



81B-003 Thrift Schoolhouse

11110 Thrift Road

Clinton

(M-NCPPC)

Constructed c. 1884, this one-story, three-bay school-house is of wood-frame construction. Changes to the county's economy that occurred from the end of the Civil War (1861–1865) to the turn of the twentieth century are still visible in the landscape of southern Prince George's County. During this period, agriculture, while remaining the dominant form of livelihood, transitioned from large plantations to small farms. Schoolhouses were constructed in locations central to a district to serve the educational needs of rural communities composed of these small farms. Constructed for white students in the county, this school served several communities until a new, more convenient site for a school was chosen in 1909. The building is scheduled for restoration.