

CARR-1585

405 S. Main Street, Mt. Airy

Summary:

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. CARR-1585

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Calvary United Methodist Church Parsonage

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 405 South Main Street not for publication

city, town Mt. Airy vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

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 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 type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input 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"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Calvary United Methodist Church of Mt. Airy

street & number telephone no.: (301) 829-0358

city, town Mt. Airy state and zip code Maryland 21771

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber 140

street & number 55 North Court Street folio 384

city, town Westminster state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date of move _____

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

SEE ATTACHED

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 type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates C.1921 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .944 A.

Quadrangle name Damascus

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Carroll County Planning & Develop. date May 25, 1999

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city or town Westminster state Maryland

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Description

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The Calvary United Methodist Church Parsonage is located at 405 South Main Street in Mt. Airy just south of the Calvary Methodist Church in southwestern Carroll County, Maryland. The house faces northwest toward the street and is an American 4 square said to be constructed of brick and now covered with stucco. It is a 2 ½ story, two bay by two bay structure with a hipped roof of asphalt shingles and a brick chimney at the hip.

On the northwest elevation, the first story has a porch that is enclosed on the northwest with a bay window and a door with side lights. This porch wraps around on the northeast elevation but is not enclosed there. The second story of the northwest has paired 1/1 sash in both bays. The house has a wide over-hanging eave. There is a dormer with three 1/1 sash. The dormer has a hip roof with a widely over-hanging eaves. The sides of the dormers have diamond pattern asphalt shingles. The northeast elevation on the first story has a room at the east end of the porch. This is not a later enclosure of part of the porch but appears to be an original room. The room has a 1/1 sash on the northeast elevation and a wide over-hanging eave. The porch has Tuscan columns set on stuccoed piers with stuccoed balustrade walls between the piers. In the center of the first story is a door with one light over two square panels that have wreaths and swags carved on them and one lined panel at the bottom of the door. Above the two square panels, the rail has carved foliage. The north bay has paired 1/1 sash. The porch is enclosed at the north end with a door that has nine lights over two panels. The second story has a 1/1 sash in the east bay and paired 1/1 sash in the north bay.

The first story of the southeast elevation has a projecting pantry on the south that has a 1/1 sash set south of the south bay. The south bay has a one light over three light and paneled door. The east bay has paired 1/1 sash. The second story has a porch that is now enclosed with aluminum siding and 2 one light casements. This porch covers the south two-thirds of the house with a turned post under the east corner. The east bay has a 1/1 sash. On the southwest elevation, the first and second stories each have two 1/1 sash. In the center between the first and second stories, there is a 1/1 sash set at the stair landing level.

The first floor plan is divided into four rooms with a pantry off the southeast end of the house set to the south and an office off of the northeast end of the house set to the east. The first story has oak flooring running northeast to southwest throughout. The west room is an entrance foyer with a two run stair in the south corner. It has a paneled newel post and rectangular in plain balusters and a molded hand rail. The architraves are plain and are rounded off on the corners and are mitered. They were apparently natural varnished pine originally. The northeast elevation has a double wide door opening leading to the north room. The north room has a brick fireplace in the south corner with a wood mantel that has a reeded architrave and a dental cornice. This room has a double wide door opening on the southeast

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elevation leading to the east room.

The east room has an exterior side door on the northeast elevation. There is an original built-in corner cupboard in the south corner. It appears this was originally varnished pine and has two glazed doors. There is an ogee cornice molding at the top and there are five shelves inside. The northeast elevation has a door with five lined panels that leads to the northeast room. The northeast room was probably originally an office. It has an original radiator on the northeast elevation. Most of the other rooms in the house have had the radiators replaced with baseboard units. The south room is a modern kitchen and it appears this room always functioned as a kitchen. The northeast elevation has a furnace flue and a built-in wood cupboard to the north of it that has two 6-light doors above a shelf; two drawers below the shelf and two one panel doors at the bottom. There is a five line paneled door to the cellar stairs. On the southeast elevation is a door with one light over three lined panels that leads to the rear porch. To the south of this is a door with five lined panels that leads to the pantry.

The second story is also of four rooms with an additional small bathroom set between the south and east chambers. There's a porch on the southeast that is now enclosed. The second story has 2 ½ inch pine flooring that runs north/west to south/east throughout. All of the doors are of five lined panels and the trim is the same as that on the first story. It, too, was originally varnished. The bathroom on the southeast center chamber has been modernized. In the south chamber on the southeast elevation is a door to the porch that is original. It appears that the porch may have been a sleeping porch that was later enclosed. Contributing resources 1.

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The house has a high degree of integrity, retaining most of its interior features, including a two-run staircase, corner fireplace, a corner cupboard, and a kitchen cupboard. The only changes to the building are the enclosures of the front porch and the second-story rear porch, both of which were apparently done in the late 1970's. The second-story rear porch was likely originally built as a sleeping porch. This feature was popular in the early twentieth century as a means of improving health by getting fresh air on hot summer nights. The kitchen was completely renovated c. 1988-89, and in general the house is in excellent condition.

There is little history available about the house. According to Pastor Yocum, the church does not retain any records that early. The book A Vision of Home (p. 173) states that the parsonage was built in 1921. Other tradition has given a date of 1916, at the same time as the new church was built. Either date is believable, although the cost of building a substantial stone church makes it more likely that the parsonage would have followed some years later. The other local tradition concerning the parsonage is that it was built from the bricks of the Mt. Airy School which stood on the lot when the church purchased it. This is also recounted in A Vision of Home (pp. 15-20). The School was completed in 1894, and was a two-story brick structure. This building was replaced by the larger brick structure on North Main Street, which was completed in 1916. While there is no documentary evidence to corroborate this story at this time, the re-use of building materials for the construction of houses, churches, schools, barns, and other buildings in Carroll County is well documented in the last half of the nineteenth century and early twentieth century, and such a process seems very likely in this case. The stucco treatment of the house could very well be an original finish, chosen to hide irregularities in the re-used brick. Foursquare houses were most commonly shingled (as most were of frame construction), but stucco was one of several alternative wall finishes occasionally used.

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Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Themes:

Architecture

Resource Types:

National Styles: Foursquare

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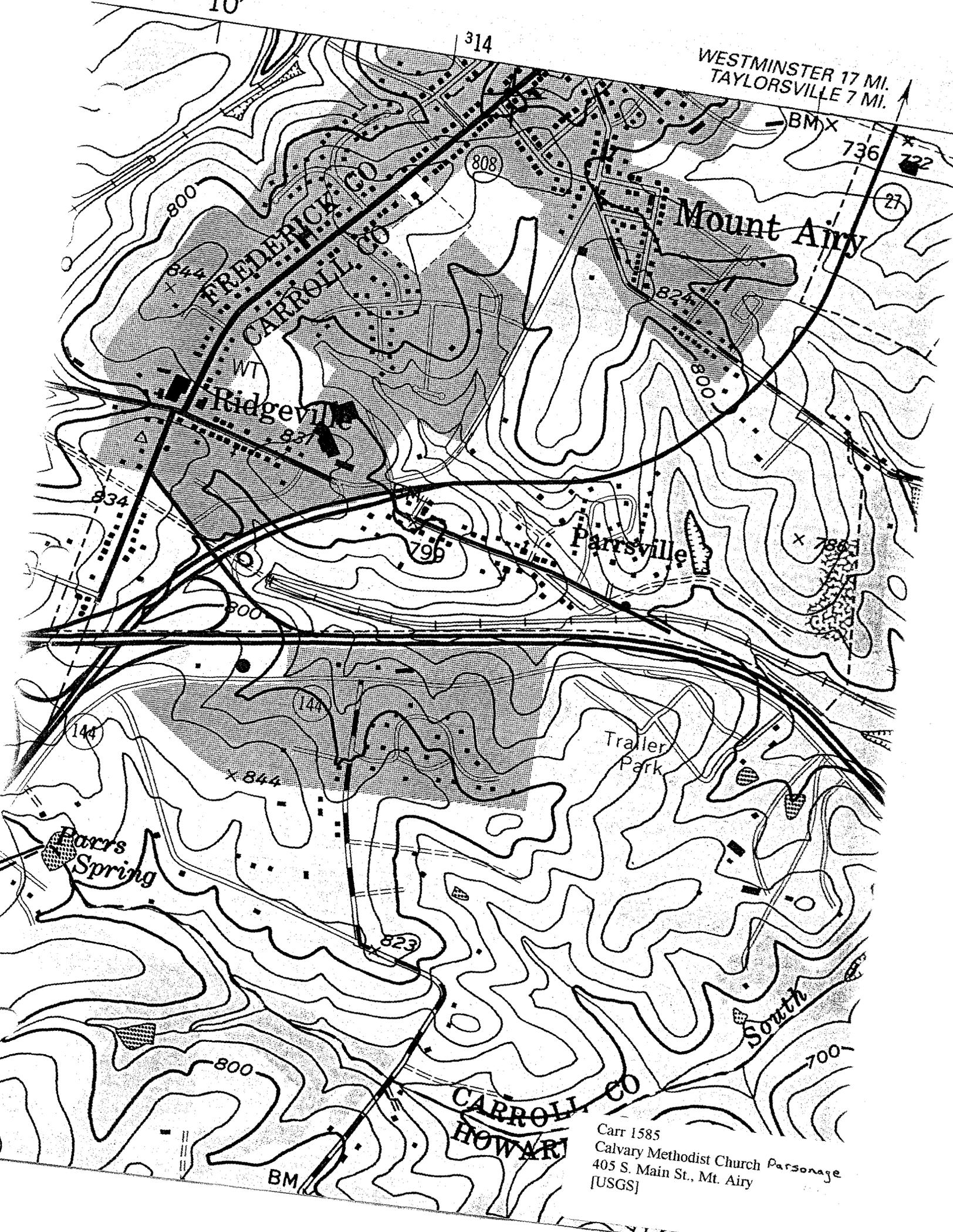
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Main Street — Calvary Church, School and Masonic Hall

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Calvary Methodist Church
405 S. Main St., Mt. Airy
from: A Vision of Home, p.15



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Mount Airy

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CARROLL CO.

Ridgeville

Parrsville

Trailer Park

Parrs Spring

CARROLL CO.
HOWARD CO.

South

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Calvary U.M. Church Parsonage
405 South Main Street

Mt. Airy, MD

Carroll County, MD

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SE. Elevation

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Calvary U. M. Church Parsonage
405 South Main Street

Mt. Cury, MD

Cornell County, MD

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West Rm - VW South Elevation

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405 South Main Street
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South Rm - Cupboard

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North Rm - VW South Elevation

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NE & NW Elevations

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