

Little Orleans Methodist Church  
AL-1-C-023  
Orleans Road  
Little Orleans  
1868

This church is a small rectangular log structure in rural eastern Allegany County. It was built in 1868 by the trustees of the church, two of whom were Frederick Lutterell, and Frederick Lineberg. These two men both owned log houses in Little Orleans (A1-1-A-042 and A1-1-C-022). The church was a Methodist Episcopal, one of many of that denomination located in Allegany County in the late 19th century. The logs of the building have been covered with weatherboard, and it is an inpretentious structure, but it is a reminder of the importance of religion to farming families in eastern Allegany County.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Little Orleans Methodist Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER Orleans Road Sixth

CITY, TOWN Little Orleans VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland 21766 COUNTY Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Methodist Church Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Little Orleans VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21766

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 45  
Folio #: 699

STREET & NUMBER 30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN Cumberland STATE Maryland 21502

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Little Orleans Methodist Church stands on the eastern side of Orleans Road in Little Orleans.

The church consists of a small rectangular log structure covered with weatherboard. It rests on a low stone foundation of random rubble partially sheathed with cement with a plain water table. The gable front roof is covered with ribbed tin. Eaves consist of a cornice and soffit. A pipe chimney is on the interior.

The entrance in the center of the northwestern facade is covered by a small hip roof supported by chamfered wooden posts. The door has five recessed panels and original hardware. Windows are obscured by closed wooden shutters of vertical slats with original hardware.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> .PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> _ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> _COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> _LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X_RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> _1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> _ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> _CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> _LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> _SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> _1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X_AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> _ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> _LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> _SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> _1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> _ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> _EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> _MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> _SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> _1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> _ART	<input type="checkbox"/> _ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> _MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> _THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X_1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> _COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> _EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> _PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> _TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> _1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> _COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> _INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> _POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> _OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> _INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES **1868**

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This church is made of logs, following a county-wide building practice of using logs as functional building material. The church was built in 1868, following the donation of an acre of land to the trustees of the church by Henry Appel.<sup>(1)</sup> Appel had a 113 acre tract of land in Little Orleans, known as "Sparking Camp Improved." On March 16, 1868, he agreed to sell for one dollar an acre to the church trustees, "whenever a church should be built and completed."<sup>(2)</sup>

The land was not actually deeded to the trustees until December 19, 1871, by Appel's heir, Rose Ann Lineberg.<sup>(3)</sup> The deed says that "the said trustees have built and completed a church upon said acre of land."<sup>(4)</sup> The trustees were Frederick B. Lutterell (owner of AL-1-A-042), Frederick Lineberg (husband of Rose Ann Lineberg), Hezekiah Shipley, John Weaver, and John W. Appel.<sup>(5)</sup>

The church was a Methodist Episcopal Church, one of many of that denomination located in Allegany County. In the last quarter of the 19th century, nearly half of the county's churches were Methodist.<sup>(6)</sup>

The eastern section of the county has always been predominantly rural and agricultural. In 1881, there were 1,016 people living in the area between Sideling Hill Creek and Green Ridge, the Orleans District, and these people "led a relatively contained existence."<sup>(7)</sup> There were one Catholic and four Methodist Episcopal churches which "furnished centers for organized social life" for the people in the Orleans District.<sup>(8)</sup> This church was most likely one of those Methodist Episcopal churches mentioned.

Although this church is a small, impretentious log structure, it is a memorial to the importance of religion to farming families of Little Orleans in eastern Allegany County.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 Acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

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CITY OR TOWN  
Cumberland

STATE  
Maryland 21502

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Footnotes

- (1) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 34, Folio 699
- (2) Ibid
- (3) Ibid
- (4) Ibid
- (5) Ibid
- (6) Harry Stegmaier, et al. Allegany County- A History  
(Parsons, W Va.: McClain Printing Co.), P.248
- (7) Ibid, P258-259
- (8) Ibid, P.259

INVENTORY NO: # 32

DATE: 7/28/78

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor Size of Aol - 1-C-23

NAME OF PROPERTY: Little Orleans Methodist 45/699

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: ~~Churches here prior to 1878~~ 18/428

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: 300° NW 577/156 - ~~panoramic~~

MAP 44 NAME OF OWNER: parcel 33 Orleans Methodist Church - no leaf

ADDRESS: 1 Acre. 1/2 James Puffenberger et al (call James Puffenberger)  
17 X 9 1/2 perches

STORIES: 1(✓) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1(✓) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (✓) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- ( ) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- ( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- (✓) LOG
- ( ) OTHER: Coverings log sills evident

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone sheathed w/ cement random rubble

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
closed with vertical slat shutters w/ orig hardware  
pegged( ) nailed( ) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )

wood frame slipsill

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: center NW 5 ham. recessed architrave trim panels  
HARDWARE: original(✓) replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN recessed entrance w/ wood  
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards porch hip roof w/ 2 chamfered  
wood posts cornice & pilasters

Basement opening in rear

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original(✓) replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original( ) replaced(✓)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(✓) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 pipe chimney Brick( ) Stone( ) Corbeled( ) original( ) replaced(✓)  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior(✓)

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Deed made Jan 31, 1876

USE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNIFICANCE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE CONSTRUCTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CONDITION: \_\_\_\_\_

INTERIOR

AL-I-C-023

85-2-1-SA

FLOOR PLAN:

- ( ) CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- ( ) SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- ( ) IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- ( ) ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- ( ) OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- ( ) DOG-LEG
- ( ) DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- ( ) SPIRAL
- ( ) ROUNDED
- ( ) SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- ( ) PLASTER
- ( ) paneled: original; replaced
- ( ) BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
 LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal  
 MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush  
 HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- ( ) PLAIN
- ( ) ARCHITRAVE
- ( ) SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) FLUTED
- ( ) FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

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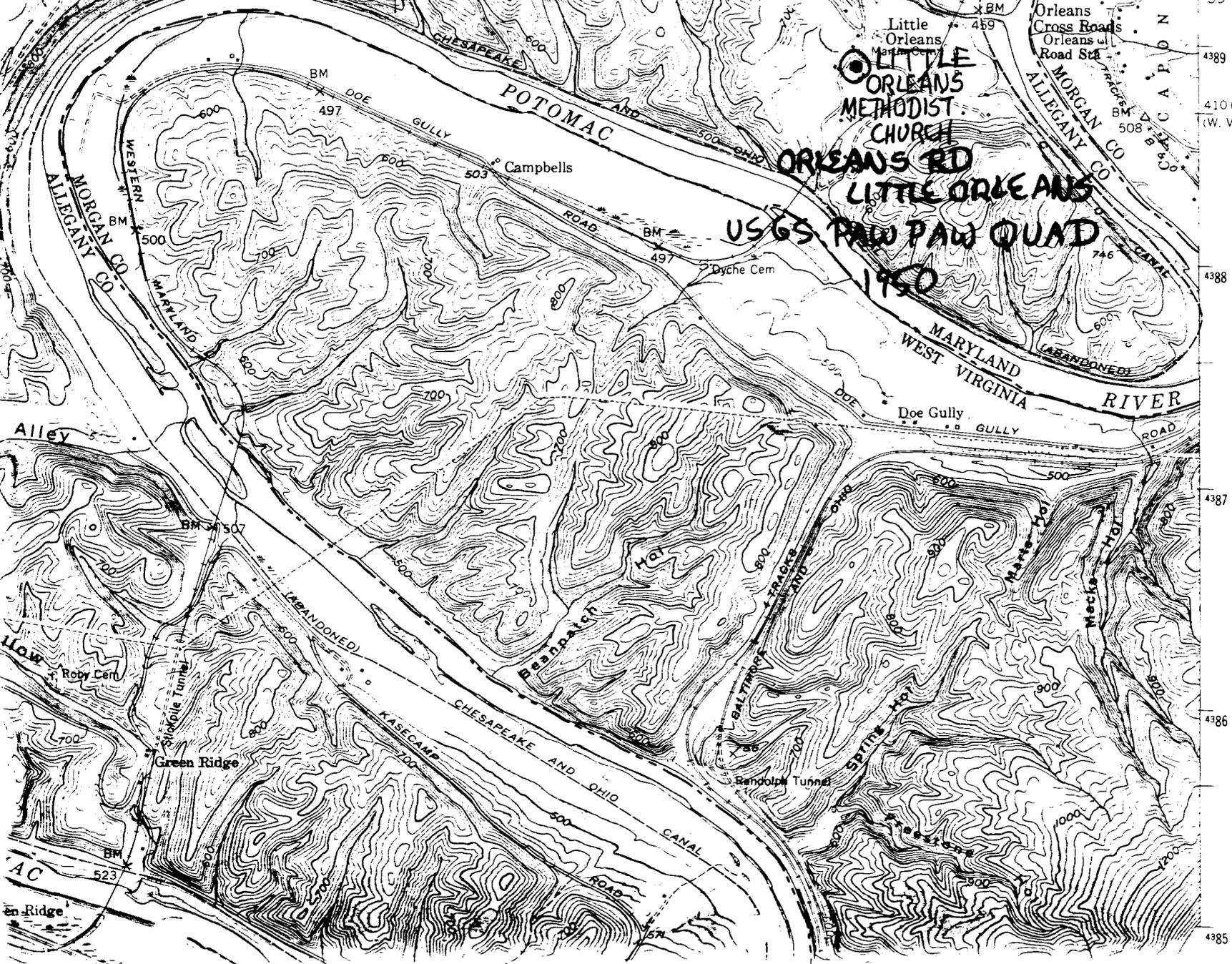


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PAW PAW QUADRANGLE  
WEST VIRGINIA-MARYLAND  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
SW/4 PAW PAW 15' QUADRANGLE

5363 III NE  
(BELLEGROVE)

NW (MAS) 721 25' 722 723 2 310 000 FEET (W. VA.) 724 725 78°22'30" 39°37'30"



**LITTLE ORLEANS METHODIST CHURCH**  
**ORLEANS RD**  
**LITTLE ORLEANS**  
**USGS PAW PAW QUAD**  
**1150**

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