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Green Valley School

Urbana vicinity

Private

1889

The Green Valley School was built in 1889 with a gable entrance facade on the east featuring two entrances and three-bay side elevations with large 6/6 windows. The exterior retains its german siding and the original roofing of wood shingles is covered or replaced with corrugated metal. In 1930, the building was sold when the school was consolidated with Urbana and it became a residence. The northern door was converted to a window, a one-story porch was added, and eventually a concrete block addition was built on the west gable end. The schoolhouse is minimally significant for its architecture, which still has the typical rectangular form of the late 19th century one-room school, although the interior has been much altered. The school was built just before a period of modernization took place in school design, resulting in a variety of forms, as exemplified by other schools in the vicinity, particularly the Hopeland Colored School (F-7-37) of about 1890, the Araby School (F-7-51) of 1888, and the Hampton School (F-7-36) of 1908.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

(Harford, 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 and Community Planning  
Social, Educational, Cultural

Resource Type:

Category: Building

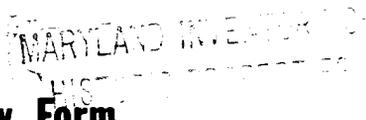
Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use:

Education/School/Schoolhouse

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form



Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Green Valley School

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 1904 Park Mills Road  not for publication

city, town Urbana  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 checked="" 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 Anna Cosgrove Melvin

street & number 1904 Park Mills Road telephone no.:

city, town Adamstown state and zip code MD 21710

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1162

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 931

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-7-48

<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 of move _____
<input 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 Green Valley School is a one-story frame schoolhouse built about 1889 with additions to the rear elevation made about 1930 when it was converted to residential use. The building is located on the west side of Park Mills Road about 1/4 mile south of the intersection of Lily Pons Road near Urbana, Frederick County, Maryland. The principal elevation faces east toward the road and the topography of the site slopes down toward the west, exposing the stone foundation of the original building and the concrete block of the 1930's addition. The dating of the school is based on land record research.

The east gable end of the rectangular schoolhouse is the principal elevation and it originally had two entrances, as shown in a circa 1900 photograph published in the dedication booklet for the 1960 Urbana Elementary School. The conversion of the building to residential use resulted in the alteration of the north entrance to a window, as evidenced by the infill of german siding below the present opening. The exterior of the school is still german siding and the roof is covered with corrugated metal, probably concealing evidence of the original wood shingle roof and possibly of the bell cupola, a common feature on late 19th century rural schools. The east elevation has a one-story shed porch, and an exterior brick chimney rises in the center of the facade. The north and south elevations have three bays with 6/6 windows in plain architraves. The concrete block addition rises to the level of the west gable end of the original structure and has modern windows and doors. The upper west gable end wall of the original schoolhouse is covered with asbestos shingle siding. The interior of the schoolhouse has been much altered for residential use and retains no visible features of its original use, according to Mrs. Anna C. Melvin, the current owner.

# 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
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<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 1889

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

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

The Green Valley School is minimally significant for its architecture, which is typical of the late 19th century rural school in Frederick County. The rectangular form with entrances in the gable end and three side window bays is common to many one-room schools of the period. However, the nearby extant schools show that other plans were also used concurrently. The Araby School (F-7-51) is a brick building of about the same date as Green Valley, also with double entrances in its original appearance. The Hampton School (F-7-36) is a 1908 brick school with a central hipped roof tower with the single entrance in the base. The Hopeland Colored School (F-7-37) of about 1890 has two rooms with a projecting foyer at the center of the ng facade. The late 1880's and early 1890's seem to be a transitional period when the older design schools were being re-evaluated and efforts toward modernization of facilities was a goal. The Green Valley School served until 1930, when it was sold and converted to a residence. School consolidations sent its former students to newer schools in Urbana.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-7-48

Land Records of Frederick County  
Urbana Elementary School, "Dedication Exercises" booklet, December 4, 1960 (Frederick Co. Planning & Zoning Department Historic Sites Survey file on Urbana Survey District (F-7-31))

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1 acre

Quadrangle name Buckeystown, Md.-Va.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C 

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 104, Parcel 24

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

state code county code

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# 11. Form Prepared By

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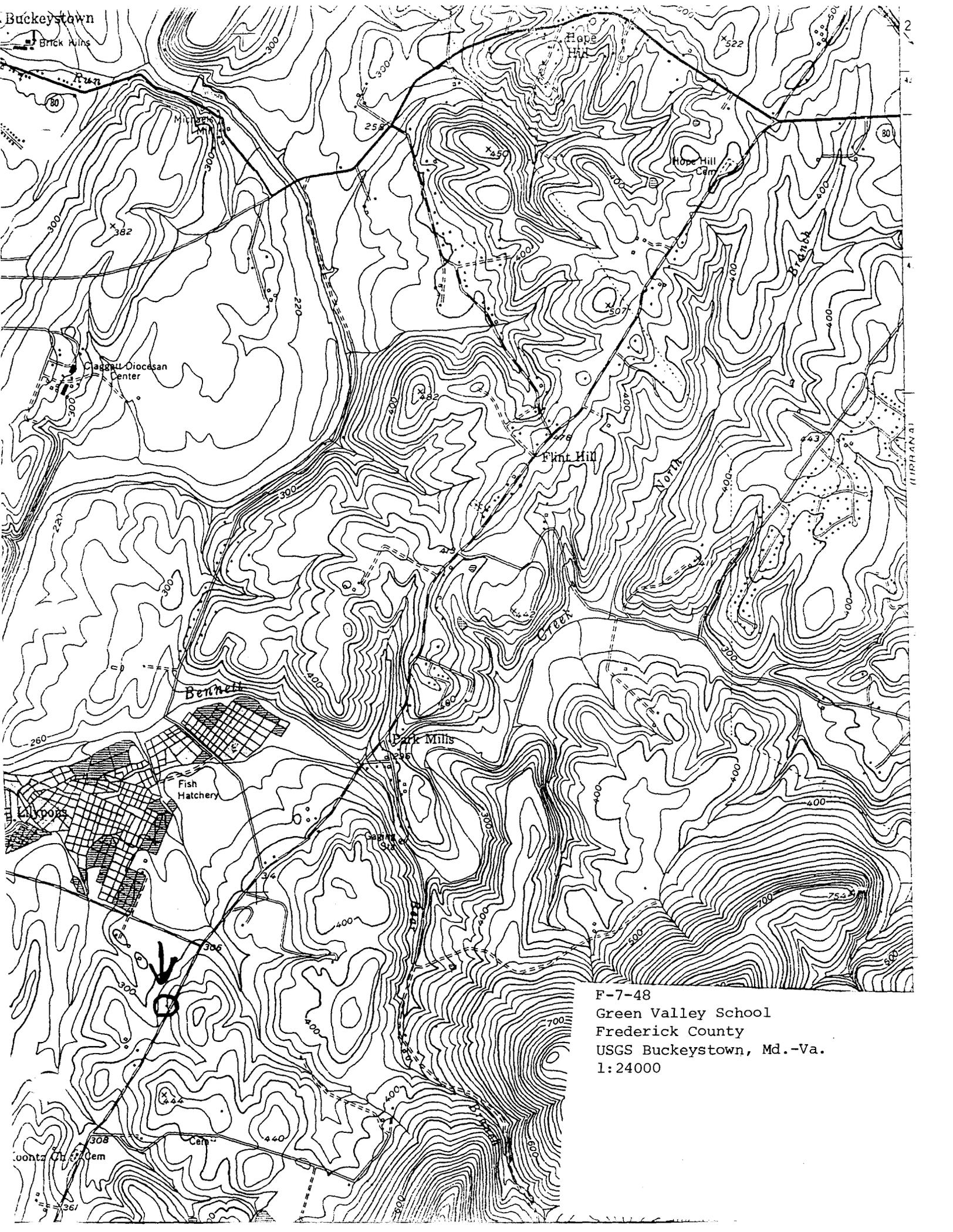
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