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c. 1860-1870

New Bridge Schoolhouse  
New Bridge  
private

Robert A. Evans sold to the Cecil County school commissioners in Nov. 1860, "... all that property on the east side of public road leading from Joseph T. Reynolds' mill to the old Octoraro Forge... for a schoolhouse to be erected thereon for the use of the public school in the 6th election district..."(WHR 4/38) The New Bridge schoolhouse was presumably built soon after on a high fieldstone foundation. The rectangular frame was undoubtedly raised to a higher level due to uncertain annual flooding of the nearby Octoraro.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

file # 641

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

New Bridge Schoolhouse

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

East side of Octorara Creek - north of New Bridge

CITY, TOWN

Cross New Bridge

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER: none

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Boy Scouts of America

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

|  |                                       |   |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>CONDITION</b>                         |                                       | <b>CHECK ONE</b>                            | <b>CHECK ONE</b>                                  |
| <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

An abandoned schoolhouse c.1865 is located on the east side of the Octorara Creek at a crossing called New Bridge. The structure is now owned by the Boy Scouts and remains empty.

The building is rectangular with the main facade, a gable end facing the creek. The first floor is elevated on an uncoursed fieldstone foundation. The frame structure is 3 bays across by one large room deep. The building is sheathed with novelty siding and covered with a tin roof. The main facade has a double door main entrance with a louvered octagonal ventilator overhead. The eaves are extended and left exposed.

# 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              |   |  |

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is one of many schoolhouses remaining in the Conowingo area. The basic exterior is intact with out many alterations, however, the building is subject to vandalism due to its disuse and relative isolation.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

*[Faint, mostly illegible text describing the boundary description]*

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

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

9/29/78

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

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.

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



#### 6TH DISTRICT

No. 8 - The New Bridge school was in a secluded spot on Horseshoe road off U. S. 1 two miles north of Mace's Building Supply store, and just beyond the bridge on New Bridge road to Rock Springs.

It is a well preserved frame building about 30' x 45' with three shuttered windows on each side and a flight of eight concrete steps to the front door, which faces the Octoraro Creek across the road.

The building was sold to G. C. Delp on April 12, 1938, for \$451, and was standing vacant on June 8, 1970.

Still sits the school-house by the road,  
A ragged beggar sleeping;  
Around it still the sumacs grow,  
And blackberry vines are creeping.

Within, the master's desk is seen,  
Deep scarred by raps official;  
The warping floor, the battered seats,  
The jack knife's carved initial.

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RRC 16/97

Frank L. Foots & Sara Foots  
To  
Willard Mace

3/1/1946

WFB 27/261

Effie K. Evans & James F. Evans  
To

12/14/1942

Frank L. Foots & Thomas K. Hankins  
Conveyed to Frank L Foots By  
Thomas K. Hankins 2/24/1944 RRC 3/513  
A part of the same land...

JAD 23/296

John P. Evans  
To (Son)

10/12/1878

James H. Evans  
Will of James Evans - Sept. 10, 1942  
194 Acres

AWM 7/213

Wm. S. Evans, Trustee 10/6/1877  
To

John P. Evans  
Decree of Circuit Court 10/5/1876  
Isabel Evans Complainant  
James M. Evans Defendants (SEE ADVERTISEMENT)

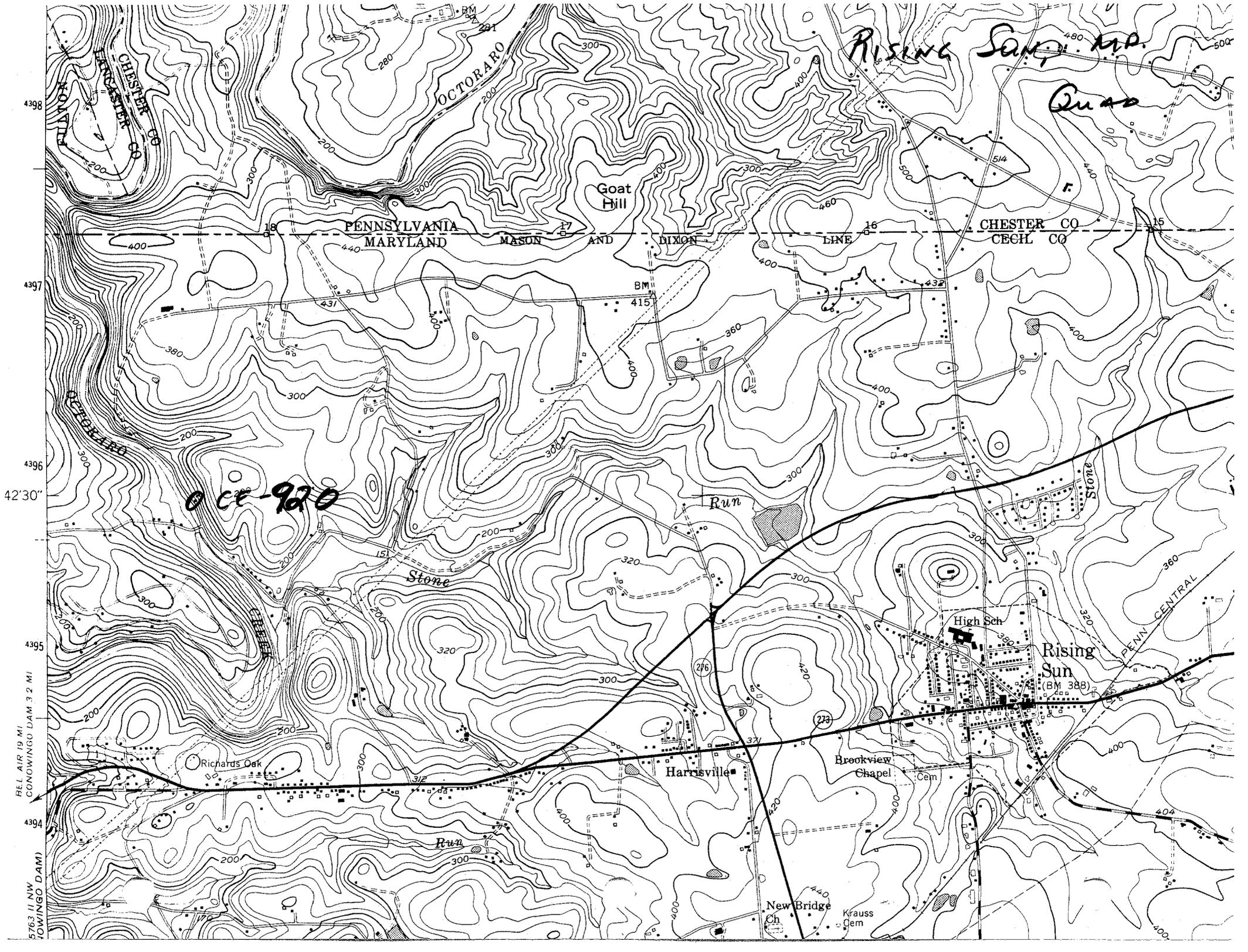
AWM 4/39

No. 680 Chancery Docket 3/115  
Being the same land whereof Robert A. Evans  
died seized containing 194 acres \$10,000.00

JS 20/243

Robert A. Evans acquired property from his  
father Robert Evans on 12/14/1821

School Commissioners - WHR 4/38  
Nov. 29, 1860 - East side of Public  
Road leading from Jos. T. Reynold's Mill  
to the old Octoraro Forge... for a school house to  
be erected thereon for the use of the Public  
School in the Sixth District.



Rising Sun, Md. Quad

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4398  
4397  
4396  
42°30'  
4395  
4394  
BEL AIR 19 MI.  
CONOWINGO DAM 3.2 MI  
5763 (1 NW  
LOWINGO DAM)

PENNSYLVANIA MARYLAND MASON AND DIXON LINE CHESTER CO. CECIL CO.

Goat Hill

High Sch

Rising Sun (BM 388)

Harrisville

Brookview Chapel

New Bridge Ch

Krauss Cem

Richards Oak

Run

Run

Stone

Stone

PENN. CENTRAL



NEW BRIDGE SCHOOLHOUSE

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WESTERN ELEVATION

NEW BRIDGE, MD. (EAST SIDE OF OCTOPUS)