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Woodland M.E. Church
Woodland
Legislative Road

1898

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC **Woodland M.E. Church**

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER **Legislative Road Sixth**

CITY, TOWN **Woodland** VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE **Maryland** COUNTY **Allegany**

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	X STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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 Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN STATE, zip code
VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:
Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN STATE

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 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 rectangular one story church is frame with german siding covered with asphalt shingles. It rests on a low replaced foundation of cinderblocks. with a plain water table. The gable front roof is covered with asphalt shingles and has snowboards. Eaves consist of a boxed cornice, sloped soffit, and frieze. An original outside end brick chimney with a beveled base and corbeled cap is outside end on the eastern flank.

The main entrance is located on a gable vestibule in the center of the southern facade. Double doors are of five panels each with original hardware. Tall segmental windows in rectangular frames are two over two light sashes with wooden slipsills.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 **1898** BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The cornerstone of the Woodland Methodist Episcopal Church is dated July 17, 1898. The town of Woodland was established by the Consolidation Coal Company in 1897 to provide housing for miners working the company's nearby Ocean No. 7 mine. (1) A plat of the second addition to the town drawn in 1898 identifies lot #25 as the "M.E. Church lot." (2) During the nineteenth century Methodism had become popular among English miners and "Maryland mining towns supported many Methodist and Methodist Episcopal churches." (3)

The church replaced an earlier log church building located several hundred yards to the southeast of the present building. This earlier church known as the "Woodland and Station M.E. Church was built in 1832, shortly after Thomas Wright conveyed a portion of Military Lot No. 3711 to trustees "for the purpose of building thereon a house of worship for the use of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church." (4) In his History of Western Maryland, Scharf states that a Methodist Episcopalian congregation from Frostburg "worshipped in Neff's meeting-house, a log building, which was situated about two miles from Frostburg...prior to 1834." (5) It is highly probable that this log church is still standing and is now known as "Winebrenners Log Tavern." (6) In 1892 this original church property was conveyed by trustees to the Consolidation Coal Company. (7)

The church building is a simply designed frame meeting house with german siding covered with asbestos shingles. The gable front structure is three bays deep. A relatively large outside end brick chimney has a beveled base and a corbeled cap. Although the original stone foundation was replaced with cinderblocks the cornerstone remains in place. A small gabled vestibule is probably an addition.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Scharf. John T. History of Western Maryland Philadelphia: L.H. Everts Co. 1882

Harvey, Katherine A. Best Dressed Miners Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910 Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1969

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 100'x 150'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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DATE
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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
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Woodland Methodist Episcopal Church
Footnotes

- (1) Katherine A. Harvey, Best Dressed Miners: Life and Labor in the Maryland Coal Region, 1835-1910 (Ithaca: Cornell University Press) p. 79
- (2) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 89, Folio 660
- (3) Katherine A. Harvey, p. 116
- (4) Allegany County Land Records, Liber Q, Folio 126
- (5) John T. Scharf, History of Western Maryland (Philadelphia: L.H. Everts CO.) p. 1479
- (6) See AL-VI-D-033
- (7) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 71, Folio 597

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Woodland M E Church

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Woodland

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South

NAME OF OWNER: Methodist Episcopal Ch.

ADDRESS: map 35 p. 228 block 25 CD 18
1/2 Owens Rt 1 Frostburg md

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 german siding asbestos shingles

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone concrete blocks was stone

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other() 3 segment stained glass w/ sq. frame ea. side
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment() slip sills

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: center s. facade 2 slip panel doors
HARDWARE: original() replaced() original hardware
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, 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() vestibular

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

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

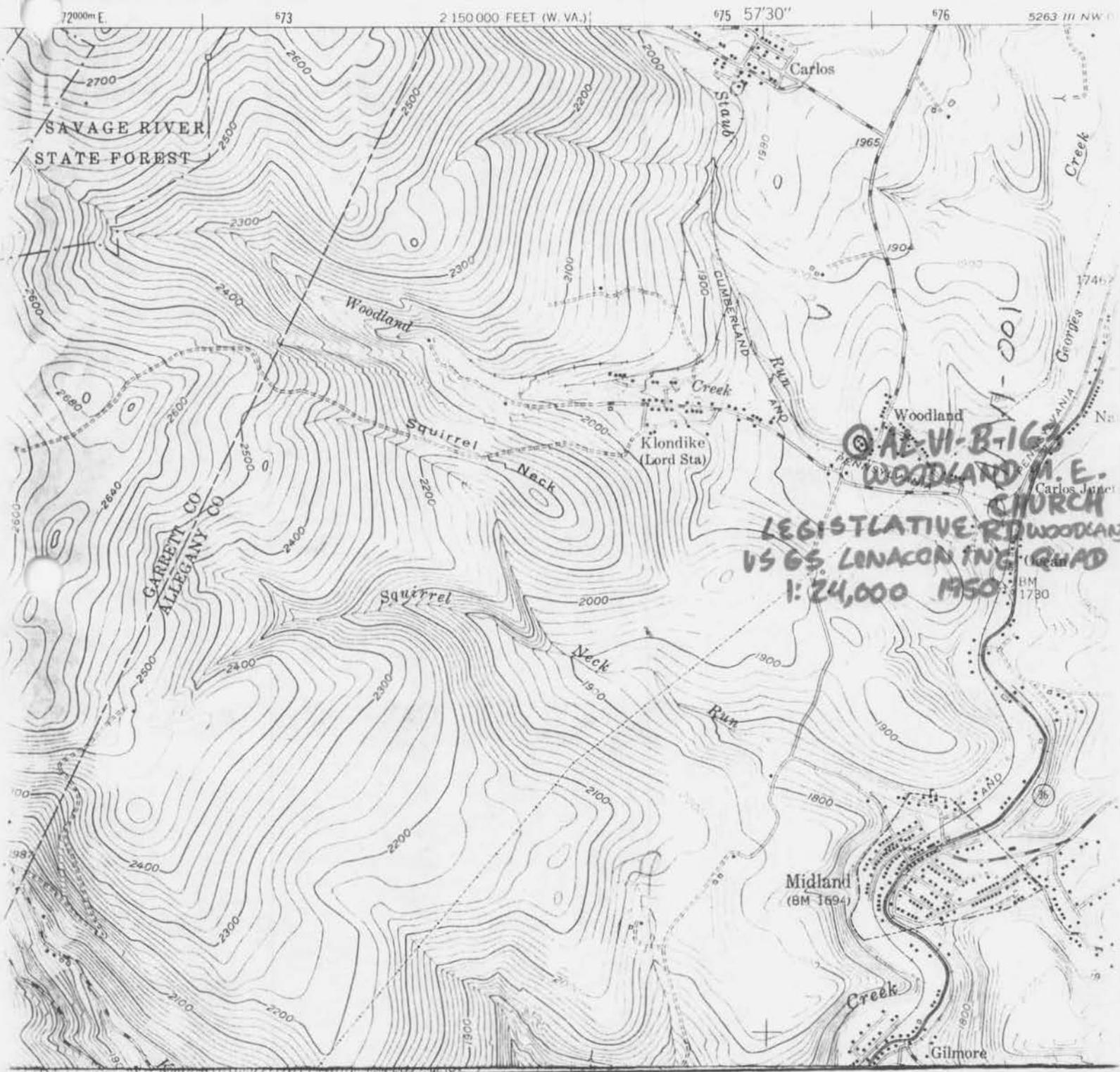
COMMENTS:

USE:
SIGNIFICANCE:
DATE CONSTRUCTED: July 17 1898
CONDITION:

424 | 273

422 | 244

LIBER FOLIO 10/11
SEE 71 / 597
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VI B 163
LIBER FOLIO





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Southeast

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Woodland ME Church

Legislative Rd., Woodland

David A. Dorsey

10/11/78

Northwest