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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM  
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

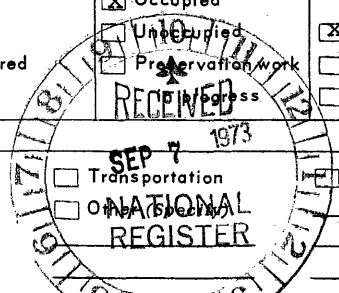
**1. NAME**

COMMON: <b>Conduit Road Schoolhouse</b>
AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: <b>4954 MacArthur Boulevard, N.W.</b>			
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Washington</b>		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: <b>Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy, D.C.</b>	
STATE: <b>District of Columbia</b>	CODE <b>11</b>	COUNTY: <b>District of Columbia</b>	CODE <b>001</b>

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other Special
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
<div style="text-align: center;">  </div>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Comments			<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

**4. AGENCY**

<b>Department of the Interior, National Park Service</b>			
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable) <b>National Capital Parks</b>		STREET AND NUMBER: <b>1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.</b>	
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Washington</b>		STATE: <b>District of Columbia</b>	CODE <b>11</b>

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: <b>National Capital Parks</b>			
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CITY OR TOWN: <b>Washington</b>		STATE: <b>District of Columbia</b>	CODE <b>11</b>

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: <b>National Park Service survey in compliance with Executive Order 11593</b>			
DATE OF SURVEY: <b>1972</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: <b>National Capital Parks</b>			
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

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Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated  Ruins  Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered  Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved  Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Conduit Road Schoolhouse, which faces Northeast on MacArthur Boulevard is a one-story one-room clapboard building with a brick foundation. It is a simple rectangular structure, with a recent small addition on the southeast corner of the back. It was designed by a District of Columbia government architect and reflects bare mid-Victorian style typical of government schoolhouses in the late 1800's.

The gabled roof of the building is covered with asphalt tiles and has a small brick chimney at the rear.

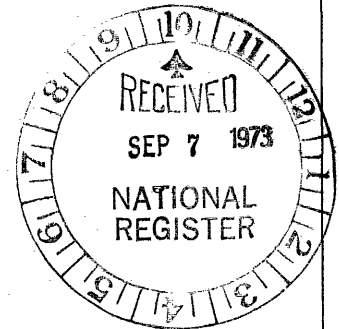
The schoolhouse is 27'5" across the front and 40'5" long on the sides. The front of the building has entry ways near either corner with doors measuring 2'9" x 6'10". Each entry has a small three-paned window above the door. A circular vent is located on the front side close to the roof peak.

The sides of the building each include four evenly spaced shuttered windows, 3'3" wide by 5'6" high. The windows are double hung, each six paned. The rear of the building includes an entry on the northeast corner with a door measuring 2'9" by 6'10". The schoolhouse is painted beige-pink with beige trim.

The interior presently houses a collection of children's books in French and Spanish and is used for language classes for children. The building is not fully restored as a one room schoolhouse appeared in 1874, though it does have period desks, lighting fixtures, blackboards and an original school clock.

The Conduit Road Schoolhouse stands on the sidewalk, six feet from MacArthur Boulevard, a heavily travelled city street and commuter route. Northeast of the building is the Palisades Park and directly across MacArthur Boulevard is an arm of Battery Kemble Park.

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**8. 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) **1874**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Conduit Road Schoolhouse was built on Conduit Road, now MacArthur Boulevard, in 1874. It has long been known as the Old Schoolhouse.

The original school on the site was built in 1864, but was burned in 1874. It was replaced by the present building in time to re-open in September 1874. It is the only remaining one-room schoolhouse in the Nation's capital.

The school closed in 1928 and the building was converted into a library. In 1965, the new Palisades branch of the public library was opened and the destruction of the Old Schoolhouse became imminent. However, the Palisades citizens association urged preservation of the building and its use by the Children's Museum.

At present, the Children's Museum houses a collection of French and Spanish children's books in the schoolhouse and uses the building for classes in languages.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

National Park Service, National Capital Parks files  
 1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.  
 Washington, D.C. 20242

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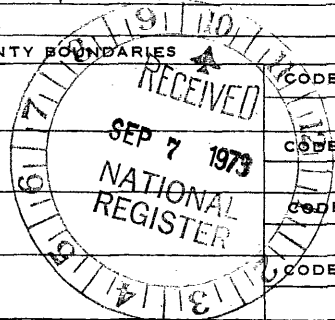
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than one acre**

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Helen Dillon, Historian** DATE: **Nov. 27, 1972**

BUSINESS ADDRESS: **National Capital Parks**

STREET AND NUMBER: **1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.** PHONE: **426-6957**

CITY OR TOWN: **Washington** STATE: **District of Columbia** CODE: **11**

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:  
 Yes  
 No  
 None

*[Signature]*  
 State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is  National  State  Local

*Russ Dickenson* **4/21/73**  
 Federal Representative Signature Date  
 Dir, Nat'l. Cap. Parks  
 Title

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

*Robert H. Utley*  
~~Associate Director, Professional Services~~  
 Associate Director, Professional Services  
 Date **11/30/73**

ATTEST:

*Charles H. Ferring*  
 acting Keeper of The National Register  
 Date **11-29-73**