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Mount Prospect Methodist Episcopal Church
Lewistown
Private

1883

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (con't)

Mount Prospect Methodist Episcopal Church

In 1847 the church split into Methodist Protestant and Methodist Episcopal factions. The Methodist Protestant congregation left the church building the Methodist Church in Lewistown which is still standing. In 1883 under the direction of Joe Greer the building was renovated, the balconies on two sides were removed, Gothic windows were added; the building was extended in the front to accommodate a new entrance, an oil chandelier was purchased and the center partition was removed.⁵

In 1884 a cast steeple bell was obtained from Henry McGran and Company of Baltimore. It remains intact. On June 7, 1890 the Mount Prospect Methodist Episcopal Church became an incorporated body.

In 1904 and 1919 additional land for the cemetery was added.⁶ Threatened by demolition in the 1960's when the methodist congregation moved out, the building was acquired by the Lewistown Cemetery Association which has carefully preserved the building both on the interior and exterior in its 1883 architectural style.

⁵Private Papers of Edna Buhrman

⁶Frederick County Land Records, Liber 329; Folio 51.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME

COMMON: MT PROSPECT CHURCH
AND/OR HISTORIC: MT PROSPECT M. E. CHURCH

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
south side of MD 806 3/10 mi EAST OF US 15
CITY OR TOWN:
JUST NORTH OF LEWISTOWN (LEWISTOWN ELECTION DISTRICT)
STATE: COUNTY: FRED

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: (the congregation)
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: F-20-4
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
STREET AND NUMBER:
CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

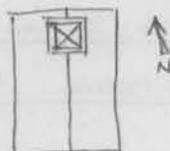
7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

THIS 1 1/2 STORY BRICK CHURCH DATES FROM THE 1883 REBUILDING OF AN EARLIER (1833) CHURCH. IT IS LAID IN COMMON BOND, HAS A WOODEN BELFRY/TOWER ON THE NORTH END AND 1 BRICK CHIMNEY ON THE SOUTH END. THE FOUNDATION IS OF STONE. THERE IS AN ELABORATE BRACKETTED AND DENTIGATED CORNICE.

THE FIRST STAGE OF THE TOWER (BELOW THE BELFRY) HAS THREE APPLIED WOODEN ARCHES AND A MODILLION BLOCK CORNICE. THE BELFRY ROOF



HAS A BRACKETTED & DENTIGATED CORNICE MORE ELABORATE THAN THE MAIN BODY OF THE CHURCH. ALL WINDOWS ARE LANCET-TYPE WITH BLINDS. A CAST IRON FENCE RUNS ALONG THE ROAD AND MARKS THE FRONT BOUNDARY OF THE CEMETARY WHICH SURROUNDS THE CHURCH.

THE NORTH (MAIN) FACADE IS THREE BAYS WIDE WITH A DOUBLE DOOR IN THE CENTER WITH A POINTED ARCH TRANSOM. A PLAQUE ABOVE THE DOOR READS:

"MT. PROSPECT M. E. CHURCH"

THERE IS A POINTED-ARCH WINDOW IN THE GABLE, A DATESTONE ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER READS:

" 1833
REBUILT 1883 "

THE EAST & WEST FACADES ARE EACH 4 BAYS DEEP. THERE ARE NO OPENINGS AND 1 EXTERIOR CHIMNEY ON THE SOUTH FACADE.

ON THE INTERIOR THE CHURCH RETAINS ITS "SLAVE BALCONY"

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1883

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

THIS CHURCH INCORPORATES SOME FINE DETAIL AND IS SIMILAR TO THE HOUSE DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET WHICH WAS BUILT IN THE SAME YEAR. THE PROXIMITY OF THE TWO BUILDINGS AND THEIR SIMILARITY OF DETAIL, PLUS THE SITE OF BOTH ON TOP OF A SMALL HILL CREATES AN IMPRESSIVE ATMOSPHERE OF VICTORIAN RURAL AMERICA.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blank area for major bibliographical references.

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 TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

Large blank area for acreage justification.

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: *Asst Anthony James*

ORGANIZATION: _____ DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY OR TOWN: _____ STATE: _____

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

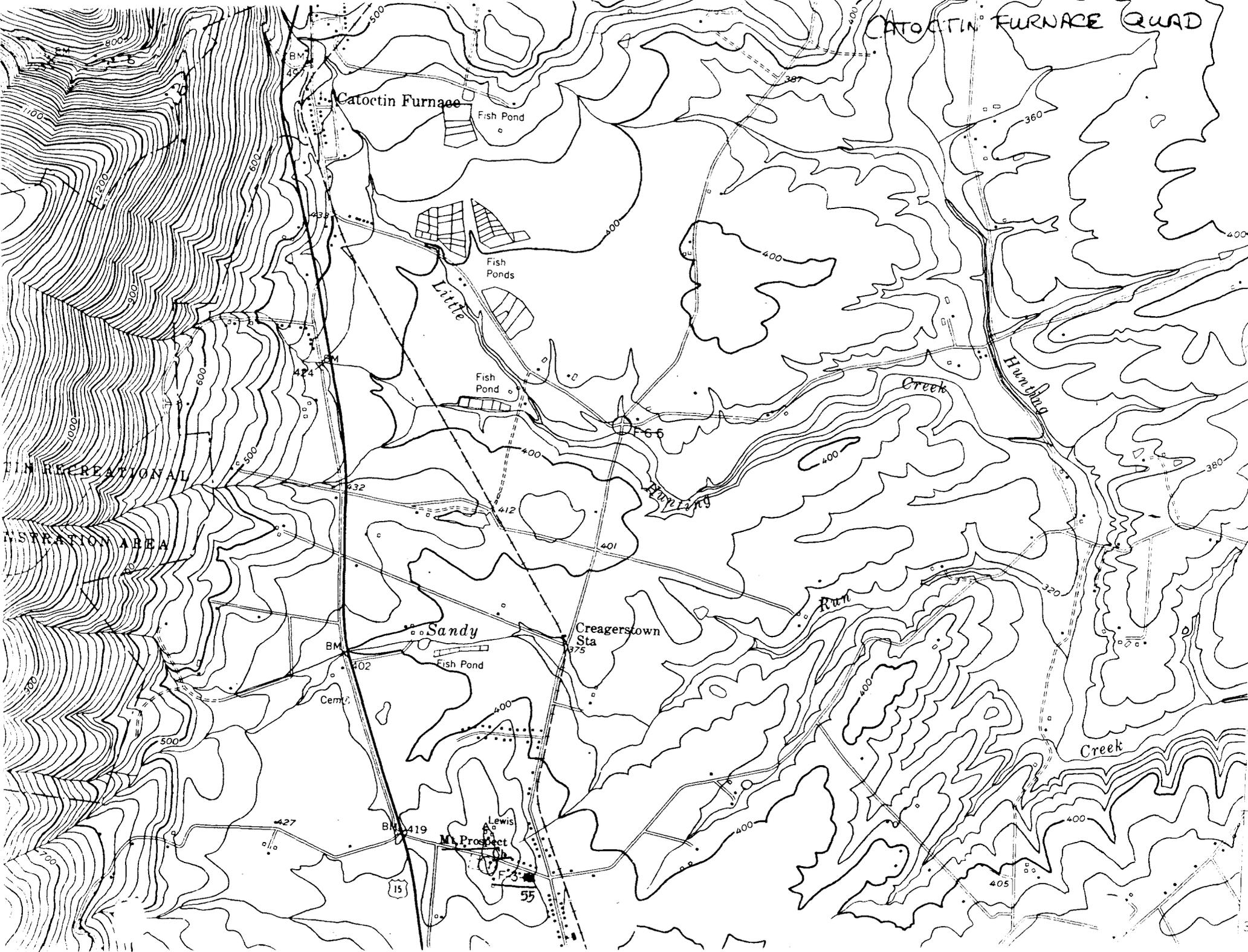
Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature

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CATOCTIN FURNACE QUAD



TIN RECREATIONAL
ADMINISTRATION AREA

Catoctin Furnace

Fish Pond

Fish Ponds

Fish Pond

Sandy

Fish Pond

Creagerstown Sta

Lewis
Mt. Prospect

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Assignment

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Mount Prospect Methodist Episcopal Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

South side Angleberger Road

CITY, TOWN

Lewistown

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

E.D. 20

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	<input 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 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 Lewistown Cemetery Association
c/o Tom Geasey

Telephone #: 663-2246

STREET & NUMBER

10535 Powell Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Thurmont

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21788

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

North Court St.

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	(Built 1833; Rebuilt 1883)	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Mount Prospect Methodist Episcopal Church is a front gable one story brick chapel with frame belfry laid in common bond which faces north from the south side of Angleberger Road.

The principal facade is three bays wide. The main entrance, twin three panel doors with triangular segmented transom and quarried stone doorstep is located in the center bay.

Flanking the door are Gothic double hung 4/4 windows with double header arches and louvered shutters. A painted two pane triangular window with header arches is located in the center of the front gable.

A small marble plaque above the door indicates "Mt. Prospect M. E. Church." The chancel is four bays deep with double hung Gothic 6/4 windows with double header arches and louvered shutters occupying each bay on the east and west sides of the building. There are no windows on the south side of the building. A single brick exterior chimney rises up the center of the south side of the building. The entire building is built on a low whitewashed random stone foundation and is covered by a standing seam tin roof with cast iron snow stops.

The roof is supported by a plain boxed cornice with architrave molding and return. A dentiled frieze with paired scrolled brackets are located beneath the eaves on the north, east and west sides. A square frame belfry with pyramidal patterned tin roof straddles the front gable.

The roof is supported by four scrolled brackets with dentiled frieze and boxed cornice on each side and set on four boxed columns. A sawnwork railing between the columns encloses the original bell.

The entire belfry is set on a frame box-like support covered with German siding.

The church is surrounded by a decorative cast iron fence with the letters "In Memory of Our Dead" on the gates to the cemetery.

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
<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 checked="" 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 1883

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Mt. Prospect Methodist Episcopal Church is a significant building in the growth and history of the methodist congregation in the Lewistown area of Frederick County. The small brick chapel with ornate frame belfry dominates the landscape and has become a local landmark in this region.

The land upon which the church was originally built known as "Peters Increase" was purchased by the trustees February 4, 1833 from Peter and Parmenia Sewers.¹

According to a history of the church it was built in its present location because "this was the first location, coming south, that could have been used (along the main road from Frederick Town to Brien's Furnace) as all the land for about five miles to the north belonged to the Great Land Company operating the Catoctin Furnace."²

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According to the deed Somerset R. Waters, John Coe, Frederick Cronise, Samuel C. Weeks and John Devilbiss were the original trustees of the church and pledged to "erect or build or cause to be erected or builded thereon a house or place of worship for the use of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the U.S.A." Two builders of the church were Simon Weller of Thurmont, and Henry Bowersox of Utica Mills.⁴

¹Frederick County Land Records, Liber JS 41; Folio 346.

²100th Anniversary 1833-1933 Church Program, Clarion Publishing & Printing Co., Thurmont, Maryland, 1933, p. 7.

³Ibid., p 7,8.

⁴Ibid., p. 8.

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100th Anniversary 1833-1933 Church Program, Clarion Publishing & Printing Co.,
Thurmont, Maryland, 1933, pages 7, 8.

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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	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	Cherilyn E. Widell, Coordinator	clh
ORGANIZATION	Office of Historic Preservation	DATE 2/7/80
STREET & NUMBER	12 E. Church St., Winchester Hall	TELEPHONE 694-1063
CITY OR TOWN	Frederick	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.

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



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MT PROSPECT ME
CHURCH
S/S ANGLEBERGER RD
FREDERICK COUNTY

NORTH WEST ELEVATION

CEW 11/79



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S/S ANGLE BERGER RD
FREDERICK COUNTY
SOUTH EAST ELEVATION

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