

**Department of Historic Resources  
Reconnaissance Level Survey**

**Loudoun**

**DHR Id#: 053-5116-0014**

**Resource Identification**

Property Name(s): ..... Willisville School {Historic}  
 Property Date: ..... 1921  
 Address(s): ..... 33910 Welbourne Road {Current}  
 County/Independent City: Loudoun  
 City: ..... Willisville  
 State, Zip: ..... Virginia  
 Tax Parcel: ..... 658-40-5003-000  
 USGS Quad Name: ..... BLUEMONT  
 Surrounding area: ..... Hamlet  
 Restricted location data?: No

**National Register Eligibility Status**  
 Property is Historic (50 years or older)

**Resource Description**

Ownership Status: ..... Private  
 Acreage: ..... 3.0

**Primary Resource Exterior Component Description:**

<u>Component</u>	<u>Comp Type/Form</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Material Treatment</u>
Foundation	Foundation - Solid	Stone	Foundation - Random Rubble
Structural System	Structural System - Frame	Wood	other
Windows	Windows - Sash, double-hung	Wood	Windows - 4/4
Windows	Windows - Sash, double-hung	Wood	Windows - 6/6
Windows	Windows - Sash, double-hung	Wood	other
Roof	Roof - Gable, front	Metal	Roof - Standing Seam
Chimneys	Chimneys - Exterior end	Brick	Chimneys - Common Bond
Chimneys	Chimneys - Interior	Brick	Chimneys - Corbeled Cap
Porch	Porch - 1-story	Wood	Porch - Columns, Tuscan

**Site Description:** ..... The house faces south onto Welbourne Road and is located on the NE corner of the intersection of Welbourne Road and Willisville Road (Route 623). A gravel drive stands to the east of the house and a split-rail fence and historic stone wall edge the west and south edges of the property. An historic, terraced area is located to the north of the drive.

**Secondary Resource Desc:** A 1-story, frame privy is located to the north of the house, just before a tree line along the northern edge of the property. There is a private cemetery located to the east of the gravel drive, on the other side of a privacy fence and tree line.

**WUZIT Count:**

<u>No.</u>	<u>Wuzit Types</u>	<u>Historic?</u>
1	School	Historic
1	Privy	Historic
1	Cemetery	Historic

**NR Resource Count:**



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*Cemetery(s) Ethnic Affiliation*

Cemetery System ID: 601759  
African-American

**Bridge Information**

**National Register Eligibility Information (Intensive Level Survey)**

Historic Context(s): ..... Education  
Ethnic/Immigration  
Funerary

Historic Time Period(s): ..... Q- World War I to World War II (1914-1945)

**Significance Statement:** The former slaves of the Carters, Dulany and Seatons formed the African American hamlet of Willisville. The Willisville name likely comes from Hanson and Lucinda Willis, to whom Townsend L. Seaton and his wife Mary deeded a cabin and one acre of land on November 7, 1874. At that time, the Willis's were the only black family in the area to own their land and house.

A one-room schoolhouse, which also served as the Willisville Church on Sundays, was built in 1868. The schoolhouse, possibly sponsored by the Northern Quaker groups and Freedman's Bureau, burned in 1917. After the land was deeded to the school board, the Mercer District School Board built a new school in 1921.

In 1924, Mary D. Neville, a white landowner living in the Willisville area, proposed to finance the building of a new Willisville church if residents were able to collect the first \$1,000 dollars necessary for construction. Church trustees Frank Henderson, Moses Peterson, William Gaskins, Dudley Gaskins and Daniel Hampton led the fundraising effort and collected the initial \$1,000 dollars. According to local residents, Neville designed the stone church, modeling the building on a French country chapel. With construction costs at approximately \$6,500 dollars, the building is reputedly one of the most expensive black churches in Loudoun County. Builder John Allison executed the woodwork for the building and Albert Hall and James Jackson completed the stone masonry.

**Bibliographic Documentation**

Reference #: 1

Bibliographic RecordType: ..... Report

Author: ..... Thomas E. Sims, Jr.

Citation Abbreviation: .....

Notes: ..... "Inspection and Survey Report." This is an evaluation and description of Loudoun county Schools in 1940 by a special agent of the Garrett Insurance Agency of Leesburg, Virginia. Evaluations available in the "Public Schools" vertical file at the Thomas Balch Library in Leesburg, Virginia.

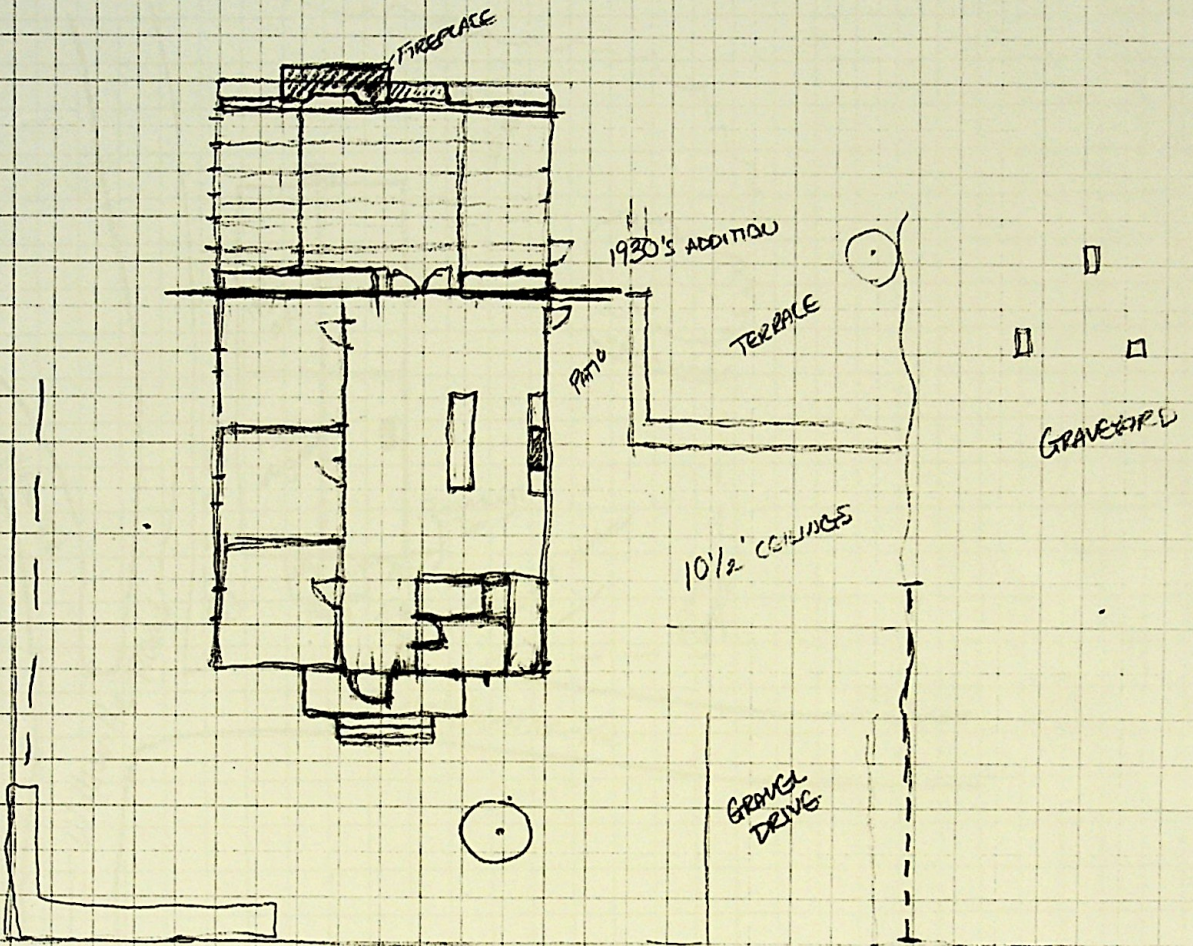
**Ownership Information**



**INTERIOR FLOORPLAN**

Date 1/7/03


North Arrow ↑



33910 WELBOURNE RD.

DANIEL ROBINSON  
MARIA - 1891

SITE PLAN  
Date 5/9/02

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