



87A-057 Black Swamp School

19011 Croom Road

Brandywine

Officially “Colored School No. 2, District 8,” Black Swamp School served as a replacement for the Freedmen’s School in Horsehead constructed in 1878. The new school, built in 1899, gained its colorful appellation from its proximity to Black Swamp Creek. Converted to a residence in 1930, it was replaced by the Poplar Hill School (Historic Site 87A-012). Typically, enrollment in the one-room school reached a high of 34 during the spring session, but average attendance ranged between 11 and 18 students. The building is protected by a preservation easement held by The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and is currently undergoing a complete restoration.