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SMITH CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH
Churchville Road near Aldino Road
Churchville
Semi-public

1870

Smith Chapel was named in memory of Col. William Smith, the commander of the Harford County regiment in the War of 1812. Built on the Smith property, the present building appears to date from 1870. The adjacent cemetery contains the Smith family graves and those of several other families, dating as early as 1804. The area at the intersection of Churchville and Aldino Roads in the late 19th century was a village called Enterprise on the 1878 Atlas map.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Smith Chapel Methodist Church
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Churchville Road near Aldino Road

CITY, TOWN Churchville VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland COUNTY Harford

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input 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 Smith Chapel Methodist Church Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER Churchville Road

CITY, TOWN Churchville VICINITY OF STATE, zip code MD 21028

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Harford County Court House

Liber #:
Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER 40 So. Main St.

CITY, TOWN Bel Air STATE MD 21014

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

NR 1084

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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Smith Chapel Methodist Church is a small country church with brick veneer and a square bell tower over the entrance. Greatly altered on the exterior, the church structure dates from 1870 and is located on the west side of Churchville Road near the intersection of Aldino Road.

The church consists of the original auditorium with an adjacent bell tower with entrance and foyer in its base. A 20th century addition is located on the south side of the original section. This room has a modern folding door between it and the main sanctuary, providing educational use or extra congregational seating as necessary. The structure of the original section and tower is probably frame, but brick veneer has been applied during the 20th century. The belfry was probably originally open, but it is now enclosed in aluminum siding.

The entrance is protected by a small porch. The windows are early 20th century stained glass and are evenly spaced in four bays along the north side of the main section. The east elevation has four windows with a pair in the center flanked by two single openings. A modern metal cross is suspended in the gable. The roof of both the main section and the bell tower is modern composition material. A small marble cornerstone in the northeast corner is inscribed "Smith Chapel Methodist Church 1857, 1870, 1920, 1960."

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

14. 11621

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		Local history

SPECIFIC DATES 1870 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Smith Chapel was named in memory of Col. William Smith, the commander of the Harford County regiment (42nd Maryland Militia) in the War of 1812.* Built on the Smith property, the present building appears to date from 1870. The adjacent cemetery contains the Smith family graves and those of several other families, dating as early as 1804. The area at the intersection of Churchville and Aldino Roads in the later 19th century was a village called Enterprise on the 1878 Atlas map. The church was the spiritual and geographic center of Enterprise.

*The regiment was organized about 1813 with Col. Smith commanding. He called out the regiment on July 14, 1814 and the unit served as a reserve force in the attack on Baltimore by the British General Ross. The militia disbanded in 1825. Smith died of a stroke on Dec. 17, 1835 and was buried on his farm. In April 1836, several prominent county residents took part in a Masonic eulogy at the grave.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Preston, Walter W., History of Harford County, orig. pub. 1901; repr. 1972, Regional Publishing Co., Baltimore.

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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

Janet Davis, MHT/SHA Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Md. Historical Trust

DATE

September 24, 1981

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

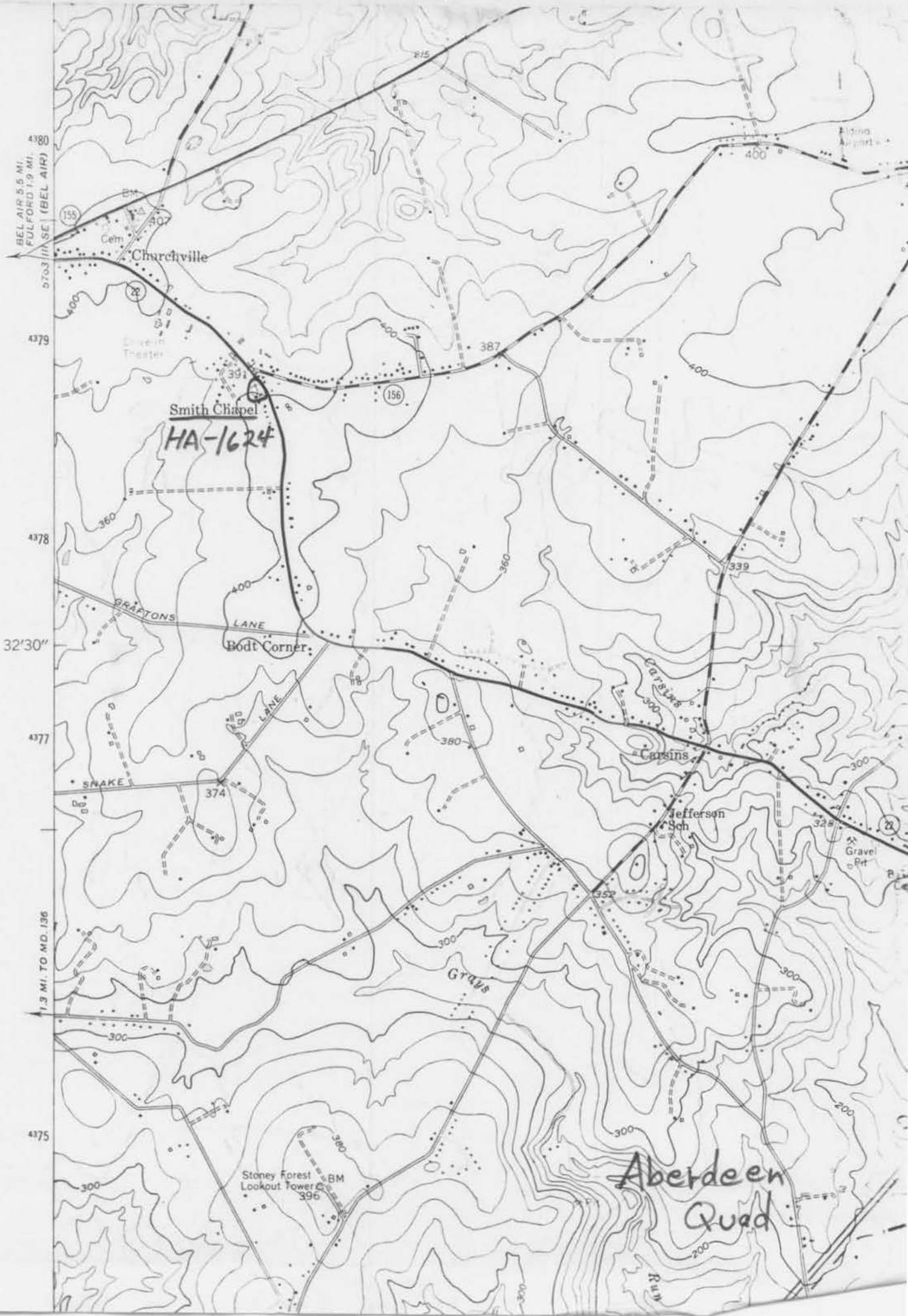
STATE

MD 21401

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BEL AIR 5.5 MI.
FULFORD 1.9 MI.
5703 (IN SE) (BEL AIR)

4380

4379

4378

32°30'

4377

1.3 MI. TO MD. 136

4375

Smith Chapel
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Bodt Corner

**Aberdeen
Quad**

Stoney Forest
Lookout Tower
BM
396

Run



Smith Chapel Methodist Church

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Hartford County

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E elevation