

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes ___
no ___

Property Name: St. John's Lutheran Church Parsonage Inventory Number: G-V-A-059
Address: Garrett Highway Rt. 2 Box 159 Historic district: ___ yes X no
City: Oakland Zip Code: 21550 County: Garrett
USGS Quadrangle(s): Table Rock MD/WV
Property Owner: St. John's Lutheran Church Tax Account ID Number: 08-009317
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 26 Tax Map Number: 95
Project: Roth Rock Wind Power Project; Garrett Co. Agency: MD Public Service Commission
Agency Prepared By: Paula S. Reed and Associates, Inc.
Preparer's Name: Paula Reed Date Prepared: 4/27/2006
Documentation is presented in: MIHP# G-V-A-059, Maryland Coal Region Historic Sites Survey, 1981
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ___ Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ___ yes Listed: ___ yes
Site visit by MHT Staff ___ yes X no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The St. John's Parsonage resembles a basic bungalow form expanded by a central cross-gable and projecting bay windows. A porch spans the three-bay façade and extends at either end. This porch is further supplemented by a central projecting arched entrance portico. A small shed addition adjoins the rear of the structure. 1/1 vinyl sash windows light the house, which is sheathed in vinyl siding. The parsonage stands on a concrete foundation. Asphalt shingles cover the roof. A brick chimney is centrally located. The rear of the building is similar in character and materials. According to the MHT Coal Region survey in 1981 this parsonage was constructed in 1903. The 1981 survey form remarked that the house was significant as more elaborate than most in the area with cut shingles, and decorative trim. The shingles and trim are covered by or have been replaced with vinyl siding.

Evaluation:

This dwelling is not associated with local events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history nor significant persons of the past. While the parsonage along with the adjoining church and cemetery has been associated with the Lutheran citizens of the Redhouse area, there is no available documentation that suggests that it was particularly significant individually in the community's history (Criterion A). There is also no available documentation that the parsonage is representative

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MHT Comments:

Jonathan Sager 6/26/06
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date
Elkintz 6/28/06
Reviewer, National Register Program Date

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of the lives of any individuals important in local, regional or national history (Criterion B). Built in 1903, it does not represent the founding or founders of the community. While it retains its original form and roofing material, the application of vinyl siding, windows, trim and soffits alters the exterior character and diminishes visual integrity. Thus, it does not retain distinctive visual qualities of design, materials, or workmanship. The building is not an example of a significant architectural type, style, or period of construction, due to removal or covering of exterior character defining features (Criterion C). Therefore the parsonage is recommended as not individually eligible for the National Register. With its general form, design and setting intact, and its prominent location near the Redhouse intersection, however, it contributes to a potential Redhouse National Register Historic District.

Archaeological assessment, Criterion D, was not a part of this evaluation of above-ground resources.

History/Context:

Redhouse developed at the intersection of the Northwestern Turnpike (U.S. Route 50) and the Great Warrior's Path (U.S. Route 219). In about 1832 a two-story frame inn was built at this junction, on the property now occupied by G-V-A-43, the Benjamin F. Knepp Barn, on the southeast corner of the intersection. The red-painted "Red House" tavern and the surrounding hamlet served stagecoaches, covered wagons, settlers, cattle drovers, and other travelers at the busy intersection. The tavern property included a drovers' pasture for use by patrons' herds. Also near the intersection was a tollgate for the turnpike, the only one for the Northwestern Turnpike in Maryland. The original tavern operator was Frederick C. Carstens, who sold the Red House to Peter Shirer in 1841. Then the B & O Railroad made its way through Oakland about eight miles to the north in 1852. Eventually the railroad superseded the highways' freight-hauling function and wagons and drovers dwindled at the Redhouse intersection. Peter Shirer sold the Red House to Jacob Swartzentruber in 1855, who owned it through the Civil War. During the war, soldiers confiscated livestock and forage from the tavern and from surrounding farms. The next owner was Christian Martin who demolished the tavern, and in 1890 transferred the property to his son-in-law William Knepp. In the 1920s, Benjamin Knepp, William's son, acquired the property. Benjamin Knepp removed the house that Christian Martin built and constructed the current dwelling on the property, a stone gambrel-roofed house. He also built the gas station in the northwest corner of the Redhouse intersection, G-V-A-045. Adjacent to the gas station stands the Redhouse school and next to it is St. John's Church, an integral part of the crossroads community. Although the present church building dates from 1903, the original Lutheran church on the site was built in 1820, before the tavern and turnpike were constructed. The parsonage dates from the time that the present church was built.

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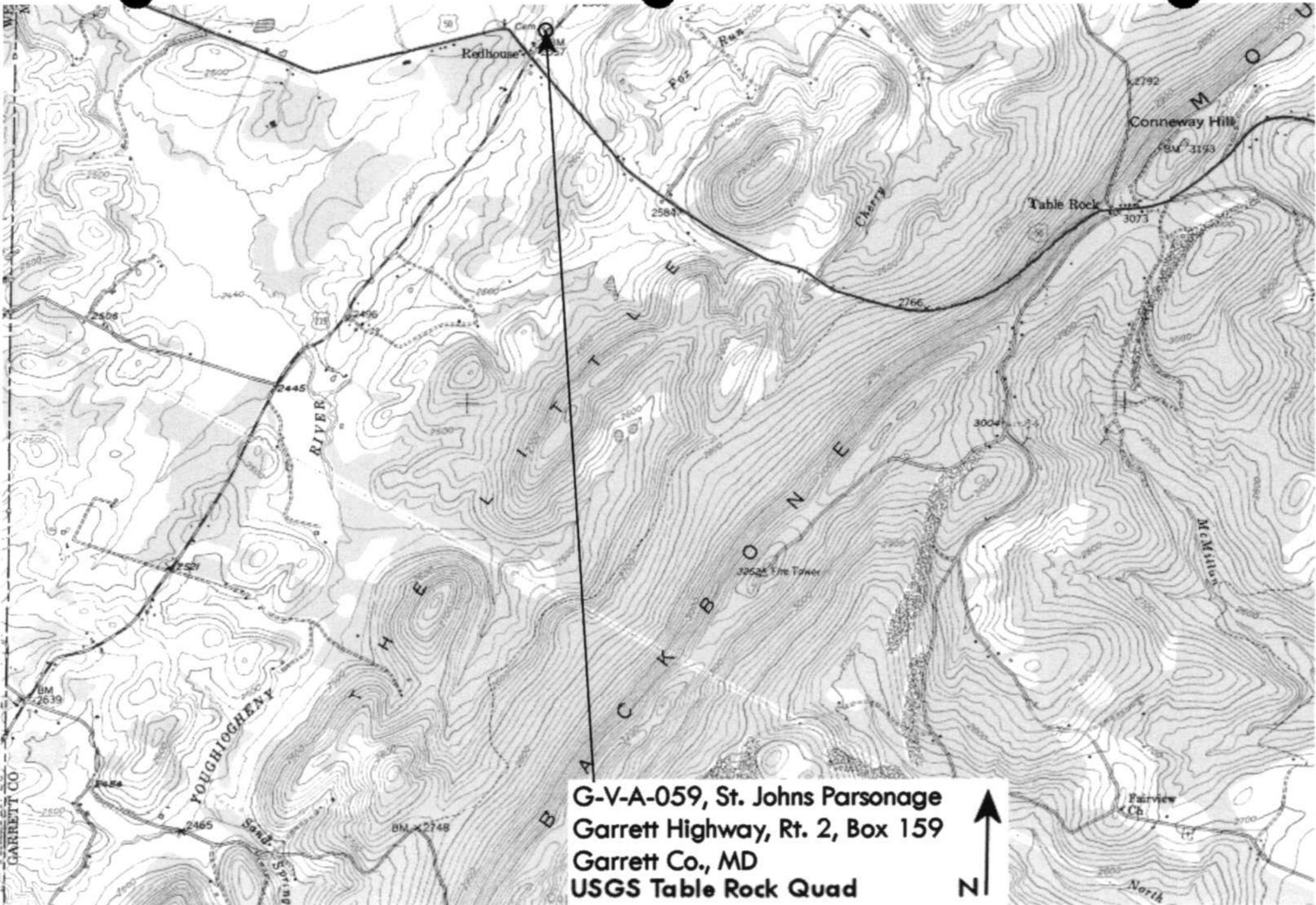
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Garrett Highway, Rt. 2, Box 159
Garrett Co., MD
USGS Table Rock Quad





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St. John's Lutheran Church Parsonage

Garrett Co., MD

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NW view

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St. John's Lutheran Church Parsonage
Redhouse
Private

c.1903

St. John's Lutheran Church Parsonage, built c.1903, is a 2-story, 3 bay by 2 bay cross-gable frame dwelling with a prominent facade (SE elevation) consisting of two bay windows on either side of a central entrance at the 1st story and three bay windows filling the 2nd story cross gable dormer.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

St. John's Lutheran Church Parsonage

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 219, west side, just north of intersection with Rt. 50

CITY, TOWN

Redhouse

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

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

7 DESCRIPTION

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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

St. John's Lutheran Church Parsonage is located at the southern end of Pleasant Valley, just northeast of the church.

It is a 2-story, 3 bay by 2 bay cross-gable frame dwelling with a prominent facade (SE elevation) consisting of two bay windows on either side of a central entrance at the 1st story and three bay windows filling the 2nd story cross gable dormer. A small shed wing extends from the rear of the house. It contains an entrance which is off-set to the southwest end.

A 1-story, hip-roofed, porch runs across the facade, wrapping itself around the bay window projections. The porch roof is supported by 10 square, tapered wooden columns, which rest on a solid balustrade covered with square and bevel-cut wooden shingles. The porch is supported on piers at the southwest end which are covered by wooden cross-latticing. A garage has been dug at the northeast end. A gable-roofed portico with a wooden shingle archway extends from the center of the porch providing access to the porch and main entrance of the house.

Under the porch, two Doric columns support the central 2nd story bay window. This bay is covered with square-and bevel-cut wooden shingles.

The rest of the walls, as well as the roof, are covered with asphalt shingles. The house rests on a concrete foundation.

The windows are 1/1 sash except for the facade bay windows at the SE elevation which include tracery in the upper sash. All windows have plain board surrounds and drip-molded window heads. There are small diamond-paned windows at the attic story of all gable ends, except for the facade, which has a square window.

An interior brick chimney pierces the ridgeline, just slightly off-center to the southwest.

The site includes a frame garage.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <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 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 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 c.1903 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Parsonage was probably built at the time of the church construction, c.1903. It is significant as one of the more elaborate dwellings in this area, featuring multiple bay windows, window tracery and cut wooden shingles.

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

Donna Ware, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

1982

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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.

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 St. John's Lutheran Church Parsonage
 Route 219, west side, just north
 of intersection with Route 50



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN
Parish St.
LARRY BENTON
1011 1/2 W. 10th St.
1011 1/2 W. 10th St.
1011 1/2 W. 10th St.
DR. ROBERT V. CARL
1011 1/2 W. 10th St.

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St. John's Lutheran Church
Parsonage Garrett County, MD

Donna Ware, 9-8-80

Facade: SE elevation



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St. John's Lutheran Church

Parsonage Garrett Co., MD

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NW elevation