

Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren was organized in 1758 under the direction of Ephraim Stoner and Martin Urner who came from Coventry Church (1724) in Pennsylvania. Land for Pipe Creek was donated as early as 1770 but the first log edifice was not built until 1796. When the congregation was organized in 1758 it started the "Maryland Brethren" and established itself as one of the best known congregations in Maryland colonial history.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

MAI # 070114608

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren

AND/OR COMMON

Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

NW/S Pipe Creek Road

CITY, TOWN

Linwood

VICINITY OF

Uniontown & Linwood

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Carroll

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- 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
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Pipe Creek Brethren Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

NW/S Pipe Creek Road

CITY, TOWN

Linwood

VICINITY OF

Uniontown & Linwood

STATE, zip code

Md.

21764

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Carroll County Office Building (exempt records)

Liber #: NONE

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

225 North Center Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

CONDITION
 DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE
 UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE
 ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE 1891

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building faces south/east towards New Windsor and is situated 30-40 yards off a small road (Pipe Creek) which runs between Uniontown and Linwood. It is built into a gently sloped hill in a valley, with much foliage and higher hills around it. The road runs off Maryland 84 South; signs direct one to the historic site.

The structure is one story, with an attic and working basement. The S/E facade is 8-bays in length, as is the back of the rectangular building. The N/E and S/W ends are 3-bays in width. A coursed stone foundation anchors the American brick bond building, with 4/4 windows on the first floor, 2/2 in the attic all with blind shutters and plain trim. The wooden gable roof is covered with standing seam, painted red, to continue the pattern of the two single brick interior end chimneys. The facade features three double panelled entrance doors with rectangular transom lights. They are framed in plain trim.

The interior has been completely refurbished, not only in 1954, but as recently as 1976. Window structure and attic appears to be the only remaining original features. The rectangular nave is eleven pews deep with three aisles, which lead to the chancel area. In back of the chancel, on either side are study rooms. The narthex is entered through the southern most (leftside) entrance door. Recently enclosed stairs lead to a working basement, with kitchen and Sunday School areas as well as a museum room used to preserve some of the original furnishings, i.e. old cradle, iron cauldron, bonnets, etc. The attic runs the length of the building and the original wood structure is intact and exposed. Horizontal beams support the diagonal structures and wood shingles. The facade has three marble markers evenly spaced above the window and door line reading:

Founded	A.D. 1866	Rebuilt
A.D. 1806		A.D. 1891

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	<i>Colonial History</i>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES ~~1806~~ 1806 / 1866 / 1891 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Church of the Brethren was organized and originated by Alexander Mack in Germany in 1708. He decided that the teachings of Christ and the Apostles were to be practiced faithfully in order to complete a Christian education and life. The New World, showing promise for religious freedom, was open territory for these soul-searching persons. They immigrated, settled and organized a Mother Church in Germantown, Pennsylvania, on Christmas Day, 1723. Alexander Mack came to the states in 1729, establishing five churches in Pennsylvania, enroute. This included Coventry in 1724. This inturn produced the Pipe Creek offspring. Ephraim Stoner and Martin Urner came to Maryland and in 1758, organized that congregation. It became a predominant colonial church, included in what is now known as the Eastern district of Maryland.

For more than thirty years, services and meetings were held in barns and homes. An Ulrich Crumpacker donated land as a site for a church in 1770, in addition to a parcel of land donated in 1729 by one Philip Englar. Land was certainly open for construction, but the first building, a log school house (no longer standing) was not built until 1796. This was used for worship and education. In 1806, the first Pipe Creek Church was built on the same site where the present structure stands. It stood as one of the very earliest German-Baptist Brethren church - meeting house in America. In 1866 this building was enlarged, and in 1891 it was rebuilt entirely. In 1848 land was deeded for the Pipe Creek Cemetary. In 1954 the interior was completely remodelled for better arrangement, facilities, etc.

Pipe Creek has a unique position in Maryland's religious history. When organized in 1758 it made the Maryland Brethrens, and was important as a contribution to colonial history, because it was one of the best known congregations in the colonial period in Maryland. It is considered by many to be the mother-church of the Maryland Brethren.

It is interesting to note that the present building is void of extraneous detail - is very simple and functional in plan and unobtrusive in general. Even in the twentieth centruy, the "Dunkards", as the Brethrens were called in Europe and Pa. (the reason being emersion at baptism) were not caught up in following contemporary fashion.

The Present church stands as a monument to the history of Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren History.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Gospel Messenger" (Brethren) 8-22-36

Eastern Maryland Bi-Centennial Anniversary pamphlet put out by "Church of the Brethren" 1758-1958

"Service of Rededication of Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren" (pamphlet July 11, 1954)

"History of Pipe Creek Church" E. W. Stoner 1906

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	Maryland	COUNTY	Carroll
STATE		COUNTY	

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Fredi Eckhardt historic site surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Carroll County Committee of the Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

Fall - 1978

STREET & NUMBER

210 East Main Street

TELEPHONE

848-6494

CITY OR TOWN

Westminster

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

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Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren
Linwood

9 Major Bibliographical References

Baltimore Sun -Wednesday July 7, 1954 "An Early Church Dedicated Anew"
by Robert G. Breen
The Democratic Advocate (Westminster) 2-26-37
"Church of the Brethren" 250th Anniversary pamphlet 1708-1958

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MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	MD
COUNTY:	Carr
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Pipic Creek Church (of the Brethren)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Uniontown Vicinity (S. of)

STATE: MD. CODE: COUNTY: Carrrol CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Carrrol County

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Westminster STATE: MD. CODE:

ACREAGE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

STATE:
COUNTY:
ENTRY NUMBER
DATE
FOR NPS USE ONLY

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a rectangular block with the facade at the S. elevation. The structure is ~~two~~ one storey in height with the A frame roof running E-W.

Two earlier buildings stood on the site one constructed in 1806 and the other in 1866. The present structure dates 1881 with portions dating from the 1866 period.

Of brick laid in an English bond the building rests upon a full cellar with stone walls.

The South elevation is eight bays in length with the doors being the first, fourth, and seventh bays from the SW corner. All doors are double with raised panels and have four pane transoms above. All openings have well laid Jack arches. Windows are four over four Victorian sash with solid (panel) shutters.

The roof ridge ends at an interior chimney at each end. The eaves are very deep with a large boxed cornice and wide barge boards. Mouldings are plain but of excellent design. All exterior mouldings date from the third period of construction.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
- 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1881

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Aboriginal | Education <input type="checkbox"/> | Political <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input type="checkbox"/> | Science <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/> | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | | _____ |
| Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Music <input type="checkbox"/> | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: *J. Richard Rivoire*

ORGANIZATION: *MHT* DATE: *12/70*

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY OR TOWN: _____ STATE: _____ CODE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____



Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren

Oct. - 78

Can. - 111

N/W elevation

fred: E.



Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren

O.A. - 78

Can. - 111

canon - N/E side + N/W back

fredi E.



Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren

Oct. - 78

Can. - III

corner - S/E front, N/E side
predi E.