

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 668

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

pleasant Meadows Schoolhouse

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Telegraph Road 1/2 mile east of town limits

CITY, TOWN

Rising Sun

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Thomas E. McNeill

Telephone #: 658-5229

STREET & NUMBER

Telegraph Road

CITY, TOWN

Rising Sun

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21911

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 285

Folio #: 500

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

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STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**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

*Pleasant Mountain*

~~Old stone~~ Schoolhouse c. 1850 is a 1½ story three bay by three bay rectangular weatherboard frame schoolhouse on the northwest corner of Route 273 and Stephens Road. The structure faces south with the main gable running north/south.

The structure rests on a fieldstone foundation and is sheathed with novelty siding and covered with a medium sloped composition tile roof with extended eaves and exposed rafter ends.

The south facade consists of a central entrance with flanking single pane sash windows. A double 6/6 sash window lights the second floor. The first floor has been covered by a shed roof porch supported by tapered square piers that rest on stone plinths. A square stick balustrade stretches between each post.

The east and west sides are pierced by three 6/6 sash windows with later shutters. The windows have been made smaller to accommodate modern sash. A stove stack rises against the exterior wall.

The north end is primarily covered by a shed addition.

The interior has been extensively remodeled to accommodate a residence since the educational use for the structure ended in the early 20th Century.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> HISTORIC	<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

*PLEASANT MEADOW*

~~Old stone~~ schoolhouse retains its basic form and architectural integrity as a residence. The shed roof porch was probably added in the 1940's.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cecil Count7 Courthouse

DATE

11/09/81

STREET &amp; NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

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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.

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



### 6TH DISTRICT

No. 1 - The early residents of Rising Sun and surrounding community obtained their education at the old Stone school a short distance east of the town on the road to Brick Meeting House. It was built in 1780 and stood for 116 years as a monument to its builders. It had 18 desks each seating two and sometimes three pupils. In this schoolhouse the Methodists held their meetings before the first church was built in Rising Sun in 1854.

The Stone school was torn down in 1896 despite vigorous protests and replaced by a two-room frame building which was given the name of Pleasant Meadows. It stands on the northwest corner of the intersection of Maryland 273 with the road to Farmington.

The school was closed in May 1920, sold to Clement D. Way for \$785 on August 24, 1920, and converted into a dwelling.



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Goat Hill

PENNSYLVANIA  
MARYLAND

MASON AND

DIXON

DIXON

LINE

CHESTER CO  
CECIL CO

MASON AND

DIXON

DIXON

Cooper Sch

Speedway

BM  
415

432

Run

Run

Stone

Stone

High Sch

Rising Sun  
(BM 388)

PENN CENTRAL

Harrisville

Brookview  
Chapel

Cern

New Bridge  
Ch

Krauss  
Cern

RISING SUN ROAD



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Southeast Elevation  
Near Rising Sun  
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