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Gortner Union Church
Gortner
Private

1898

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Gortner Union Church

AND/OR COMMON

Gortner Church and Cemetery

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Gortner Rd., SW side, .1 mi. SE of US Route 219 S

CITY, TOWN

Gortner

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

___DISTRICT

___PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

___AGRICULTURE

___MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

___UNOCCUPIED

___COMMERCIAL

___PARK

___STRUCTURE

___BOTH

___WORK IN PROGRESS

___EDUCATIONAL

___PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

___ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

___OBJECT

___IN PROCESS

___YES: RESTRICTED

___GOVERNMENT

___SCIENTIFIC

___BEING CONSIDERED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___INDUSTRIAL

___TRANSPORTATION

NO

___MILITARY

___OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Union Church of Gortner

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #:

No Deed

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>7/1937</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Weatherboard with cornerboards sheathes the exterior walls, and a plain board frieze outlines the eaves. The roof is covered with corrugated metal and has a brick chimney located at the center of its ridgeline. Another brick chimney was later added to the southwest elevation.

In July 1937, this building was moved from the east side of US Route 219 S approximately .1 mile southeast down Gortner Road where it now sits on a foundation of rock-faced concrete block with a full basement.

A small cemetery is located on the southwest side of the church. The majority of the monuments date from the 1920's to the 1940's, but continue up to the present date. The names of the families interred there are: Beeghly, Buncutter, Dawson, DeWitt, Feather, Fike, Gortner, Hauger, Johnson, Lichty, McCabe, McCartney, McRobie, McFarland, Orendorf, Sanders, Slabach, Swartzentruber, Tasker, Wamsley, Welch.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 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	1898	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The land on which the church was originally built was donated by Peter P. Gortner, who constructed the church with the help of his neighbors. Work was begun in April 1898 and the building was completed by October of the same year. At its dedication ceremony on October 16, 1898 three sects were represented: Mennonite, Church of the Brethren, and United Brethren. Through the years five demoninations have been associated with the church.¹

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

¹The Glades Star, "Gortner Church Anniversary," No. 32, December 31, 1984, p. 326.

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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

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DATE
August 1981

STREET & NUMBER
Shaw House, 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN
Annapolis

STATE
Maryland 21401

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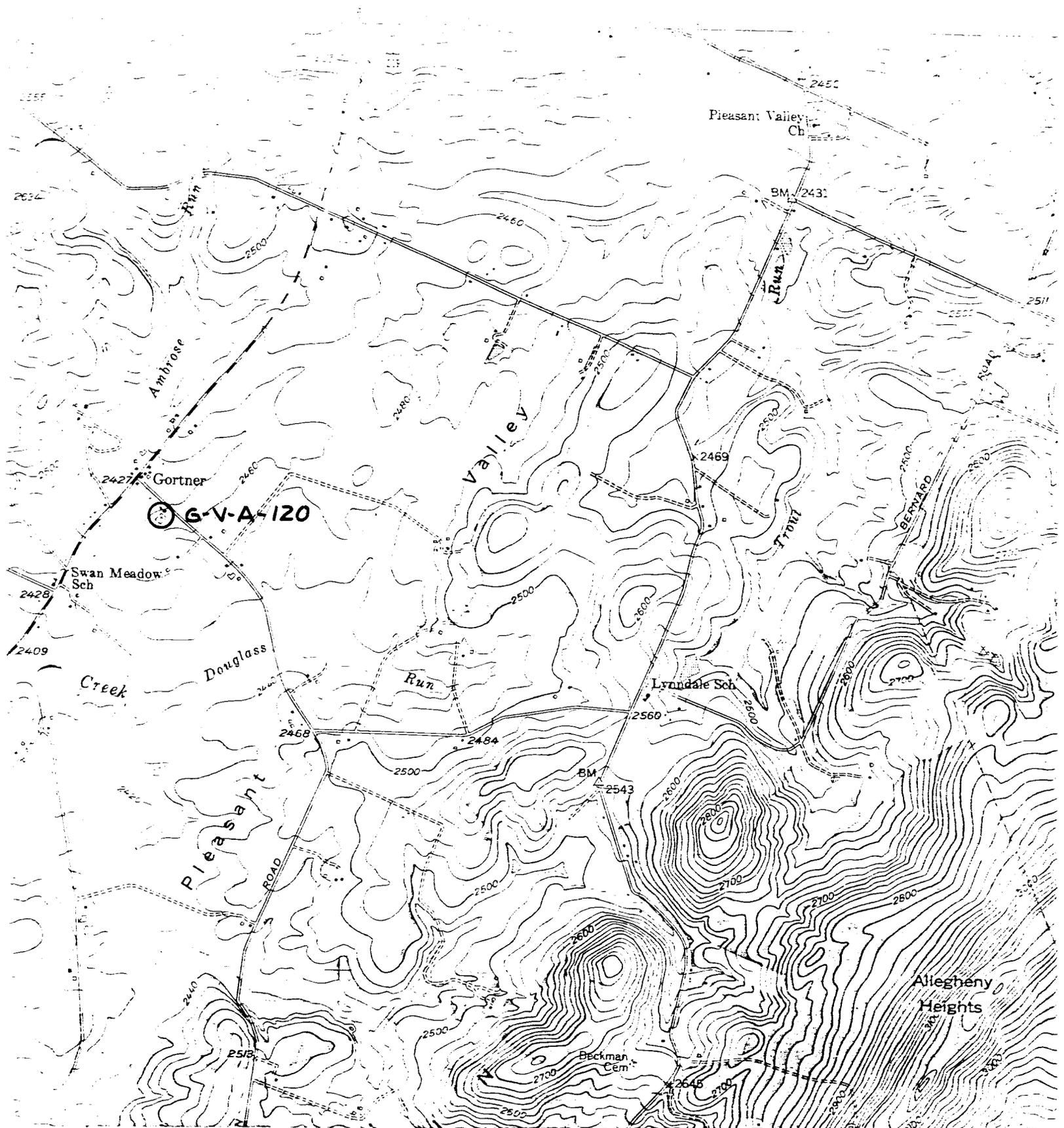


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 7.5 Minute Series
 Scale 1:24,000
 1948; photorevised 1974

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 SE of US Route 219 S



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Facade: SE & NE elevations



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SW elevations