

VALE SUMMIT METHODIST CHURCH

AL-VI-B-056
Route 55, Vale Summit
1889

The Vale Summit Methodist Church is a small, single story, rectangular frame building with a small louvered belfry. It was constructed in 1889 to serve the growing needs of the Vale Summit mining community.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Vale Summit Methodist Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 55

CITY, TOWN

Vale Summit

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

__DISTRICT

X BUILDING(S)

__STRUCTURE

__SITE

__OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

X PUBLIC

__PRIVATE

__BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

__IN PROCESS

__BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

__OCCUPIED

__UNOCCUPIED

__WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

__YES: RESTRICTED

__YES: UNRESTRICTED

__NO

PRESENT USE

__AGRICULTURE

__COMMERCIAL

__EDUCATIONAL

__ENTERTAINMENT

__GOVERNMENT

__INDUSTRIAL

__MILITARY

__MUSEUM

__PARK

__PRIVATE RESIDENCE

X RELIGIOUS

__SCIENTIFIC

__TRANSPORTATION

__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Vale Summit Methodist Congregation

Telephone #: 689-6581

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

X VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

Liber #: 450

Folio #: 819

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

AL-V-B-056

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

The Vale Summit Methodist Church is located on the south side of Route 55 near its junction with the Loartown Road in Vale Summit, Allegany County.

The Vale Summit Methodist Church is a single story, one bay wide rectangular block. The building is of frame construction and has been covered with weatherboard. It rests on a high, replaced block foundation with a plain water table. Two steeply gabled additions abut the main block on the north and south sides. The roof is gabled with a soffit and is covered with asphalt shingles. Four large stained glass windows with cornices are located on the east and west sides of the church. A single "Gothic" sash window with a Keystone is located above the main door. The main entrance is located on the north side of the building in the gable-roofed addition and features a replaced door with a broken pediment and a stained glass transom light. The roofline is topped by an original, corbeled brick, outside end chimney and a small louvered belfry.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

AR-V-B-056

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 1889

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Vale Summit Methodist Church was constructed in 1889.¹ The congregation had been organized under the direction of John Fatkin that same year. The construction of the church was undoubtedly undertaken to meet the growing demands of the mining community of Vale Summit. In addition, Methodism was one of the most popular religions among the miners. "Methodism had spread rapidly among English miners during the 19th century and had brought them much in return including free education for their children, improved living and working conditions and training in leadership."²

1 "Heritage Press", Vol. 1, No. 10, August 1972, p. 4

2 Harvey, Katherine A., The Best Dressed Miners, (Ithaca, N. Y.: Cornell University Press, 1969) p. 116

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.19 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

1/3/77

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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. A1-V1-B-056

450/819

DATE: 12/15/76

2.19 Acres

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Vale Summit Methodist Church

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Rt 55 Vale Summit

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: North

NAME OF OWNER: Vale Summit Meth Cong 689-6581

ADDRESS: Rt. 1
Frostburg, MD 21532

STORIES: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() 8()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Front Gabled Add
Rear Gabled Add 2 Bay Wide 4 Long

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular) Lowered 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

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS Plain

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE Block

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
Stained Glass pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()
Gothic Window in Front

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: North
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSCOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN Transom Light - Stained
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, BORMERS #
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 Religion
Date Constructed - 1889
Condition - Good

LONACONING QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-WEST VIRGINIA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SW/4 FROSTBURG 15 QUADRANGLE

5763 11 14
CUMBERLAND

55 679

270 000 FEET (M.D.)

52°30'
39°37'30"

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AI-VI-B-030

AI-VI-B-063

AI-VI-B-060

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Vale Summit Methodist Church

Vale Summit

USGS Lonaconing Quad

1:24,000

1974 Revised

Dans Rock

V. 3895

Lookout Tower

TELEPHONE

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50000 FEET (M.D.)

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35'

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METHODIST CHURCH, Vale Summit

FIGURE 72.



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Vals Summit Methodist Church

Rt. 55

Vals Summit

12/15/76

Joan Baldwin

South East