

K-463

late 19th century

Lindsey House/Johnsontown School

The present Lindsay House owes its significance to its original use as a school, first for white children when the building stood at Wilkens Lane and then for black children when moved around 1920 to its present location at Johnsontown. The main section of this frame house is a gable-roofed structure, three bays wide and three long. It is tall, one story and has a gable-roofed side wing which makes the structure L-shaped in plan. The main entry is into this side wing. As originally constructed, this building closely resembled Middle School and Cliff's School (K-309) and was probably contemporary with them. When in use in Johnsontown, the school served grades 1-7 and with the Pomona school (K-457) was one of the only two black schools on Quaker Neck.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Johnsontown Elementary School, Wilken's Lane School

and/or common Lindsey House

2. Location

street & number West side Johnsontown Rd. at Johnsontown,
1/3 mile south of Quaker Neck Road not for publication

city, town Chestertown vicinity of First congressional district

state Maryland county Kent

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

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

name Mr. & Mrs. Cornelius Lindsey

street & number Route #3, Box 136 telephone no.: 301-778-2368

city, town Chestertown state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kent County Court House liber WHG23

street & number folio 276

city, town Chestertown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. K-463

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move ca. 1920
<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.

The main section of this frame house is a gable-roofed structure, three bays wide and three long. It is tall, one story in height and has a gable-roofed side wing which makes the structure L-shaped in plan. The main entry is into this side wing.

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1920	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				black history

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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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 present Lindsey house owes its significance to its original use as a school, first for white children when the building stood at Wilken's Lane and then for black children after the structure was moved to its present location in about 1920. As originally constructed this building closely resembled Middle School and Cliffs City School (both in Kent County) and was probably contemporary with them. When in use in Johnstontown the school served grades 1-7 and with the Pomona School was one of the only two Black schools on Quaker Neck.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION (continued)

Building Form and Material

1. Size - Main Section: True 1½ stories, 2 bays wide, 2 bays deep
Wing A: 1 story, 2 bays wide, 2 bays deep
Wing B: (rear bathroom) 1 story, 1 bay wide, 1 bay deep
2. Plan type - Single room formerly with front vestibule. Vestibule now moved to side and used as kitchen.
3. Roof type - Main Section: Shallow gable
Wing A: Same
Wing B: Shallow shed
4. Chimney - Located in gable of wing adjacent to main house. Made of brick.
5. Material/Walls - Main Section: Frame - Weatherboard under aluminum
Wing A: Same
Wing B: Frame - Aluminum and asbestos
6. Material/Roofs - All main section and wings are metal
7. Material/Foundation - All is brick
8. Age - Main Section: Late nineteenth (See Cliffs City School)
Wing A: Contemporary
Wing B: Mid 20th century
9. Style - Vernacular

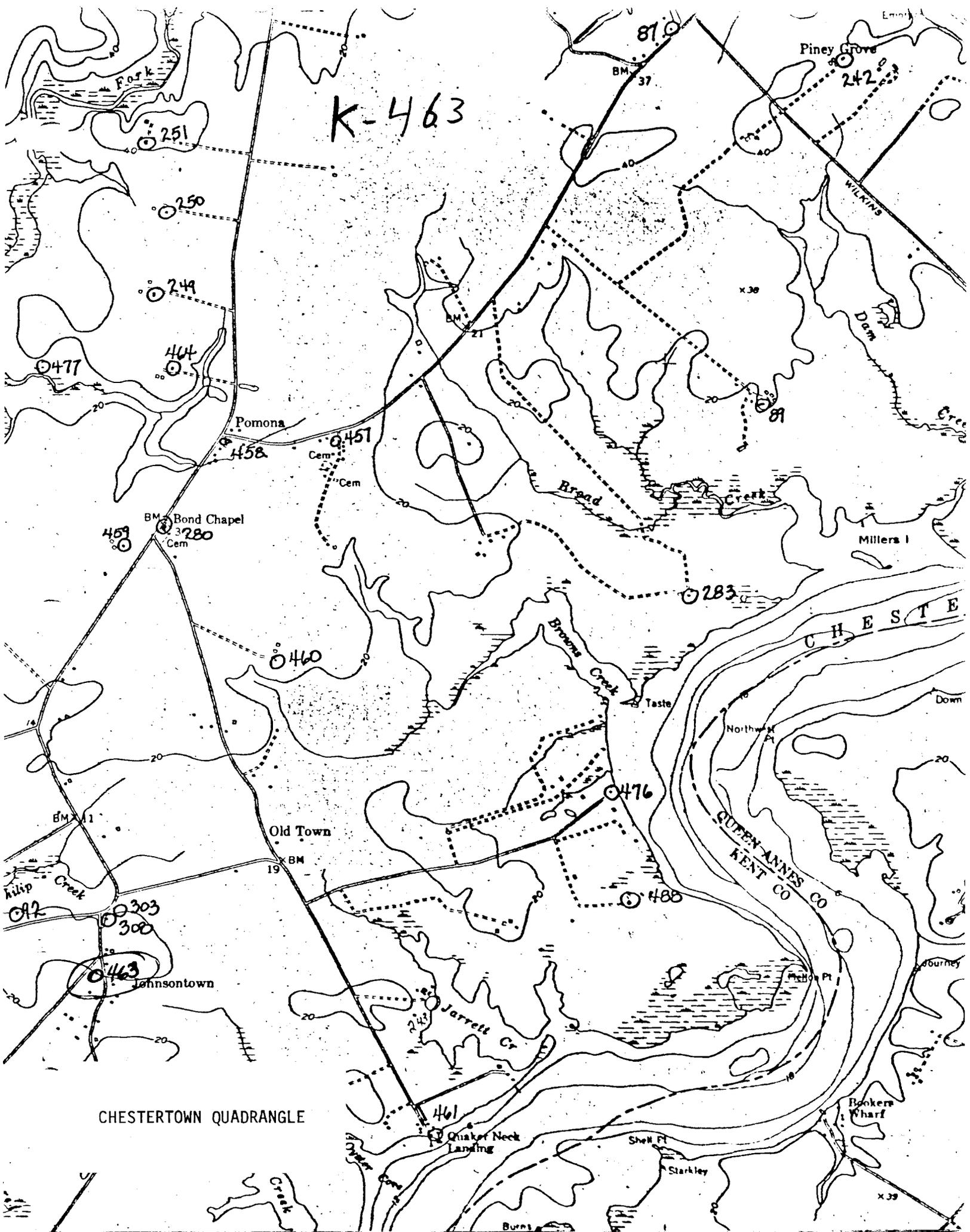
Building Elements and Details

1. Doors - Main entry: Modern sash door located in center bay of front, main section.
Second entry: In kitchen wing
2. Windows - Main Section: type - double hung
lights - 2/2 & 6/6 - the original size
details - plain trim and sills
shutters - modern
Wings: type - In the side is a narrow double-hung window with 4 over 4 sash similar to those seen in the vestibule at Cliffs City School
shutters - modern
3. Dormers - None
4. Roof details - Main Section: Plain overhanging box cornice; same detail used at gable. Wings are the same.
5. Color - Current: white/black shutters

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.3 DESCRIPTION (continued)

The building's current owner, Cornelius Lindsey, remembers that a single "pot belly" stove in the middle of the school room provided heat for the children who were seated in two rows of benches arranged along the length of the room. Students who completed the 7 grades here went to school in Chestertown. After this school closed children were sent to elementary school at Church Lane in Pomona. Mr. Lindsey purchased the property in 1936 (RAS22/452)



CHESTERTOWN QUADRANGLE



View to West

OLD JOHNSONTOWN SCHOOL (K-463)

Quaker Neck, Chestertown, Kent County

Photograph: M. L. Fritz, July 1981



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Lindsey House - Old Johnstown School

Johnstown Rd., Quaker Neck

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View to west

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Lindsey House - Old Johnstontown School
Johnstontown Rd., Quaker Neck

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View to north

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