Old single-room schoolhouses in Carroll County are not rare, but very few remain unaltered, or retain the air of their original purpose. The Springdale Schoolhouse, located outside of New Windsor, has recently been restored to its original condition. Old schoolhouse pieces are housed here within the shell of the three-bay by three-bay one-story brick structure, and thus the building stands as a rare museum piece in the County.
## Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey

### 1. Name

**Historic**

Springdale School

**And/or Common**

Springdale School

### 2. Location

**Street & Number**

Springdale Road (Old Smelsers Mill Road)

**City, Town**

New Windsor

**Vicinity of**

New Windsor

**State**

Maryland

**Congressional District**

11

**County**

Carroll

### 3. Classification

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Ownership</th>
<th>Status</th>
<th>Present Use</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>District Building(s)</td>
<td>Public</td>
<td>Occupied</td>
<td>Agriculture</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Structure Site Object</td>
<td>Private</td>
<td>Unoccupied</td>
<td>Commercial</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Public Acquisition</td>
<td>Both</td>
<td>Work in Progress</td>
<td>Educational</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Accessible</td>
<td>In Process</td>
<td>Yes Restricted</td>
<td>Entertainment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Being Considered</td>
<td>Yes Unrestricted</td>
<td>Government</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Scientific</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Military</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Transportation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Other</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 4. Owner of Property

**Name**

Marker E. Lovell

**Telephone #**

848-2269

**City, Town**

Westminster

**Vicinity of**

Westminster

**State, Zip Code**

Maryland 21157

### 5. Location of Legal Description

**Courthouse Registry of Deeds, Etc.**

Carroll County Office Building

**Liber #**

133

**Folio #**

195

**Street & Number**

225 North Center Street

**City, Town**

Westminster

**State**

Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

**Title**

**Date**

**Depositary for Survey Records**

**City, Town**

**State**
The schoolhouse sits above Springdale Road, fifty feet, facing south east. It stands among old trees on a gentle hill, surrounded primarily by farmland. Springdale Road runs south between Uniontown Road and Maryland Rt. 31 which cuts through New Windsor. The low, uncoursed, stone foundation supports a brick structure of American Bond, three bays wide as well as long, with 6/6 double sash windows. The windows are covered by their own blind shutters, as the owner wants the house sealed. The back wall is void of windows. The gable roof with box cornice is covered with wooden shingles and topped with a very simple, open, wooden belfry with hip roof and again, wood shingles. It contains the original bell. One, single, interior end chimney on the north west side accomodates the interior pot-bellied stove (one similar to the original).

The four-post hip roof porch entrance has a box cornice and wood shingles. The ground level brick walk and floor of the porch is made from over-size handmade bricks, said to be from an old Baltimore school. There is a stone, one step stoop. The front door has five moulded panels with a three-part, rectangular transom light. The plain trim here and on the windows as well as the shutters, cornice and wooden flagpole are painted white. A wooden plaque painted white with black letters is encased above the porch roof in semi-elliptical brickwork and reads "Springdale School - 1854"

Reversed S hardware to hold the shutters remain; a pair for each window.

The interior is a one room classroom and has quite a bit of museum potential. Authentic items grace the room to make it appear in original form. Many items were salvaged from other one room schoolhouses.

The walls and ceilings are of white-washed plaster, save for thinly-boarded wainscot. Window trim is symmetrically moulded, with corner blocks. Wooden clothes pegs are hung along portions of the wall. The floor is wood of random width. There is an elevated section (stage) for the teacher's desk.

Outside there was a water pump and two outhouses.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY
This small, one room schoolhouse survives in excellent, near original condition; and is one of the very few in the county unaltered. Others have been made into storage or transformed into dwellings. Its restoration from a decayed and collapsed building to a 'near-new' structure is remarkable, as well as its preservation and maintenance over recent years.

Restoration took three and a half years; completed in the fall of 1963 by Marker Lovell. His brother and mother attended the school, and his grandfather taught there from 1884-1886. He himself received six years of his education there.

The school was established as a primary school by three trustees, and was thought to have been built by the people in the area. Its contribution to education in this part of the county is substantial. Its position then, as now as a 'standard' one room schoolhouse, gives it historical significance.
9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Old Carroll County Schoolhouses" - paper by Patricia Minnich Jan.-1965

"Bringing a little red schoolhouse to life" - Saturday Sun Magazine
Jan. 12, 1974 by Kathryn Geraghty Tubman photos by A. Aubrey Bodine

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>STATE</th>
<th>COUNTY</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Maryland</td>
<td>Carroll</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>STATE</th>
<th>COUNTY</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME : TITLE
Fredi Eckhardt historic site surveyor

ORGANIZATION
Carroll County Committee of the Maryland Historical Trust

STREET & NUMBER
210 East Main Street

TELEPHONE
848-6494

CITY OR TOWN
Westminster

STATE
Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438
**NAME**

**COMMON:** Spruance School  

**LOCATION**

**STREET AND NUMBER:** Spruance Road  

**CITY OR TOWN:** New Windsor, Md.  

**STATE:** Md.,  

**CODE:**  

**COUNTY:** Carroll  

**CLASSIFICATION**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CATEGORY (Check One)</th>
<th>OWNERSHIP</th>
<th>STATUS</th>
<th>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>District</td>
<td>Building</td>
<td>Public</td>
<td>Public Acquisition:</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Site</td>
<td>Structure</td>
<td>Private</td>
<td>In Process</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Object</td>
<td></td>
<td>Both</td>
<td>Being Considered</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**PRESENT USE** (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Agricultural  
- Commercial  
- Educational  
- Entertainment  
- Government  
- Industrial  
- Military  
- Religious  
- Private Residence  
- Public  
- Private  
- Scientific  
- Transportation  
- Other (Specify)  

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

**OWNER'S NAME:**  

**STREET AND NUMBER:**  

**CITY OR TOWN:**  

**STATE:** Md.  

**Code:**  

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

**COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:**  

**STREET AND NUMBER:** Carroll County  

**CITY OR TOWN:** Westminster  

**STATE:** Md.  

**APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:**  

**REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

**TITLE OF SURVEY:**  

**DATE OF SURVEY:**  

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:**  

**STREET AND NUMBER:**  

**CITY OR TOWN:**  

**STATE:**  

**Code:**
## 7. Description

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CONDITION</th>
<th>Excellent</th>
<th>Good</th>
<th>Fair</th>
<th>Deteriorated</th>
<th>Ruins</th>
<th>Unexposed</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>INTEGRITY</td>
<td>Altered</td>
<td>Unaltered</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance.

The Springdale Schoolhouse is a fine example of the rural school seldom seen now. Wall fabric is brick laid in an English bond. "A" roof running E-W with a pyramidal roofed bell tower at the E end interior. At the E end elevation is the main entrance flanked by a single window ea. side. The door is a horizontal panelled one with a three light transom. Eaves are deep with wide larch boards on all four sides.

Sits on knoll, W. side Springdale Road.
### SIGNIFICANCE

#### PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Pre-Columbian</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16th Century</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17th Century</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18th Century</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19th Century</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20th Century</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

**1854**

#### AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- **Aboriginal**
- **Education**
- **Political**
- **Urban Planning**
- **Prehistoric**
- **Engineering**
- **Religious/Philosophy**
- **Other (Specify)**
- **Historic**
- **Industry**
- **Science**
- **Architecture**
- **Invention**
- **Sculpture**
- **Religion/Philosophy**
- **Arts**
- **Innovation**
- **Social/Humanitarian**
- **Conservation**
- **Military**
- **Theater**
- **Music**
- **Transportation**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE** (Include Personages, Dates, Events, etc.)

**SEE INSTRUCTIONS**
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CORNER</th>
<th>LATITUDE</th>
<th>LONGITUDE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>NW</td>
<td>Degrees Minutes Seconds</td>
<td>Degrees Minutes Seconds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NE</td>
<td>Degrees Minutes Seconds</td>
<td>Degrees Minutes Seconds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SE</td>
<td>Degrees Minutes Seconds</td>
<td>Degrees Minutes Seconds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SW</td>
<td>Degrees Minutes Seconds</td>
<td>Degrees Minutes Seconds</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>LATITUDE</th>
<th>LONGITUDE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Degrees Minutes Seconds</td>
<td>Degrees Minutes Seconds</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>STATE</th>
<th>CODE</th>
<th>COUNTY</th>
<th>CODE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>STATE</td>
<td>CODE</td>
<td>COUNTY</td>
<td>CODE</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STATE</td>
<td>CODE</td>
<td>COUNTY</td>
<td>CODE</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: [Signature]

ORGANIZATION: [Organization Name]

STREET AND NUMBER: [Street Address]

CITY OR TOWN: [City Name]

STATE: [State Name]

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

- National [ ]
- State [ ]
- Local [ ]

Name __________________________

Title __________________________

Date __________________________

13. NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

_____________________________
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date __________________________

ATTEST:

_____________________________
Keeper of The National Register

Date __________________________
Sprungdale Schoolhouse
Sept. - 78
Comm. - 76
S/E elevations
Joshi E.
Springdale Schoolhouse
Sept. - 78
Comb. - 76
S/E elevation (40%) N/E side
Red E.
Springdale Schoolhouse
Sept. - 78
Carr. - 76
S/E front, S/W side
Joshi E.