

Because of a lack of records we know nothing of the history of Sam's Creek Church of the Brethren pre-1836. We do know that Martin Urner, a founder of the Pipe Creek (Carr.-111) congregation of 1758, purchased a farm on Sam's Creek in 1761, and sold it to pioneers shortly thereafter. Informal worship in barns and homes apparently took place as well as worship at Pipe Creek, until 1836 when the first log structure for worship was built.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Sam's Creek Church of the Brethren

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER SW/S Marston Road (MD 407) west side

CITY, TOWN New Windsor x VICINITY OF New Windsor & Marston CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 11

STATE Maryland COUNTY Carroll

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 Sam's Creek Church of the Brethren Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER SW/S Marston Road

CITY, TOWN New Windsor x VICINITY OF New Windsor & Marston STATE, zip code Maryland 21776

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC CARROLL COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING

Liber #: NONE Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER 225 NORTH CENTER STREET

CITY, TOWN WESTMINSTER STATE MD.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CARR-87

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input 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 <u>1957</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The rectangular church sits on the incline of a gentle hill, 50 yards from Maryland Route 407 which runs South East to North West between Route 31 & 27. The church itself faces North East. It sits on a low foundation, is 5 bays long (front) and 3 bays wide. The one story plus working basement and attic structure has plain trim on doors and windows. First floor double sash windows are 6/6 with blind shutters. Attic and basement are 6/3, some with and some without shutters. The wall structure is presumably brick covered with asbestos shingle; attic structure is wood covered with sheet metal. There is a single, back, exterior chimney. *uncovered stone*

The exterior appearance is that of a home, not a church, without exterior decoration. It appears also to be in need of repair.

The interior is reached through a side or a front entrance. The side has a single panel door with a rectangular transom reached by concrete steps. The front has a recent double door, also with a rectangular transom.

The interior is void of decoration. There is no narthex. The rectangular nave is 10 pews deep, in very plain wood. There is a central aisle. An elevated altar sits in the Chancel area and also the choir. Floors are random width and walls are of white plaster. The only decor is a simulated moulded, plaster ceiling. There are rooms of small dimensions in back of the nave used for study and storage.

In general, the church is very stripped down, dull in color, straightforward.

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 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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 1907

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

REFER TO CARR. -111 FOR BRIEF HISTORY OF CHURCH OF BRETHREN IN THE STATES.

Martin Urner, one of the founders of the Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren in 1758 purchased a farm on Sams Creek in 1761. He sold it to pioneers in 1762 and they lived here as early as 1762, but there are no records of church services, meetings or school classes extant prior to 1836. Apparently, all preaching services were held at Pipe Creek until a colony on Sam's Creek called for meetings and attention. These meetings, if in session before 1836 were held in houses and barns. In 1836-1837 a log house was built for school and preaching services. A "Friendship" school was started in great opposition to the elders, who agreed it was too worldly.

"For 25 years the membership grew steadily and at a council meeting, held at Pipe Creek on July 2nd, 1885, it was decided to form three congregations - Sam's Creek and Meadow Branch were added to Pipe Creek and Main Street in New Windsor was made the dividing line between Pipe Creek and Sam's Creek".

--from the Westminster Advocate "Church of the Brethren in Carroll County" --Feb 26, 1937

Sam's Creek organization - 1885

In 1891 a church was build in New Windsor, but tended to be too far from the main body of homes in and around Sam's Creek. It was too far removed from Sam's Creek and Pipe Creek to keep it on its feet. Not until Blue Ridge College moved from Union Bridge to New Windsor did the intown congregation flourish. A new chapel was built on the College Camps and the old brick worship house was sold.

Finally, In 1907, a new brick church was built and dedicated at Sam's Creek. That same building is discuseed here and covered with asbestos shingle. Nevertheless it stands as a direct descendant of Pipe Creek as well as being important to the education of the Brethren in Maryland.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

HISTORY OF THE BRETHERN IN MARYLAND
 J. Maurice Henry, 1936
 EASTERN MARYLAND BI-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY 1758-1958
 Church of the Brethren pamphlet

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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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N. R. FIELD SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: SAM'S CREEK CHURCH of the Brethren

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: W. Side Rte. (MD) 407

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE: MD CODE: 24 COUNTY: CARROLL CODE: 013

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Westminster STATE: MD. CODE:

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:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE: COUNTY: ENTRY NUMBER DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A simply constructed BRICK BUILDING of one storey in height and possessing an "A" plan roof the ridge of which runs north to south. The facade, at the north (end) elevation is three "bays", viz: the main entrance door is in the usual center placement flanked by a single 2/2 sash (?) window at each side.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: J. P. Pivovins

ORGANIZATION: MHT DATE: 8/70

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Md 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 _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



Sons Creek Church of the Brethren

Oct. - 78

Can. - 87

corner, N/E front, S/E side

fredi E.



Sami's Creek Church of the Brethren

Oct. -78

Can. -87

S/w elevation (back), N/w side

fredi E.