

P.G. #81A-13

1926

Clinton "Colored" School
9122 Piscataway Road, Clinton, Md.
Priv/Occ/Social/Excellent

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The present building stands on the site of the first school for "colored" children in Election District #9. This Freedmen's Bureau school opened in 1869, on part of the farm of Mary Surratt (implicated in, and hanged for, the assassination of Abraham Lincoln). Next to the school, on the west, members of the Black community soon built an African Methodist Church, and these two buildings became a focal point for the local Black population. The old one-room school continued in use until 1926 when a new and larger school (the present building) was constructed with Rosenwald funds; it served the Black community of the Surratt's District until the full integration of schools in the early 1950's. In 1955, the building was sold to Clinton American Legion Post #259, which has made the modern alterations. Although the Rosenwald school building is not readily recognizable, it is still a site which is significant in the progress of Black education.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Clinton "Colored" School (Rosenwald)

and/or common Clinton American Legion Post #259

2. Location

street & number 9122 Piscataway Road not for publication

city, town Clinton vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland county P.G.

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 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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Clinton American Legion Post #259

street & number 9122 Piscataway Road telephone no.: 868-5424

city, town Clinton state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G. Co. Courthouse liber 1883

street & number Main Street folio 226

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. P.G. #81A-13

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input 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.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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P.G. Co. Deeds #1883:226; HB #14:37; HB #12:373, 383 Interview with Anne Pinkney Prince; Thomas S. Gwynn, Jr. March 1983
Clinton Times 16 Dec. 1981
Freedmen's Bureau Papers 1868-69

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization History Division M-NCPPC date April 1983

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city or town Riverdale, state Maryland

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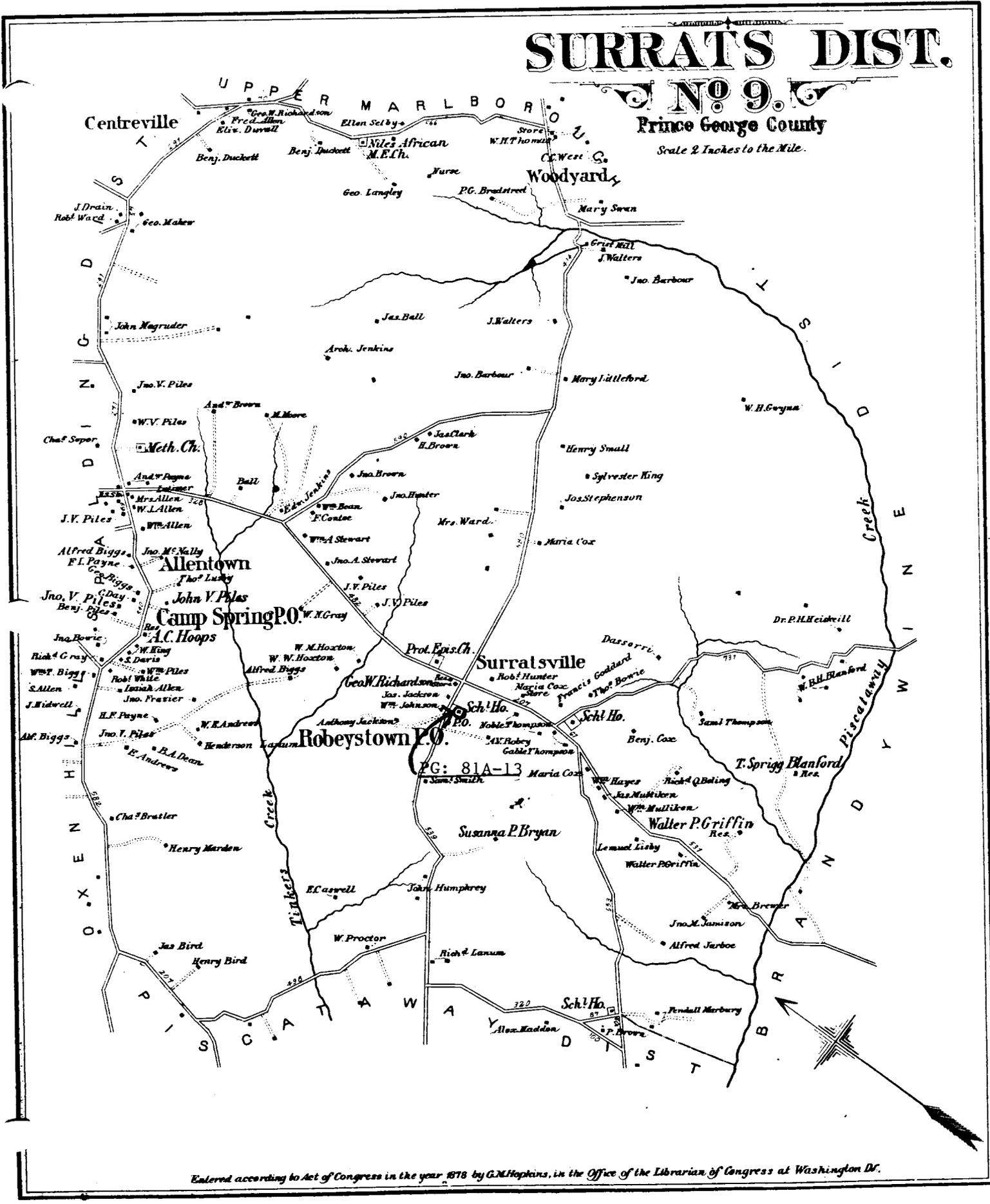
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SURRATS DIST. No. 9.

Prince George County

Scale 2 Inches to the Mile.



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A black and white photograph of a single-story building, identified as the Clinton American Legion Post 259. The building has a dark upper section and a lighter brick lower section. A sign on the roof reads "CLINTON AMERICAN LEGION POST 259". An American flag flies on a tall pole to the left. A striped awning covers the entrance area. Two cars are parked in the foreground. The sky is bright and clear.

CLINTON
AMERICAN LEGION
POST 259

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Clinton (Rosenwald) School
Prince George's County, Md.
Susan G. Pearl
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North elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.