

AL-V-A-125  
Dutch Hollow School  
Blank Road, Mount Savage  
1870's

Although the county's public school system was established in 1865, it was not until the 1870's that adequate schoolhouses were built. In the mining area many schools were built on land donated by the mining companies. The Dutch Hollow School was built during the 1870's. The building has been partially remodeled but one remaining feature of interest is the large brick chimney of white glazed brick, a local product. Although the school was closed in the 1950's it serves as a reminder of the progress of education in Allegany County.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Dutch Hollow School

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Blank Road at Dutch Hollow Road

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Mount Savage

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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	<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 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 Charles W. Kirby

Telephone #: 254-3441

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1 Box 86A

CITY, TOWN

Mount Savage

VICINITY OF

Maryland 21545, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 300

Folio #: 339

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

Maryland 21502

**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

Dutch Hollow School is located northwest of Mount Savage at the intersection of Blank Road and Dutch Hollow Road.

The building consists of a one story rectangular frame structure with german siding. It rests on a replaced low cinderblock foundation with a plain water table. Eaves consist of a fascia and frieze with brackets. The gable flank roof is covered with asphalt shingles. An original chimney of white glazed brick with a corbeled cap is located outside end. All windows and doors have been replaced. A central gabled portico is on the northeastern facade.

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# 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 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 public school system of Allegany County was established in 1865. (1) A state report of that year described teachers as "ignorant" and schoolhouses as "very inferior." (2) Despite the county's high rate of illiteracy, Georges' Creek miners "registered a higher rate of literacy than laborers in town or upper George's Creek region, including Mount Savage, reported that in 1865 there were fifteen schools houses and one thousand and three hundred students in the district. (4) More substantial schoolhouses were built with funds raised by students and citizens on lands donated by the coal companies. (5) "Once the building program really began, the mining areas were well looked after." (6)

One schoolhouse erected in the 1870's during the schoolbuilding program was the Dutch Hollow School near Mount Savage. The land on which it stands was eventually acquired by adverse possession, the Board of Education had "continuously openly, and notoriously used and occupied said property for the period of at least seventy years." (7) One interesting feature of this long frame building is the large original chimney of white glazed brick, a local product. Although the school was closed in the early 1950's when a modern high school was built nearby. The Dutch Hollow School stands as a reminder of the importance of education in the lives of the miners of the Georges Creek area.

- (1) Katherine Harvey, Best Dressed Miners; Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910. (Ithaca: Cornell University Press.) p. 109
- (2) Harry Stegmaier, et al. Allegany County-A History (Parsons, W Va.: McClain Printing Co.) p.155
- (3) Ibid
- (4) Harvey, pp. 109-110
- (5) Stegmaier, p.263
- (6) Harvey, p.111
- (7) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 256, Folio 149

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Lands Records  
Katherine A. Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910 (Ithaca: Cornell University Press)  
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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .203 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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ORGANIZATION Allegany County Historic Sites DATE June 1, 1979

STREET & NUMBER 3 Pershing Street TELEPHONE 777-5944

CITY OR TOWN Cumberland STATE Maryland 21502

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.

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

INVENTORY NO: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: AL-V-A-125

REMODELING:  Drastic,  moderate,  minor

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NAME OF PROPERTY: Dutch Hollow School

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Dutch Hollow Mt. Garage

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: NE 40°

MAP 2 P 50

NAME OF OWNER: Charles W Kirky Lt 300/339 **V-A-125**

ADDRESS: Rt 1 Box 86A 264 3441

Mt Sage Mt 21545

STORIES: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

*German siding*

- FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- LOG
- OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone *Cement block replaces sig stone found.*

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick *stone around chimney*

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: gib partico - *gabled w/ deco. fascia & brackets*  
HARDWARE: original( ) replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) deco *brackets all around*  
original( ) replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # \_\_\_\_\_  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original( ) replaced( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick( ) Stone ( ) Corbeled( ) original( ) replaced( )  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNIFICANCE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE CONSTRUCTED: \_\_\_\_\_



LINE

ALLEGANY CO

MARYLAND

Savage

Sampson Rock  
BMA 2934

Bald Knob

BIG

Strip Mine

Dutch Hollow Sch

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DUTCH HOLLOW SCHOOL

BLANK RD. MOUNT SAVAGE

USGS FROSTBURG QUAD

1:24,000

1949

Borden Tunnel

PENNSYLVANIA

Slabtown

Morantown

4398

42'30"

4397

BARBELVILLE 1.8 MI.  
CUMBERLAND 9.3 MI.

4396

(CUMBERLAND)  
5263 III NE

4394

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100



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DUTCH HOLLOW SCHOOL  
BLANK RD MT. SAVAGE  
DAVID A. DORSET

11/21/78

south