

G-V-A-162

Swan Meadow School  
Gortner  
Private

late 19th century and early 20th century

Swan Meadow School is a one story, gable-roofed, frame building, five bays long by one bay wide, on a foundation of dry laid, roughly squared stone. The facade is located on the southeast endwall, its only opening being a door with a two-light transom. Both side elevations are pierced by 4/4 sash windows, while the rear endwall is unfenestrated. German siding with cornerboards sheathes the exterior walls. Two brick chimneys are situated on the ridgeline near the center of the building.

A small gable-roofed, frame shed, a privy, and a water pump are also associated with the school.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Swan Meadow School

AND/OR COMMON

Swan Meadow School

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

US Route 219 S, NW side, on N corner at JCT. with Mansfield Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Gortner

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Atlee J. Hershberger

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 361

Folio #: 206

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

G-V-A-162

**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**

Swan Meadow School is a one story, gable-roofed, frame building, five bays long by one bay wide, on a foundation of dry laid, roughly squared stone. The facade is located on the southeast endwall, its only opening being a door with a two-light transom. Both side elevations have been altered slightly. Originally pierced by five bays of evenly spaced 4/4 sash windows, the bay closest to the facade on the northeast side has been filled in and the corresponding bay on the southwest side has been replaced by a three-light casement. The two rear bays appear to be an addition, as there is a break in the foundation and a seam in the siding at that point. The rear endwall is unfenestrated.

German siding with cornerboards sheathes the exterior walls. The roof has a tarpaper covering and two brick chimnies located near the center of its ridgeline.

A small gable-roofed, frame shed, a privy, and a water pump are also associated with the school.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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 checked="" 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      late 19th c. to early 20th c.      BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The one story, gable-roofed, oblong form of this building with its gable end facade is typical of rural schoolhouses in Garrett County at the turn of the twentieth century. Some similar examples are:

- G-V-A-044 Red House School
- G-V-A-117 Corunna School
- G-V-A-129 Lynndale School

Garrett County's last occupied one room schoolhouse, Swan Meadow School was a public elementary school that served the Amish community in Pleasant Valley. In the late 1950's the Garrett County Board of Education declared that the building did not meet state regulations. Rather than integrating the Amish children into regular public schools, the community built a new school with funds made available by the Board of Education. Classes were moved to the new building in 1958.<sup>1</sup>

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

<sup>1</sup>Susie Fitzhugh, "The Three R's, finish Style", Maryland Magazine. Vol. 14, No. 1  
Autumn 1981, p. 11.

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  
Valerie Cesna, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION DATE  
Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines September 1981

STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE  
Shaw House, 21 State Circle (301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN STATE  
Annapolis Maryland 21401

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.

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

STATE OF MARYLAND  
MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

MA  
7.5 MIN

5162 V NW  
(OAKLAND)

31 MI. TO U.S. 40  
OAKLAND 2.5 MI.

120 000 FEET (MD.)

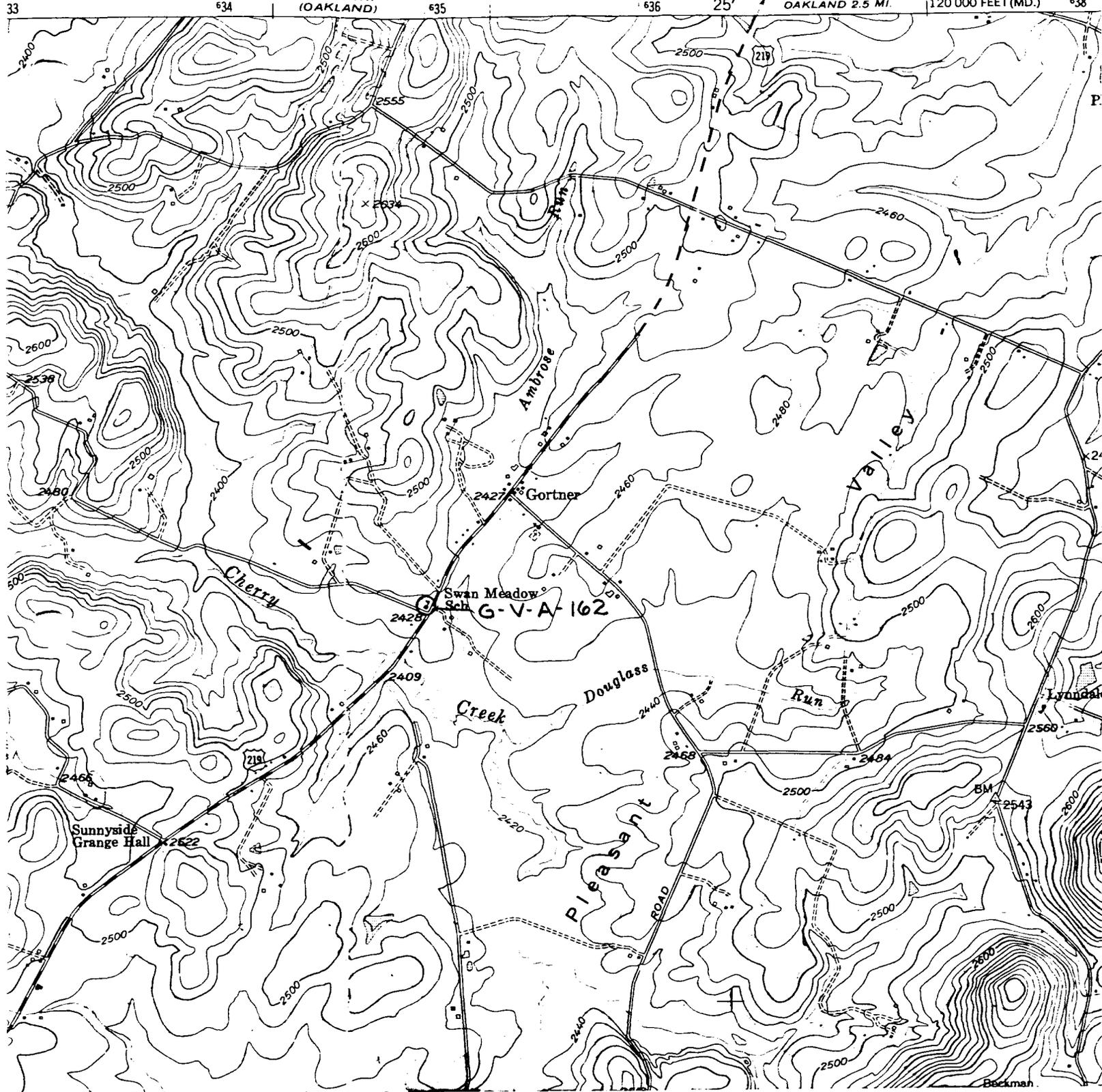


Table Rock, MD-WV  
7.5 Minute Series  
Scale 1:24,000  
1948; photorevised 1974

Site No.: G-V-A-162  
Swan Meadow School  
US Route 219 S, NW side, on N  
corner at JCT. with Mansfield Rd.



G-V-A-162

Swan Meadow School

Garrett Co., MD

Valerie Cesna 8/24/81

Facade: SW & SE elevations



G-V-A-162

SWAN MEADOW SCHOOL

8/26/1981 - Valerie Cesna



G-V-A-162

Swan Meadow School

Garrett Co., MD

Valerie Cesna 8/24/81

Rear: NW & SE elevations