

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. M: 16/27

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DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Marble Quarry Schoolhouse

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 19200 Martinsburg Road

not for publication

city, town Dickerson vicinity of 3 congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Vacant

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John F. Jr. and Beverly A. Armentrout

street & number Box 446, 19201 Martinsburg Road

telephone no.: 972-8445

city, town Poolesville, MD state and zip code MD 20842

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse

liber 5209

street & number

folio 395

city, town Rockville

state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

le None

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town

# 7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" 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
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

## Summary

This one and one half story former schoolhouse has a foundation of red seneca sandstone, and a vestibule. The interior is paneled with beaded tongue and groove.

## Text

The one and a half story Marble Quarry Schoolhouse sheathed with german siding sits on a low hill on the south side of the Martinsburg Road leading from Martinsburg to Dickerson. The one story vestibule of the house opens to the west.

The foundation is red, seneca sandstone. Windows are 6 over 6 mostly, and the gabled roof is standing seam metal, and runs east-west. There is a stepped down vestibule roof, and boxed eaves at the gable ends. There is one brick, interior chimney.

The <sup>north</sup> south facade has 3 windows with plain surrounds, and a cement stoop with a porch roof scar above the door.

The interior has narrow floor boards, half running north-south, half east-west. Beaded tongue and groove paneling covers all the walls and the ceiling. A loft opens to the upper half story. Electric cables and wires drape the space. The vestibule repeats the tongue and groove paneling and narrow floor boards, but has a higher ceiling. A broken lavatory sink hangs askew on the south wall.

The east facade is plain with a louvered window in the roof gable.

The <sup>south</sup> north facade faces dense, chest high greenbriar and burrs. It is nearly parallel in appearance to the <sup>north</sup> south facade with a paneled door directly opposite the <sup>north</sup> south facade door, and 3 windows. However there is also one fixed pane window and a window space in the loft on this facade.

The west facade has a vestibule with one horizontal pane window, an empty door opening and a stepped down, lower roof line than the main roof. Scars of a third porch roof are on the outer vestibule wall, lower than the roofline.

On November 24, 1869, the Board of School Commissioners of Montgomery County designated \$500 to build a school at Marble Quarry. On the last day of the school year, May 7, 1875, Marble Quarry students held a special program with exercises, dialogues, speeches and songs. Isaac Young delivered a speech, complimenting students and teacher with words of praise. "This flourishing school is under the control of the Mr. J. P. Bouic," said Young.

The school is shown on the 1878 Hopkins Atlas.

On June 15, 1885, \$50 for repairs was requested, and the school was cited on February 8, 1887 for excessive fuel bills. On May 3, 1887, the board recommended Marble Quarry unite with Oak Hill school near Poolesville. However this suggestion was not accepted. According to the original school records, the schoolhouse burned down and, on August 1, 1893, \$550 was designated to rebuild it by the following September.

On October 22, 1893 the new schoolhouse, measuring 22 by 32 feet, was insured for \$400. On June 16, 1905, teacher Miss Claudia Clagett held commencement for a "large and enthusiastic crowd." Creighton Jones "rendered fine music on the phonograph." Ice cream and cake was served, although electric refrigeration was yet years away. (Ice came in on the train to Poolesville to serve Elgin Bros soda fountain, and could have been obtained in this way.)

On August 7, 1923 the board heard arguments from Marble Quarry residents whether to continue the school or to transport students to Poolesville. And on November 13, 1923, C. S. Fields received a \$17 a week contract for a "transportation wagon" to bus children from Marble Quarry to school in Poolesville.

The building was used as a dwelling for farm caretakers until recently condemned by the Department of Environmental Protection.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

## Summary

The Marble Quarry School, from 1869 to 1923, taught local youngsters of farmers and stonemasons who were involved in mining the marble used for the pillars of the United States Capitol. The schoolhouse lot was never deeded to the school board, but passed with the surrounding farmland from owner to owner, designated in the land records as "the schoolhouse lot," from 1880 to the present time. The building was used as a dwelling from the 1920s until recently.

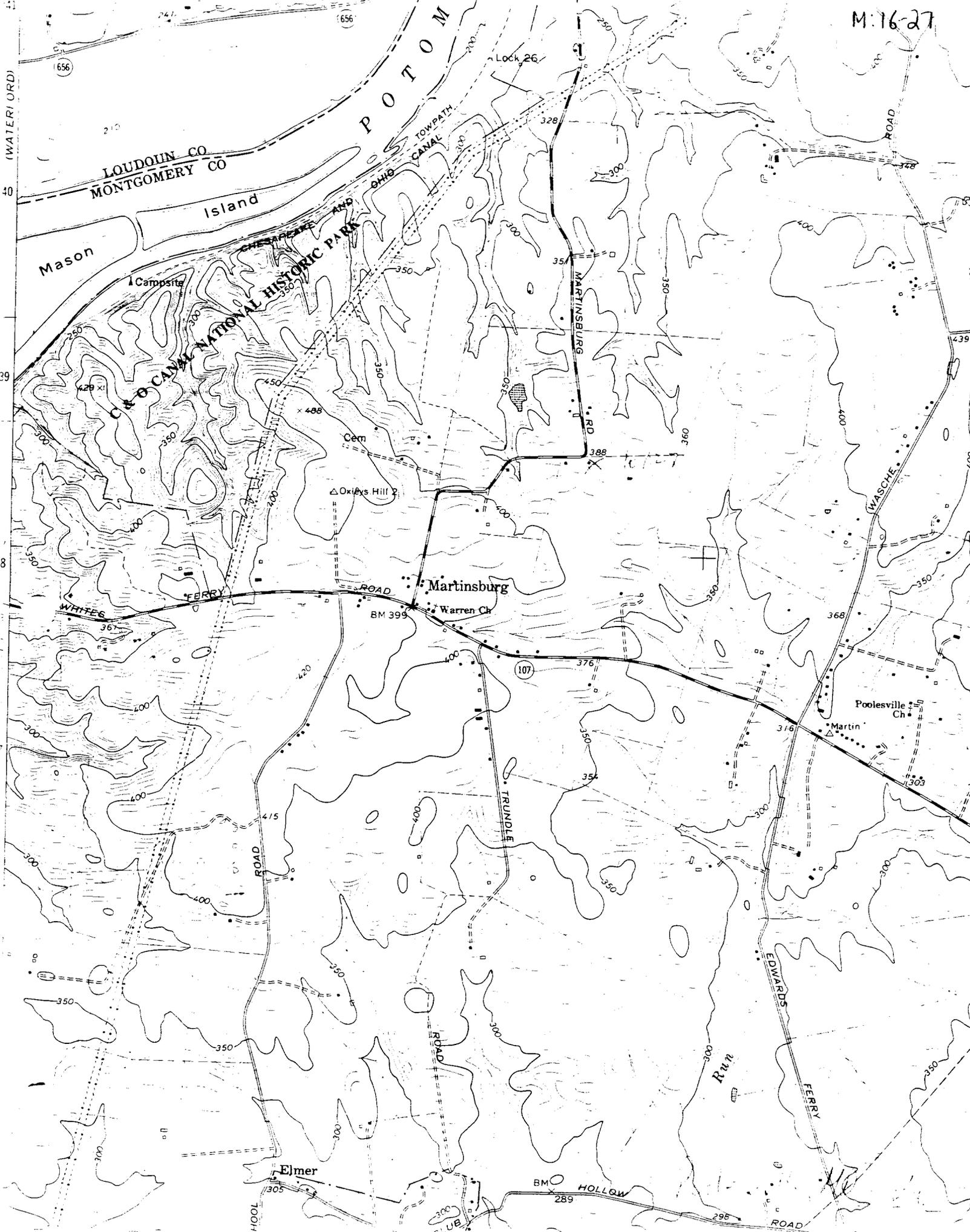
## Text

In 1851 Hezekiah W. Trundle deeded the acreage to John L. T. Jones for \$2650 (JGH 1/50). The schoolhouse lot was not mentioned. As the result of an equity case May 1, 1876, the farm was deeded to Cornelia, Mrs. Jones, by court appointed trustees Spencer C. Jones and Hattersby W. Talbott; the date was December 3, 1878 (EBP 19/207). And on November 26, 1880, Cornelia deeded the 22 1/2 acres to William T. and Alice F. Jones for \$3500 (EBP 23/216). In this deed is the first mention of the one acre schoolhouse lot. Following the metes and bounds description is the phrase, "clear of one acre for the schoolhouse lot."

All the remaining deeds mention the one acre schoolhouse lot. (363/382, 3241/9, 3685/620, 5209/395.)

The Marble Quarry Schoolhouse reflects the name of the quarry found by Benjamin Henry Latrobe in 1816. Latrobe used the breccia marble for the pillars of the United States Capitol, transporting the stone without the help of the 1830 canal. The quarry, but not the schoolhouse, is shown on the 1865 Martenet and Bond map. A very scarce supply of the agglomerate deposit may be found today on a steep hillside between mines 38 and 39 of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, towards





(WATER) ORD

LOUDOUN CO  
MONTGOMERY CO

POTOMAC

Mason Island

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL  
TOWPATH

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK

Campsite

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