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St. John's Reformed Church  
Buckeystown  
Private

1884

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Saint John's Reformed Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

East Side Route 85

CITY, TOWN

Buckeystown

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

E.D. 1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

**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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Georgine I. Lee

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 96

CITY, TOWN

Buckeystown

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21701

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 799

Folio #: 29

STREET & NUMBER

North Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The St. John's Reformed Church is a one and one-half story rectangular brick building laid in common bond which faces west from the east side of Route 85.

The principal facade is three bays wide. The main entrance, twin Gothic paneled recessed doors are located in a one bay wide brick entrance addition covered by a front gable with standing seam tin roof supported by brackets.

Gothic Victorian windows with etched glass occupy the remaining two bays on the principal facade. A round louvered frame vent with quadrafoil decoration is located in the center of the front gable.

The building which is constructed on a low random stone foundation is three bays deep. Gothic Victorian windows with etched glass are located in each bay on the north and south sides of the building. A cornerstone stating "1884 St. John's Reformed Church" is located in the northwest corner. A door with stone porch has replaced the second bay on the south side.

The entire building is covered by a steep standing seam tin roof supported by decorative brackets and connected by a corbeled brick cornice. A single brick chimney rises from the northeast corner of the building.

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**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 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      1884

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Saint John's Reformed Church, converted into a private residence in the 1950's, was organized according to Williams, History of Frederick County on January 14, 1882 at a meeting held in the Methodist Episcopal Church in town.

"The pastor of the Jefferson charge, Reverend N. H. Skyles, was assisted in effecting the organization by Reverend T. F. Hoffmeier. Twenty-seven persons were enrolled as members. The congregation continued to worship in the Methodist Episcopal Church (the original stone structure) until the completion of their own house of worship. Under the leadership of their pastor, Reverend A. J. Heller, they erected a brick building with recess pupit and a vestibule, which was dedicated to the service of the Lord on the ninth day of June, 1885. The building committee consisted of the following persons: M. J. Grove, William Kreig, E. L. H. Delashmutt, Otho J. Keller, and the pastor, A. J. Heller."<sup>1</sup>

The Saint John's Reformed Church was one of four churches which held services in Buckeystown.

<sup>1</sup>T. J. C. Williams, History of Frederick County, p. 493, 494.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Williams, T. J. C., History of Frederick County Maryland, Regional Publishing Company: Baltimore, Md., 1967; 1906 Reprint, p. 493, 494.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 95' x 230'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

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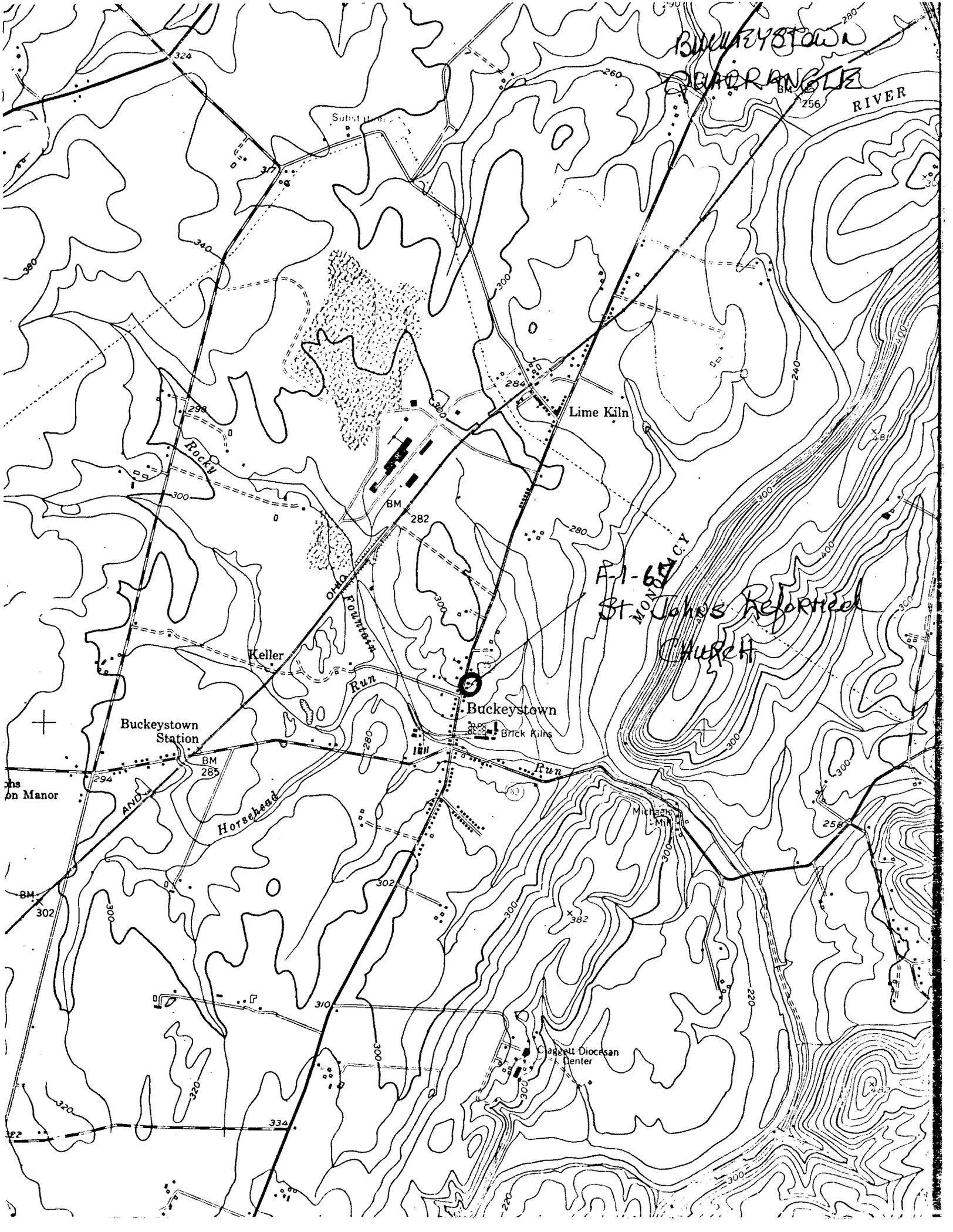
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CITY OR TOWN	STATE
<u>Frederick</u>	<u>Maryland 21701</u>

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438



BUCKEYSTOWN

DEER RUN RIVER

Lime Kiln

A-1  
St. MONSIEUR'S  
St. John's Reformed  
Church

Buckeystown

Buckeystown Station

Brick Kilns

Keller

Horsehead Run

Ohio Fourmile Run

Run

Claggett Diocesan Center

Manor

BM 302

BM 285

BM 282

X 382

322

324

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