

Survey No. F-8-113

Ca. 1840

Mountain View School

Johnsville, Maryland

Private

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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:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning,
Social/Education/Cultural

Resource Type:
Category: Building

Environment: Rural

Function & Use: Education/school/schoolhouse

Known Design Source: None

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Mountain View School

and/or common

2. Location

street & number near 11720 Houck Road not for publicationcity, town Johnsville 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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: not in use

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

name Isaac A. Saylor

street & number 12154 Green Valley Road telephone no.: 301-775-7110

city, town Union Bridge state and zip code MD 21791

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 857

street & number 100 W. Patrick St. folio 493

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

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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 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: 2

(Typed on separate sheet)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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 Ca. 1840 **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.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Bond, Isaac, Map of Frederick County, 1858
 Burns, Marie, Ellen Wyatt, Sundra Funkhouser, Johnsville Election District, Frederick County, Maryland, privately published, 1976
 Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873
 Williams, T.J.C. and Folger McKinsey, History of Frederick County, MD 1910, reprinted Regional Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1979

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Union Bridge, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

C
 E
 G

B
 Zone Easting Northing

D
 F
 H

Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 35, Parcel 79

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept date June, 1991

street & number 12 E. Church St. telephone 301-696-2958

city or town Frederick state MD 21701

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7.1 Description

The Mountain View School is a one-story stone schoolhouse built about 1840 on the west side of Houck Road about 1/2 mile south of the intersection of Beaver Dam Road near Johnsville, Maryland. The principal elevation faces east and the school is sited on level ground about 20 ft. off Houck Road. The site includes a small family cemetery and a frame privy or shed located behind the school.

The school is rubble stone which has been repointed. The roof is gable with a box cornice and a corrugated metal roof. A brick chimney rises above the center ridge. A projecting gable section extends from the southwest corner of the building. The principal facade has three bays with a central 4-panel wood door and flanking window openings. All windows in the school were covered with vertical board shutters. A small gable window, also shuttered, is visible through thick ivy growing over the east and north elevations. The north elevation has two window bays. The west elevation also has two bays. The projecting section at the southwest corner has raised paneled shutters in the single bay on the south and a single door on the east.

The frame privy is located directly west of the projecting section. It has flush beaded vertical siding and a single door on the south. The gable roof is sheet metal.

The cemetery is located about 20 ft. west of the west elevation of the school. It is surrounded by a wire fence. Three headstones are inside the fence, all burials dated 1938 and the early 1950's. Other graves have been relocated, according to the occupant of 11720 Houck Road on June 25, 1991.

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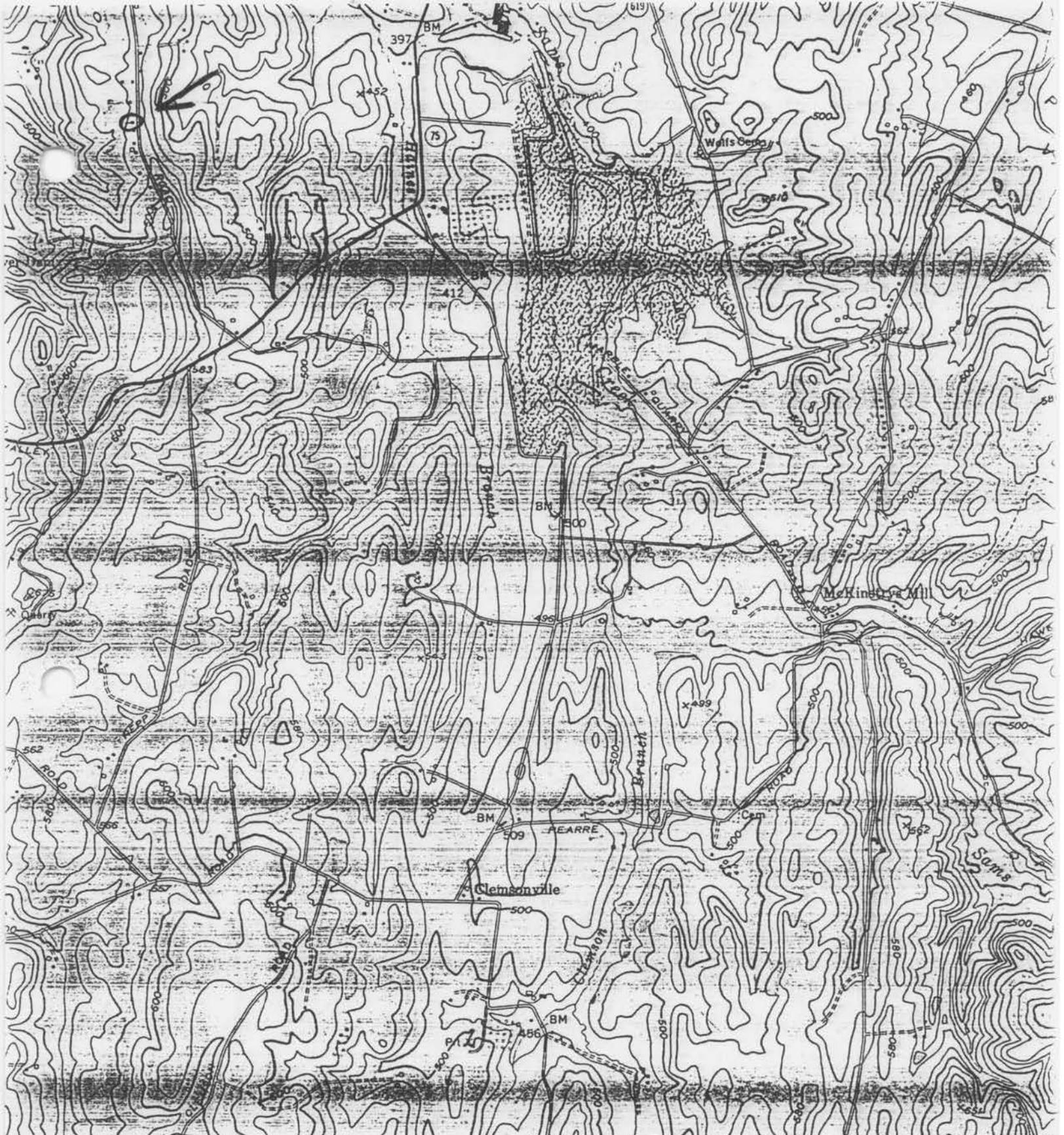
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The context of schools in Frederick County is only partially researched. Most of those documented are now dwellings or abandoned and deteriorated. The Mountain View School is unusual for its stone material and its largely unaltered form. The interior was not accessible for this survey and needs to be documented. The religious use also needs to be researched.

¹"Mountain View School" was chosen as the historic name after much reading and cross-checking in Williams and McKinsey's History of Frederick County, in which many biographical sketches of Johnsville district residents refer to education at this school. In this researcher's opinion, the photo caption in Burns, et. al., Johnsville Election District, Frederick County, Maryland, p. 28, which shows the stone school but identifies it as "Meadow View School," is incorrect.



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Photo: Janet Davis

June 1991

Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

East elevation

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md
West elevation and privy

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South elevation

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