

CE-875, CE-876, CE-877

Mt. Zoar Community

C. 1860-1890

Mount Zoar is a black settlement that began in the 3rd quarter of the 19th Century along Mt. Zoar Road and just west of Route 222. Approximately one dozen structures stand both along the road and back from it in no discernable relation to one another. Located among the standard two story 2 bay by 1 room frame houses is a frame Methodist church (CE-877) and a 19th Century frame schoolhouse with projecting entrance and bell tower. (CE-876). The schoolhouse is one of the more unusual of its type in the entire county.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

CE - 876

File #858

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

School No. 5

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of Route 222 off Mt. Zoar Road

CITY, TOWN

Conowingo

 VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Daniel Stewart

Telephone #: 378-4245

STREET & NUMBER

Off Mt. Zoar Road

CITY, TOWN

Conowingo

 VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21918

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: RRC 29

Folio #: 82

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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 Conowingo School No. 5 c. 1875 is a frame school building located south of Mt. Zoar and about a 1/2 mile west of Route 222. The structure is located on a dirt lane that runs south off Mt. Zoar Road. The single story structure has a northwest/southeast orientation with the main facade facing north.

The main part of the school building is 5 bays across by 3 bays deep. A one bay projecting pavilion occupies the central bay of the main facade and serves as an entrance and bell tower. A single story shed addition extends across the back of the structure.

The structure rests on an uncoursed stone foundation and is totally covered with novelty siding. The medium sloped tin roof has extended eaves and exposed rafters. A small stretcher bond stove stack protrudes out of the center of the peak.

The main facade is 5 bays across with two 9/9 sash windows on each side of the central pavilion. The window trim is plain, with no shutters. The central pavilion has two 6/6 sash windows on each side. There is a 5 panel front door with a single light transom.

The gable ends have a similar appearance with three 9/9 sash on each and extended eaves. There are a few 6/6 sash windows and one 4 panel door.

The back of the building is primarily covered with the shed addition. There are a few 6/6 sash windows and one 4 panel door.

The interior was not open for inspection but appeared relatively untouched. The building at one time was used as a bar.

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		
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<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		
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<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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This School House is an excellent example of a 19th Century educational building with some interesting details such as a projecting pavilion, and bell tower. It is also located in the middle of the Mt. Zoar black community and was probably used as a black school.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Part of the above described property is located in Cecil County, Maryland. The property is bounded on the north by the Cecil County Courthouse, on the south by the Cecil County Courthouse, on the east by the Cecil County Courthouse, and on the west by the Cecil County Courthouse.

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

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Touart Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

9/21/78

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

398-7568

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

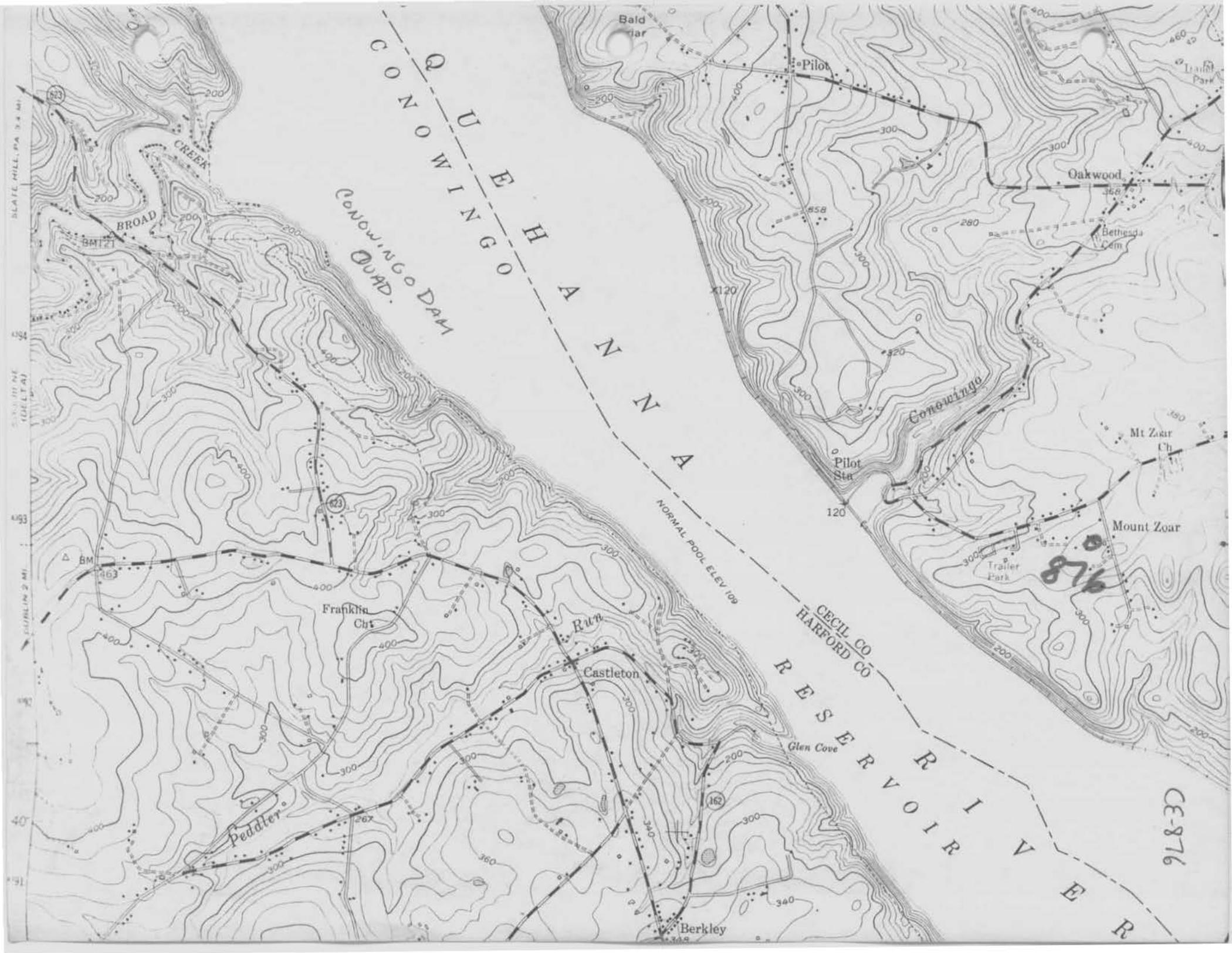
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Maryland

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



SCALE 1:50,000 (U.S. MILES)

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CONOWINGO QUAD.
CONOWINGO RIVER

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MT. ZODAR School

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