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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Union Grove Schoolhouse
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER *W F of Cumberland Mason Rd*
West side of Mason Road, about 2 miles north of
its intersection with Mill Road
CITY, TOWN
Cumberland XX VICINITY OF Dickens
STATE Maryland CODE 24 COUNTY Allegany CODE 001
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Sixth

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 type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER 4-H Club |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Union Grove Boys 4-H Club Trustees:
W. Wilson, D. Heavener, R. Evans, Betty Evans
STREET & NUMBER
Mason Road
CITY, TOWN
Cumberland VICINITY OF STATE Maryland 21502

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Allegany County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
Prospect Square, Washington Street
CITY, TOWN
Cumberland STATE Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE
_FEDERAL _STATE _COUNTY _LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input 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 Union Grove Schoolhouse is a one-storey frame building, rectangular in plan, containing a single classroom and an entrance vestibule. These rooms are distinguishable on the exterior by differences in their respective roofs: the major roof, that of the classroom, is hipped, ridge on the long axis of the building (roughly east-west); that of the vestibule, on the east elevation, is lower than the main roof, half hipped to the front wall of the classroom, ridge perpendicular to the building axis, with a small gable over the entrance set in the manner of a wall-dormer. The structure is clapboard on the exterior, painted white, with a black asbestos shingle roof. There are widely flaring boards on the foundation. The window frames, simple classical aedicules, are painted black, as is the door and its frame. Muntins are white in all windows. The windows themselves are 4/4 double-hung sash on the east wall (one on either side of the door), tall rectangular 6/6 on the south wall (four bays), and six-pane awning sash in four square windows on the north wall. All eaves are finished with the same simple moulding. All exterior vertical angles are finished with cornerboards. There is a simple brick chimney centered on and set into the north wall.

The interior is divided into a single large rectangular classroom and an entrance, flanked on either side by closets. There is tongue and groove wainscoting around the classroom, with a blackboard across the entire front (west) wall. The window frames are composed of wide reeded moulding with corner roundels.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| 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 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"/> CCMMERCE | <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 1905

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Union Grove Schoolhouse is the last remaining one-room schoolhouse on its original site and in unaltered condition, interior and exterior, in Allegany County. It represents a method of education which was once the norm for the entire region and is now a rarity.

It was built in 1905 to replace the old Wilson Academy, which stands nearby on Bedford Road, now converted to a residence. The name was changed to Dicken School until 1920, when it was changed to Union Grove Academy. It remained in use as a one-room schoolhouse until 1949, when it was deeded to the Union Grove 4-H Club, the current owners and users. The building has recently been restored by the club and interested local residents. The only change from the original is the omission of the gabeled ventilators which once sat on the hips of the main roof.

The building fits into no particular style, although certain details may be interpreted as classical. The composition, proportions and execution of detail are very fine.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records of Allegany County, Courthouse, Cumberland, Maryland.

Information from Helen Straw Hinkle, Allegany County Historian, and the Heritage Press of the Preservation Society of Allegany County.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY one-half acre

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #1.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE John Hnedak, MHT/SHA Preservation Planner 1 km
Mei Collins and Mary Miltenberger, Allegany County Committee

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| ORGANIZATION | DATE |
| <u>Maryland Historical Trust</u> | <u>1977-78</u> |
| STREET & NUMBER | TELEPHONE |
| <u>21 State Circle</u> | <u>(301) 269-2438</u> |
| CITY OR TOWN | STATE |
| <u>Annapolis</u> | <u>Maryland 21401</u> |

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

John H. Pearce 7/27/78

TITLE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLANNER

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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|---|---------------------------------|
| <i>Charles W. ...</i> | DATE <u>7-24-78</u> |
| DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION | KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER |
| ATTEST <i>Cuma Jane Saxe</i> | DATE <u>7-23-78</u> |
| KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER | |
| <i>Regional Coordinator</i> | |

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description

BEGINNING for the same at an apple tree with two forks and marked with six notches on each fork, standing about seventy-five feet on the North side of the Rocky Gap Branch and on the North Edge of the Rocky Gap County Road near the Mouth of said Branch, and near the "Smouse Camp Ground" in Election District No. 21, and running thence North 45 degrees West 8 perches to a planted stone, then South 45 degrees West 8 perches to a point between a large flat stone and locust tree with three notches, standing on the bank of Rocky Gap Branch, then South 50 degrees East 8 perches to a stone planted on the bank of Rocky Gap Branch and witnessed by three small trees with three notches each, and then 45 degrees East 7¼ perches to the beginning, containing one-half acre, more or less.

Being the same property conveyed by the Board of Education of Allegany County, a corporation, to George C. Smith, Harry C. Gillum, and Charles E. Drake, Trustees of the Union Grove Community Club by deed dated the 21st day of April, 1928, and recorded among the Land Records of Allegany County, Maryland in Liber No. 159, folio 226.

TOGETHER with the improvements thereon and the rights, roads, ways, waters, privileges and appurtenances the reunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.