

Easement

Addendum Sheet

G-VI-A-012
Center Street School
Oakland
Garrett County

Preparer: Stuart Paul Dixon
Date Prepared: 3 April 1997

A field review conducted in January 1997 revealed that since first documented in 1975, the Center Street School has undergone some remodeling. The earliest section of the school, the southern portion facing Center Street, has had several original windows openings on the first and second stories infilled with brick. The southern portion of the former school also displays extensive re-pointing. A large, rectangular brick addition appended to the northern portion of the school composes the most obvious change to the structures form. Hipped-roofed with a stone water table and belt course imitating the fabric on the original portion of the school, the addition extends six bays along the second story of its northern elevation and four bays deep along its eastern elevation. A two-story, brick porch has been inserted along the earlier school's east elevation and connects the new, rear addition with a two-story, gable-roofed fire stair tower. The new wing houses the Mary Browning Senior Center.

Additional research has uncovered supplementary historical information regarding the Center Street School. The Garrett School District built the Center Street Elementary School (MHT# G-VI-A-012) between 1894 and 1895. The County's first high school classes were held in the Center Street School in 1901 with 24 scholars. Seven years later the first graduating class consisted of three young women. In 1910 the high school moved to other facilities in the converted Garrett County Courthouse (MHT# G-VI-A-006). A 1922 fire gutted the school's bell tower and second story. Although school officials subsequently rebuilt the upper story and roof, the tower was never rebuilt to its original form. An historic photograph of the school prior to the fire depicts large, twin corbeled brick chimney stacks penetrating the school's roofs as well as an Italianate bell tower. The Garrett County School Board's consolidation of the county's schools, undertaken in the 1910s and 1920s, had a direct impact on the Center Street School. By the 1930s the Center Street Elementary School had become seriously overcrowded. A two-story, four-room addition appended to its north elevation alleviated some of the overcrowding. A second addition in 1959 contained an auditorium. Closed by the School Board in the 1970s, the Garrett Community Action Committee remodeled the former school in the early 1990s for use as a senior center, a child day care center and administrative offices (Anon., "Old and New Bricks," *The Glades Star* [September 1993] 7:230-34).



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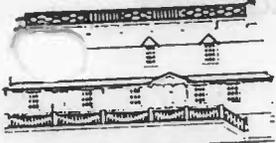
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Governor

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Secretary, DHCD

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: CENTER STREET SCHOOL Survey Number: 6-VI-012 ^{-A-}

Property Address: NORTH CORNER CENTER & WILSON STREETS, OAKLAND GARRETT CO.

Project: CENTER ST SCHOOL REHAB Agency: CDBG - COMMUNITY ACTION

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name ¹ DAY, BOWLIN, MASEK Date ¹ 10-88 ² 8-90

District Name: OAKLAND H. D. Survey Number: 6-VI-A-040

Listed Eligible _____ Comment _____

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

The resource contributes/ does not contribute to the historic significance of this historic district in:

Location Design Setting Materials

Workmanship Feeling Association

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map) ^{DESIGNED BY ALFRED MASON AND CONSTRUCTED IN 1894, THE CENTER STREET SCHOOL IS A TWO AND A HALF STORY, BRICK T-SHAPED BUILDING, RESTING ON A STONE FOUNDATION, THE BUILDING DISPLAYS CLASSICALLY INFLUENCED FEATURES INCLUDING ITS GABLED ENTRANCE PAVILION AND HIP ROOF. THE SCHOOL SERVED THE OAKLAND COMMUNITY AS THE ELEMENTARY FACILITY. IT HAS BEEN EXPANDED TWICE TO ACCOMMODATE OAKLAND'S GROWTH. THE FIRST ADDITION OCCURRED IN 1938, THE SECOND IN 1958. THE SCHOOL BUILDING RETAINS ITS ORIGINAL DESIGN, SETTING AND MATERIALS AND CONTRIBUTES TO THE HISTORICAL + ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE N.R. DISTRICT.}

Documentation on the property is presented in: MD INVENTORY, NATIONAL REGISTER

DISTRICT FORM FOR OAKLAND

Prepared by: R.L. ANDREWS + G. HENRY

L. BOWLIN 12-90
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable

R. Andrews 3-12-92
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore
 - Western Shore
 - Piedmont
 - Western Maryland
- (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles,
Prince George's and St. Mary's)
(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll,
Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian
 - Early Archaic
 - Middle Archaic
 - Late Archaic
 - Early Woodland
 - Middle Woodland
 - Late Woodland/Archaic
 - Contact and Settlement
 - Rural Agrarian Intensification
 - Agricultural-Industrial Transition
 - Industrial/Urban Dominance
 - Modern Period
 - Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)
- 10000-7500 B.C.
7500-6000 B.C.
6000-4000 B.C.
4000-2000 B.C.
2000-500 B.C.
500 B.C. - A.D. 900
A.D. 900-1600
A.D. 1570-1750
A.D. 1680-1815
A.D. 1815-1870
A.D. 1870-1930
A.D. 1930-Present

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture,
and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: BUILDING

Historic Environment: VILLAGE

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): EDUCATIONAL

Known Design Source: ALFRED MASON, BALTO

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:

Center Street Elementary School

AND/OR HISTORIC:

Oakland Elementary School

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

104 East Center Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Oakland

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY:

Garrett

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

Garrett County Board of Education

STREET AND NUMBER:

Fourth Street at Green Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Oakland

STATE:

Maryland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:

Garrett County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

Third and Alder Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Oakland

STATE:

Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 24-275

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Uncltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The Center Street Elementary School stands on the northerly side of Center street at the intersection of Wilson Street, northwest corner, in Oakland, southern Garrett County.</p> <p>The building is a two and a half story 1894 classically influenced T-shape brick structure with a hip roof, a high stone foundation, an entrance pavilion with a gable roof projecting from the center of the principal facade (south side), and a modern addition to the back (north side). The principal facade has three separate windows of double-hung wooden sashes with four-over-four lights on each floor flanking the projecting pavilion. The entranceway has a rounded fan light with a pedimented double window above. The Wilson Street side has a closed gable. The back wing of the original building has clusters of windows spaced along the sides.</p> <p>The interior appears to have been altered especially the stairway.</p>	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1894			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	osophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>The Center Street School, identified in <u>Oakland Centennial History</u> (1949), as Oakland Elementary School, was erected in 1894 for the Garrett County Board of Education. The Board's <u>Minute Book</u> for the 16 June 1873 - 3 July 1910 period reveals that the architect was Alfred Mason of Baltimore (p. 211); the contractor was Bradford Brothers of Clarksburg, West Virginia (p. 212); the plumbing and heating systems were installed by Smead Heating, Ventilating, and Water Closet Apparatus of Washington, D.C. (p. 212); and the total cost of construction by Bradford Brothers was \$12,512.45 (p. 216). The building was ready for use in 1895.</p> <p>The deed for the property on the northwest corner of Center and Wilson Streets on which the building stands indicates that the Allegany County Board of School Commissioners acquired the site in 1869. The property is included in the Pennington Addition to Oakland that was surveyed in 1866. When Garrett County was formed in 1872, the land was transferred to the school board of the new county.</p> <p>It has been suggested that an earlier school building may be incorporated within the present structure, however, no evidence exists to support this theory. <u>Oakland Centennial History</u>, (p. 77) and the board minutes refer to a new structure with no mention of existing buildings.</p>			

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Garrett County Land Records, Courthouse, Oakland, Maryland.

Minute Book, Garrett County Board of Education, volume for 16 June 1873 - 3 July 1910.

Weeks, Thekla Fundenberg. Oakland Centennial History 1849 - 1949. Oakland, MD: Sincell Printing Company, 1949.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreege Justification:

The property measures approximately 123' x 330'.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Site Survey		DATE 3/31/75
ORGANIZATION Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc.		
STREET AND NUMBER: Algonquin Motor Inn, Suite 510		
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland	STATE Maryland	

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature

TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR WESTERN MARYLAND, INC.

ALGONQUIN MOTOR INN, SUITE 510

CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND 21502

301-722-6885

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February 21, 1975

Mrs. Francis Riley
321 North Third Street
Oakland, Maryland 21550

Dear Mrs. Riley:

As mentioned in our telephone conversation of a couple of days back, I had much success researching the Centre Street Elementary School at the Garrett County Board of Education offices. Briefly, I found the following information in the 16 June 1873 - 3 July 1910 Minute Book (pp.211-216):

architect: Alfred Mason, Baltimore

construction firm: Bradford Brothers, Clarksburg, West Virginia

plumbing and heating: Smead Heating, Ventilating, and Water Closet Apparatus, Washington, D.C.

approximate cost: \$12,500.00

construction date: 1894

The deed for the property indicates that the Allegany County Board of School Commissioners acquired the site in 1869. It is possible that a building was erected in 1872, as you were told, and incorporated into the present structure. The minute records, however, refer to the construction of a new building. The present building fronting on Center Street, also, is stylistically more characteristic of the 1890s than of the 1870s.

Do not hesitate to call me if I can be of further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Andrews

Ronald L. Andrews
Historic Site Survey

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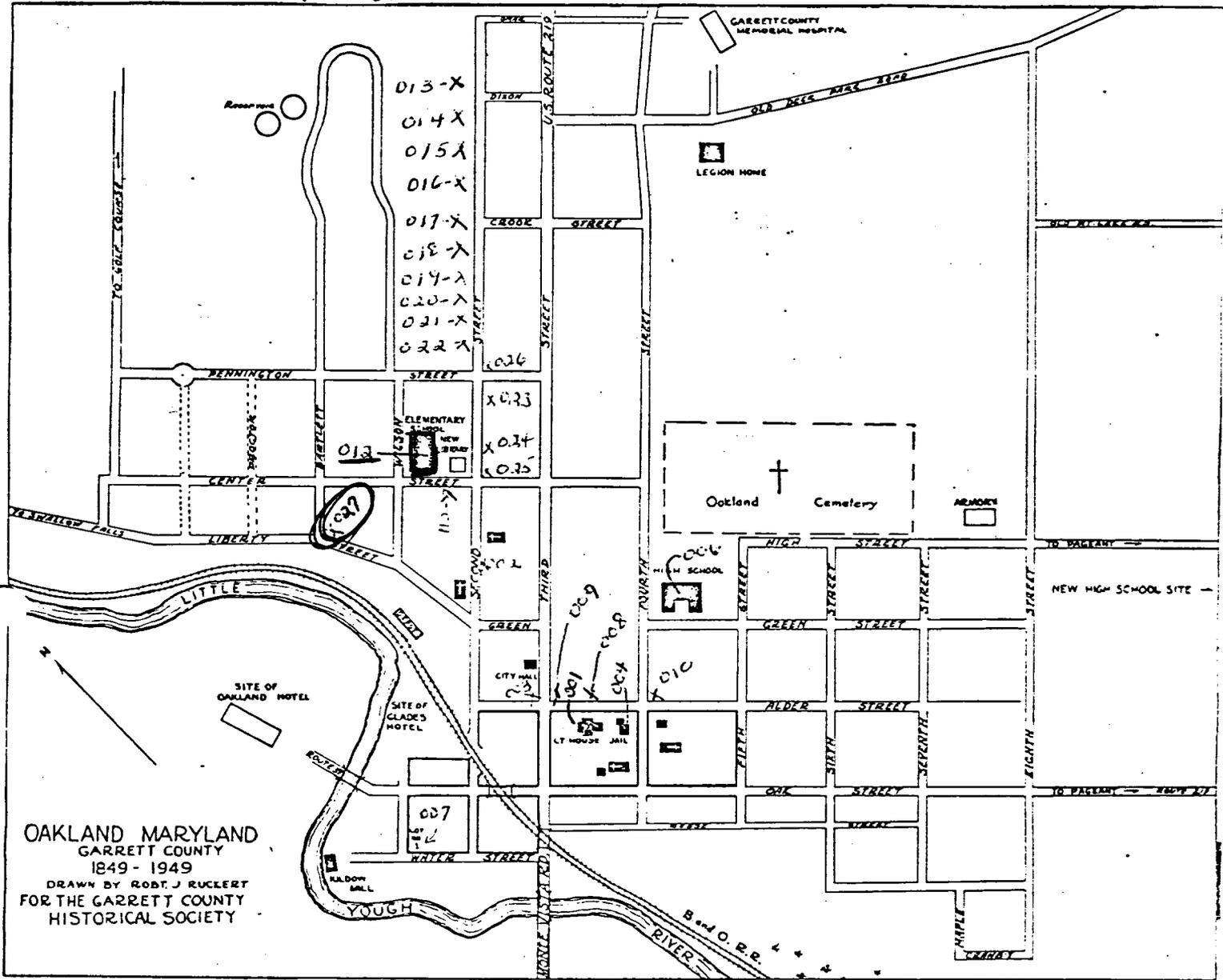
cc W. Marshall Rickert
Arthur C. Townsend ✓

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source: Weeks, Thekla Funderberg, Oakland Centennial History, 1849-1949. Oakland, Md.: Sincell Printing Company, 1949.

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GARRETT COUNTY
1849 - 1949
DRAWN BY ROBT. J. RUCKERT
FOR THE GARRETT COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

G-VI-A-012

site #: G-VI-027-12
4 East Liberty Street
Center St. Elementary School



FIGURE 201

Cesster St. School
104 E. Center St.
Oakland
Garrett Co., Md.
SW corner
January, 1975

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FIGURE 200.

Center St. School
104 E. Center St
Oakland
Garrett Co., MD
SW view
January, 1975

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Center St. School
104 E. Center St.
Garland
Garrett Co., Md
SE view
January, 1975

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