

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: Mountville Colored School Inventory Number: F-2-044

Address: 4457 Mountville Road City: Frederick Zip Code: 21703

County: Frederick USGS Topographic Map: Point of Rocks

Owner: Anthony R. Wackerle and Donna Smyth 4455 Mountville Road, Frederick, MD 21703

Tax Parcel Number: 78 Tax Map Number: 93 Tax Account ID Number: 14-312870

Project: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Is the property located within a historic district?  no  yes Name of district: \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed?  No  yes Determined eligible?  no  yes District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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 current assessment was prepared on behalf of Duke Energy North America as part of cultural resources investigations to support the proposed construction of a power plant in southern Frederick County near Point of Rocks (Goodwin 2001). The assessment is based on previously existing documentation available at the Maryland Historical Trust confirmed by a reconnaissance survey of the property taken from the public right of way.

The Mountville Colored School (F-2-044) is one of two identified rural schoolhouses constructed in 1888 to serve the African-American community. This building was historically associated with the Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church and still serves as an educational facility for the church. This building represents an important aspect of African-American history in Frederick County (Criterion A). It was constructed as a central part of an African American community established by freed slaves after the Civil War (Davis 1991).

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Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	
_____ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	_____ Date
_____ Reviewer, NR program	_____ Date

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Continuation Sheet No. 1

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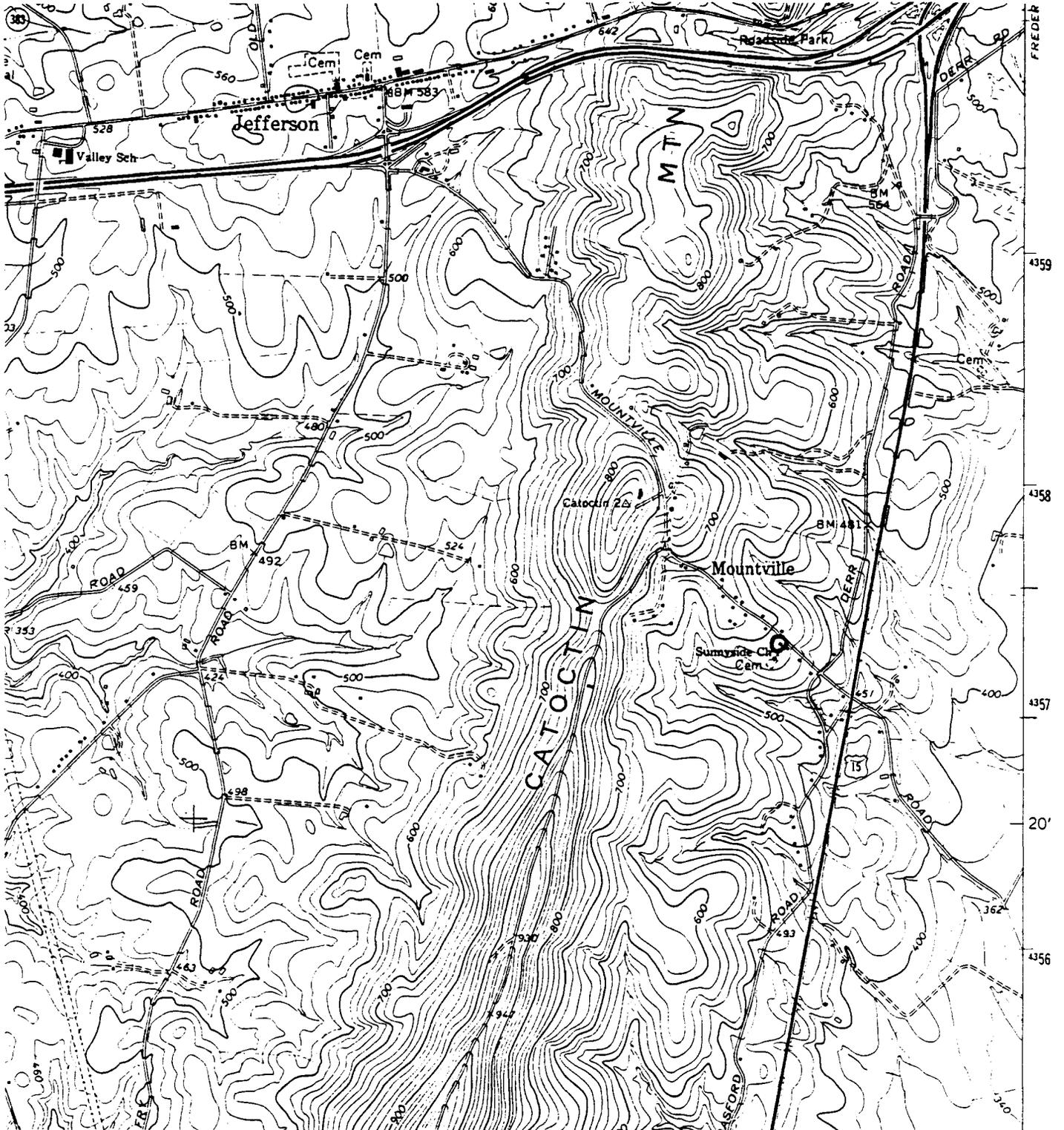
Tourism Council of Frederick County

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Prepared by: Katherine Grandine and Brian Clevon,  
R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc.

Date Prepared: March 2002

F-2-044  
Mountville Colored School  
Mountville  
Frederick County, Maryland  
Point of Rocks USGS quadrangle map  
Scale 1:24,000





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Mountville Colored School

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School, view N

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Ca. 1888

Mountville Colored School

Jefferson, Maryland

Private

The Mountville Colored School is a one story frame schoolhouse built in 1888 on the south side of Mountville Road in Mountville near Jefferson. It is one of two identified black rural schoolhouses of the late 19th century, the other being the Hope Hill Colored School (F-7-37). The Mountville School shares the lot of the Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church (F-2-43); most black schools were located near black churches and both institutions served as community centers for the black population in the area.

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Mountville Colored School  
Jefferson  
Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

**Geographic Organization: Piedmont**  
(Hardford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

**Chronological/Development Period:**  
Industrial/Urban Dominance (A.D. 1870-1930)

**Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes**  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning  
Social/Educational/Cultural

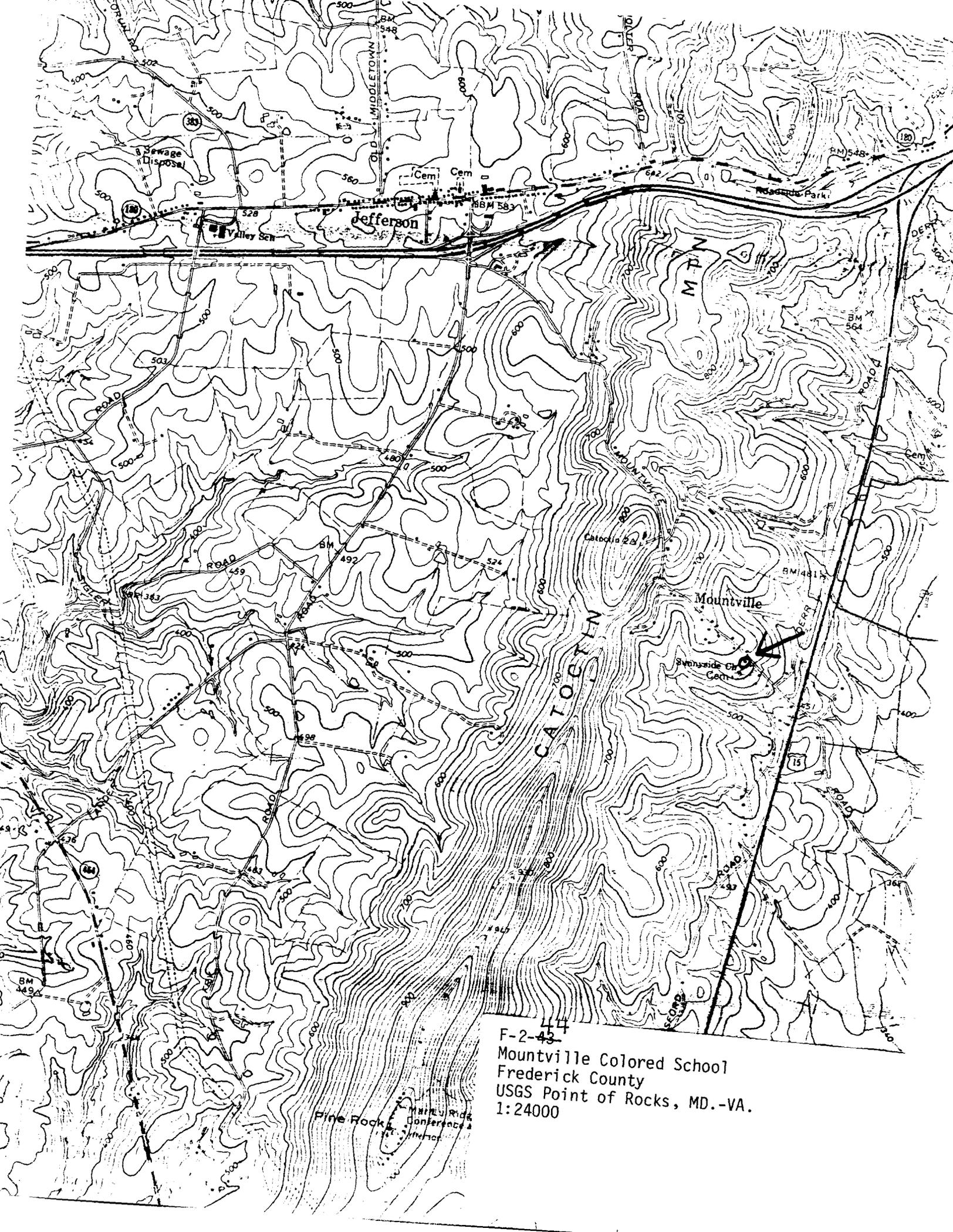
**Resource Types:**

**Category: Building**

**Historic Environment: Village**

**Historic Function and Use:**  
Education/School/schoolhouse

**Known Design Source: None**



F-2-43  
Mountville Colored School  
Frederick County  
USGS Point of Rocks, MD.-VA.  
1:24000

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. F-2-44

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Mountville Colored School

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number Mountville Road, south side, west of Basford Road  not for publication

city, town Jefferson  vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Sunnyside Methodist Church

street & number Rt. 4 telephone no.:

city, town Frederick state and zip code MD. 21701

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio

city, town Frederick state MD. 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. F-2-44

<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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

## CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

The Mountville Colored School is a one story frame schoolhouse built in 1888 on the south side of Mountville Road west of Basford Road in the village of Mountville, near Jefferson, in Frederick County, Maryland. The school stands about 20 yards north of the Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church, on the same 1-acre parcel owned by the church. The schoolhouse has a projecting section on the west gable end which was the original entrance to the building. The present entrance is in the southeast corner occupying a former window bay. The exterior is covered with modern vertical composition siding and has a composition roof. The building is currently used as an education center for the Sunnyside United Methodist Church.

The north and south elevations of the school reveal the stone foundation and the original three window bays. The sash is 6/6. The present entrance in the southeast bay replaces an original window and has a wood stair to the sill level. The door is a modern flush type. The roof has two chimneys, one in the former entrance foyer on the west elevation and the other at the east gable end. A photo in Jefferson, 1774-1974 shows that the original siding was board and batten and that shutters flanked the windows. The entrance foyer had a single four-panel door in the west elevation.

The interior was not accessible for the survey.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. F-2-44

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		

Specific dates	1800-1899	Builder/Architect
check:	Applicable Criteria: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
	and/or	
	Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
	Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Mountville Colored School is one of two known remaining late 19th century colored rural schools in Frederick County. The other school is the Hope Hill Colored School (F-7-37) on Fingerboard Road near Urbana; it is currently endangered by possible demolition for new development. Built in 1888, the Mountville School may pre-date the Hope Hill building. Along with the Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church (F-2-43), the Mountville School was the center of Mountville's community life. Mountville was founded after the Civil War by freed slaves as Sunnyside. It was renamed Mountville in 1882 with the establishment of the post office.

As stated, only two rural black schools have been identified in Frederick County. The design of the school parallels that of the known rural white schools of the last quarter of the 19th century, with the foyer projecting from one elevation. Black schools tended to be located near black churches and often shared facilities until separate buildings could be erected. In contrast, white schools occupied prominent locations on main roads or street corners in villages, on lots especially purchased or set aside for educational purposes.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-2-44

Interview with Mr. Lord Nikkens, July 18, 1991.

Jefferson, 1774-1974, History Committee and Book Committee, Jefferson Ruritan Club, 1974, pp. 48-49.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1Quadrangle name Point of Rocks, Md.-Va.Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 93, parcel marked + in village of Mountville.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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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.

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