

F-2-47

Rockville School
Jefferson, Maryland vicinity
Private

Ca. 1867

The Rockville School is a one-story brick schoolhouse built about 1867 with a projecting foyer on the south elevation which was the original entrance. Converted to a private dwelling in the early 1930's, the entrance is now in one of the three original window bays on the west elevation. The vernacular corbeled cornice on the south elevation of the foyer and the main section is an interesting feature influenced by the then-popular Romanesque Revival style. The school is significant for its largely unaltered exterior form, found in many rural schoolhouses of the second half of the 19th century, and as an example of the proliferation of educational institutions in the late 19th century.

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Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

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

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes
Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Education/school/schoolhouse

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Rockville School

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 6403 Old Middletown Road not for publicationcity, town Jefferson vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

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 checked="" 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"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

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

name Robert W. & Joan M. Shafer

street & number 6403 Old Middletown Road telephone no.:

city, town Middletown state and zip code Md. 21769

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1305

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 206

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-2-47

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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 |
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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 Rockville School is a one-story brick schoolhouse built about 1868 on the east side of Old Middletown Road just south of the intersection of Roy Shafer Road near Jefferson, Frederick County, Maryland. The schoolhouse is now a private residence, but the general form of a gable-roofed main section with a lower projecting foyer on the south elevation is still intact. The original entrance in the south elevation of the foyer has been bricked up and the current entrance is in the west elevation in the center bay of three on that side. The only decorative feature of the building is a corbeled cornice on the original foyer south elevation and the south gable end of the main section.

The building is rectangular in plan with three bays on the east and west elevations. The walls are 5:1 American bond. As stated, the present entrance is in the center bay of the west elevation. A modern shed porch shelters the doorway. The sash is modern 1/1. The stone foundation is raised slightly on the west elevation and an exterior cellar entrance is located at the southwest corner of the building. An original rear door is located near the northeast corner of the schoolhouse on the north elevation. It has a four-panel door with a plain transom. In the foyer projection, the infilled section contains a single center window where the original door was located. The roof is standing seam metal, a recent alteration.

The corbeled cornice feature is an interesting vernacular version of Romanesque Revival style corbeling, done in large, building bricks, giving a blocky, oversized look to the detail.

The interior of the schoolhouse was not accessible for description, but the current owner, Mrs. Shafer, stated that the interior retains no original features of the school.

8. Significance

Survey No. F-2-47

| 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 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian |
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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | |

Specific dates C. 1867 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

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

The Rockville School exemplifies the education theme in the third quarter of the 19th century in Frederick County and, although altered for private residential use, retains the general form of a typical brick rural schoolhouse of the period. In continuous use until the early 1930's when consolidated elementary schools were erected in Jefferson and Middletown, the school represents the proliferation of rural schools in the second half of the 19th century. The architecture theme is represented in its vernacular corbeled cornice, which is unusual among the surviving schoolhouses of the second half of the 19th century, being a feature more likely to be found on urban schools.

At least four schoolhouses remain in the Jefferson Election District: the Rockville School, the Willowdale School (F-2-48), located about one mile south of the Rockville School, the Mountville Colored School (F-2-44) and the Lander School at 2539 Lander Road. Three are currently residences. The Lander School is apparently an 1890's frame building with much alteration to its exterior appearance. The Willowdale School is a frame building of about 1855 and, like the Rockville building, has a relocated entrance. Of the four identified schoolhouses, the Mountville School, an 1880's frame building, has the most similar design to the Rockville School, but has been greatly altered in exterior siding and also has a relocated entrance. Because Mountville is one of two identified remaining rural colored schools of the late 19th century in the County, its significance is greater than the others. Rockville ranks with Willowdale as good examples of the schoolhouse type, each of a different decade and representing different standards of construction.

The name Rockville does not appear on historical maps, but is mentioned in some biographical sketches in T.J.C. Williams' History of Frederick County (1910) without further identification. Edward Smith, the owner of the John Smith Farmstead (F-2-49) nearby, recalls the area around the school near the Shafer Road intersection as being called Rockville.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-2-47

Land Records of Frederick County
Titus, C.O., Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 acreQuadrangle name Middletown, Md.Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 75, Parcel 106

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

| state | code | county | code |
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11. Form Prepared By

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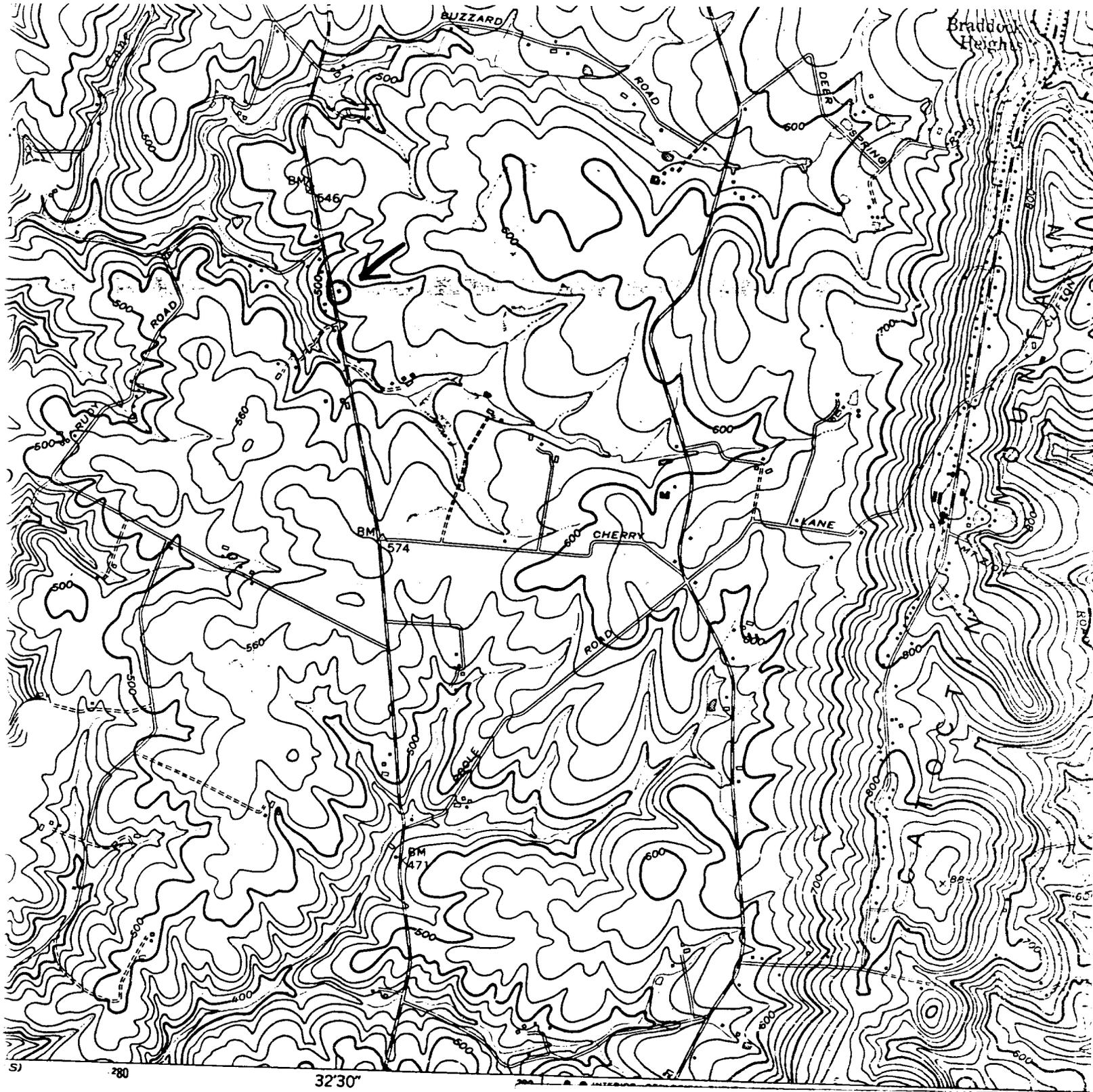
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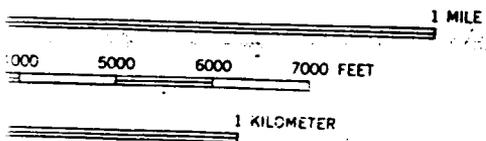
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| LIBER/FOL. } | GRANTEE | GRANTOR | ORIGINAL TRACTS | COST | DATE |
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| 1305/206 14 Oct 85 | Robert M. & Joan M. Shafer | Gladys F. Smith & Betty J. Harbaugh | D.G. 3756. 52 sq. ft. (1910) + 50 sq. ft. 2 parcels | \$35,000 | |
| 601/80 15 May 80 | Gladys F. Smith & Evaliellie Crampton & Betty J. Harbaugh | H. Kieffer DeLauter | 1. 1st parcel. indeed belong 52 sq. ft. 2. 2nd parcel. 50 sq. ft. | | |
| 591/88 15 Jan 30 601/80 15 May 80 | H. Kieffer DeLauter | John C. Crampton, Gladys F. & George Smith Evaliellie Crampton heirs of Martha F. Crampton | | | |
| 591/88 15 Jan 30 (recorded Oct. 17, 1957) | Alton M. Haffer Martha F. Crampton | Board of Education | | | |
| DSB 2/125 6 Oct. 1867 | Lewis H. Steiner et al, Board of School Comm. | | 2nd parcel - 50 ft. for P.S. 107 | | |
| DSB 2/126 6 Oct. 1867 | Lewis H. Steiner et al, Board of School Comm. | | 1st parcel - 52 ft. for P.S. 107 | | |
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Rockville School
Frederick County
USGS Middletown, MD.
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