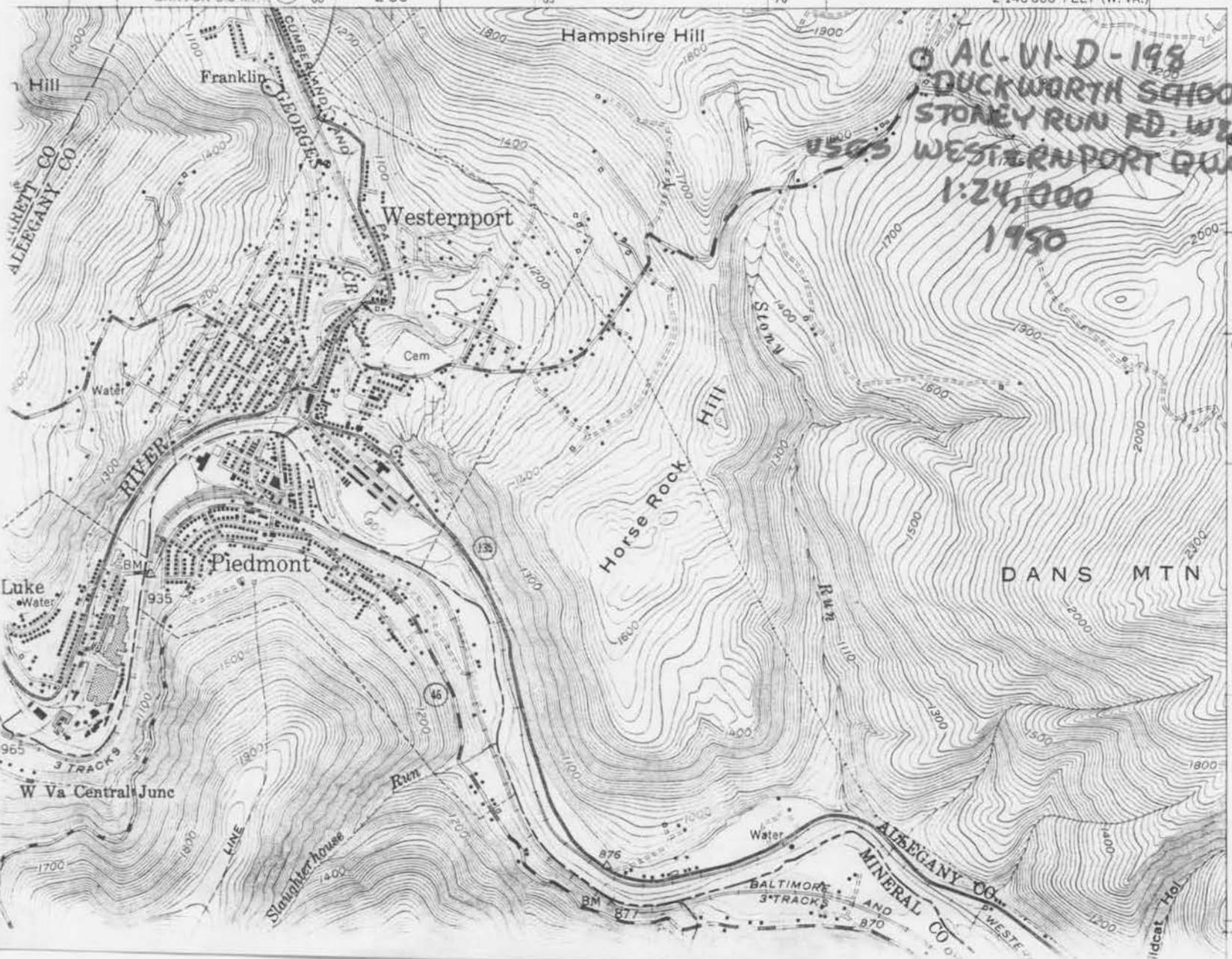
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AND WATER RESOURCES
JR., DIRECTOR

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BARTON 3.6 MI.

WESTERNPORT QUADRANGLE
WEST VIRGINIA-MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
NE/4 ELK GARDEN 15' QUADRANGLE

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(LONACONING)

2'30" 669 670 2 140 000 FEET (W. VA.) 79°00' 39°30'



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DUCKWORTH SCHOOLHOUSE
STONEY RUN FD. WESTERNPORT
WESTERNPORT QUAD.
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1950

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(W. VA.)

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DUCKWORTH SCHOOL

7/10/1979 - David Dorsey

FIGURE 78.



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DUCKWORTH SCHOOLHOUSE
STONEY RUN RD, WESTERNPORT
DAVID A. DORSEY

7/3/79

NORTHWEST



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DUCKWORTH SCHOOLHOUSE

STONEY RUN RD., WESTERNPORT

DAVID A. DARSEY

7/3/79

southeast



ONE ROOM SCHOOL — This structure, located near Westernport, was established as a school by the Duckworth family before 1800. It was the last one room school in this area and was closed about 1939.

OLD LOG CABIN — On Main Street in Westernport for many years was the saloon known as the "Old Log Cabin." The sign on the wall says that it was established in 1765. It was located where the present Welsh Saloon is now located. *(Photo courtesy of Charles Welsh.)*

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DUCKWORTH SCHOOLHOUSE
STONEY RUN RD, WESTERNPORT
DAVID A. DORSEY

~~2/8/79~~

NORTHWEST

Photograph of 1958 photograph