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Butler Schoolhouse
Western Run Rd. near
Joyce Lane, Butler
Circa 1897

Built at the end of the period of the one-room school and the beginning of the consolidated rural elementary school, this three classroom structure brought together schools at Black Rock and Davisville. It served the community until the 1930's when it was converted into a dwelling. The present owners completely remodelled the interior in 1965.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Butler Schoolhouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North side Western Run Road east of Joyce Lane

CITY, TOWN

Butler

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

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

Robert E. Lewis

Telephone #: 472-2248

STREET & NUMBER

Western Run Road

CITY, TOWN

Cockeysville

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21030

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 4463

Folio #: 203

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Butler School is a one storey, frame structure built as a rural elementary school about 1896, probably containing three large classrooms and an entry hall. In 1965, it was adapted as a dwelling house by Robert E. Lewis, AIA, whose own dwelling is across the road, and who practices architecture as a partner in the Baltimore firm of Wrenn, Lewis and Jencks.

The structure is in the shape of the letter "L", with one wing extending west, parallel to the road, the other extending south, toward the road. A gable on the flush north side recalls the southerly extension opposite it.

Exterior walls are covered with German siding; the steeply pitched roofs are of slate. The broad, simple cornices extend horizontally across the three gable ends, suggesting classical pediments. Corner boards meet in a bold quarter-round profile, and a wooden water table commences the siding above the stone foundation.

Most windows are 9/9, with louvered blinds. A 6/9 window is in each gable end, and on the north side are two triple openings, consisting of two 9/9 windows and a door with a tall transom. A brick chimney of Georgian design rises internally within the westerly wing. The principal entrance is in the south front of the westerly wing, next to the southerly wing.

Interior finishes were undoubtedly very simple, with plastered walls and ceilings. The ceilings were high, proportional to the large size of each classroom.

In adapting the interior as a residence, it has received a simple but distinguished Georgian styling.

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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	Unknown	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Unknown
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The schoolhouse was built about 1897 and was used in its educational function until the early part of the 20th century. It was then sold out of the Baltimore County school system in 1934 to a family which converted it into a dwelling. The present owners completely renovated the interior after they bought it in 1965.

The Butler School was one of the first consolidated schools in the county. It brought the Black Rock (q.v.) and Davisville schools together with itself to form one school.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .96A [±]

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

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ORGANIZATION

For Valleys Historical District Project

DATE

Nov. 1976

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Md.

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