

G-IV-C-048
Mount Zion School
Swanton
Private

c.1910
expanded 1949

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY ^{ML}

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Mount Zion School

AND/OR COMMON

William C. Harvey House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Mt. Zion Rd. - 1.2 miles SE of MD Route 135

CITY, TOWN

Swanton

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

William C. Harvey

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 237

Folio #: 88

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

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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 _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Mount Zion School is located on the north side of Mount Zion Road approximately 1.2 miles southeast of Maryland Route 135. The facade of the building faces the road, pointing southwest.

The school is a frame, one story, gable-roofed building on a poured concrete foundation. Its basic configuration is a rectangular plan with a gabled vestibule at its southwest endwall.

The building has been remodeled to function as a private residence rather than as a school, so several alterations have been made. On the exterior this has primarily resulted in a change of fenestration. The southeast elevation was originally lit by two groupings of six, four over four sash units. One entire grouping of windows has been boarded over and two modern two over two sash have been installed in that space. The other grouping has had two of its windows boarded over. Five, two-pane casement windows light the northwest elevation, but two of these have been boarded over and have had two over two sash installed below them. The exterior walls of the school have been covered with brick patterned asphalt siding.

The roof is covered with asphalt and has a box cornice with a plain board frieze. Two exterior brick flues are located at the middle of the northwest wall.

The interior of the building has been completely remodeled.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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	c.1910	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Mt. Zion School is typical of the small rural schools in Garrett County . This C. 1910 school house was moved to the present site in 1929 and expanded in 1949 to accomodate a growing number of pupils.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Valerie Cesna, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

March 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

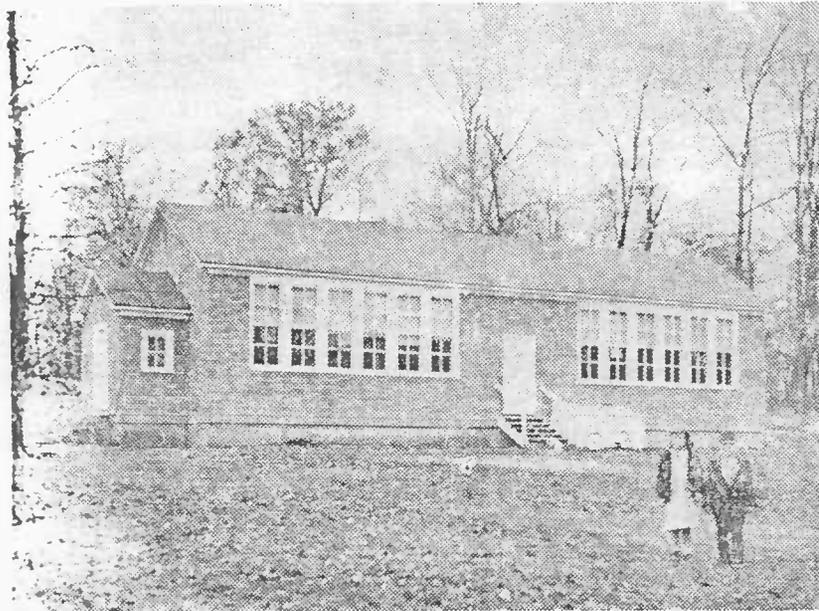
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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The Mt. Zion School

By HAROLD GARRETT and FRANCIS H. TURNER



MT. ZION SCHOOL, 1949

Mt. Zion is one of the oldest church and school communities in Garrett County. By this is meant the continuous use of this spot for neighborhood gatherings, Christian worship and school purposes. The time of its establishment was during the four year ministry of Bishop Asbury of the Methodist Church in the mountains of Western Maryland and West Virginia, 1781-84.

In records dating back to 1788 we find the names of Honis Paugh, Joseph Paugh, William Paugh, Joseph Davis, James Gilmore, Thomas Madison, John Price, John Sheets, John Ryan, John Dixon, Evan Turner and Happy Trubee as living in the vicinity of Mt. Zion and it was these men who were responsible for building the old log church which was used for both worship and instruction. Unfortunately the date of erection and when it was first used for school purposes cannot be ascertained, but the records show that on April 6, 1816, Henry Kight, a school teacher at Mt. Zion, was married to Sarah Sharpless.

Henry Kight not only taught school but he also conducted church services. Later he moved to the Chestnut Grove neighborhood and established the school and church work there.

In the early days of Mt. Zion, schooling was not provided by the state or county but the people of the community employed and paid the teacher. The usual method being by a written agreement or contract signed by the teacher and patrons, in which the patrons gave the names of pupils to be sent and agreed to pay the teacher approximately \$1.00 per month for each pupil, and to furnish board and room for the teacher in proportion to the

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number of children enrolled.

After the days of Henry Kight the people generally chose some one living near by for their teacher; among the early ones were Samuel Harvey, Meshac Harvey and Manasseh Harvey.

Daniel Turner taught during the winter of 1852-53, and at the close of the term he went to visit his uncle in Mississippi. He served as a Confederate Commissioner to European countries during the last years of the Civil War. While in Spain he taught English in several private homes. Returning to America he accompanied Francis Thomas to Peru. Thomas served as Minister to that country under President Grant. In the fall of 1883 Turner returned once more to his native home for a short visit. In 1884 Daniel Turner in company with a Spaniard and a Frenchman took passage on a ship from New Orleans to Toulane, France, and was never heard of afterward.

William W. Turner was employed as teacher at Mt. Zion in 1860-61. In the spring of 1861 he enlisted in the army; was 1st Sergeant in Co. I, 10th W. Va. Infantry. He died at Winchester, Va., in 1863. He was buried on the battlefield, but at the close of the war his body was returned to the Turner cemetery at Mt. Zion.

In the fall of 1869 there was a controversy over who should be teacher, Manasseh Harvey or Scott Barnard. Barnard was finally hired but during the school term the old log building burned.

School was then taught for a few years in a log house where J. E. Tasker now lives. In 1875 the Mt. Zion church was erected on the site of the old meeting house.

In 1896 a school was erected almost directly across the road from the church. The first teacher in the new school was Annie Fazenbaker. Other early teachers were Lucretia DeWitt, A. C. Hamill, Jennie Fazenbaker, Jennie Custer and Francis Turner, who, in spite of his age, answered the call during the late war years by returning to his old profession at Mt. Zion after an absence of almost half a century.

In the summer of 1910 this structure was destroyed by fire, but another building was erected on the same site and stood there until 1929, when it was moved to the present site.

The Mt. Zion school now being more centrally located and with the institution of bus service, the Sharpless school, which had been established in 1906, and the Walnut Bottom School, established in 1894, were merged with it.

The task of instructing from 40 to 50 pupils was assigned to one teacher until 1947 when Mr. and Mrs. Harold Garrett were employed to teach in the same room. This condition existed until 1949 when the building shown above was constructed.

LETTER FROM FRANK ARMSTRONG, headed Haywood, Va., Feb. 16, 1950, says:

"I have been very much interested in the last two issues of The Glades Star and your announcement that No. 36 completes Volume 1. My set is complete and in good shape and I am

going to have it bound permanently. I prize it very highly.

". . . I want to get back to Oakland for another visit and, of course, hope to be present when the marker for William Armstrong's grave eventually is ready for dedication."



EDWARD H. SAVAGE
Supervising Principal, North Union
Twp., Fayette Co., Pa.

THE SAVAGE FAMILY

ROBINSON SAVAGE, ancestor of the Garrett County family, is said to have been a native of New Jersey, in five counties of which Savages were early settlers. Robert Savage was a prominent citizen of Shrewsbury, Monmouth County, N. J., prior to the Revolutionary War, in which he served as a private soldier in the 1st New Jersey Regiment in 1780. Robert and his wife Hannah Savage were probably members of the Quaker congregation at Shrewsbury.

Robinson Savage appears to have resided at Cumberland, Maryland, for a brief period. On January 4, 1794, William Beall deeded to Robinson Savage 55½ acres of "Silases Race" near that town for £106. On March 31, 1796, Robinson and his wife deeded the same property to Frederick Rice for £100.

About 1796 Robinson Savage settled in the neighborhood of Sand

Spring, Blooming Rose. He is said to have been a school teacher; he may have been one of the early teachers in that neighborhood. In the census of 1800 he is listed there as head of a family consisting of himself, his wife and four small children. In 1810 the family counted nine persons. In the county tax roll of 1804 he was assessed with two horses and six cattle, but no land.

During the War of 1812 Robinson Savage and Meshack Browning were sergeants of the militia company of District No. 2, of which Aza Beall was Captain. Browning describes the draft at Selby's Port as follows:

"When the major came to make the draft for the eighteen privates and one sergeant, tickets were prepared, and disinterested persons selected to conduct the drawing. This, being but a small job was soon over, and Mr. Savage and myself were required to draw; when he being called first drew his ticket, and left mine the draft."

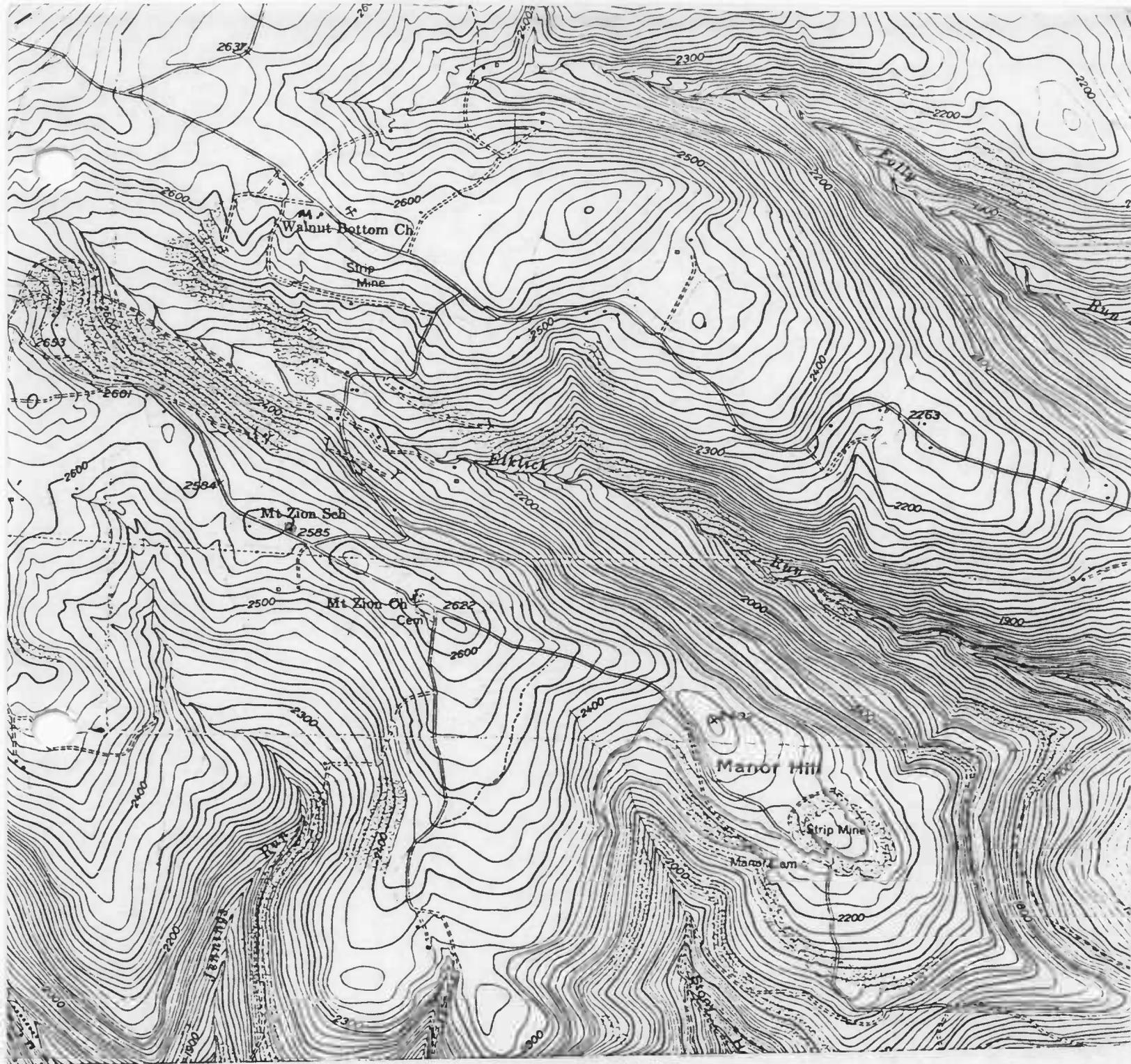
Robinson Savage is said to have been accidentally killed while helping to "raise" a tobacco barn in his neighborhood. He and his wife Mary were doubtless buried in the old Hall graveyard on Blooming Rose, where their son Lemuel was later interred.

Sons of Robinson and Mary Savage were Lemuel, Evan and John R., who settled in the Sand Spring neighborhood, and Robinson T., who settled at Sang Run.

Lemuel Savage was born October 15, 1793, and died December 16, 1872. He married Mary Catherine Casteel. Their children were:

Nelson, b. March 11, 1818, m.
White; Nancy, b. May 15, 1820, m.
Robert Savage; Ezra, b. Feb. 14, 1824,
m. Mariah Benson; Amelia, b. May 13,
1826, m. Joseph Recknor; Aza, b. Jan.
9, 1829, m. Eliza Glover; John W., b.
Jan. 9, 1829, m. Julia Umble.

EVAN SAVAGE married Mary



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E side of Mt. Zion Rd.
1.2 miles SE of MD
Route 135



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Mt. Zion School
Garrett Co., MD
Valerie Cesna 12/3/80
SW gable end & NW side



G-IV-C-048
Mt. Zion School
Garrett Co., MD
Valerie Cesna 12/3/80
Rear, NE gable end