SHAFT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AL-V-A-054
Shaft, Maryland
1875

The Shaft United Methodist Church consists of a single story, three bay wide, rectangular block with church tower. The church was built in 1875 out of the development of the mining town of Shaft. Services were held in private homes or outdoors prior to building of the church as it was a part of worship circuit including Woodland, Carlos, Allegany and Shaft.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Shaft United Methodist Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Intersection Shaft Road

CITY, TOWN

Shaft X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	X RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		X NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Trustees Shaft Methodist Congregation Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Shaft

CITY, TOWN

Shaft X VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 273

Folio #: 96

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	X UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
X FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Shaft United Methodist Church is located on the west side of the intersection of Shaft Road in Shaft, Allegany County.

The Shaft United Methodist Church is a single story, three bay wide, rectangular block which rests on a low stone foundation. The church is a frame structure that has been covered with novelty siding. The roof is gabled with a soffit and frieze and covered with replaced asphalt shingles. The main facade is dominated by an enclosed, gable-roofed entranced porch. The porch is flanked by two lancet windows. Four stained glass windows with cornices ornament the building's north and south sides. The main facade is further emphasized by a small louvered belfry. A single, original, corbeled brick chimney is located at the outside end on the west side.

A substantial rear addition abuts the church on its west side. The building is covered in novelty siding and rests on a high stone foundation. It is topped by a hipped roof covered with asphalt roofing material. Windows in the structure are a combination of six over six lights and six over one lights.

Both the church and its rear addition are in fair condition and retain much of their original fabric and appearance.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	X RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1875 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Shaft United Methodist Church was obtained by deed and built in 1875. Prior to this time the site and all of Shaft was part of a large estate farmed by slaves. By 1850 coal mining became important in the area and the small settlement of Shaft grew and developed directly from the production of the nearby mine. The settlement was first served by circuit riders consisting mostly of the Methodist faith. In the early service of the circuit riders, the meetings were held in private homes or out doors, evidenced by writings in an old Bible donated for use by Christian A. Robb 1867. By 1875, the congregation had built a meeting place and continued to be a part of the rural circuit including Woodland, Carlos, Allegany and Shaft. The church continues to be part of the Midland charge and is a reminder of a way of faith once found in Allegany County.

"Highlights in the History of the Shaft, Methodist Church"dedicated to William Walker

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .66 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE: John Nelson & Joan Baldwin	
ORGANIZATION: Allegany County Historic Sites Surveyors	DATE: 1/5/77
STREET & NUMBER: 507 National Highway	TELEPHONE: 777-8991
CITY OR TOWN: LaVale,	STATE: Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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

PS-1108

INVENTORY NO. Al-U-A-054 273/96

DATE: 12/15/76 .66 Acre

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Shaft United Methodist Church

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Intersection Shaft Rd

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: East

NAME OF OWNER: Trustees Shaft Meth Congregation

ADDRESS:

Shaft M.D

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Front Entrance gable - Rear School Add-Sq. Hipped Roof

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular) Louvered Tower

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 Novelty Siding

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS Plain
FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE
WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( ) Stained glass
Lancet & Regular pegged ( ) nailed( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: East
HARDWARE: original( ) replaced(✓)
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

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 BRICK(✓) STONE(-) CORBELED( ) original(✓) replaced ( )
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end(✓) Central( ) Interior ( )

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:
Use - Church
Significance - Arch
Date Constructed - 1875
Condition - Good

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Shaft United Methodist Church
Shaft, MD.
USGS - Frostburg Quad
1:24,000
1949

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Shaft United Methodist
Church
Shaft Rd.
Shaft
12/15/76
Sean Baldwin
Southwest

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Shaft United Methodist
Church
Shaft Rd.
Shaft
12/15/76
Joan Baldwin
northwest