MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

NR Eligible: yes ✓
no ___

Property Name: Mountville Colored School Inventory Number: F-2-044

Address: 4457 Mountville Road City: Frederick Zip Code: 21703

County: Frederick USGS Topographic Map: Point of Rocks

Owner: Anthony R. Wackerle and Donna Smyth 4455 Mountville Road, Frederick, MD 21703

Tax Parcel Number: 78 Tax Map Number: 93 Tax Account ID Number: 14-312870

Project: ___ Agency: ___

Site visit by MHT Staff: ___no ___yes Name: ___ Date: ___

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility **not** recommended ___

Criteria: X A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Is the property located within a historic district? X no ___yes Name of district: ___

Is district listed? ___No ___yes Determined eligible? ___no ___yes District Inventory Number: ___

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The current assessment was prepared on behalf of Duke Energy North America as part of cultural resources investigations to support the proposed construction of a power plant in southern Frederick County near Point of Rocks (Goodwin 2001). The assessment is based on previously existing documentation available at the Maryland Historical Trust confirmed by a reconnaissance survey of the property taken from the public right of way.

The Mountville Colored School (F-2-044) is one of two identified rural schoolhouses constructed in 1888 to serve the African-American community. This building was historically associated with the Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church and still serves as an educational facility for the church. This building represents an important aspect of African-American history in Frederick County (Criterion A). It was constructed as a central part of an African American community established by freed slaves after the Civil War (Davis 1991).

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Eligibility recommended X **Eligibility not recommended** ___

Criteria: X **A** ___**B** ___**C** ___**D** **Considerations:** ___**A** ___**B** ___**C** ___**D** ___**E** ___**F** ___**G** ___**None**

Comments: ___

Patricia M. Miller ✓ 6/19/2002
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services **Date**

Beverly 7/19/02
Reviewer, NR Program **Date**

Bibliography

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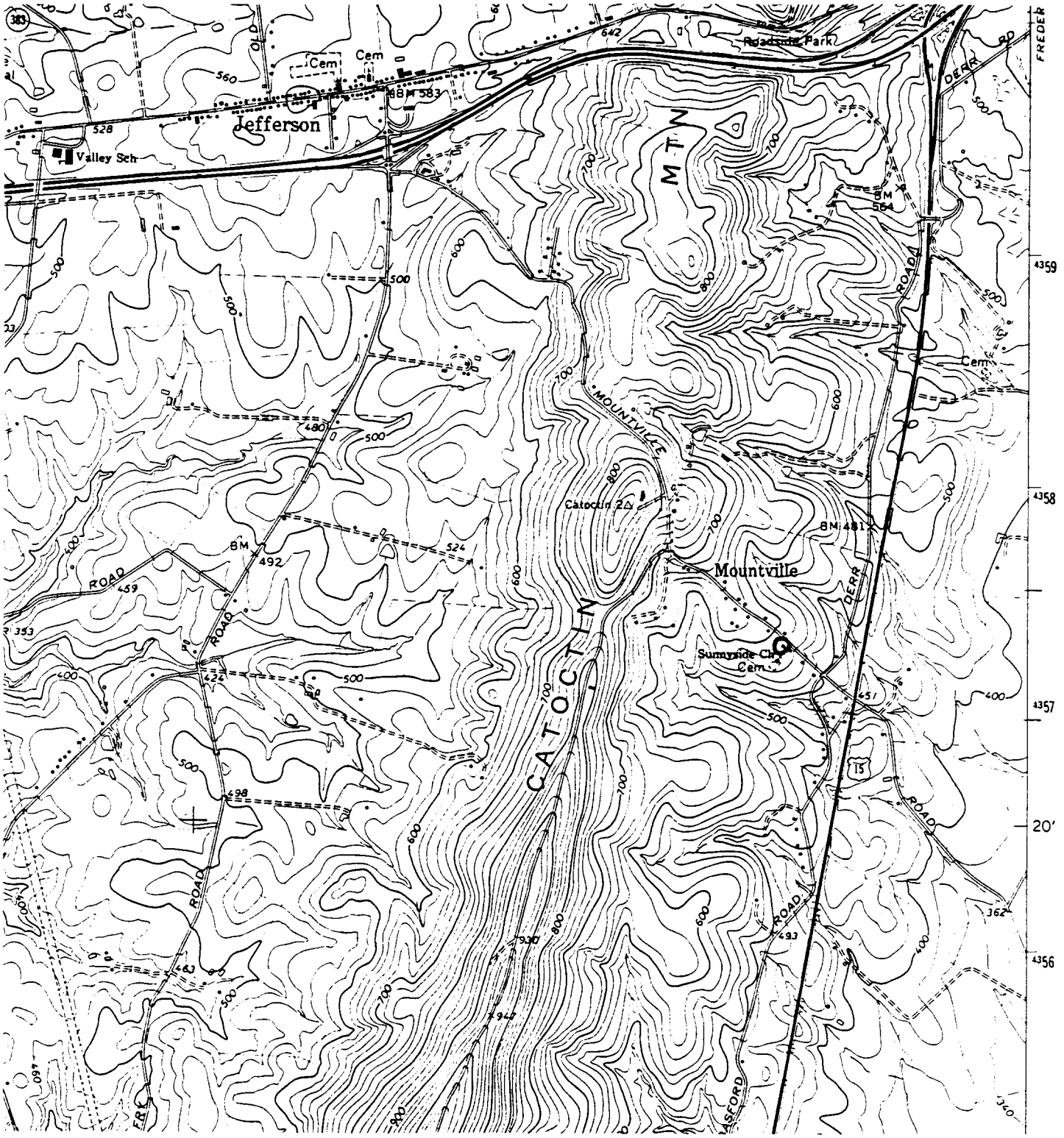
Tourism Council of Frederick County
2001 African American Heritage Sites in the City of Frederick and Frederick County, Maryland. Brochure available published by the Tourism Council of Frederick County.

Prepared by: Katherine Grandine and Brian Cleven, R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc. Date Prepared: March 2002

F-2-044
Mountville Colored School
Mountville
Frederick County, Maryland
Point of Rocks USGS quadrangle map
Scale 1:24,000



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Mountville Colored School

Frederick Co, Md

K. Grandine

3/2002

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School, view N

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F-2-44 Ca. 1888

Mountville Colored School

Jefferson, Maryland

Private

The Mountville Colored School is a one story frame schoolhouse built in 1888 on the south side of Mountville Road in Mountville near Jefferson. It is one of two identified black rural schoolhouses of the late 19th century, the other being the Hope Hill Colored School (F-7-37). The Mountville School shares the lot of the Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church (F-2-43); most black schools were located near black churches and both institutions served as community centers for the black population in the area.

F-2-44
Mountville Colored School
Jefferson
Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Hardford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Industrial/Urban Dominance (A.D. 1870-1930)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes
Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning
Social/Educational/Cultural

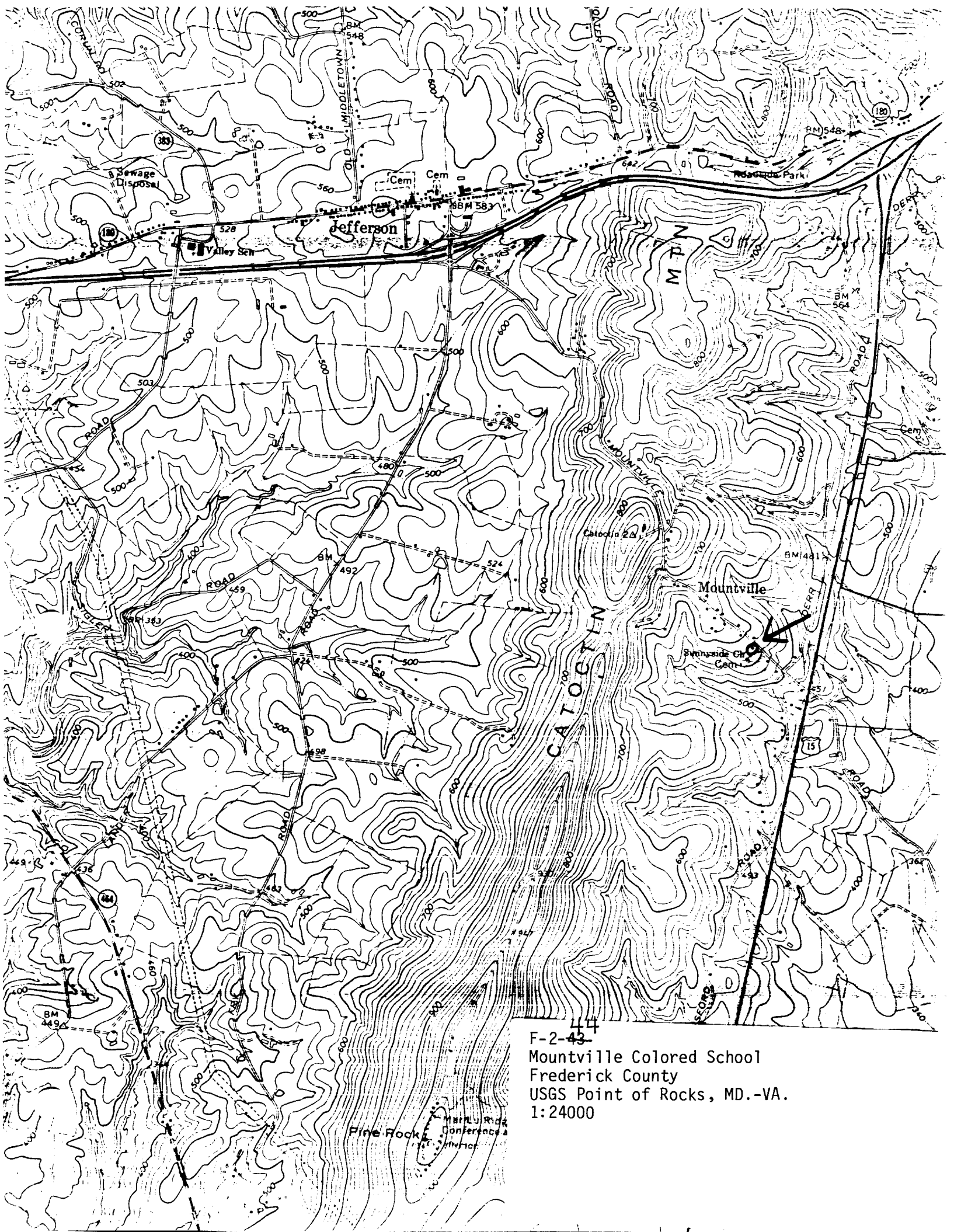
Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use:
Education/School/schoolhouse

Known Design Source: None



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F-2-~~43~~
Mountville Colored School
Frederick County
USGS Point of Rocks, MD.-VA.
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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. F-2-44

Magi No.

DOE ___yes X no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Mountville Colored School

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Mountville Road, south side, west of Basford Road ___ not for publication

city, town Jefferson X vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	X occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	X yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	X not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Sunnyside Methodist Church

street & number Rt. 4 telephone no.:

city, town Frederick state and zip code MD. 21701

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio

city, town Frederick state MD. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-2-44

Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
___ good	___ ruins	X altered	___ moved date of move _____
X fair	___ unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

The Mountville Colored School is a one story frame schoolhouse built in 1888 on the south side of Mountville Road west of Basford Road in the village of Mountville, near Jefferson, in Frederick County, Maryland. The school stands about 20 yards north of the Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church, on the same 1-acre parcel owned by the church. The schoolhouse has a projecting section on the west gable end which was the original entrance to the building. The present entrance is in the southeast corner occupying a former window bay. The exterior is covered with modern vertical composition siding and has a composition roof. The building is currently used as an education center for the Sunnyside United Methodist Church.

The north and south elevations of the school reveal the stone foundation and the original three window bays. The sash is 6/6. The present entrance in the southeast bay replaces an original window and has a wood stair to the sill level. The door is a modern flush type. The roof has two chimneys, one in the former entrance foyer on the west elevation and the other at the east gable end. A photo in Jefferson, 1774-1974 shows that the original siding was board and batten and that shutters flanked the windows. The entrance foyer had a single four-panel door in the west elevation.

The interior was not accessible for the survey.

8. Significance

Survey No. F-2-44

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	X education	___ military	___ social/humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
X 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates 1800-1899 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: X A ___B X C ___D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

Level of Significance: ___national ___state X local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Mountville Colored School is one of two known remaining late 19th century colored rural schools in Frederick County. The other school is the Hope Hill Colored School (F-7-37) on Fingerboard Road near Urbana; it is currently endangered by possible demolition for new development. Built in 1888, the Mountville School may pre-date the Hope Hill building. Along with the Sunnyside Methodist Episcopal Church (F-2-43), the Mountville School was the center of Mountville's community life. Mountville was founded after the Civil War by freed slaves as Sunnyside. It was renamed Mountville in 1882 with the establishment of the post office.

As stated, only two rural black schools have been identified in Frederick County. The design of the school parallels that of the known rural white schools of the last quarter of the 19th century, with the foyer projecting from one elevation. Black schools tended to be located near black churches and often shared facilities until separate buildings could be erected. In contrast, white schools occupied prominent locations on main roads or street corners in villages, on lots especially purchased or set aside for educational purposes.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-2-44

Interview with Mr. Lord Nikkens, July 18, 1991.

Jefferson, 1774-1974, History Committee and Book Committee, Jefferson Ruritan Club, 1974, pp. 48-49.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1

Quadrangle name Point of Rocks, Md.-Va.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 93, parcel marked + in village of Mountville.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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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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