

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: Park Hall Schoolhouse Inventory Number: CARR-1723  
 Address: 1916 Old New Windsor Rd. City: New Windsor Zip Code: 21776  
 County: Carroll USGS Topographic Map: New Windsor  
 Owner: Jason D. Blocher Is the property being evaluated a district?  yes  
 Tax Parcel Number: 0075 Tax Map Number: 0050 Tax Account ID Number: 11-001130  
 Project: New Windsor Quarry Expansion Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is the property located within a historic district?  yes  no

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

*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:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Park Hall Schoolhouse is located at 1916 Old New Windsor Road, New Windsor, Carroll County, Maryland. It is owned by Jason D. Blocher, 1916 Old New Windsor Road, New Windsor, MD 21776-9224. The property occupies tax parcel Map 50 Parcel 0075. The property consists of 21,780 square feet and contains a late nineteenth-century building and a ca. 1940 garage.

The Park Hall Schoolhouse was built ca. 1870. The building, now a dwelling, is one story tall and measures three bays wide and three rooms deep. It has a stone foundation and is constructed of brick in the common bond pattern. The building has a front gable roof that is sheathed in asphalt shingles. The building has a brick interior chimney located at the peak of the roof near the rear of the property. The building has modern one-over-one vinyl windows, with most having vinyl sills and brick lintels.

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Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Comments: _____	
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<i>Jonathan Lopez</i> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>2/15/12</u> Date
<i>[Signature]</i> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>2/14/12</u> Date

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**Physical Description (continued):**

The front elevation of the building is oriented southeast facing Old New Windsor Road. It has a window-door-window pattern (Photograph 1). There are modern one-over-one vinyl windows and a modern metal door with a modern storm door. Above the door is an original single-light transom. In the gable peak is a plaque that says "Mary's Dream". There is a modern one-story, three-bay porch on the front of the dwelling.

The southwest elevation of the dwelling has three modern one-over-one vinyl windows, which are separated by wide brick pilasters (Photograph 2). The northeast elevation has the same window and pilaster pattern (Photograph 3). The elevations are different in that the stone foundation on the northeast side is visible, and there is a modern concrete porch with a metal pipe railing.

The northwest elevation has a modern metal door on the northern end and a modern vinyl window on the southern end (Photograph 4). In the center between the door and window is a concrete and brick column that is part of the chimney. A modern concrete block porch with a metal and wood railing is located below the door.

Located northwest of the building is a ca. 1940s garage. The garage is one story tall and measures five bays wide (Photograph 5). The southernmost bay has a pedestrian door that was open during the survey. The bay to the north has a ca. 1960s fiberglass door. The next two bays each have a single three-light wood panel door. The last, northernmost bay has a four-light wood window. The northeast side of the garage has an exterior concrete block chimney.

The Park Hall Schoolhouse retains the original massing of the schoolhouse, but has been severely altered. The original porch on the front of the building has been replaced with a modern porch. A second modern porch has been added to the northeast side and the rear of the building. The windows of the building have been replaced with modern vinyl windows. The Park Hall Schoolhouse does not retain integrity of design, materials and workmanship.

History

By a deed dated January 21, 1869, neighboring landowners Abraham A. Roop, Elizabeth Roop, and Joseph Stauffer conveyed a 165-by-132-foot lot on the west side of Old New Windsor Road to "the School Commissioners of Carroll County," in consideration of \$1 (Carroll County Liber 38:479). It was stipulated in the associated deed that the half-acre lot—which had been characterized as vacant on maps of New Windsor District published in 1862 and 1863—was to be used "exclusively for educational purposes" (Martenet 1862; Shearer 1863). The Carroll County Board of Education had been established only a few years earlier, following the passage in 1862 of a "Maryland State law requir[ing] the creation of county school boards in each Maryland County." These "county boards assumed control of the schoolhouses previously maintained by the trustees of the local school districts" (Getty 1986:Section 8). The earliest records kept by the Carroll County Board of Education date to 1865 (Getty 1984:Section 8).

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**History (continued):**

As of January 1869, school-age children living south and southwest of New Windsor attended the nearest of two public schools. The easternmost school (no longer extant) stood immediately west of what is today the intersection of New Windsor and Marston Roads, approximately 4,000 feet east of the future Park Hall Schoolhouse site (Martenet 1862; Shearer 1863). The westernmost school was located approximately 3,000 feet northwest of the future Park Hall Schoolhouse site, in the Greenwood Church (and was thus known as the Greenwood School) (Getty 1984:Section 8). Carroll County's School Commissioners apparently decided around this time to replace these facilities with a single, modern, centrally-located schoolhouse, as part of a process "during the late nineteenth century" by which "the [Carroll] county school board tore down the earlier structures and built new schoolhouses to improve classroom facilities" (Getty 1986:Section 8).

On the half-acre lot along the west side of Old New Windsor Road, acquired in January 1869, the Carroll County School Board oversaw construction of a one-story brick schoolhouse (Carroll County Liber 38:479). The building was completed and opened for classes sometime prior to 1877, as confirmed by a map of New Windsor District published in that year, which denoted an unnamed schoolhouse on the Park Hall Schoolhouse lot, while reflecting ceased operations at the neighborhood's two former schoolhouses (Lake, Griffing and Stevenson 1877). According to one source, the Greenwood School "was apparently replaced by Park Hall schoolhouse in 1869" (Getty 1984:Section 8). When and how the Park Hall Schoolhouse was given this name has not been determined. No name was associated with the school on maps of New Windsor District published in 1877, 1911, and 1916 (Lake, Griffing and Stevenson 1877; USGS 1911; Rand McNally & Co. 1916).

Brick appears to have been the preferred building material for schoolhouses constructed in Carroll County during the 1870s. From 1871 through 1880, as the number of public schoolhouses in the County increased from 98 to 125, the ratio of brick schoolhouses to frame, log, and stone schoolhouses rose sharply. In 1871, 38% of schoolhouses were log, 28% were brick, 21% were frame, and 13% were stone. A decade later, 14% were log, 50% were brick, 25% were frame, and 9% were stone (Maryland State Board of Education 1873:94; 1881:116). As of September 30, 1880, the brick Park Hall School (though apparently under some other official designation) was one of seven public schools operating in the New Windsor District (Election District 11). Most of those schools comprised a single room under the direction of a single teacher. The average daily attendance at the seven New Windsor District public schools during the 1879-1880 school-year was 28 students during the fall term, 34 students during the winter term, and 31 students during the spring term. Roughly one-quarter of enrolled students were absent on any given day (Maryland State Board of Education 1881:118).

On a group photograph of Park Hall School students posed at the schoolhouse entrance around 1890, 47 children were present, along with teacher Hannah Shunk. A caption accompanying this image when it was reproduced in a local newspaper around 1948 indicated that "this one-room school is still standing. It is located 1½ miles south of New Windsor, on the New Windsor and Liberty Turnpike. It is now the residence of 'the Quintin Derr's.' This quaint little country school was known as 'Park Hall'" (Rootsweb.com 2011a:n.p.). Some of the students in this photograph appear to have been in their young teens, suggesting that the Park Hall School was then providing education through Grade 8. The upper

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**History (continued):**

three grades may have been discontinued around the turn of the twentieth century, as in a biographical sketch of Evan F. "Joe" Bowers—"the 'father' of the middle school program in Carroll County"—the Park Hall School (which the Linwood-born Bowers attended) was described as "a one-room school for grades one through five near New Windsor" (Baublitz 1990:n.p.).

On another group photograph of Park Hall School students—taken on September 28, 1925—only 23 students were pictured, along with teacher Vera Fowler. Most of the children appeared to be between the ages of 6 and 10 (Rootsweb.com 2011b:n.p.). Sometime during the next decade, the Park Hall School and other one-room schools in the region "were abandoned through the consolidation efforts of the county school board. The land and buildings of these properties were sold at public sale and most were converted to private residences" (Getty 1986:Section 8). By a deed dated January 30, 1935, the Carroll County Board of Education conveyed the Park Hall Schoolhouse on its half-acre lot to Maurice Baker and Sarah Elizabeth Baker (cited in Carroll County Liber 1689:321). The associated indenture has not been located (its place of recordation was not noted in subsequent deeds for the property), so additional details concerning the January 30, 1935 conveyance are not known. In any case, the Bakers were living in Maricopa, Arizona with Sarah Elizabeth's new husband Arthur E. Jack by May 6, 1938, on which date they conveyed the Park Hall Schoolhouse and lot to Carroll County resident Sterling Elsworth Blacksten and his wife Bessie Mary, in consideration of \$10 (Carroll County Liber 1689:321).

The Park Hall Schoolhouse property has been owned by the following parties since 1938:

- May 6, 1938 through October 23, 1947: Sterling Elsworth Blacksten and wife Bessie Mary (Carroll County Liber 196:334)
- October 23, 1947 through June 7, 1948: Clarence E. Skinner, and wife Martha (Carroll County Liber 198:502)
- June 7, 1948 through August 10, 1993: Quentian Derr and wife Alma K. (Carroll County Liber 1492:510)
- August 10, 1993 through December 6, 1995: Thomas G. Hallman and wife Mary F. (Carroll County Liber 1749:47)
- December 6, 1995 through February 21, 1996: Thomas G. Hallman, wife Mary F., and Steven Wayne Baker (Carroll County Liber 1749:47)
- February 21, 1996 through August 11, 2005: Steven Wayne Baker (Carroll County Liber 1769:545)
- August 11, 2005 through the present: Jason D. Blocher (Carroll County Liber 4539:110)

National Register Evaluation:

The Park Hall Schoolhouse was evaluated according to criteria set forth in the *National Register Bulletin*: "How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation" (National Park Service 1997). The property is not associated with any significant trends or events in education history and is recommended not eligible under Criterion A for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not known to have been associated with any notable individuals or significant historic events and is

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**National Register Evaluation (continued):**

recommended not eligible under Criterion B. The property has been altered with modern windows, and modern porches on the southeast, northeast and northwest sides. It does not retain integrity of design, materials and workmanship. The building on the Park Hall Schoolhouse property is therefore recommended not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. Eligibility under Criterion D cannot be fully addressed at this time since the property has not been subject to archaeological testing.

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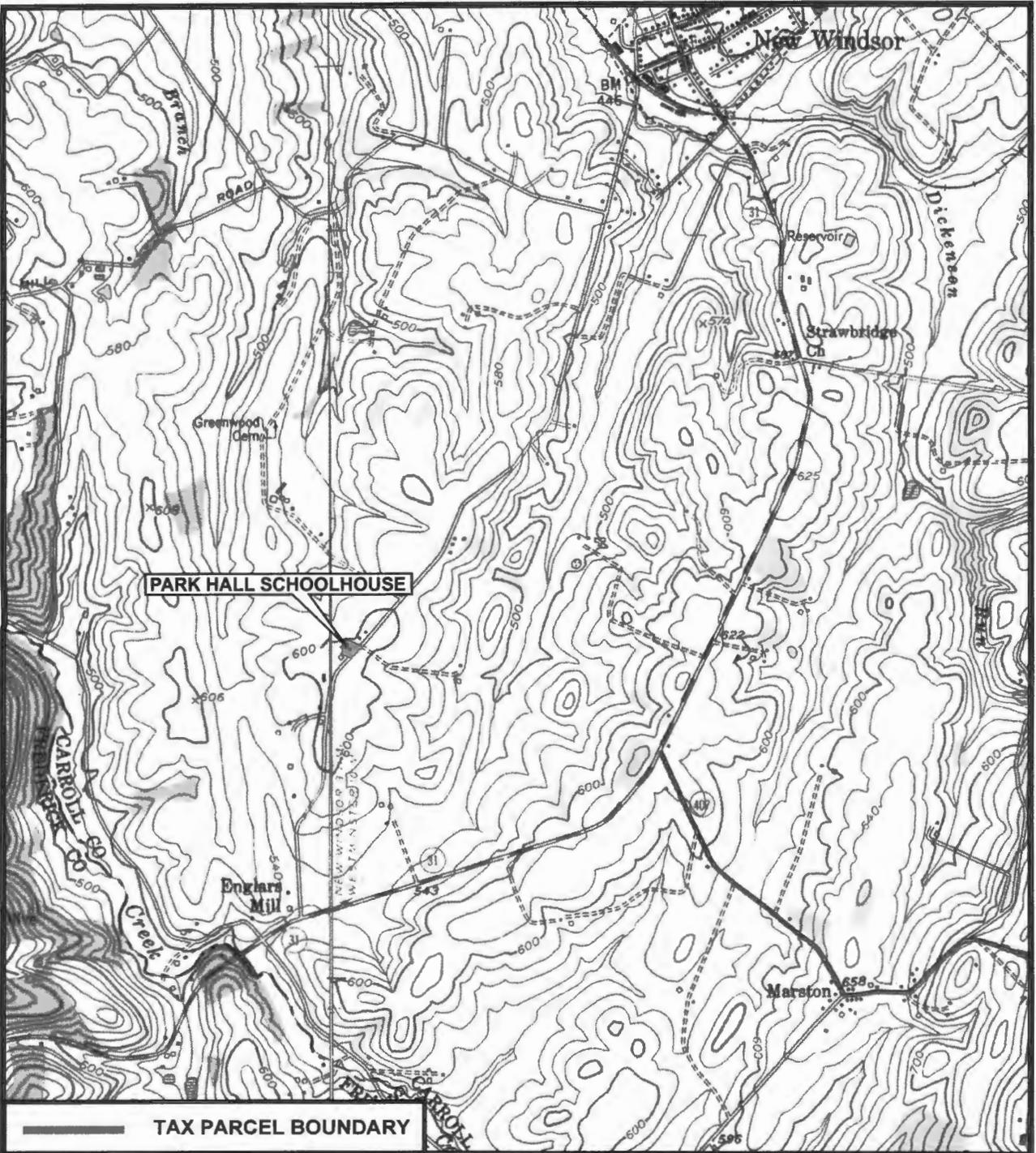
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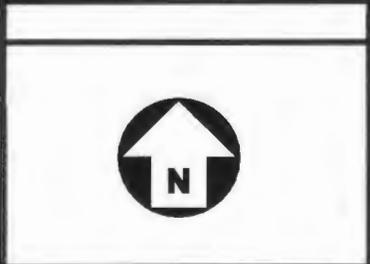
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Date Prepared: October 2011



 TAX PARCEL BOUNDARY



**SCALE**

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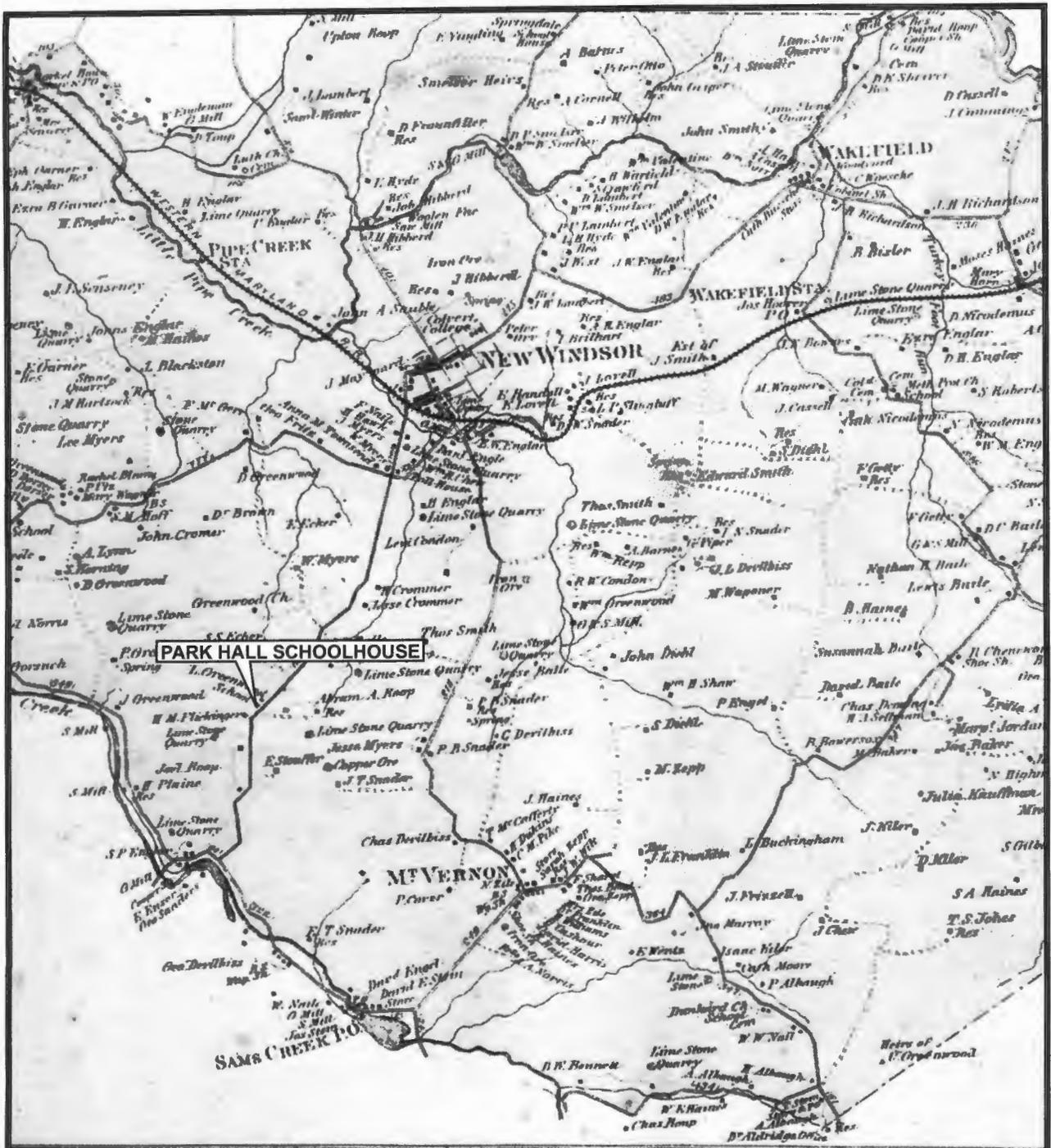
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**SOURCE**

USGS 1971  
UNION BRIDGE, MD

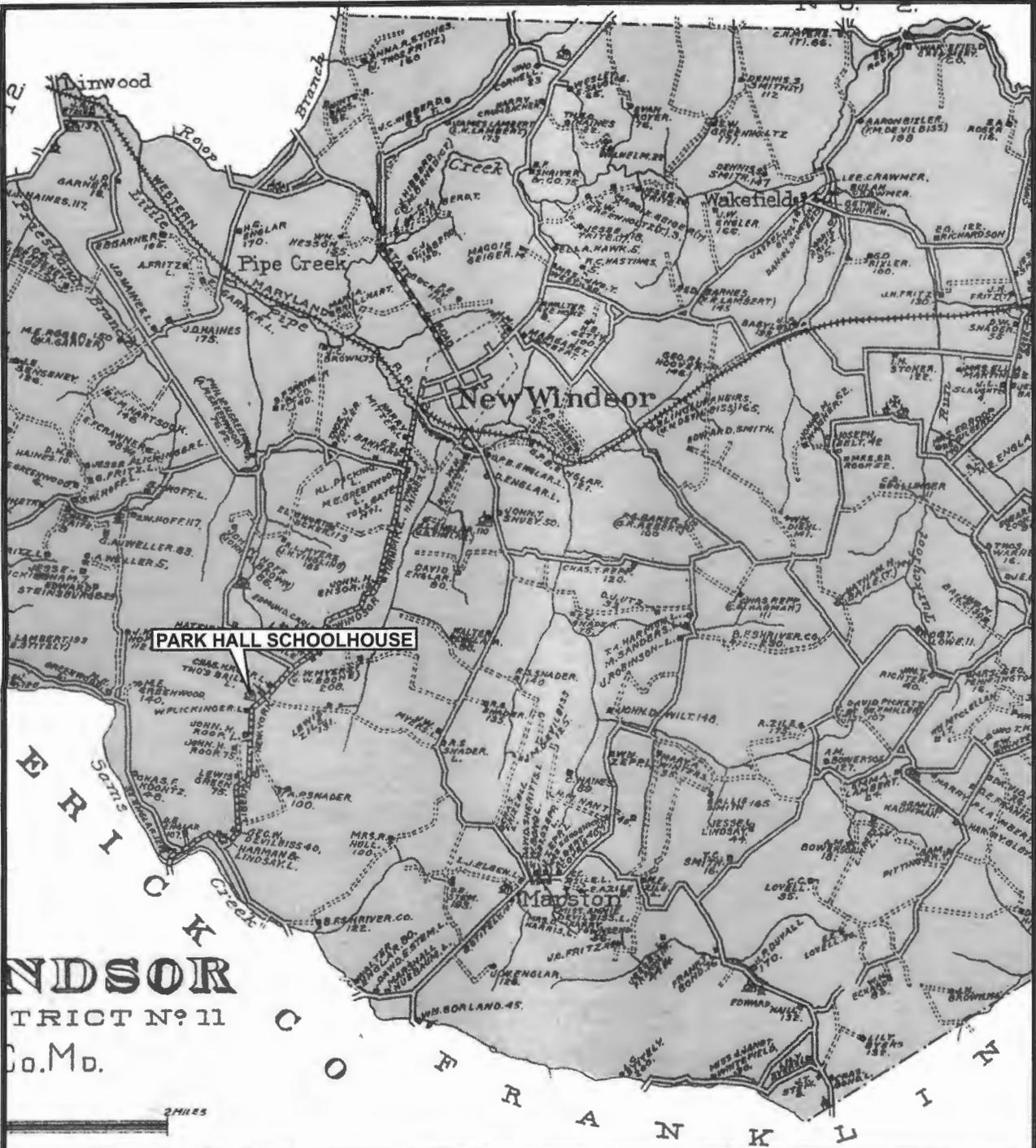
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NEW WINDSOR, MD

**CARR-1723 - PARK HALL SCHOOLHOUSE - RESOURCE LOCATION MAP**



	SCALE	SOURCE
	<p>NOT TO SCALE</p> <p>Prepared by CHRS, Inc.</p>	<p>LAKE, GRIFFING AND STEVENSON 1877</p>

CARR-1723 - PARK HALL SCHOOLHOUSE CIRCA 1877



PARK HALL SCHOOLHOUSE

WINDSOR DISTRICT No. 11 Co. Md.

SCALE

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RAND MCNALLY & CO.  
1916

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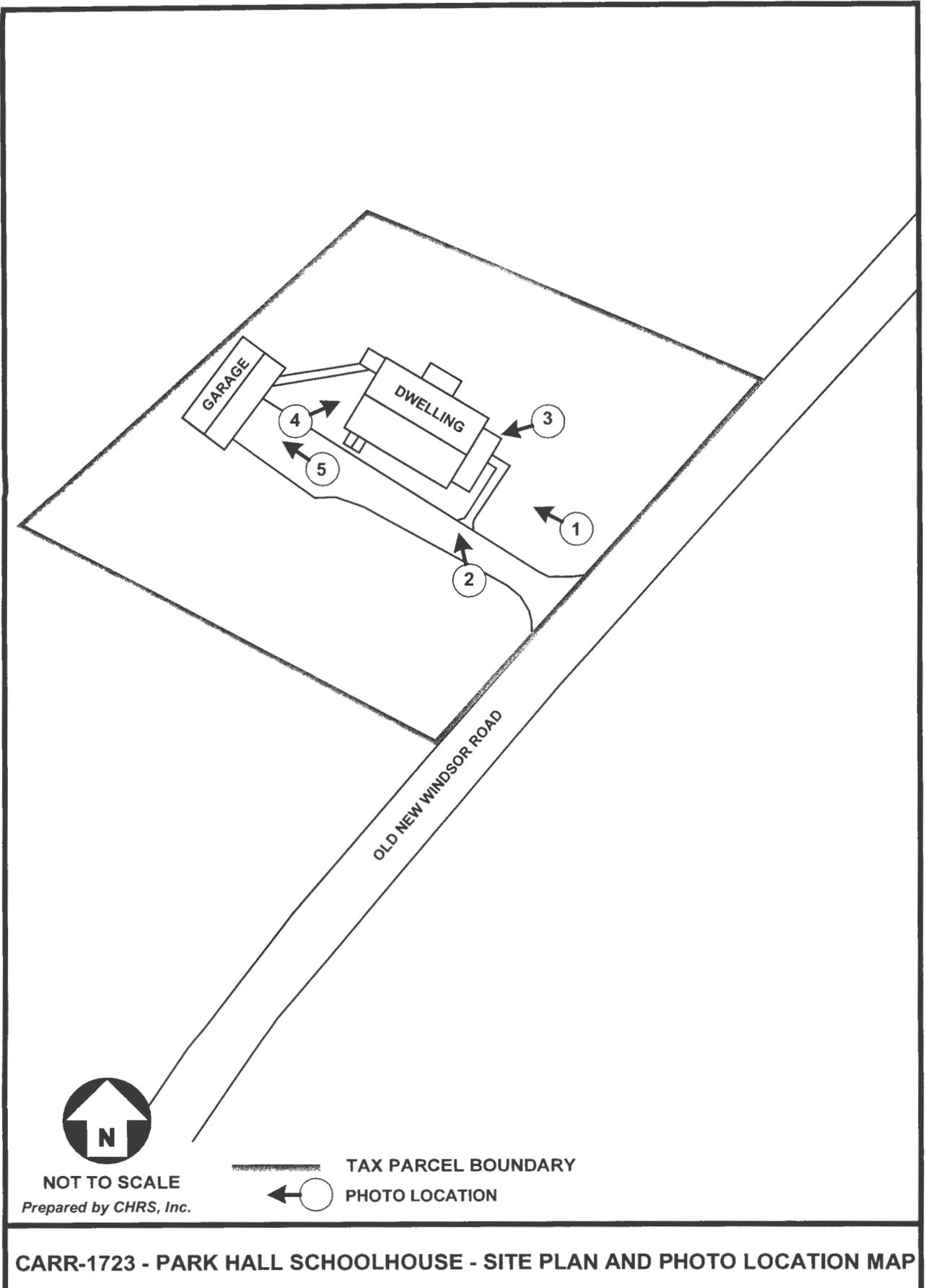
CARR-1723 - PARK HALL SCHOOLHOUSE CIRCA 1916



— TAX PARCEL BOUNDARY

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**CARR-1723 - PARK HALL SCHOOLHOUSE - MODERN AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH**



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Prepared by CHRS, Inc.

———— TAX PARCEL BOUNDARY  
←○ PHOTO LOCATION

**CARR-1723 - PARK HALL SCHOOLHOUSE - SITE PLAN AND PHOTO LOCATION MAP**

Determination of Eligibility Photo Log for  
CARR-1723-Park Hall Schoolhouse

All Photos were printed with Epson Ultra Chrome K3 Ink on Epson Photo Paper Glossy 60lb.  
Digital Photographs on Verbatim, UltraLife Gold Archival Grade CD-R with Super Azo dye

File Name	Description
CARR-1723_2011-07-01_1	View facing northwest, showing the main elevation of the building. Note the modern porch, doors and windows. The stone in the peak says "Mary's Dream".
CARR-1723_2011-07-01_2	View facing north-northwest, showing the southwest and southeast elevations. Note the brick pilasters on the southwest wall.
CARR-1723_2011-07-01_3	View facing west-southwest, showing the northeast elevation of the building. Note the modern porch and the brick pilasters.
CARR-1723_2011-07-01_4	View facing northeast, showing the rear elevation of the dwelling. Note the modern porch, door and window.
CARR-1723_2011-07-01_5	View facing northwest, showing the main elevation of the garage. Note the original pedestrian doors on the northern end.



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CARR-1723

Park Hall Schoolhouse

Carroll County, MD

Photographer: Lisa Sattler

Date: July 1, 2011

Neg. Loc.: Maryland Historical Trust

View facing northwest, showing the main elevation of the building.  
Note the modern porch, doors and windows. The stone in the  
peak says "Mary's Dream".

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Park Hall Schoolhouse

Carroll County, MD

Photographer: Lisa Sattler

Date: July 1, 2011

Neg. Loc.: Maryland Historical Trust

View facing north-northwest, showing the southwest and southeast elevations. Note the brick pilasters on the southwest wall.

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Park Hall Schoolhouse

Carroll County, MD

Photographer: Lisa Sattler

Date: July 1, 2011

Neg. Loc.: Maryland Historical Trust

View facing west-southwest, showing the northeast elevation of the building. Note the modern porch and the brick pilasters.

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CARR-1723

Park Hall Schoolhouse

Carroll County, MD

Photographer: Lisa Sattler

Date: July 1, 2011

Neg. loc.: Maryland Historical Trust

View facing northeast, showing the rear elevation of the dwelling.  
Note the modern porch, door and window.

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CARR-1723

Park Hall Schoolhouse

Carroll County, MD

Photographer: Lisa Settler

Neg. Loc.: Maryland Historical Trust

Date: July 1, 2011

View facing northwest, showing the main elevation of the garage. Note the original pedestrian doors on the northern end.

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