#### Resource Identification

Property Name(s): ..... Willisville School {Historic}

Property Date: ..... 1921

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?.

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

## Resource Description

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

Primary Resource Exterior Componant Description:	

Component	Comp Type/Form	Material	Material Treatment
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:				
No.	Wuzit Types	Historic?		
1	School	Historic		
1	Privy	Historic		
1	Cemetery	Historic		

NR Resource Count:

# Department of Historic Resources Reconnaissance Level Survey

## Loudoun

DHR Id#: 053-5116-0014

## **Individual Resource Information**

WUZIT:			
Est. Date of Construction:  Primary Resource?  Interior Plan Type:  Description: There are appro		Accessed?	0.0 None Known
WUZIT:	. Privy		
Est. Date of Construction:		Accessed?	No Not accessible
Primary Resource?	No	Number of Stories:	
Interior Plan Type:		Threats to Resource:	
Description: This 1-story, fra	me, vertical-board clad privy features a shee	d-roof with exposed rafter tails.	
YUZIT:	School	3.1922	
st. Date of Construction:	1921 {Written Data}	Accessed?	Yes
rimary Resource?	Yes	Number of Stories:	1.0
rchitectural Style:	Other	Condition:	
terior Plan Type:		Threats to Resource:	None Known
Description: Though modified	I, the historic form of this 1-story, frame scl		iginal 1921 portion of the

German-siding clad schoolhouse features a front-gable roof with cornice returns and two fixed, 6-light windows in the gable. A 1-story, porch with a pediment stands on the facade or south gable-end. A 1-story addition from the north gable end was built in 1934, possibly with funding from the Public Works Administration. The 1921 section of the school contains three 6/6 windows on its east and west elevations. The 1934 addition features a bank of five 12/12 windows on the west elevation. A large brick chimney has been added at the north gable-end.

A partial basement or crawl space is located below the 1-story porch on the south gable-end or façade. The foundation is dry-laid, random rubble stone and the floorboards are pit-sawn. Only the SE quarter of the foundation has been excavated as a basement.

The interior of the school contains random-width, pine flooring secured by square-head nails. The ceilings are approximately 10 ½ feet tall. The ceilings of the 1934 addition are coffered and beamed and some of the flooring is random width. This was likely done ca. 1960 when the school was converted into a house. Most of the interior room divisions in the 1921 section were added in the late 1950s and early 1960s. The 1934 addition retains its original, open-floor plan but the ceiling beams, a Colonial Revival fireplace and built-in cabinetry has been added.

## Cemetery Information

Cemetery System ID:	601759	1		
Religious Affiliation:	Unknown	Marked Gran	ves? Marked	
Artistic Values:	Low	Approx. No.	of Gravestones: 11 to 25	
Current Use:	Private	Earliest Mar	ked Death Date: 1891/09/10	
Enclosure Type:		Latest Marke	ed Death Date: 1922/07/99	
Associated Dead:	Individual's Name	Marker Type:	Birth Date:	Death Date:
	S., Maria	1	9999/99/99	1891/09/10
	Robinson, Daniel	1	9999/99/99	9999/99/99
	Brewer, Chrissa	1	1852/99/99	1922/07/99

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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

Significance Statement:

The former slaves of the Carters, Dulanys 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 deed 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**

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** 

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Name: ..... Tom Pratt

Upperville

Zip: State: Virginia

Relation to the Property: Occupant

## **Graphic Media Documentation**

Medium	Depository ID #	Photo Depository	Date	File Name	
B&W 35mm Photos	20104-31		2002/05/09		
B&W 35mm Photos	20104-32		2002/05/09		
B&W 35mm Photos	20104-33		2002/05/09		
B&W 35mm Photos	20104-34		2002/05/09		
B&W 35mm Photos	20352-21		2002/05/09		
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B&W 35mm Photos	20352-30		2002/05/09		

Country:

## Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Events

CRM Event # 1,

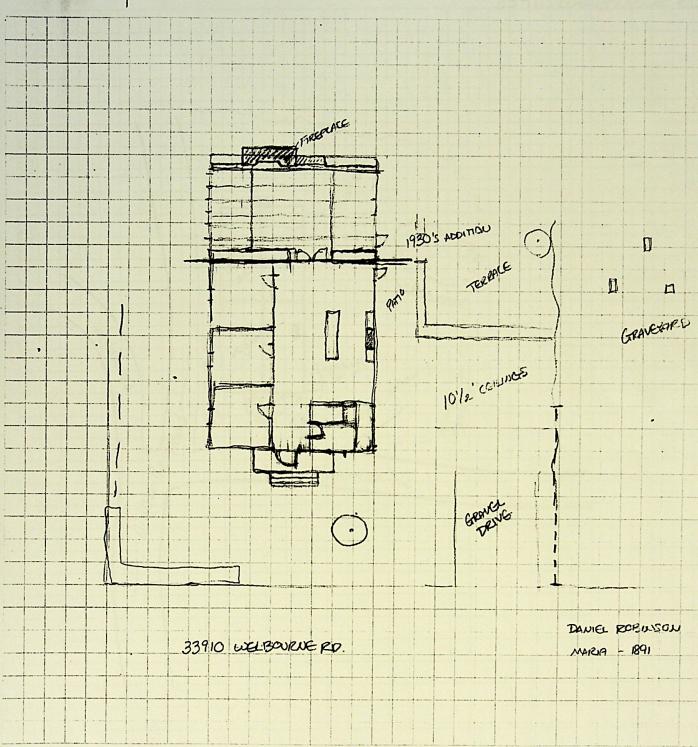
Cultural Resource Management Event: Intensive Survey
Date: 2002/05/09
Organization or Person: History Matters

CRM Event Notes or Comments: .....

INTERIOR FLOORPLAN

Date 1/7/03

North Arrow



SITE PLAN 5/9/02

