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SUMMARY

HA-715

Emmorton Schoolhouse
Wheel Road
Bel Air, MD 21014

The Emmorton Schoolhouse, built in 1868, was one of 69 public schools constructed in Harford County before the Higher building standards were set in 1870. Most other schools were frame, and stone construction of the Emmorton School made it relatively expensive at \$1200. Although altered since it was closed in 1920, the original one room-with-vestibule plan is still apparent.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Emmorton Stone Schoolhouse
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
104 West Wheel Road
CITY, TOWN
Bel Air
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
 VICINITY OF
STATE
Maryland
COUNTY
Harford

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Donald A. Daughton
STREET & NUMBER
104 West Wheel Road
CITY, TOWN
Bel Air
VICINITY OF
Telephone #:
STATE, zip code
Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Harford County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
40 South Main Street
CITY, TOWN
Bel Air
STATE
Maryland 21014
Liber #: 1127
Folio #: 806

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN
STATE
 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

HA-715

7 DESCRIPTION

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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This one-story gable-roofed stone schoolhouse is located on the north side of Wheel Road, about 1/10 mile west of MD. 24 at Emmorton. The building is rectangular with a smaller foyer projecting from the south end. Added to this foyer is a concrete block and frame extension which covers the original entrance. The addition was built about 1972. The gable wall above the foyer projection has a small carved date stone reading 1868. The main section has three bays along the sides in which the original fenestration has been replaced with aluminum sash and louvred shutters. A modern interior brick chimney is located at the south end near the junction of the main section and foyer. At the north end, a recently added stove pipe protrudes through the stone wall.

The interior has not been observed, but has apparently been extensively altered. Originally, the school consisted of one room with the adjoining vestibule. A coal stove stood in the center of the room. On the roof was a small bell. The original roof has been covered with modern composition material.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) (local history)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1868 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Emmorton Stone Schoolhouse is one of two stone school houses built in Harford County in the late 19th century, and reflects the importance of education in the County during the post-Civil War period. The State Constitutions of 1864 and 1867 obliged the Legislature to establish "a thorough and efficient system of free public schools". The construction of the Emmorton School in stone emphasized the commitment of the County to this goal, as stone was the usual material for public buildings and churches and the schoolhouse was thereby given equal importance with these centers of 19th century County life.

History and Support:

1866, Harford County had 69 schools, of which 25 were considered in good condition, 24 in bad condition, and 20 were "ordinary, with 49 badly furnished".¹ As part of a statewide effort to upgrade public schools, the Harford County Board of School Commissioners appropriated \$250 on December 11, 1866 for the building of a school at Emmorton, to replace an earlier building.² In 1868, the Board purchased a lot of 16 square perches from Elijah and Frances M. Magness and Sophia McHenry.³ It was part of the tracts called "Harris's Trust", "Gibson's Park," and "Preston's Chance." The same year, the one-room stone schoolhouse now standing was built at a cost of \$1200.

The Emmorton School was relatively expensive, probably because of its stone construction. Its original estimated cost was \$600. Most other schoolhouses in the county were frame or a combination of frame and stone. According to the Board of Education's Annual Report of 1916, of 102 buildings, only two were stone, 6 were brick, and 94 were frame. The nearby Mt. Carmel M. E. Church, built in 1865, is of similar construction and style as the Emmorton School.

The school room was entered from the vestibule which had separate hooks on each side for boys' and girls' coats. Originally, a coal stove stood in the center of the room, around which were the desks facing toward the teacher's desk at the front of the room. Each desk accommodated 2 children. Blackboards hung on the walls and each child had a slate. Separate outhouses were located in the woods behind the school. (continued)

1. Harford County Directory, 1953, p. 382.
Ibid.
2. Deed Book, ALJ 20/309.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land and Will Records of Harford County; Research by Ms. Clara Hopkins, June 1979.
Harford County Directory, 1953
 History of Emmorton Grange #363, unpublished typescript by Mildred Preston, 1970.
 Personal interview with Mildred Magness Preston (former student at Emmorton School),
 April 20, 1981: Janet Davis, interviewer.

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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

Natalie Shivers/Wayne L. Nield, II/Janet Davis

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

April 20, 1981

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis,

STATE

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.

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

Emmorton Stone Schoolhouse
104 West Wheel Road
Bel Air, Maryland

Children of several ages were taught by the same teacher and the original enrollment was about 15 or 20 students. The number undoubtedly fluctuated from year to year, but during World War I, with the establishment nearby of the Edgewood Arsenal the enrollment rose to 85 or 90 with 2 teachers.⁴ In 1920, the School Commissioners closed the school and a new frame school building was built on Emmorton Road about 1/10 mile from the stone school.

For a few years beginning in 1920, the newly founded Emmorton Grange #363 met in the stone school house, but found it "dark, damp, and totally inadequate".⁵ In 1924, the school building was sold to Harry S. Pyle, who apparently converted it to a residence. At some date after 1924, the original coal storage area under the building was enlarged to a full basement. Also after that date, a concrete block porch was added in front of the entrance. In about 1972, the porch was fully enclosed, obscuring the original entrance. Although the addition is a distinctly modern one, the original configuration is still apparent and fully restorable.

4. History of Emmorton Grange #363, 1970, p. 1.
5. Ibid.

Emmorton Schoolhouse

Title Search

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20/309	April 13, 1868	Grantor: Elijah Magness and Frances M. Magness and Sophia McHenry Grantee: Board of School Commissioners of Harford County Acreage: 16 Square Perches
186/324	March 26, 1924	Grantor: Board of Education of Harford County, a body corporate, and Albert S. Cook Grantee: Harry S. Pyle Acreage: 16 Square Perches
367/166	December 15, 1951	Grantor: Harry S. Pyle, widower wife Grantee: Lawrence T. Barber and/Hazel C. Barber Acreage: 16 Square Perches
628/636	September 6, 1963	Grantor: Lawrence T. Barber and wife Hazel C. Barber Grantee: Willie T. Haynes, Jr. and wife Barbara J. Haynes Acreage:
643/518	March 28, 1964	Grantor: Willie T. Haynes, Jr. and Wife Barbara J. Haynes Grantee: Anthony P. Mertz Acreage:

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Emmorton Schoolhouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Northside of Wheel Rd., 1/10 mile west of Emmorton Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air,

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 21014

COUNTY
Harford**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
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	<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

Father Mertz, dec. (contact Neil Helfrich, Telephone #: 879-8338)
Att.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main St.

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air,

STATE
Maryland 21014**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

HR-715

7 DESCRIPTION

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<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

This one story, gable-roofed stone schoolhouse is located on the east side of Wheel Rd., south of the intersection with Patterson Mill Road. Three bays long and one room deep, the building, constructed in 1868, has two additions—one stone and one frame—on the south end. Both have gable roofs of a lower pitch than the schoolhouse. (The stone one probably dates from the erection of the larger structure. The frame wing was built after the initial survey of the building in 1972.)

The main section has wide eaves and an interior brick chimney in the south end. Except for the north bay of the east side, the windows have 1/1 sash and louvered shutters. Both sides have three windows; the north end has a single-light gable window and the south end has the date "1868" painted in the gable.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1868, the Board of School Commissioners for Harford County purchased a lot of 16 square perches from Elijah and Frances M. Magness and Sophia McHenry.¹ It was part of the tracts "Harris's Trust", "Gibsons Park" and "Prestons Chance", and a public school was built here for a cost of \$1200 the same year. In 1920, the School Commissioners closed the school and in 1924 sold the lot to Harry S. Pyle.

According to a woman who taught grades 1-7 in the Emmorton Schoolhouse, Mrs. Gatchell, the building contained only one room and a vestibule (divided into a boy's side and a girl's side). The students sat two to a desk and wrote on slates. The room was heated by a coal stove, and there was a bell above the vestibule: separate boys' and girls' out-houses were in the woods. Special events included a Christmas program and an Arbor Day program.

Other teachers named were Miss Margaret Robinson and Miss Ethel Kerr Callahan. Among the students were Albert Henry Magness, Margaret Magness, William Magness, Marie Magness, Robert Magness, Mildred Magness, Robert W. Sampson, Margaret Sampson, and May DeBrular.

This school was one of several public schools constructed prior to 1870. The Constitution of 1864--and subsequently the Constitution of 1867--obliged the Legislature to establish "a thorough and efficient system of free public schools". In 1866, there were 69 schools--25 "good", 20 "ordinary", and 24 "bad". A new building program was begun in 1870 with higher standards.

The Emmorton School appears to have been relatively expensive, probably because of its stone construction--most others seem to have been frame, or a combination of frame and stone. According to the Board of Education's Annual Report of 1916, out of their 102 school buildings, only two were stone, 6 were brick, and 94 were frame. Although the fenestration has been altered slightly and a new addition built on, the structure retains much of its original schoolhouse visage.

Footnotes

¹
 ALJ 20/309

²
 DGW 186/324

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Land and Will records of Harford County
Research by Ms. Clara Hopkins, June, 1979

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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	
Natalie Shivers, Historic Sites Surveyor	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Harford County Historic District Commission	June, 1979
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
45 S. Main St.	301-879-2000 Ext. 207
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Bel Air,	Maryland 21014

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MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Emmorton Stone Schoolhouse

AND/OR HISTORIC: Schoolhouse

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: North side of Wheel Road about 0.7 mi west of

CITY OR TOWN: Emmorton Emmorton Road (Md 24)

STATE: Md CODE: COUNTY: Harford CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: Father Merte

STREET AND NUMBER: Wheel Road

CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air (RFID) STATE: Md CODE: 21014

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

STREET AND NUMBER: HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN ST.

CITY OR TOWN: BEL AIR STATE: MARYLAND CODE:

ACREAGE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

STATE:

COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		
				Moved <input type="checkbox"/>		
				Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Stone schoolhouse made into dwelling.
 The masonry uncovered, 1 story, oblong.
 3 bays by 1, ^{about 10' x 15'} ~~about 10' x 15'~~. The
 A roof ridge line runs east-west, the
 entry is in a small addition at the
 east end, one window on each side.
 The door faces east.

There is one stone chimney in the
 peak at the east end of the school.
~~back~~

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1868 - datestone.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal Education Political Urban Planning Prehistoric Engineering

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) Historic Industry losophy Agriculture Invention Science Art Landscape Sculpture Commerce Architecture

Social/Human-

low cost housingCommunications Literature itarian at a premium.Conservation Military Theater Architecture Music Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This small one-room school was built one year ~~before~~ after the State Constitution established the public school system (1867). The datestone reads 1868. ~~According to~~ Rev Milton Wright tells in Our Hartford Heritage that the first stone building was replaced in 1920, presumably by the larger elementary school near the crossroads at Sumnerton.

The attractive site and good building materials made the building worth restoring and renovating to a school in 1967.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Wright, C. Miller, Our Harford Heritage p 243 & 4.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **JEAN S. EWING**

ORGANIZATION: **MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST** DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: **50 STATE CIRCLE**

CITY OR TOWN: **ANNAPOLIS** STATE: **MARYLAND** CODE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

to supplement prior data: (or to correct -)

HA 715 Father Mertz -
owner: Father Anthony P Mertz
70 St John's Evangelical Church Rectory
104 Lakel Road
Bel Air Md 21014

~~HA 794~~
owner:

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

EDGEWOOD USGS
QUADRANGLE MAP

NA-715

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
ENGINEERING CORPS OF ENGINEERS
5763 III S
(BEL AIR)





after 1972

HA-715



prior 1972



Emmorton Schoolhouse HA-715

Natalie Shivers
March, 1979
Northwest



Emmorton Schoolhouse

Bel Air, MD 21014

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April, 1979

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