

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Hereford Baptist Church Inventory Number: BA-909
Mount Carmel Road (Mount Carmel and
 Address: York Road) City: Monkton Zip Code: 21111

County: Baltimore USGS Topographic Map: Hereford, MD

Owner: Hereford Baptist Church

Tax Parcel Number: 319 Tax Map Number: 22 Tax Account ID Number: _____

Project: Hereford Tower Project Agency: FCC

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Is the property located within a historic district? no yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? no yes Determined eligible? no yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP form; Rotenstein 2000

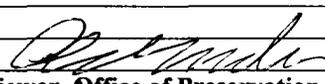
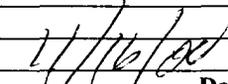
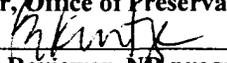
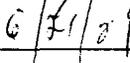
Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Hereford Baptist Church is a stone Gothic church and associated cemetery. The church has an irregular plan, however its original block is rectangular. The church is a front-gabled building with a centered bell tower and main entry. Typical Gothic Revival elements present in the building include lancet windows and stained glass lights and bracketed eaves. The building is clad by stucco and the wood bell tower is clad by wood shingles in a fishscale pattern. Additions to the building are limited to a side/rear education wing.

The Hereford Baptist Church was founded in 1842, according to the 1980 MIHP form completed for the property. The church and its associated cemetery have been in continuous use since that time. In 1906, the original block was altered by the relocation of the bell tower from the church's west side to its present location in the east façade. The Hereford Baptist Church and Cemetery is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C. As Hereford's second-oldest religious institution, the church was a key component in the locality's social history and it is an outstanding example of Gothic Revival religious architecture.

Prepared by: David S. Rotenstein

Date Prepared: 9/07/2000

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	
	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
	
Reviewer, NR program	Date

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7. Description

Inventory No. BA-909

Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	

Specific dates 1842-1900

Architect

Construction dates 1842

Builder

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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Continuation Sheet

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HISTORIC CONTEXT

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Historic Period Theme(s):

Resource Type:

Category:

Historic Environment

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Known Design Source:

9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. BA-909

Baltimore County Council (1991); Brooks, N. A., and E. G. Rockel (1979); Clemens and Clemens (1983); McGrain (1980)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 3 acres
Acreage of historical setting 3 acres
Quadrangle name Hereford, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries for this property conform to the tax parcel boundary: Map 22, parcel 319.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title David S. Rotenstein, Ph.D./Historian
organization URS/Dames & Moore date 9/07/2000
street and number 7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 700 telephone 301-652-221
city or town Bethesda state MD zipcode 20814-4870

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville MD 21032
410-514-7600



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Hereford Baptist Church

Hereford Baptist Church and Cemetery

Mount Camel Road

Baltimore County, Maryland

David S. Rotenstein

8/22/2000

MD SHPO

Hereford Baptist Church to the west.



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Hereford Baptist Church
Hereford Baptist Church and Cemetery
Mount Carmel Road
Baltimore County, Maryland

David S. Rotenstein

8/22/2000

MD SHPO

View of Hereford Baptist Church, to
the west, showing rear addition.

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Hereford Baptist Church

Hereford Baptist Church and Cemetery
Mount Carmel Road

Baltimore County, Maryland

David S. Rotenstein

8/22/2000

MD SHPO

View of Hereford Baptist Church and cemetery,
to the east, from Mount Carmel road

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HEREFORD BAPTIST CHURCH AND CEMETERY

1842

HEREFORD

PRIVATE

This white church with its colored glass windows, spire, and educational building grew from a small, gable-roofed stone church constructed at the expense of John K. Rowe, local land owner and manufacturer of Gunpowder. Rowe was apparently his own contractor, possibly the architect. The original church was plain and rectangular, with two front entrance doors and a low steeple at the rear of the building. An entrance spire was added in 1906 and other buildings in the 1920s and after. These changes added lancet windows on the front and sides, giving it a simplified Gothic Revival style. The upper part of the tower is covered with fish-scale shingles. The masonry portions are covered with white stucco.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC HEREFORD BAPTIST CHURCH AND CEMETERY

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

9 Mount Carmel Road

CITY, TOWN

Hereford

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore County

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	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

First Baptist Church of Hereford

Telephone #: 343-0404

STREET & NUMBER

24 Mt. Carmel Road

CITY, TOWN

Parkton

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21122

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Baltimore City Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

North Calvert Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Baltimore County Historical Sites Inventory
Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

On-going since 1964

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

21 State Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

7 DESCRIPTION

HEREFORD BAPTIST CHURCH AND CEMETERY

F 4-11-84

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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 original rectangular stone church of 1842 is the central core of the Hereford Baptist Church. As it appeared in a photo of the 19th Century with its builder (or donor), John K. Rowe, it was a plain, gable-roofed structure with two doors at the west end; the doors were topped by double-hung sash windows of 6-over-6 layout. The eaves had a considerable overhang along the sides of the church. A very low spire was at the west end. (1)

In the 1906 alterations, the church was extended to the east and a vestibule and entrance tower were added; the old spire at the west end was removed. The entrance tower is topped by a graceful open belfry and spire. The double entrance doors are topped by a Gothic-pointed transom or fanlight. The square entrance tower is flanked by brightly colored glass windows of lancet design, set in the vestibule extension of the old church. The main block of the old church was three bays deep. The old windows have been replaced by lancet-windows with colored glass panes.

The upper part of the entrance tower is covered with wood shingles in the fish-scale style. The rest of the church is stone, coated with stucco. A large two-story educational building of very plain design extends both south and west from the rear wall of the basic church of 1842.

NOTES:

1. Jeffersonian, January 12, 1978.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
1-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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	
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 1842 BUILDER/ARCHITECT John K. Rowe

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The First Baptist Church of Hereford was organized by a group of twenty area residents on January 5, 1842, and one of the founders, John K. Rowe, donated the site for a church from property he owned on the westside of York Road. (1)

Rowe owned considerable property, including a gunpowder mill not far northeast of the town on Panther Branch; the powder mill had a companion gristmill; both can still be found in a ruinous state. Rowe is described as builder of the church although he was 72 years old at the time of its construction. A photograph shows him standing at the church gate; the building behind him is very plain, with two entrance doors on one end, a low steeple at the other end. (2) The pulpit was made of chestnut wood found on the property by William Howard, a local cabinetmaker. The first minister was the Rev. H. J. Chandler of London Bridge, Virginia. A Sunday School was started in March 1842. (3) In 1855, Mrs. Ruth Rowe gave land on the eastside of York Road for a parsonage, but the original dwelling wore out and was replaced by a late Victorian house—worthy of the Brontë family—in 1900. (4) The second parsonage at 16,937 York Road, was sold in 1975 to an environmental service company. (5)

Scharf listed the pastors after Mr. Chandler as George F. Adams, A. Baush, T. W. Haynes, E. R. Hera, John Kingdom, M. P. Austen, J. W. Jones, Isaac Cole, and E. B. Waltz. (6)

A number of structural changes have taken place; Mrs. Clemens reports a redecoration program of 1879 that followed installation of a new pulpit. In 1906, the most dramatic change was made by attaching the belfry to the east end of the building, making the structure much more formal than the severe structure of 1842. The educational buildings attached to the rear of the church date from the 1920s and after. The church in recent times has acquired an electric organ and a set of Schumerich electronic chimes. (7)

Current plans call for building a large new church on the northside of Mount Carmel Road on a 20-acre site (given

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

S.B. and C. E. Clemens, From Marble Hill to Maryland Line
(Monkton, Md., 1976), p. 38.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3.0

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Bounded on north by Mount Carmel Road, on east by small frontage on York Road. On west by Parcel 78 on Tax Map 22; on south by Parcels P395 and P308. (Tax Map 17, Parcel P319).

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

STATE NONE COUNTY NONE

STATE NONE COUNTY NONE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John W. McGrain, Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE

April 30, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

TELEPHONE

494-3495

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

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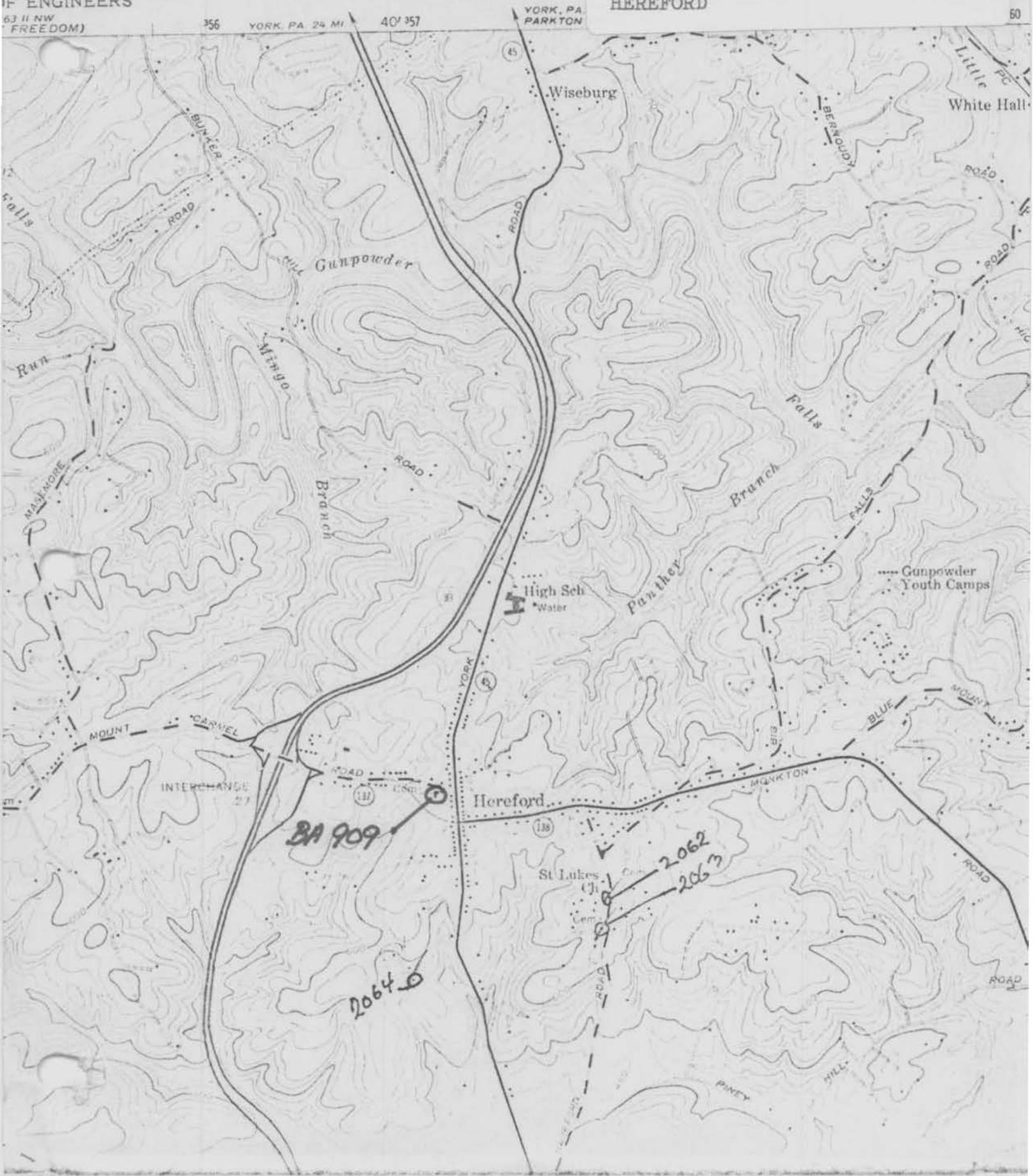
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the funds). A number of Hereford citizens brought the subject of the 1842 church structure to the attention of the Baltimore County Landmarks Preservation Commission in early 1980. (8)

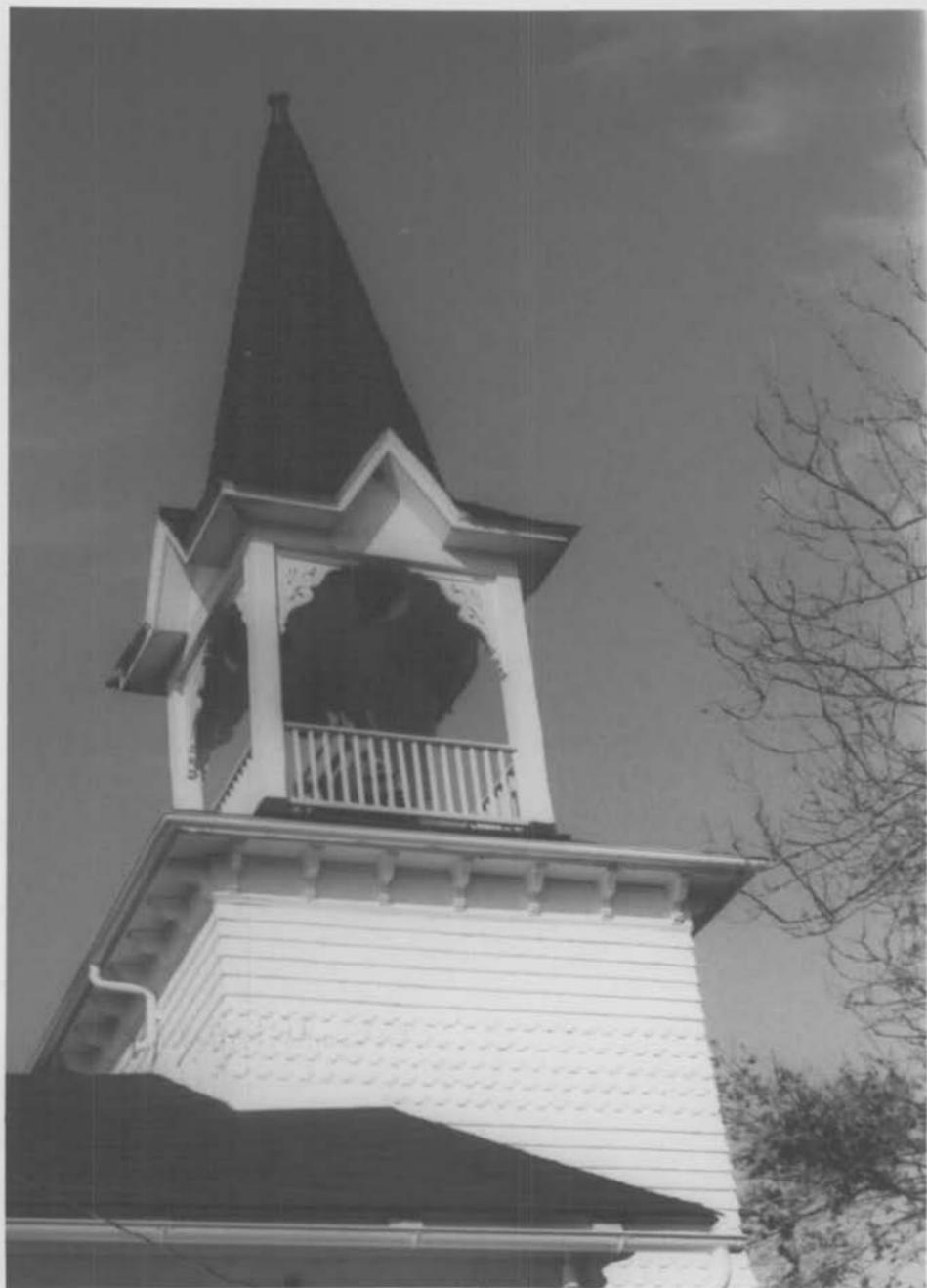
NOTES:

1. S. B. and C. E. Clemens, From Marble Hill to Maryland Line (Monkton, 1976), p. 38.
2. Jeffersonian, January 12, 1978. Original owned by Mrs. Beulah Belle Bull of 528 Monkton Road, Hereford.
3. Clemens, Marble Hill, p. 38.
4. Baltimore County Deeds, HMF 14:555.
5. B.C. Deeds, EHK JR. 5590:557.
6. J. Thomas Scharf, History of Baltimore City and County (Philadelphia, 1881), p. 874.
7. Clemens, Marble Hill, p. 38. Also, Mrs. Beulah B. Bull and Mrs. Anna M. Baublitz of Monkton.
8. "A Brief History of Our Church," leaflet, The First Baptist Church, Hereford, Maryland, n.d.





HEREFORD BAPTIST CHURCH BA 909
Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, OCT 1979
Neg. located at MHT
North side and school annex



HEREFORD BAPTIST CHURCH BA 909
Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, OCT 1979
Neg. located at MHT
Detail of belfry



HEREFORD BAPTIST CHURCH BA 909
Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, OCT 1979
Neg. located at MHT
Main (E) facade from east



HEREFORD BAPTIST CHURCH BA 909
Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, OCT 1979
Neg. located at MHT
Detail of lancet window on south