

Hoffman Hollow Schoolhouse  
AL-V-A-140  
Hoffman Hollow Road

Allegany County's initial school building program of the 1870's and early 1880's was effective in providing every community of the Georges' Creek mining region with a schoolhouse. For various reasons some of these early schoolhouses were replaced with larger buildings during the early twentieth century. Hoffman Hollow Schoolhouse is one of these later buildings. It was built early in the twentieth century replacing a one room schoolhouse. Following a pattern established during the latter half of the nineteenth century in the mining region, it is a frame building with a substantial stone foundation and a medium hipped roof.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Hoffman Hollow Schoolhouse  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER Hoffman Hollow Road  
CITY, TOWN Hoffman Hollow Sixth CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
STATE Maryland VICINITY OF Allegany COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

| CATEGORY                                     | OWNERSHIP                                   | STATUS  | PRESENT USE  |
|--|---|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED          | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM                       |
| <input 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 Yermo Sgaggero Telephone #: 689-9413  
STREET & NUMBER 65 Wright Street  
CITY, TOWN Frostburg VICINITY OF Maryland 21532 STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: 471  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Allegany County Courthouse FOLIO #: 663  
STREET & NUMBER 30 Washington Street  
CITY, TOWN Cumberland STATE Maryland 21502

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

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

**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

Hoffman Hollow Schoolhouse is located on the southern side of Hoffman Hollow Road in Hoffman Hollow.

The building consists of a square one and one-half story frame structure with german siding. It rests on a high stone foundation of random rock-faced ashlar with a plain water table. The medium hipped roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A hipped gabled dormer is on the north. Eaves consist of a boxed cornice, soffit, and bed mould. One interior corbeled brick chimney is original. One cinderblock chimney is located outside end.

The original entrance has been replaced. Pedimented windows have been replaced. The umbrage porch on the north has been partially enclosed. A shed roofed addition is on the south.

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 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               |   |  |  |  |

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|----------------|-------------------|
| SPECIFIC DATES | BUILDER/ARCHITECT |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The mining village of Hoffman Hollow is one of many small villages located in the Georges' Creek coal region. Although the school system of Allegany County was established in 1865 it was not until the 1870's that adequate schoolhouses were erected. (1) Katherine Harvey in her history, The Best Dressed Miners, states that "Once the school building program really began, the mining areas were well looked after." (2) Citizens of the area participated in fund raising and building programs to erect schoolhouses on property usually donated by the mining companies. (3) "By 1881, every community had at least one public school." (4)

The Hoffman Hollow Schoolhouse was built during the early twentieth century to replace an older schoolhouse built during the initial building program. Scharf lists one teacher, Patrick O'Rourke as the instructor of the Hoffman Hollow Schoolhouses in 1881. (5) Like many of the other schoolhouses built in the early twentieth century to replace older ones this building is a larger frame building with german siding and a hipped roof. Large pedimented windows have been replaced. Although in fair condition this schoolhouse is a reminder of the progress of education in Allegany County.

- (1) Katherine A. Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910 (Ithaca: Corness University Press) p.109-110
- (2) Ibid, p.111
- (3) Harry Stegmaier, et al. Allegany County-A History (Parsons, W Va. McClain Printing Co.) p.263 and Katherine A. Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910 (Ithaca: Corness University Press) p.110
- (4) Stegmaier, p.263
- (5) John T. Scharf, History of Western Maryland (Philadelphia: L.H . Everts Co. p.1356

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Stegmaier, Harry Jr. et al. Allegany County-A History, Parsons W Va. McClain Printing Co, 1976  
Scharf, John T. History of Western Maryland, Philadelphia, L.H. Everts Co, 1882  
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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .796 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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Allegany County Historic Sites

DATE

July 20, 1979

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CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

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

INVENTORY NO: AL-V-A-140

DATE: 10/10

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor minor  
NAME OF PROPERTY: Hoffman School

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 796 A

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: 320° NW

NAME OF OWNER: V A-140

ADDRESS: Ed 24 Yomo Spaggers 471/663  
65 Wright St Frostburg, Md. # 985/507

STORIES: 1(1/2) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3(1) 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 Random Rock faced Ashlar

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Replaced  
HARDWARE: original( ) replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original(✓) replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave hipped on N

ROOF: Gable front, Gable Flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # 1  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original( ) replaced( ) peaked

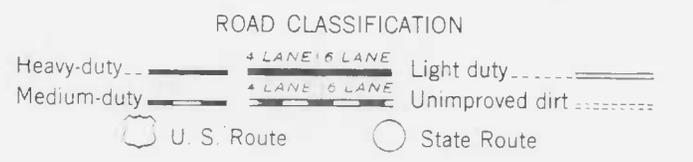
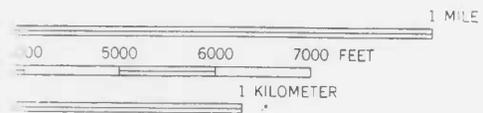
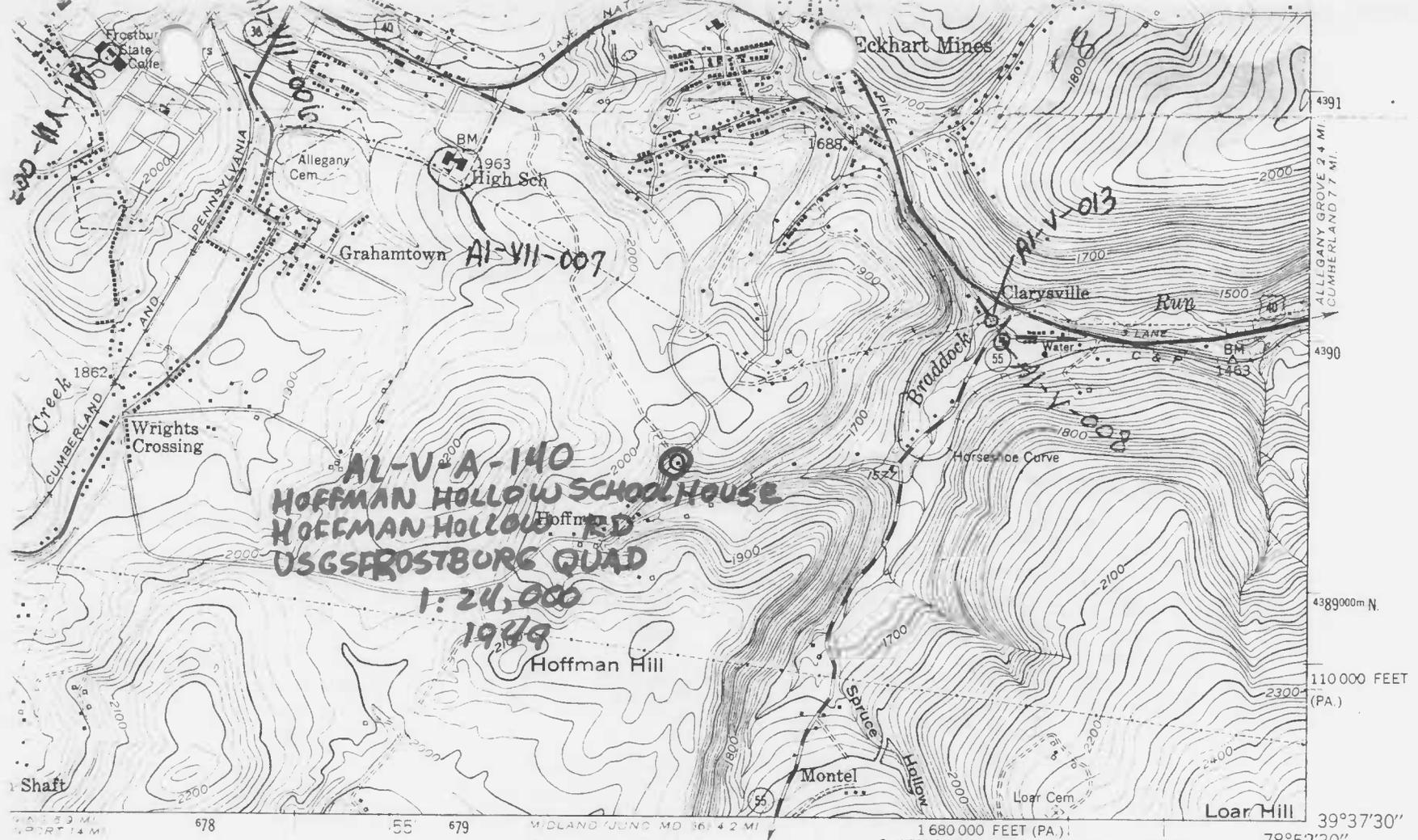
PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(✓) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: Number: 2 Brick(1) Stone( ) Corbeled(1) original( ) replaced( )  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end(1), Central( ) Interior(1) concrete block

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

COMMENTS:

USE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNIFICANCE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1908-1917 old school gone  
CONDITION: \_\_\_\_\_



0 FEET  
LEVEL

ACCURACY STANDARDS  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242  
MBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

**FROSTBURG, MD.-PA.**  
NW/4 FROSTBURG 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3937.5-W7852.5/7.5

1949

AMS 5263 III NW-SERIES V833

4391  
ALLGANY GROVE 2.4 MI.  
CUMBERLAND 7 MI.  
4390  
4389000m N.  
110 000 FEET  
(PA.)  
2300  
39°37'30"  
78°52'30"  
682000m E.

(CREAPTOWN)  
5263 III SE



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HOFFMAN HOLLOW SCHOOLHOUSE  
HOFFMAN HOLLOW RD.

DAVID A. DORSEY

10/10/78

EAST