

G-III-A-021

Lake Ford United Methodist Church  
Lake Ford  
Private

circa 1900

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Lake Ford U. Meth. Church

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Cranesville Rd., NW side, .1 mile NE of Lake Ford

CITY, TOWN

Lake Ford

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Lake Ford United Methodist Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 42

Folio #: 242

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

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

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

G-III-A-084

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Lake Ford United Methodist Church is located on the NW side of Cranesville Road, between the road and Muddy Creek, N of Lake Ford. To the N & W is the West Virginia state line, and also to the N is the Cranesville Pine Swamp.

The church is a one-story, gable-roofed building, measuring three bays on the sides and one bay on the gable ends. The gable end facade points SE. A gable-roofed addition covers the rear (NW) elevation, and a gable-roofed vestibule shelters the facade door.

The church rests on a low stone foundation on the NE elevation. On the SW elevation the foundation is of cinderblock. The walls are covered with white asbestos shingle. The windows consist of two large panes set vertically in the same surround. The surrounds are plain board with pedimented and jigsaw window heads. On the facade the attic story contains German siding set at an angle in a chevron pattern, with a single-paned window with a pedimented and jigsaw head and plainboard surrounds.

The roof is covered with diamond-shaped asphalt shingles. At the SE gable end is an octagonal bell tower, with louvers in each face and a pointed roof.

The addition on the rear (NW) elevation rests on a cinderblock foundation and is covered with asbestos shingle. Its NE elevation contains a door. The other elevations have a single one over one sash window each. An exterior brick stove chimney is attached NE of center on the NW elevation. The roof is covered in diamond-shaped asphalt shingles.

The vestibule on the facade is also covered with white asbestos shingle and roofed in diamond-shaped asphalt shingle. The attic of its gable end contains a repeat of the chevron pattern in German siding seen above it in the main block. Below are double doors below a small hood.

The interior of the church is unknown.

Northwest of the church are two small shed-roofed privies covered in brick-patterned asphalt roll siding.

Southeast across the road is a small cemetery. The oldest grave is dated 1903.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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                      ca. 1900                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT      unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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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

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DATE

May 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

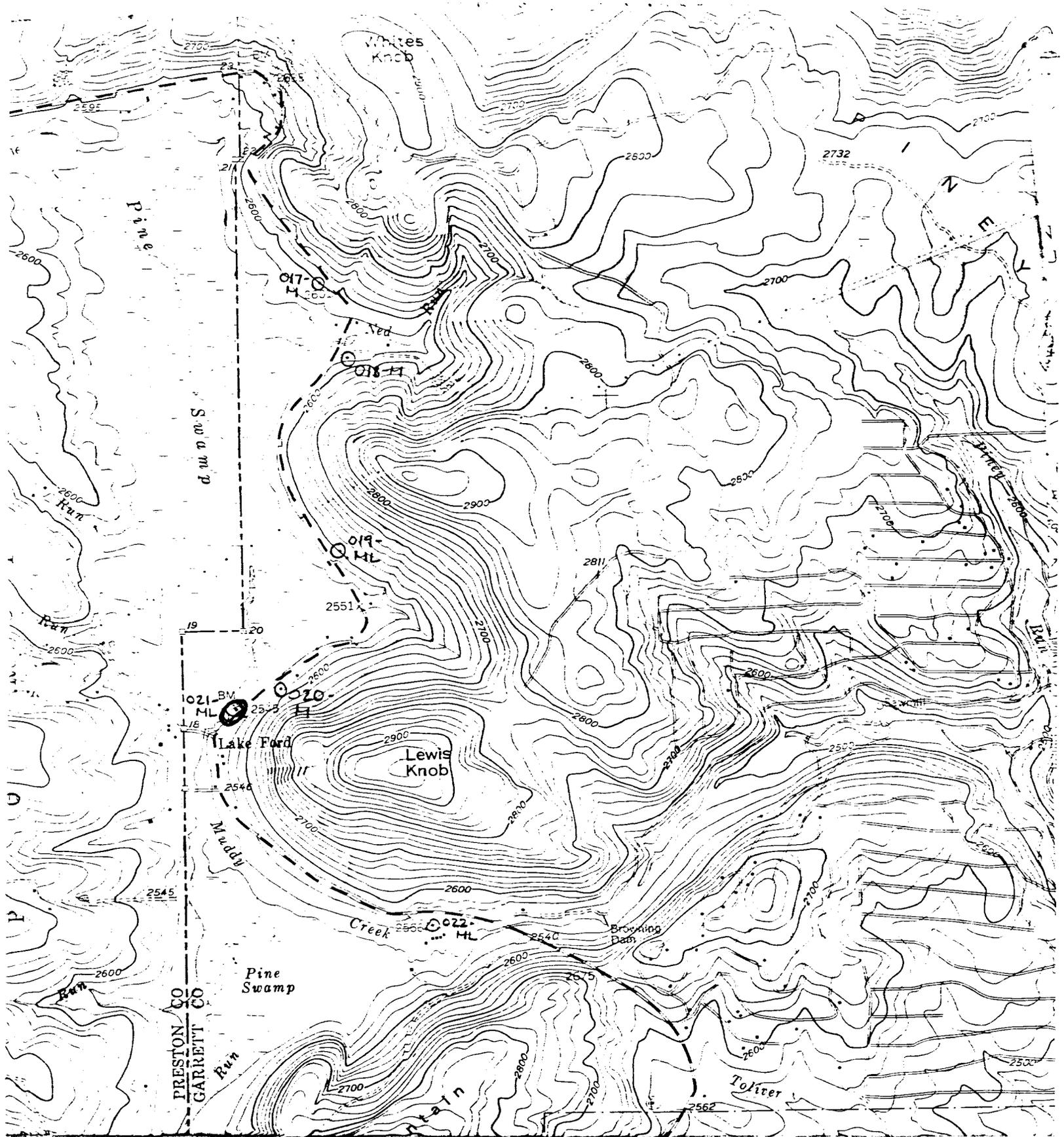
STATE

Maryland 21401

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 USGS 7.5 minute series  
 Scale - 1: 24,000  
 1947; photorevised 1974

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 Cranesville Rd., NW side,  
 .1 mile NE of Lake Ford



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Lake Ford U.M Church

Garrett Co., MD

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NE Elev.



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SW elev; Facade -SE elev.