

AL-IV-A-123
Lena Street School
320-326 Furnace Street
Cumberland, Maryland
Mid-1870's

The Lena Street School is also known as the Lena Furnace School because it is located on the site of the Lena Furnace, one of the first blast furnaces in Maryland. Operation of the furnace had proved unprofitable, so the school building was built on the site in the mid-1870's. The most interesting feature of this building is an elliptical wooden "fan" with a radiating design, which is located above the balcony doors. The Lena Street building, simple and utilitarian in design, was converted to an apartment house in the early 1920's.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Lena Street School

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 320-326 Furnace Street

CITY, TOWN Cumberland

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Sixth

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Allegany

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 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Helmstetter Enterprises Inc.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER Cash Valley Road

CITY, TOWN La Vale

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code Maryland, 21502

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 463

Folio #: 541

STREET & NUMBER 30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN Cumberland

STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING 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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lena Street School is located on the western corner of the intersection of Lena and Furnace Streets in Cumberland.

The building is a one and one-half story, six bay wide, rectangular structure. Wall construction is of brick laid in american common bond with a variation of six to one. Above the porch roof on the southeastern facade the walls are covered with wooden shingles. The faces and sides of the dormers are also covered with shingles. The low foundation of rough faced coursed ashlar stone is extended to support the closed veranda on the southeastern facade. The water table is plain.

The windows are wide and pegged. They are covered in greater detail below.

The first floor of the southeastern facade contains four (4) entrances. These doors each have two recessed panels, vertical boards, one light, and glassless horizontal transoms. Two replaced doors on the northeast and southwest have three recessed panels and one large light. The southeastern of these two entrances is covered with a plain gabled hood with plain brackets. Two recessed entrances on the northwestern facade have four lights, vertical boards, two recessed panels, and a one light horizontal transom.

The eaves consist of a projecting cornice, soffit, and bed moulding. The gable front roof is covered with ribbed tin with snowbirds. Two dormers located on the northeast and southwest have broad hipped gable roofs.

The southeastern closed veranda has four square posts and slat board railing. Two entrances open on the porch roof that acts as a balcony with four square wooden posts and plywood railing.

Of the seven chimneys four are located flush end near the corners and three are located centrally on the ridge of the roof. The southeastern most of these sits diagonally to the walls of the building.

The most interesting feature of this building is an elliptical wooden "fan" with a radiating design in relief. This is located above the balcony doors. In the gable of the same facade is a pair of wooden louvered ventilators surmounted by a decoratively cut elliptical panel.

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 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lena Street School is also known as the Lena Furnace School because it is located on the site of the Lena Furnace, one of the first blast furnaces in Maryland. ¹ The furnace was put into operation during the summer of 1847, but "the venture proved unprofitable and was abandoned." ² The school building was built on the site around the mid-1870's.

In their History of Allegany County, Thomas and Williams mistakenly call this building the first public school in Allegany County. ³ Lowdermilk reported that the first public school was built on Fayette Street in Cumberland around 1799. ⁴

The Lena Street building, simple and utilitarian in design, was "converted into an uptodate (sic) apartment house" in the early 1920's. ⁵

1. James W. Thomas and T.J.C. Williams, History of Allegany County, Maryland (Philadelphia: L.R. Titsworth and Co., 1923) p. 413
2. Will H. Lowdermilk, History of Cumberland (Originally published, 1878, Washington, reprinted, Regional Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1972) p. 358
3. Thomas and Williams, p. 413
4. Lowdermilk, pp. 279-280
5. Thomas and Williams, p. 413

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records
Thomas, James, W. and Williams, T.J.C., History of Allegany County, Maryland, Philadelphia: L.R. Titsworth and Co.,
Lowdermilk, Will, H., History of Cumberland, Originally published, Washington, 1878 reprinted, Regional Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1972

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 42 x 113 x 42 x 137

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

David A. Dorsey

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

6/6/78

STREET & NUMBER

3-33 Pershing Street

TELEPHONE

777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

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

WINDOWS

Northeastern Facade -

Basement - Two grates boarded up.

First Floor - Five double hung, 1/1 light, two wooden sash, wooden slipsills, roll moulding, flat brick arches, windows on either end have been partially bricked up. One window added later, double hung, 1/1 light, two wooden sash, wooden slipsill, no arch.

First and One-Half Floor - Four double hung, 1/1 light, two wooden sash, situated in pairs with mullion, wooden lugsills, all topped by a large wooden lintel. Two casements, two lights each side, recessed, wooden slipsill.

Northwestern Facade -

First Floor - Two double hung, 1/1 light, two wooden sash, wooden slipsills, roll moulding, flat brick arches.

First and One-Half Floor - Two entrances recessed, four lights, vertical boards, two recessed panels, one light horizontal transom each.

Southeastern Facade -

First Floor - Two wide double hung, 1/1 light, two wooden sash, wooden slipsills, roll moulding, flat header brick arches.

First and One-Half Floor - Two wide double hung, 1/1 light, two wooden sash, wooden slipsills, roll moulding, pedimented. In gable is a wooden louvered ventilator with a cut semicircular panel, plain wooden trim.

Southwestern Facade -

Identical to Northeastern Facade except that there is only one metal grate on the basement.

TITLE SEARCH

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Cumberland, Maryland

Allegany County Deed: Liber 463, Folio 541
Grantee: Helmstetter Enterprises Inc. Date: May 5, 1973
Grantor: George F. and Charlene L. Helmstetter

Allegany County Deed: Liber 459, Folio 93
Grantee: George F. Helstetter and Charlene L. Helmstetter Date: December 6, 1972
Grantor: James R. Leith et ux

Allegany County Deed: Liber 433, Folio 20
Grantee: James R. Leith et ux Date: July 25, 1969
Grantor: Geraldine O. Watson

Allegany County Deed: Liber 384, Folio 385
Grantee: Chester H. Watson and Geraldine O. Watson Date: December 31, 1965
Grantor: C. Glenn Watson

Allegany County Deed: Liber 181, Folio 563
Grantee: C. Glenn Watson and Ethel M. Watson (wife) Date: October 11, 1938
Grantor: Richard H. Mathews and M. Naoma Mathews (wife)

Allegany County Deed: Liber 181, Folio 549
Grantee: Richard H. Mathews Date: September 12, 1938
Grantor: Charles H. Fletcher

Allegany County Deed: Liber 173, Folio 676
Grantee: Charles H. Fletcher Date: November 21, 1935
Grantor: John W. Fletcher

Allegany County Deed: Liber 145, Folio 582
Grantee: John W. Fletcher Date: Jan. 30, 1924
Grantor: Jesse E. Utt et ux

Allegany County Deed: Liber 126, Folio 168
Grantee: Jesse E. Utt and Mary E. Utt (wife) Date: Jan. 29, 1919
Grantor: Edward F. Webb and Nellie H. Webb (wife)

Allegany County Deed: Liber 126, Folio 169
Grantee: Edward F. Webb Date: Jan. 22, 1919
Grantor: Mary Willison and Emma Willison

Allegany County Deed: Liber 66, Folio 261
Grantee: Emma Willison and Mary Willison Date: March 5, 1889
Grantor: Douglas H. Bauer et us Consideration: \$600.00
Notes: Mentions brick school house - Lena Street formerly Ann Street - Furnance Street
formerly known as Lena Street.

Title Search continued for Lena Street School, A1-IV-A-123

Allegany County Deed: Liber 64, Folio 421

Grantee: Douglas H. Bauer Date: November 19, 1887

Grantor: Board of County School Commissioners of Allegany County

Consideration: \$600.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 43, Folio 293

Grantee: Board of County School Commissioners of Allegany County

Date: September 30, 1874

Grantor: John Coulehan et ux and James Callahan et ux Consideration: \$1,050.00

Notes: Lot laid off on Lena Furnace grounds.

INVENTORY NO: AL-IV-A-123

DATE: 6/6/78

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Lena Street School

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 320-326 Furnace Street, Cumberland

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: Southeast

NAME OF OWNER: Helmstetter Enterprises Inc.

ADDRESS: Cash Valley Road

La Vale, Maryland 21250

STORIES: 1($\frac{1}{2}$) 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6(X) 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Large gabled dormer on northeast and southwest.

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectanqular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- (X) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. 6/1
- () STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- () LOG Second floor of southeast facade and faces and sides of
- () OTHER: Coverings dormers are covered with wooden shingles.

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone Rough faced coursed ashlar - extended for porch

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged(X) nailed() wide(X) narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Four entrances located first floor of southeast facade. One light
HARDWARE: original(x) replaced() vertical boards transoms with no glass.
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN Replaced doors on N.E. and S.W. have th
2 Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards three recessed panels-one large light
each. Gabled hood over southwestern entrance -plain

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) brackets.
original(X) replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

Dormers have broad hipped gable roofs

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #2 on NE. & SW

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, (tin) asphalt; original(X) replaced()
(ribbed) Snowbirds

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable() Flat roofed closed veranda-with balcony serv-
ing second floor. 4 wooden posts lath railing on first floor, 4 posts plywood rail

CHIMNEYS: Number: 7 Brick(x) Stone() Corbeled(6) caps original(x) replaced() on 2nd.
Location: Flush end(4) Inside end() Outside end() Central(3) Interior()

One with a chimney hood-one sits diagonal to walls of building-several have replaced

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular caps.
Header brick arches

COMMENTS:

USE: Apartments
SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture/Education
DATE CONSTRUCTED:
CONDITION: Fair

On southeastern facade over second floor entrances
is an elliptical wooden "fan" with radiating de-
sign in relief.
Three louvered metal ventilators in NW gable.

FLOOR PLAN:

- () CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- () SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- () IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- () ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- () OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- () DOG-LEG
- () DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- () SPIRAL
- () ROUNDED
- () SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- () PLASTER
- () PANELED: original; replaced
- () BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER _____
 LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal
 MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush
 HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

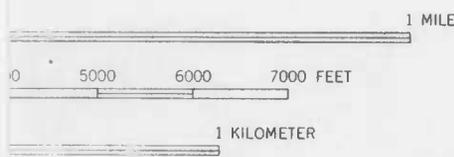
- () PLAIN
- () ARCHITRAVE
- () SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- () FLUTED
- () FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- () ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

NOTES:



POTOMAC PARK 1.2 MI. KEYSER, W. VA. 17 MI. 47'30" 1710 000 FEET (PA.) 691 692000m E 2 210 000 FEET (W. VA.) 78'

• INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHINGTON, D. C.—1971



SHORT GAP 6.2 MI. FORT ASHBY 11 MI.

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty		Light-duty	
Medium-duty		Unimproved dirt	
	U. S. Route		State Route



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

AL-IV-A-123 LENA STREET SCHOOL

FURNACE ST. CUMBERLAND

CUMBERLAND, MD.-PA.-W.VA.

NE/4 FROSTBURG 15' QUADRANGLE N3937.5—W7845/7.5

1949

AMS 5263 III NE—SERIES V833

1:24,000

ACCURACY STANDARDS WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242 BOLS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST HAD RELIEF OVERPRINT



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320-326 FURNACE STREET

CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND

DAVE DORSEY

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CUMBERLAND, MD

DAVE DORSEY

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SOUTH