

CAPSULE SUMMARY

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Braddock Lutheran Chapel

Frederick vicinity

Private

1907

The Braddock Lutheran Chapel was built in 1907 on the Old National Pike in the village of Braddock about 1/4 mile east of its current site. It was moved to this location in 1974 in order to provide more parking and safer access. The church is a one-story frame hall-type building with a projecting, attached bell tower on the east gable end with a double-doored entrance. The exterior asbestos shingle siding probably covers german siding and the standing seam metal roof may conceal wood shingles. The north and south elevations have Gothic-arched windows and the doorway also has a Gothic arch transom. The new foundation contains a Sunday School in the basement. The open belfry and wood shingled steeple, the projecting bell tower, the overall plan, and the Gothic arched openings are all features common to rural vernacular churches in Frederick County in the period 1880-1920. Although the Braddock Lutheran Chapel has lost considerable integrity by being moved from its original site, these essential elements remain clearly expressed and the building still conveys a feeling of historical time and place.

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Frederick
Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Religion/religious structure/church

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Braddock Lutheran Chapel

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 6938 North Clifton Road not for publicationcity, town Frederick vicinity of congressional district 6th

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 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 checked="" 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 Braddock Lutheran Chapel

street & number 6938 N. Clifton Road telephone no.:

city, town Frederick state and zip code Md. 21702

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 936

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 589

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-3-107

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move <u>1974</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

The Braddock Lutheran Chapel is a one-story frame hall-type church with an attached bell tower built in 1907 on the Old National Pike in the village of Braddock about 1/4 mile east of the current location of the building, near Frederick, Frederick County, Maryland. The church was moved to the present location in 1974 to facilitate parking. Its present site is an open field overlooking the interchange of Interstate 70 and U.S. 40A (Old National Pike) to the southwest. Its immediate environment includes several recently built houses and at least one pre-1940 residence in a semi-rural setting. The church faces east and is flanked by a parking lot on the north.

The exterior of the church is covered with asbestos shingle siding, undoubtedly covering or replacing german siding, the most common siding used in the first decades of the 20th century for frame buildings. The new foundation is concrete and includes a basement Sunday School area accessible from the south elevation. The bell tower projects from the east elevation of the church and contains the double-doored entrance. Above the doors is a Gothic-arched transom with textured glass. The belfry of the tower is open with a plain balustrade and a wood shingled steeple topped by a weathervane finial. The main roof is standing seam metal. The main part of the building has three bays on the north and south elevations fill with Gothic-arched windows flanked by louvred shutters. The windows are textureu glass. On the west elevation of the building is a projection which undoubtedly corresponds to a recess behind the altar and pulpit on the interior. At the southwest corner is a modern wood staircase leading from the building's main level to a playground southwest of the church. A concrete block chimney is also located near this corner. At the southeast corner are two inscribed stones, one in brownstone reading "Lutheran Chapel 1907" and the other a modern marble stone reading "Relocated 1974". The interior of the church was inaccessible for this survey.

8. Significance

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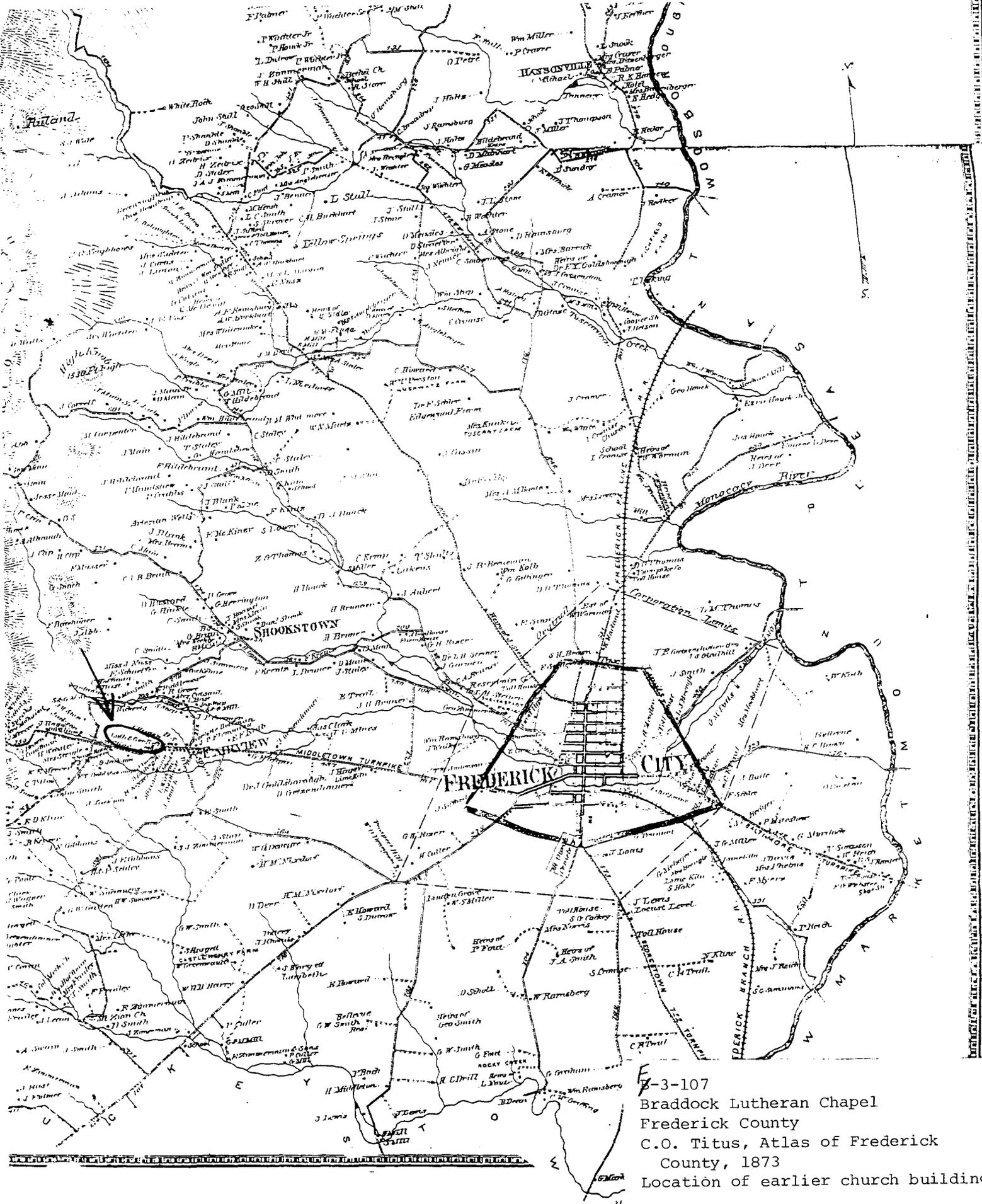
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Specific dates	1907	Builder/Architect
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and/or		
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Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

The Braddock Lutheran Chapel is minimally significant for its vernacular architectural style of the early 20th century. The plan, materials, window and door styles, the attached bell tower and open belfry, and the shingled steeple are all characteristic of rural vernacular churches in Frederick County from the 1880's to about 1920. The Braddock Lutheran Chapel was originally built on Old National Pike in the village of Braddock, replacing an earlier union chapel used by the Lutheran and Reformed congregations in the area. Williams and McKinsey's History of Frederick County of 1910 states that a Lutheran congregation was present in the village, called Fair View until about 1890, at least by 1844 when it united with Bethel and Rocky Springs to form a new charge. The 1907 building probably was built when the Reformed Church either closed or merged with another group. The stone building currently used by the Braddock Grange may be the union church which was shared by the two groups. By the 1970's, road traffic on the Old National Pike had increased in volume so much that access and parking to the 1907 church were becoming dangerous. The current site was purchased and the church was moved to the new location in 1974. Although the move decreased the integrity of the Braddock Chapel, it retains as much or more of its exterior appearance as many other rural churches which are in their original locations.



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Braddock Lutheran Chapel
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County, 1873
Location of earlier church building

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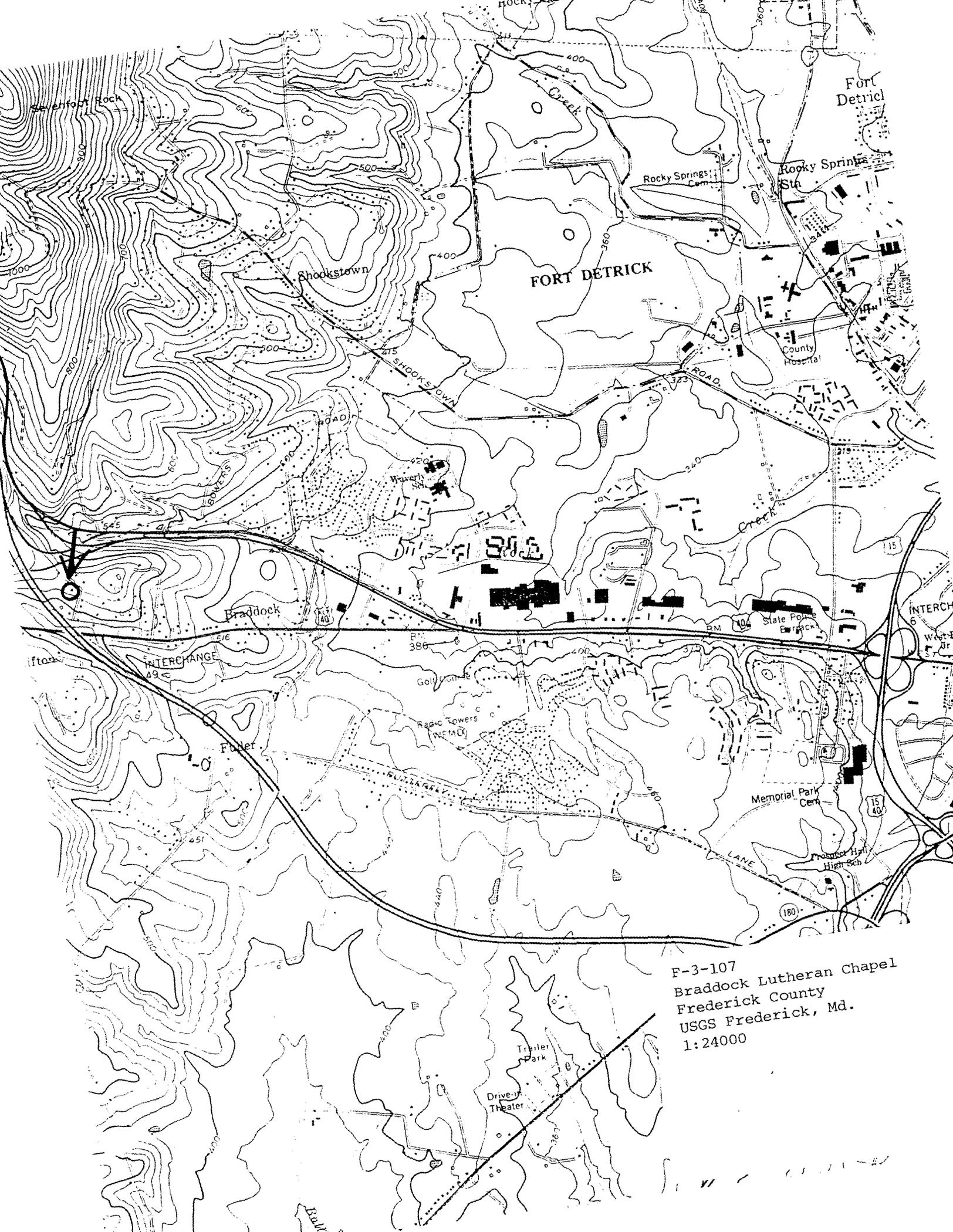
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Braddock Lutheran Church

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East elevation

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Northwest corner view

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