

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes

no

Property Name: Col. Rodgers House (Mt. Zion School No. 7) Inventory Number: BA-483
 Address: 3801 Black Rock Road City: Upperco, MD Zip Code: 21155
 County: Baltimore County USGS Topographic Map: Hampstead
 Owner: George Rodgers Is the property being evaluated a district? yes
 Tax Parcel Number: 9 Tax Map Number: 26 Tax Account ID Number: 0518047270
 Project: MD 88: MD 25 to Mount Zion Road Safety & Resurf Agency: FHWA/SHA
 Site visit by MHT staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____
 Is the property is located within a historic district? yes no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
 NR-listed district yes Eligible district yes Name of District: _____
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible yes no

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:
 Project Review and Compliance Files.

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*
 The former Mount Zion School No. 7 is a one-story building which was included in Baltimore County Landmarks Preservation Commission's original 1979 survey of historic resources. The building dates from 1859 and was used as a school until 1930. The front façade has two entrances, typical of schools from the mid-nineteenth century. These doors are protected by a shed roof porch supported by posts. Above, there is a 3-bay front gable dormer. The former school was sold in 1932 and converted to a single family dwelling. In the 1979 survey, it was called both the Mount Zion School No. 7 and Col. Rodgers' House to reflect the ownership of the building. As a result of the change in function, there are some later additions on the south side of the building. Also, the roof is now covered in asphalt shingles. However, despite its conversion to a single family dwelling, the Mount Zion School retains elements which illustrate its origins as a nineteenth century school building.
 The setting remains much as it has for the past 144 years. The area surrounding the church and the school is farmland, which has been continuously farmed by the same families who still own the properties today. Both roads have been on their same alignments for many years. The crossroads of Blackrock and Mount Zion roads dates to at least 1850, when J.C. Sidney published his "Map of Baltimore County." The same roads are shown on the 1865 Martenet "Map of Baltimore County," as well as the 1877 Hopkins "Atlas of Baltimore County." In the earlier maps, only the original meetinghouse is shown. But by 1877, the school house and the church both were firmly in place.

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MHT Comments <i>Extensively altered in conversion to residence - lacks integrity</i>	
<i>Jim VanLund</i> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>8/15/03</u> Date
<i>B. Kuntz</i> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>8/15/03</u> Date

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Baltimore County built one-room schoolhouses during the nineteenth century for small groups of the students. However, by the 1890s, the county's population had grown sufficiently and the County developed a new model of building, with multiple rooms for single class instruction rather than a single room for all the grades to be taught. The Ridge School, Towson (1894) and Randallstown Elementary School (1908) are the two earliest post-one room school buildings in the county

The school and the church at the crossroads provided the minimal civic services to the families living within a five mile range, and prevented the area from being an isolated rural district. The villages of Trenton, Upperco and Blackrock to the west and east of the crossroads provided other services, such as the mill, the general store and the post office.

Based on this information, it is SHA's determination that the Mount Zion School No. 7 (or Col. Rodgers' House) is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A (education) and C (architecture). Research conducted did not demonstrate associations with persons (Criterion B) and no research was conducted under Criterion D. The boundary is confined to the boundry of Tax Parcel 9 on Batlimore County Tax Map 26.

Prepared by: Anne E. Bruder, SHA Arch. Historian

Date Prepared: 06/06/2003

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MHT Comments

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

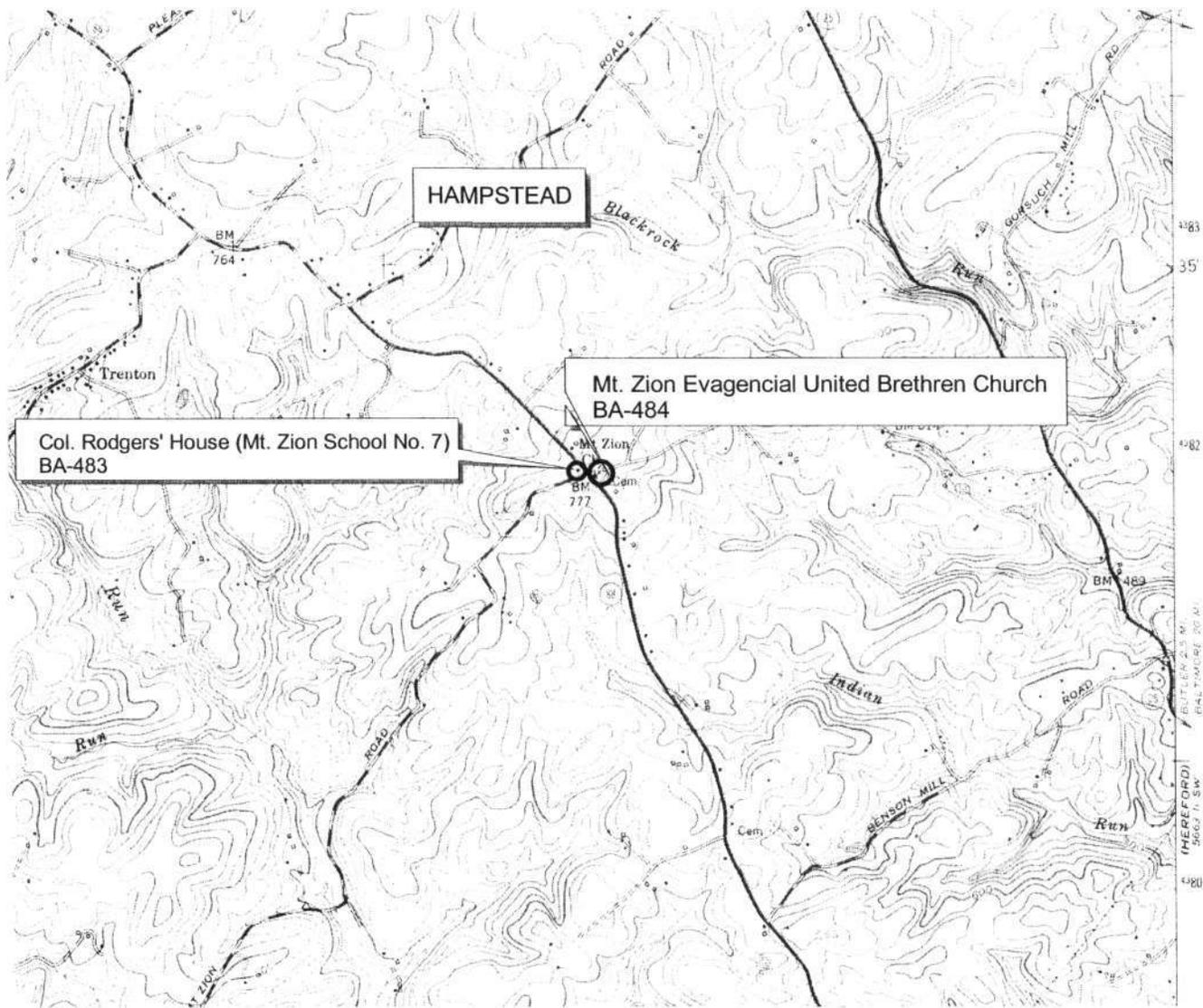
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Hampstead USGS Quadrange



USGS Topo Quad Index

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Mt. Zion School No. 7

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CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-0483
Mt. Zion School No. 7
3801 Black Rock Road
Upperco, Baltimore County
1859
Private

Constructed in 1859 the Mt. Zion School No. 7 is representative of the many rural schoolhouses constructed in small towns and rural areas throughout Baltimore County in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The school, although not located in a rural residential or commercial center, was nevertheless centrally located between the communities of Trenton and Butler. Rather than serving these two populaces, it would primarily attract the students from the surrounding rural community. By 1877, Black Rock Road extended from Butler to the Trenton vicinity and was intersected by Mt. Zion Road, which connected Dover Road to Falls Road. The school's strategic position at this crossroads made it an important center in the rural community. According to prior documentation, the school was auctioned by Baltimore County in 1930 and then converted into a dwelling. The area surrounding the Mt. Zion School No. 7 has retained its rural character through the late 20th century.

The Mt. Zion School No. 7 is a one-story wood frame building that was converted from a schoolhouse into a private residence in 1930. The wood frame building is clad in vinyl siding and sits on a solid random rubble stone foundation. Its hipped roof is clad in asphalt shingles, and two exterior chimneys rise along the side elevations. The first was constructed circa 1930 of coursed rubble stone, while the second is a stretcher bond brick chimney that also dates to the 20th century. Extensive exterior remodeling that has occurred over the last 70 years has rendered the historic façade indeterminable. The building currently fronts southwest along Mt. Zion Road, but it appears as though it originally fronted southeast along Black Rock Road. This possibility is based on the presence of a projecting central entry on the five-bay-wide elevation. Nevertheless, the southwest elevation, or current façade, features two sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood doors below a central, gabled wall dormer pierced by three 4/4 vinyl windows. All façade openings have vinyl surrounds and sills. A triangular, louvered wood ventilator pierces the gable peak of the wall dormer. Three non-historic vinyl-sided, wood frame outbuildings, all of which date to circa 1980, are also located on the property.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-0483

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Mt. Zion School No. 7

2. Location

street and number 3801 Black Rock Road __ not for publication

city, town Upperco __ vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name George H. Rodgers

street and number 3801 Black Rock Road telephone Not Available

city, town Upperco state MD zip code 21155

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber folio

city, town Towson tax map tax parcel tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count		
<input type="checkbox"/> __district	<input type="checkbox"/> __public	<input type="checkbox"/> __agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X_building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X_private	<input type="checkbox"/> __commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 buildings
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				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
				1	

7. Description

Inventory No. BA-0483

Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Constructed in 1859, the Mt. Zion School No. 7 is a one-story wood frame building that was converted from a schoolhouse into a private residence in 1930. The wood frame building is clad in vinyl siding and sits on a solid random rubble stone foundation. Its hipped roof is clad in asphalt shingles, and two exterior chimneys rise along the side elevations. The first was constructed circa 1930 of coursed rubble stone, while the second is a stretcher bond brick chimney that also dates to the 20th century. Extensive exterior remodeling that has occurred over the last 70 years has rendered the historic façade indeterminable. The building currently fronts southwest along Mt. Zion Road, but it appears as though it originally fronted southeast along Black Rock Road. This possibility is based on the presence of a projecting central entry on the five-bay-wide elevation. Nevertheless, the southwest elevation, or current façade, features two sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood doors below a central, gabled wall dormer pierced by three 4/4 vinyl windows. All façade openings have vinyl surrounds and sills. A triangular, louvered wood ventilator pierces the gable peak of the wall dormer.

Three non-historic outbuildings, all of which date to circa 1980, are also located on the property. The wood frame garage is clad in vinyl siding and features a side gable roof clad in asphalt shingles and a poured concrete slab foundation. Two metal roll-up doors pierce the façade of the two-bay-wide building.

The two wood frame sheds are clad in vinyl siding. One features a front gable roof clad in asphalt shingles, and a wood post foundation. The façade is pierced by one pressed vertical board double-leaf wood door and one pressed vertical board single-leaf wood door. The second shed, which sits on a poured concrete slab foundation, is capped by an asphalt-shingled gambrel roof and pierced by one pressed vertical board double-leaf wood door.

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8. Significance

Inventory No. BA-0483

Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1859-1930 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1859, 1930

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Constructed in 1859 the Mt. Zion School No. 7 is representative of the many rural schoolhouses constructed in small towns and rural areas throughout Baltimore County in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The school, although not located in a rural residential or commercial center, was nevertheless centrally located between the communities of Trenton and Butler. Rather than serving these two populaces, it would primarily attract the students from the surrounding rural community. By 1877, Black Rock Road extended from Butler to the Trenton vicinity and was intersected by Mt. Zion Road, which connected Dover Road to Falls Road.¹ The school's strategic position at this crossroads made it an important center in the rural community. Additionally, a late 19th century church was sited on the opposite corner of the intersection of Black Rock Road and Mt. Zion Road, further emphasizing the importance of this crossroads to the local community. According to prior documentation, the school was auctioned by Baltimore County in 1930 and then converted into a dwelling.² The area surrounding the Mt. Zion School No. 7 has retained its rural character through the late 20th century.

¹ *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

² Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .10 Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Hampstead Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction in 1859, the Mt. Zion School No. 7 has been associated with the 36,590 square feet known as tax parcel 9 of map 26 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

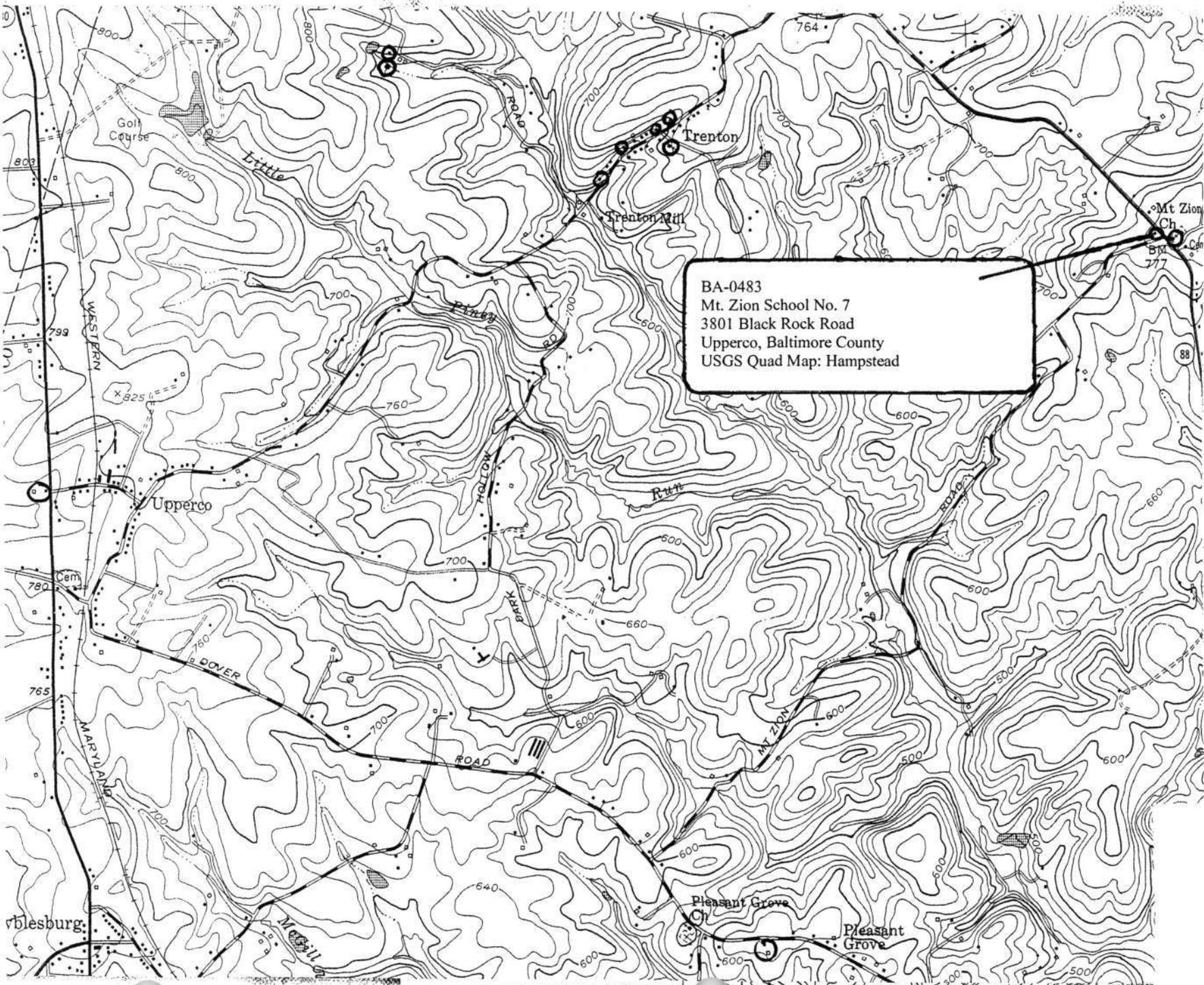
11. Form Prepared by

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street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

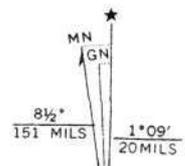
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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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3801 BLACK ROCK ROAD

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COL. RODGERS HOUSE (MT. ZION SCHOOL NO. 7) - 1859 -
Northwest corner of Black Rock and Mount Zion Roads.
Shown in atlas as a school house. Frame, clapboarded,

DISTRICT 5 - continued -

one-story building with hip roof, functional style.
Once called Mt. Zion School No. 7. Used until 1930;
auctioned off in December 1932. Now serves as
residence; painted white. Owner: Colonel George H.
Rodgers.