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Old Bowery School
Frostburg

late 19th century

The Bowery School was erected in the late 19th century for the purpose of preparing young children to enter Hill Street Elementary School located nearby. As such it is typical of the one room school houses found in small towns and rural areas at the time. The building was originally a frame structure three bays wide. It has been altered somewhat since its transition to a private residence.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Old Bowery School
 AND/OR COMMON McCulloh House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 86 Oak Street
 CITY, TOWN Frostburg VICINITY OF 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Gladys McCulloh Telephone #: 689-6718
 STREET & NUMBER 86 Oak Street
 CITY, TOWN Frostburg VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21532

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: Registry of Deeds, etc. Allegany County Courthouse Folio #:
 STREET & NUMBER 30 Washington Street
 CITY, TOWN Cumberland STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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

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

The Old Bowery School is located at 86 Oak Street in Frostburg, Allegany County on the northeast side of the street at the intersection of Bowery Street.

The old school consists of a one story, three bays wide, rectangular shaped block. . . A rear, southeast side, addition has been made for the purpose of a car port and it is supported by iron rod railing. The building is a small wooden frame structure, recently covered with aluminum siding, and is supported by a low stone foundation, with a plain water table. The gable roof of the symmetrical facade is covered with replaced asphalt shingles and has plain soffit eaves. Windows in the old school feature double hung wooden sash frames with one-over-one lights and plain trim. The main entrance to structure is located on the northwest face. The entrance is plain with the door having vertical boards and a vertical light within the frame. A three bay end porch with a hip roof covers the entrance, and is supported by iron rod railing. One corbeled brick chimney, which appears to be original is located central to the symmetrical facade.

The old school is structurally sound but alterations have been made when renovated for a residence.

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PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <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"/> 400-1499 | <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 late 19th century

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The McCulloh house, formerly the Bowery School, was erected in the late nineteenth century for the purpose of preparing the younger children, for the entry into elementary school at the nearby new Hill Street Elementary school. The structure is an excellent example of one of the early one room school houses that were found in small towns and rural areas of the time. The structure is in good condition but has been altered both in the interior and exterior when renovated for a residence. However, the structure still stands as a cultural document to a way of education once found in Allegany County.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 70' x 50'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

86 Oak Street

Boundary Lines Southeast & Northwest 50' Lines Southwest & Northeast 70'

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	John E. Nelson, Program Coordinator of All. Co. Historic Sites	
ORGANIZATION	Allegany County Historic Sites Survey	DATE 4/21/76
STREET & NUMBER	10 Park Lane	TELEPHONE 689-8486
CITY OR TOWN	Frostburg	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

INVENTORY NO. A1-VII-A-029

DATE: 4/16/76

70' x 50'

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Old Bowery School

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 86 Oak St

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: Northwest

NAME OF OWNER: Gladys McCulloh

ADDRESS: 86 Oak St

Frostburg, MD 21532

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Front + Rear Porch Additions

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- 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 Aluminum Siding

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILLASTERS, OTHERS Plain

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOLDDED BRICK

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Northwest

HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards Verticle Window

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, ~~soffit~~, soffit, bed)
original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, FORMERS #
MATERIALS: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced()

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

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK() STONE() CORBELLED() original() replaced()
LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:
Use - Residence
Significance - Arch - Education
Date Constructed - late 19th Century
Condition - Good

Key points regarding interior architecture.

1. Floor plan

No through hall--How many rooms long and deep?
Where is stairway? Straight or winding?

With through hall--Rooms on both sides? How many?
Rooms on one side only? How many?

Is stair in through hall?

Open or enclosed? Straight--one run. Straight--landing
How many? Curved.

If not in hall, where is stair?

2. Wall finish: plaster, paneled, board partition
Note presence of chair rail, cornice, etc.

3. Fireplaces: How many? Parallel to walls or diagonal in
corner?

Mantels: wood--mouldings, pilasters, columns
masonry--marble(what color?), brick

3. Doors: on the inside of exterior doors, note the presence of
applied flush boards and their direction (diagonal, vertical,
horizontal). In general are doors paneled or ledge or other?

4. Door and window trim: plain, architrave; fluted, reeded;
pilasters

5. Kitchen: Where is original if extant or known (marked by very
large fireplace)? Separate building; wing to principal
dwelling; within principal dwelling? On which floor of any
of the above?

GENERAL REMARKS OR NOTES (IF ANY) ON ANY WOODEN MEMBER DETACHED



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86 Oak St. Frostburg

John E. Nelson

4/16/76

East