

F-2-71  
Olive Colored School  
Brunswick vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1889

The Olive Colored School is a one-story frame schoolhouse built about 1889 which was converted to residential use in the early 1930's. It retains its original german siding and 6/6 sash in many windows, although its interior plan has been greatly altered, and a one-story porch and an exterior chimney have been added. The standing seam roof shows a patch where the cupola was located. The Olive Colored School is significant seen in conjunction with the Olive School (F-2-70) for whites nearby, built at the same time and with apparently the same plan. Most segregated schools of the late 19th century were located at some distance from each other and the black schools were usually near an existing black church. The Olive Schools are unusual in this respect.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, 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 and Community Planning  
Social/Educational/Cultural

Resource Types:

Category: Buildings

Environment: Rural

Function and Use:  
Education/school/schoolhouse

Known Design Source: None

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Olive Colored School

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 3517 Olive School Road

not for publication

city, town Brunswick

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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Anna V. Slifer Life Estate c/o Daniel W. and Mark A. Lerch

street & number 3517 Olive School Road

telephone no.:

city, town Knoxville

state and zip code Maryland 21758

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse

liber 1436

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street

folio 795

city, town Frederick

state Maryland 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-2-71

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input 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 of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 Olive Colored School is a one-story frame schoolhouse built about 1889 which was converted to a residence in the early 1930's. It is located on the northeast side of Olive School Road and Point of Rocks Road (Maryland Route 464) about 2 miles northeast of Brunswick, Frederick County, Maryland. Sited about 40 yards off the road, the building is located on a slope dropping away to the north. The principal entrance is currently in the west gable end.

The schoolhouse was probably built with a two-room plan similar to that of the Olive School (F-2-70) for whites, which is located nearby on the west side of Olive School Road. The original entrance was in the center bay of three on the south elevation. This entrance is now a window. The original german siding is still in place and the stone foundation is visible on the northeast and east elevations where the slope reveals the foundation walls. The gable ends have cornice returns and the roof is standing seam. The west gable end has two bays, one of which is now the principal entrance. The window and door surrounds are plain and the 1/1 sash replaces the original sash. A one-story porch wraps around the west and south elevations, an addition built after the conversion to residential use. On the north elevation, the original three window bays have been covered and new window openings have been made to follow the changed interior plan. An exterior brick chimney is located in the south elevation covering the west window bay. On the roof at the east gable end is a patch in the metal covering indicating the probable location of the cupola which was a common feature of rural schoolhouses of the late 19th century.

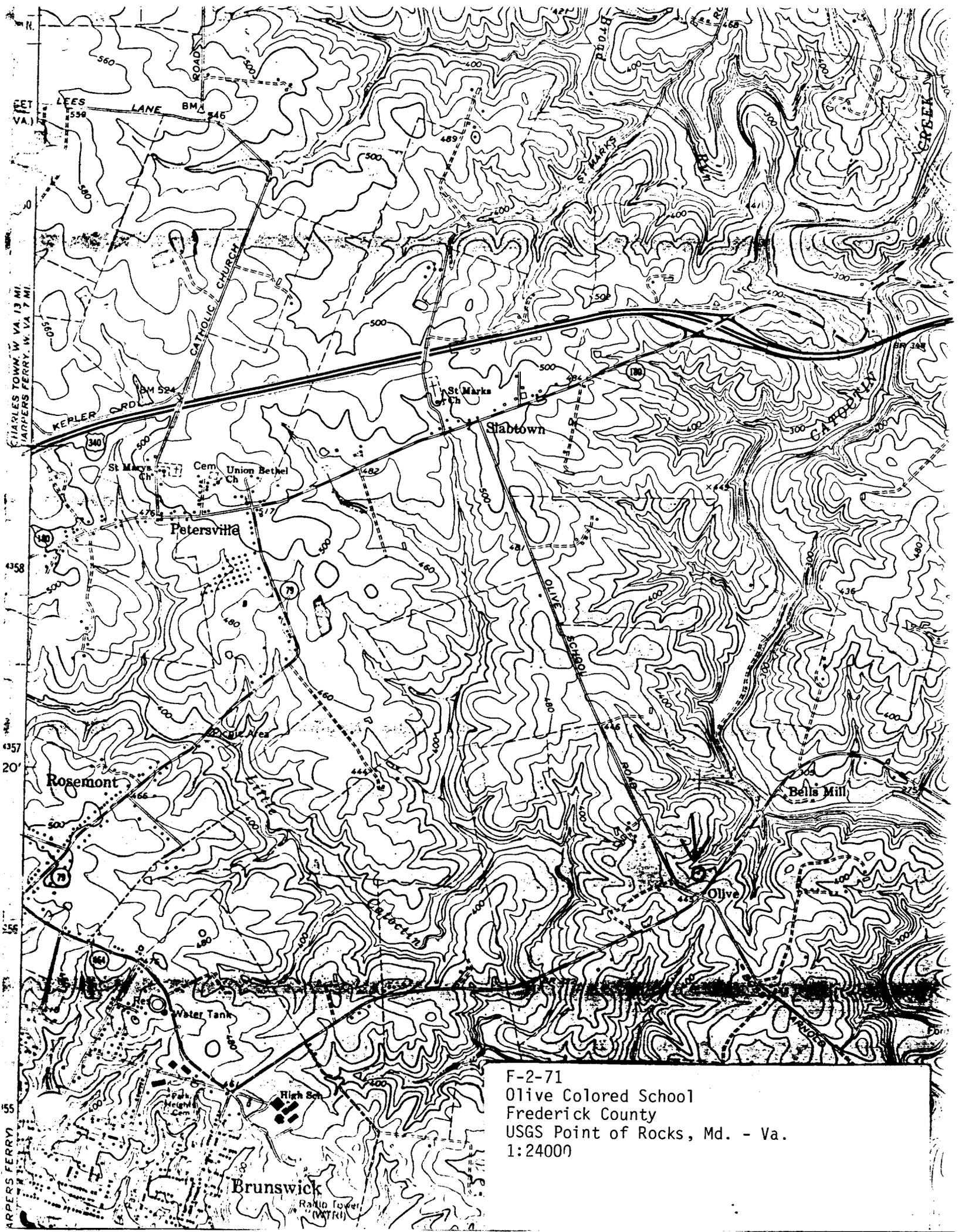
The interior plan of the schoolhouse has been completely altered, with a half-story added within the original roof height. Interior partitions have been removed and no features of the original school use remain intact.





LIBER/FC. ) 0	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
<del>P. 111</del> <del>1428/460</del> <del>249 Mar 87</del> P. 113 1436/795 30 Apr 87	<del>Shos. M. &amp; Deborah</del> <del>Conner</del> Anna V. Sifer life estate & Daniel & Mark Lerch remainder	David Lee Saulter, et al. <del>plus rep. of estate of David &amp;</del> <del>Ann Conner, dec.</del> Virginia Brightwell plus rep. of estate of Joseph E. Lerch, dec.	<del>3.65 A</del> <del>see 32275.10 for print</del> <del>see 60.3521 for print</del> 3/4 A		
<del>P. 111</del> <del>708/60</del> <del>H. Conner</del> P. 113 847/709 27 Apr 71	<del>David M. Conner</del> Joseph E. Lerch	<del>John Thomas Conner</del> Shirley A. Lerch			
762/93 22 Nov 66	Joseph E. & Shirley E. Lerch	Hartzel S. & Mary E. Junk	Subject to row 660.125.10 WIP 6/346		
664/323 16 Feb 62	Hartzel S. & Mary E. Junk	Gertrude E. Heffner widow	"		
<del>29/332/28</del> 23 Jan 31	Charles F. & Gertrude E. Heffner	Board of Ed. & Albert S. Cook State Supt. of Schools	"		
WIP 6/346 21 Jun 1888	Board of School Commissioners	Rachel Gordon	3/4 A. also row for use by wagon or horse or other vehicle	\$45-	

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