

CARR-1378

Black's Schoolhouse No. 7
Silver Run (vicinity)

1893

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CARR-1378

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Black's Schoolhouse No. 7

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Black's Schoolhouse Road

not for publication

city, town Silver Run

vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county

Carroll

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name

street & number

telephone no.:

city, town

state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex

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street & number 55 North Court Street

folio

city, town Westminster

state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical 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 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 of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

Contributing Resources: 1

Black's Schoolhouse is located at Black's Schoolhouse Road, on the north side of the road, about 2½ miles northwest of Silver Run in north-central Carroll County, Maryland. It is a one-story, three-bay by three-bay structure of 6-1 common bond brick and faces south toward the road. The gable roof has asphalt shingles on the west side and slate on the east. It also has a north-south running ridge, and a box cornice with returns. The south elevation has a new door in the center bay, with a splayed brick jack arch, and a new 2/2 sash on each side with a brick sill and splayed brick jack arch. In the gable end is a 1/1 sash with splayed brick jack arch and a wood sill. Above it is a stone tablet carved with "Black's No. 7 1893".

The west elevation has three new 1/1 sash with splayed jack arches and brick sills. There is a new, aluminum-sided addition on the north elevation. The east elevation has the same new 1/1 sash in the end bays. The center bay appears to have been bricked in. The brick does not match the rest of the building, but is toothed into the wall.

8. Significance

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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 1893 **Builder/Architect** Benjamin Kemper, carpenter

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
 Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SUMMARY: Judging from the old maps in 1862 and 1877, there has been a school in this vicinity for a very long time, though it probably changed buildings on more than one occasion. In fact, the earliest deed in school board records for Black's School is dated 3 November 1787. In late May 1893, President Grimes reported that a contract had been made with Benjamin Kemper, a carpenter living in the neighborhood, for the erection of a new brick house, including a belfry and necessary outhouses, for Black's School, for the sum of five hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$525.00) and the old house, and that the house had been staked off. He also reported that the contractor had offered to put a slate roof on the house instead of shingles for an additional sum of ten dollars (\$10.00). The contract was approved and the additional appropriation for the slate roof was made. There are no other records in the school board minutes concerning the construction of the new Black's School. The date stone on the building has 1893, so presumably the building was completed in that year with no problems.

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
 Chronological/Development Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930
 Historic Period Themes: Architecture, Education
 Resource Types: School, Rural Vernacular

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The secretary read a communication from the trustees of Black's School in which Mrs. Jesse Reindollar was represented as willing to exchange for the present school lot, a more desirable one on the public road, and to grant a water right with the same. The secretary was directed to examine Jesse Reindollar's will and the title to the old lot and have a statement of the case ready to submit at the next meeting of the board.

Significance (continued)

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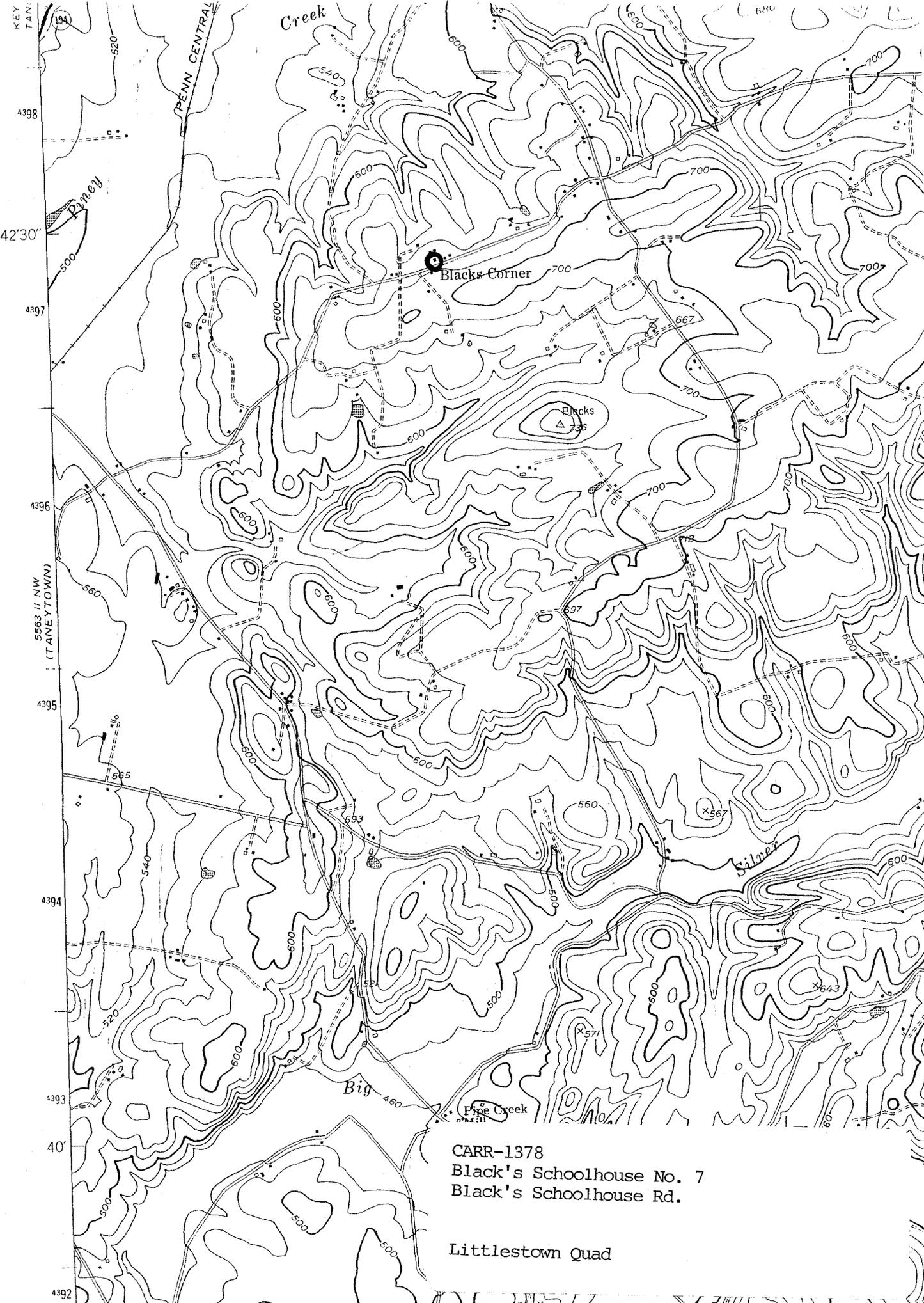
At the August meeting it was concluded that the Board could exchange the lots, and should. The following month they arranged to have the survey made. By mid-November the survey was complete and it was ordered to prepare the deed for the transfer. This apparently occurred without any problems, as no more discussion of the matter is recorded.

The next step was building the new structure. In April 1893, the president of the school board was authorized to contract for the new building, ". . . the contractor to have the sum of five hundred dollars and the old house, for the erection of a new house of brick according to the usual specifications, he to remove from the old lot all the material in the old house." This was acted on so that in late May

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40'

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5563 II NW
(TANEYTOWN)

Creek

Blacks Corner

Blacks
△ 736

Big

CARR-1378
Black's Schoolhouse No. 7
Black's Schoolhouse Rd.

Littlestown Quad

4392

X563



Black's Schoolhouse No. 7

Black's Schoolhouse Rd.

Carroll County, Maryland

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Date: January 1994

Neg. Loc.: Maryland Historical Trust

South & east elevations

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