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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Point of Rocks Post Office

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

West side Ballenger Creek Pike

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Point of Rocks

VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Frederick

**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  
 COMMERCIAL  
 EDUCATIONAL  
 ENTERTAINMENT  
 GOVERNMENT  
 INDUSTRIAL  
 MILITARY  
 MUSEUM  
 PARK  
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
 RELIGIOUS  
 SCIENTIFIC  
 TRANSPORTATION  
 OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Demolished in 1978

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING 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 type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Demolished

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Point of Rocks Post Office was a two and one-half story frame front gabled residence covered with asbestos siding which faced south from the north side of Ballenger Creek Pike in Point of Rocks.

The principal facade was two bays wide. The main entrance, a four paneled door with narrow two light transom occupied the first bay from the west corner of the building. A 2/1 double hung window occupied the other bay on the first level.

A very decorative one story frame porch with boxed columns with notched brackets, boxed cornice, diamond patterned frieze, and curvilinear embellishment extended across the first level of the building. Trellis work was located under the porch flooring. Steps leading to the porch were replaced with poured cement.

Two double hung 2/1 windows flanked by louvered shutters were located in each bay on the second level. A small Palladian window segmented into six parts is centered in the front gable of the building.

The building which is rectangular in shape is two bays deep. Two double hung 2/1 windows flanked by louvered shutters occupied each bay on the west side of the building. Only one identical 2/1 window is located in the second bay from the south corner of the east side of the building.

A one bay wide one story shed roof addition extends to the north rear side of the building. A double hung 2/2 window occupies this bay on the west side of the building. A 2/1 window flanked by louvered shutters occupied the bay on the east side. A one story rear addition one bay wide extended to the north side of the building.

The entire building was constructed on a low whitewashed random stone foundation and originally covered with German siding and later covered with asbestos shingles although the original corner boards have remained.

The front gabled roof is covered by slate. A single brick chimney extends from the center of the building.

The building which served as the Point of Rocks Post Office was demolished in 1978.

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# 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 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Point of Rocks Post Office, demolished in 1978, served the community as a post office and private residence from late in the nineteenth century until well into the twentieth century.

The Carpenter Gothic style was similar to many modest residences of the late nineteenth century in the south part of Frederick County.

According to a directory of Post Offices in Frederick County during 1887,<sup>1</sup> the town was described as follows:

There is considerable business done here by the merchants; it has two fine stores, two excellent hotels and several eating houses, together with fair proportion of other trade; it is quite a resort for fishermen, the black bass abounding in great quantities in the Potomac; the land is limestone and freestone and is well improved and cultivated, producing excellent crops. . . population about 150.

<sup>1</sup>Compiled by Charles W. Miller, ex-postmaster, Frederick, Maryland; unpublished.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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

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

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

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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.

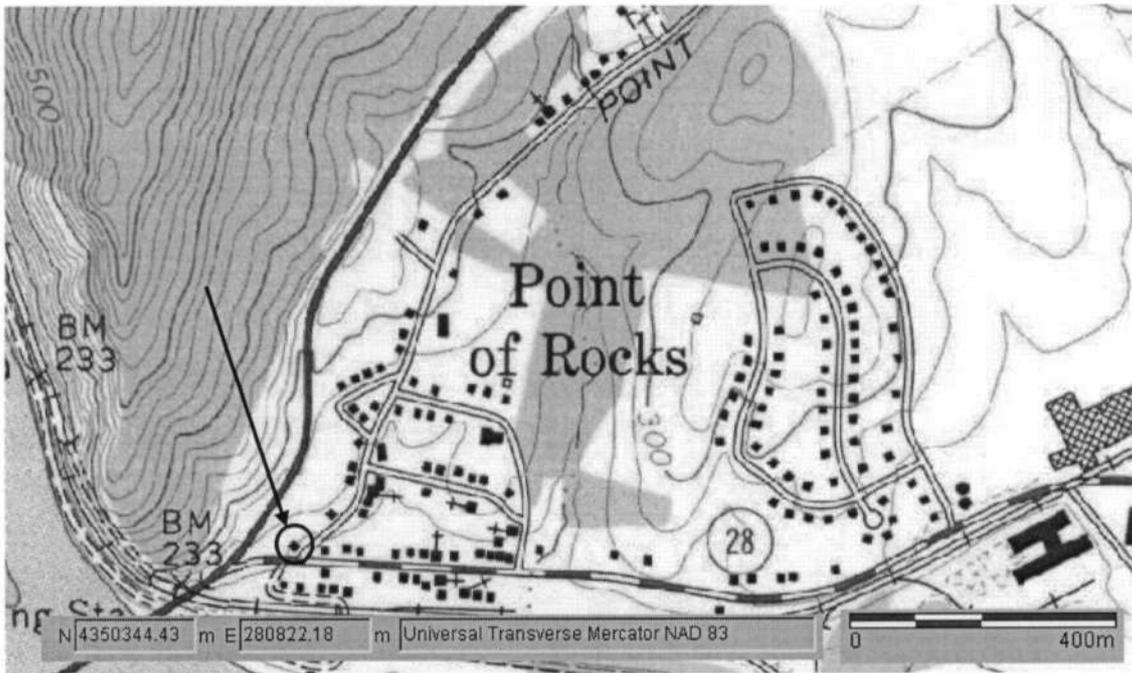
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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Point of Rocks Post Office, site  
Point of Rocks Quadrangle

Demolished, 1978



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Point of Rocks Post Office, site  
Clay Street and Ballenger Creek Pike

(Demolished 1978)

Point of Rocks

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Facing West



POINT OF ROCKS POST OFFICE F-1-124

CEW 6/77

W/S BALLENGER CREEK PIKE

EAST ELEVATION



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CEW

6/77

POINT OF ROCKS POST OFFICE  
W/3 BALLENGER CREEK PIKE

NORTHEAST ELEVATION