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Shookstown Public School No. 2

1881

Frederick vicinity

Private

The Shookstown Public School No. 2 is a one-story frame building erected as a one-room schoolhouse in 1881 and converted to residential use in 1930 after the school was closed. It has a two-bay east elevation with a painted-over sign panel in the gable peak and a one-story porch added after 1930. The north and south elevations had three bays originally, and a polygonal bay window was added to the south elevation in the 1940's. Several shed additions were built on the west elevation to provide a kitchen and later a bathroom for the former school, which also has interior partition walls added after 1930. The interior walls reveal the locations of two of the original blackboards where the covering wallpaper has cracked slightly. The Shookstown School is a fair example of the one-room rural schoolhouse of the late 19th century. Many of its contemporary schools were consolidated in the 1930's and the buildings sold and converted to other uses, usually residential. Most have the same alterations exemplified in the Shookstown School, the rear additions for kitchens and bathrooms, interior partitions, and porches.

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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: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Education/school/schoolhouse

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Shookstown Public School No. 2

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 7510 Old Receiver Road ___ not for publication

city, town Frederick 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 Leslie Donald Masser

street & number 7510 Old Receiver Road telephone no.:

city, town Frederick state and zip code MD 21702

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1225

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 566

city, town Frederick state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository 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 of move _____
<input 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 Shookstown Public School No. 2 is a one-story frame building built in 1881 and converted to a residence in 1930, with both interior and exterior alterations in the 1930's and in the 1980's. The former school is located on the northwest side of Old Receiver Road about 75 yards north of the intersection of Shookstown Road near Frederick (City), Frederick County, Maryland. The building faces southeast and is set back from Old Receiver Road about 100 feet. The date of construction is inscribed on a board retained in the house and verified by land records.

The originally one-room school was built with german siding and a gable roof probably covered with wood shingles, which has been covered with standing seam metal. The east gable end has two bays with a sign panel in the gable peak, which is now painted over. The two bays may have both been entrances originally; however, Mrs. Pearl Stup, a Shookstown resident who was a teacher in the building in about 1923, recalls only one entrance door in the main elevation by the early 1920's. The door is paneled, with a glazed upper section. The windows are 3/1, probably replacements in the 1930's of the original sash, which may have been the commonly used 2/2 sash of the 1880's. The cornice is boxed and a one-story porch added after the conversion to residential use extends across the east elevation and part of the south elevation. The porch has turned columns. Mrs. Stup remembers a bell cupola over the east gable end, which has since been removed, leaving no indication in the current roofing material. The house currently has two chimneys with corbeled tops, one located in the center and the other on the west gable end. The north and south elevations originally had three bays. A polygonal bay window was added to the south elevation in about the 1940's, according to the current owner, Mrs. Masser. On the west elevation are a succession of shed additions made after 1930 which contained a kitchen and, later, a bathroom. The interior of the house has been partitioned for residential use and modern wall-to-wall carpeting, wallpaper, and paint cover the interior surfaces. In two sections of the outer wall, slight cracking of the wallpaper and painted surface reveal the locations of two of the original blackboards still in place. These were not slate, according to Mrs. Stup and Mrs. Masser, but are black-painted wood boards.

8. Significance

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1881 **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 Shookstown Public School No. 2 is a fair example of the late 19th century rural one-room schoolhouse in Frederick County. Its original functional architectural form is still discernible although modern alterations have taken place. The identifying sign panel is another important element in its integrity. During the 1930's, many of the small rural schools were consolidated into larger schools and the unused buildings were sold by the County Board of Education. Most were converted to residential use and the alterations which characterized the change are present in the Shookstown Public School: removal of the cupola, partition walls on the interior, additions for kitchen and bathrooms, and porches. In the later 20th century, windows and doors were usually replaced. The schoolhouse was a symbol of community organization and civic responsibility in rural villages and were often used for meetings and pageants as well as educational purposes. The Shookstown School was the result of such local self-improvement initiatives, as exemplified by an inscribed board found in the structure and retained by the current owners, which reads: "This building was erected only thru the indomitable energy of Mr. Frederick T_____ (last name illegible), August 17, 1881." The pencil inscription was probably made by the builder, undoubtedly Mr. T_____ himself.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-3-129

Land Records of Frederick County
Masser, Mrs. L. Donald, personal interview, Feb. 4, 1993

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 acre

Quadrangle name Frederick, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 1 acre centered on the former school, now a dwelling, on Tax Map 66, Parcel 184.

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date February 1993

street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958

city or town Frederick state MD 21701

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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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032

75 Old Reeliner Rd.

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Lot Size, Description,
Other Information,
Original Tracts

Liber/Folio

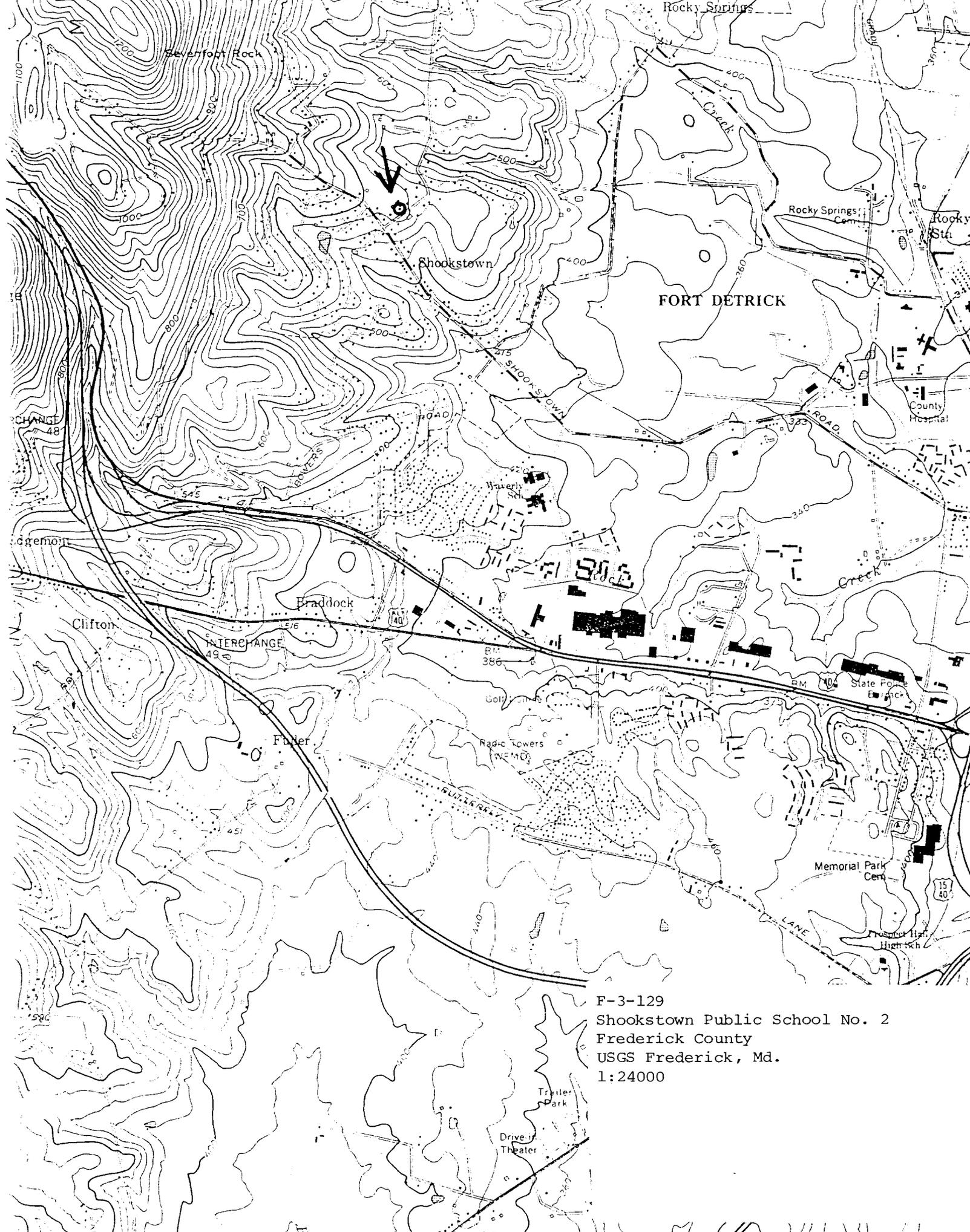
Grantee

Grantor

Cost

Miscellaneous

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Other Information, Original Tracts	Cost	Miscellaneous
1225/566 15 Dec 83	Leslie Donald Masser	Leslie Donald & Linda Lee Masser			
733/48 14 Sept 65	Leslie Donald & Linda Lee Masser	Leslie A. & Lillian M. Masser			
681/470 5 Apr 63	Leslie A. & Lillian M. Masser	Samuel E., Jr., & Sadie McCoy Brown	1st Parcel: formerly known as Shoekstown Public School #2		
479/5491 14 Jan 43 22 Apr 49	Samuel E., Jr. & Sadie McCoy Brown	Harvey J. Tucker & Mildred J. Tucker			
438/544 14 Jun 43	Harvey J. & Mildred J. Tucker	Mellie M. Winchester, widow	formerly known as Shoekstown Public School No. 2; 2 parcels, 1a. & 1/8 a.		Part of "Shoup's Conclusion"
374/546 8 Jul 30	Mellie M. Winchester	Board of Edu- cation, et al	P.1: 1a., AF3/608 P.2: 1/8 a. AF4/618		
P.2: AF 4/618 27 Jan 1882	Board of County School Commissioners	Dennis Brane (Brain) of Wash. D.C.	Election District 2 part of "Shoup's Conclusion" 1/8 a.	#15	
P.1: AF 3/608 16 June 1881	Board of County School Commissioners	Dennis Brain of Wash. D.C.	1a. part of "Shoup's Conclusion"	#35	
CM 9/670 19 Mar 1873	Dennis Brain	Mellegim Rams- burg	8a., 2 R. 30 f.		



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Photo: Janet Davis

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville Md

Southeast corner view

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Shookstown Public School No. 2

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West elevation

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