

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT

AL-VI-B-043
Church Hill, Midland
1891

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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AL-VI-B-043

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC St. Joseph's Convent
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Church Hill
CITY, TOWN Midland VICINITY OF Sixth CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegheny

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 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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 St. Joseph Catholic Church Telephone #: 463-2877
STREET & NUMBER Church Hill
CITY, TOWN Midland VICINITY OF Maryland STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Allegheny County Courthouse Liber #: 284
STREET & NUMBER 30 Washington Street Folio #: 400
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

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. Joseph's Convent is located on Church Hill in Midland, Allegany County.

St. Joseph's Convent is a large frame two and a half story six bay wide, rectangular structure. The building is covered with novelty siding and rests on a low stone foundation. The roof is hipped with a bracketed cornice and covered with asphalt shingles. Four peaked dormers interrupt the roof line while the main facade is topped by a hipped roof dormer with a cross. Windows in the structure are double hung wooden sash frames with one over one lights. In addition, windows on the main facade have triangular pediments. The main entrance is located on the east side of the convent and features a door with original hardware, horizontal panels and a transom light. The entrance is covered by a two sided hip roofed wrap around porch. A small rectangular, two story addition abuts the main block on the west side. The addition has a gable roof that is also covered with asphalt shingles. The first floor of the addition has a pilastered and arched entrance way that is covered with fish scale shingles. Adjoining the arcade is a hipped roof entrance way supported by chamfered columns. The convent has a single, original, brick chimney located at the inside gable end.

The convent is in good to excellent condition and retains much of its original fabric and appearance.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" 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"/> 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	1897	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Joseph's Parish dates back to 1891 when it became the first Catholic Church in Midland. An architect from Baltimore by the name of Stack drew up the plans for the building, which was built rather rapidly due to the desire of the people in the little coal mining town of Midland to have their own church. The Rev. Peter Manning of St. Mary's in Lonaconing held the First Holy Mass on Christmas Day of 1891. In 1898, the Parish received its first resident pastor, an Italian Priest of Nobel birth - Reverend Don Luigi Sartori.

Of particular significance to the St. Joseph's Parish are the three bells in which Don Luigi Sartori had installed in the Church Tower in 1898. The largest weighs 2000 pounds, has a diameter of 46 inches, and rings out an E. natural. They were cast by the McShane Bell Foundry of Baltimore.

A new larger church was completed in 1967. The bells mentioned above were all that was left when the original church was torn down. A memorial was placed in front of the property, which includes the original three bells, which have been refinished, electrified, and remounted.

The Convent was first begun in 1897 to serve as residence for the Nuns of St. Joseph's. It stands architecturally similar to the way it did when built.

* "Solemn Blessing and Dedication of the New Church, School and Rectory and the Commemoration of the completion of Seventy Five Years," Sunday, October 15, 1967. (A booklet)

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4.32 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

12/10/76

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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

INVENTORY NO. A1-VI-B-043

284/400
4.32 acres

DATE: 11/26/76

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: St. Joseph's Convent

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Church Hill, Midland

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: 116° East

NAME OF OWNER: St. Joseph Catholic Church

ADDRESS: Midland 463-2877

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: REAR 2 BAY 2 STORY FRAME

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
- () ICG
- () Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS

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()
CORNICE PEDESTAL pegged () nailed () wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

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

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) scalloped Brackets
original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, LANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, TORNERS # 5 Architrave
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced() 4 CABLE

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable() WRAP AROUND 3 SIDES 1 FAN LIGHT HIP W/ CROSS

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK() STONE() CORBELLED() original() replaced()
LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

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

COMMENTS:
Use - Convent
Significance - Arch. Rel.
Date Constructed - 1897
Condition - Good

Don Luiga Satoria

constructed the church building

which was torn down in 1909 + new
one replaced it,

- Brought the original church bells over from Italy

SECTION VI QUADRANGLE B

STATE OF MARYLAND
MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY





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St. Joseph's Convent

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Church Hill, Midland

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North west