

6. SCHOOLS

Although a school at Knight's Corner (Joppa today) was established in 1723, the Harford County Board of Education was not established until 1865¹, and Harford County Schools were not fully integrated from grades 1 through 12 until the 1965-66 school year.

- **School For Blacks**

Schools for black children were less numerous than for whites. For most of the segregated school history, the entire Election District 4 (Norrisville, Jarrettsville, Upper Crossroads) only had four schools with the "c-4" designation. The schools were Federal Hill (4c-4), LaGrange (3c-4), West Liberty (2c-4) and Fairview (1c-4). Fairview was located at the southeast end of Cooptown at the intersection of West Jarrettsville and High Point Roads, the border of Election Districts 3 and 4. Only West Liberty, near Upper Crossroads, was not located in the Jarrettsville Precinct No. 2. For a brief period, there was a colored school in Precinct 1 at Carea, east of Norrisville.

The Fairview 1875 trustees were Thomas Moore, George Turner, and David Presbury. This was the earliest record found regarding 1c-4. Although Fairview was mentioned when trustees were named or summaries of colored schools were made, little else was recorded about it.

When new desks were ordered for white school 7-3, Hickory, in 1888, the old desks were 'handed down' to Fairview.² Charles Bond and Edward Jackson were appointed trustees of "Fairview, col." according to *The Aegis & Intelligencer* of 6-may-1898.

The 3-mar-1899 *The Aegis & Intelligencer* "Proceedings of the School commission" contained:

The secretary was directed to write to the teacher and trustees at Fairview colored school that unless the average attendance materially improves, it will be necessary to close the school for want of patronage.

The Aegis & Intelligencer of 11-aug-1899 contained a geological survey that reported the elevation of schools around the county: "... Fairview school house, (colored) 581 feet ...".



The second building that served as the 1c-4 Fairview Colored School still stands at 2326 High Point Road next to the Fairview AME Church, was later used as the church's parsonage and, in 2005, was a rental property.

In 1901, Stewart Lowe's estimate of \$14.⁵⁰ for modest repairs was accepted by the board.³

In the 1906-1907 school year, Thomas Amos, Charles Bond, and William Turner were trustees.⁴

By the mid-to-late 1920s a new school was erected (pictured), and for a while both buildings served the community.⁵