

G-G-I-A-085
Dorsey School
New Germany
Private

Ca. 1880

Thought to have been donated by Patrick Dorsey, a prominent resident of the New Germany area, Dorsey School is a small, one story, gable facade building typical of the many rural schools found throughout Garrett County. Its one bay by three bay vertical plank structure remained intact until the 1930's when renovations were made to convert it into a private residence.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY 1202135602

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Dorsey School

AND/OR COMMON

Raymond C. Durst House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Lower New Germany Rd. - W side, 2.5 miles S of U.S. Route 40

CITY, TOWN

New Germany

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

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

Raymond Cecil Durst

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 117

Folio #: 171

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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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
<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

The Dorsey School is located on the west side of Lower New Germany Road approximately 2.5 miles south of its junction with U.S. Route 40.

This school is a small, rectangular, one story, gable-roofed building of vertical plank construction. It remained intact until the 1930's when renovations were made and it was converted into a private residence. The original structure is the three bay by one bay block with six over six sash windows. The original facade was located on the northeast gable end and had a door at its center. The door has been moved to the eastern end of the facade in order to accomodate the kitchen wing that was added on to that side. The brick chimney that rises from the middle of the ridgeline is original, but now serves a furnace rather than a stove. The major changes to the building include the digging of a basement and laying of a new stone foundation, partitioning and remodeling of the interior, and the addition of the kitchen wing.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
<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 ca. 1880

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The land for this school is said to have been donated by Patrick Dorsey,¹ whose residence is located approximately .2 mile north of this site. (See G-I-A-132).

In his historic overview of Grantsville District No. 3, J. Thomas Scharf identifies the No. 8 school as "Dorsey." The trustees for Dorsey School for the year ending May 1882 were: Jacob Fresh, Samuel S. Durst, and Patrick Dorsey. The teacher for the 1880-1881 school term was Emanuel Custer.²

The single story, gable facade form of this building and its 1 bay by 3 bay size is typical of the rural schools found in Garrett County from the late nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries. (see also: G-V-A-117 Columna School, and G-II-A-046 Asher Glade School).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- ¹ Interview with Raymond Cecil Durst, 5 June 1981.
- ² Sharf, J. Thomas. History of Western Maryland, (1882 reprint, Baltimore: Regional Publishing Company, 1968).

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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

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

July 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

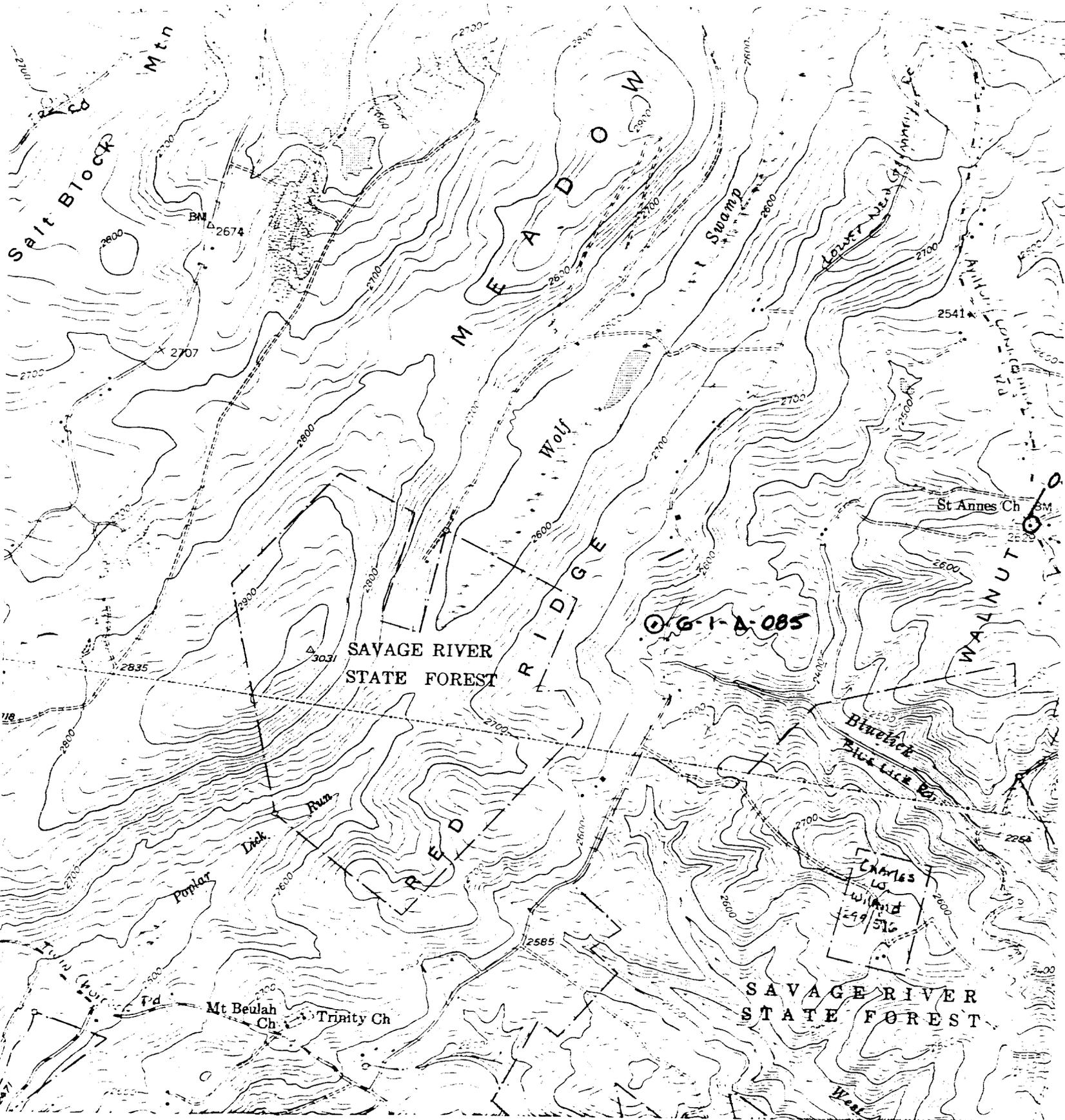
STATE

Maryland 21401

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Garrett Co., MD

Valerie Cesna 6/5/81

Facade: SE & NE elevs.



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Rear: NW & SW elevs.