

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME			
COMMON: Jacobs' Church			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Jacobs' Lutheran Church, Frieden's Church			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Miller's Church Road, just west of junction with Strite Road			
CITY OR TOWN: Route 8, Hagerstown			
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Washington	
3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	
		STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC 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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious	<u>church building</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<u>not in use at present</u>
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Leitersburg, Md.			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Leitersburg		STATE: Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Washington County Court House			
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 555/147			
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Historical Trust Survey #3070			
DATE OF SURVEY: Summer, 1967 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust			
STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road			
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis		STATE: Maryland	

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Jacobs! Church is located on the south side of Miller's Church Road just south of the Mason-Dixon line and a short distance west of Strite Road in Washington County, Md. It is situated on a grassy level area and faces east.

The structure is a one-story brick church four bays in length and three bays wide. The foundations are of coursed local fieldstones and carry brick walls which display flemish bonding at the front elevation and common bonding at the rear and side elevations. The cornerstone, inscribed with the date 1841, is located at the south end of the front elevation.

Decorative work associated with the wall construction includes flat arches one and a half bricks in height over the window and door openings and a brick round arch over a fan window in the front gable. The facade extends above the gable terminating in a stepped extension with a flat top trimmed with a course of corbeling.

The windows appear to be spaced evenly in the walls. They display narrow framing mitered at the corners and finished with a decorative bead. All windows are shuttered, each section having three flat panels.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. The doorway is simple in appearance and is framed similarly to the windows. Entrance is made through double doors each containing five flat panels. A four-light transom is present over the door. A second entrance is located in the west end of the south wall.

The roof is of slate and terminates at the eaves with undecorated boxing. A small interior brick chimney rises from the peak of the roof.

Just south of the church building is the cemetery. The earliest readable markers in the cemetery are inscribed in German and date from the 1790's. Many of the older stones display decorative carving following plant and other design motifs.

The churchyard is partially enclosed by a dry stone wall which can also be seen along a major portion of the unpaved section of Miller's Church Road.

The church is in fair to deteriorated condition and is located on a tract containing .81 acres. The cemetery appears to have been maintained.

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#8 SIGNIFICANCE -- Continued

Jacob's Church is said by a local historian to be the only item from Washington County inscribed on a silver plate given by the State of Maryland to the Navy battleship "Maryland."

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" 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) 1841 date stone

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 checked="" 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	<input checked="" 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

The area of significance of Jacobs' Church is its architecture. It is also important for religious and social considerations as one of the early places of worship in Washington County, having been established during the late 18th century.

Architecturally the church is a well documented and dated example of a mid 19th century structure. Dated 1841, it reflects the building techniques of the period and also serves as a guide and aid in estimating the age of other similar structures. The treatment of the facade which extends above the roof level is rather unusual in the area with dated examples in brick associated with the mid 19th century Greek Revival movement.

Jacob's Church was established well before 1841. An earlier church constructed of logs was present on the site prior to the present structure. An exact date of construction of the log church is not known, but historians agree that it must have been built about 1790. According to Herbert C. Bell's History of Leitersburg District, the church and cemetery are located on a tract of land called "Martin's Good Hope" which contained 18 acres and was surveyed for Martin Jacobs April 1, 1788. Jacobs received a patent for the land on April 21, 1790. It has been recorded in church documents that the Rev. Genter Wingardt was pastor of the church 1791-1795. On November 18, 1799, the church property was deeded by Martin Jacobs to Christian Lantz "for the use of the congregation and their successors."

The original church building is said in Bell's History to have been a square structure with walls about 25' in length. It faces south with two entrances in its front wall. Bell further states that the logs were weather boarded some time before 1825 and that the siding was painted a "nondescript color between white and yellow."¹ When the church was removed the logs were used in the construction of two houses in the town of Leitersburg. Further descriptive information about the log church is recorded in Bell's History. The cornerstone for the present brick structure was laid September 10, 1841. The structure was in use until 1972 a regular basis. It is still used for occasional summer services.

The people who made up the first congregation of Jacob's Church were German speaking residents of the Leitersburg area and nearby Franklin County, Pa. One of the oldest graves in the cemetery appears to be that of Martin Jacobs' son who died November 16, 1790.

¹ Herbert C. Bell, History of Leitersburg District, Leitersburg, Md.: Herbert C. Bell (1908), p. 122.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bell, Herbert C., History of Leitersburg District, Leitersburg, Md.: Herbert C. Bell, 1908.
Williams, T. J. C., History of Washington County, Vol. 1, Hagerstown: Mail Publishing Co., 1906.

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: .81 acres

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	COUNTY:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Washington County Historical Sites Survey DATE: September, 1974

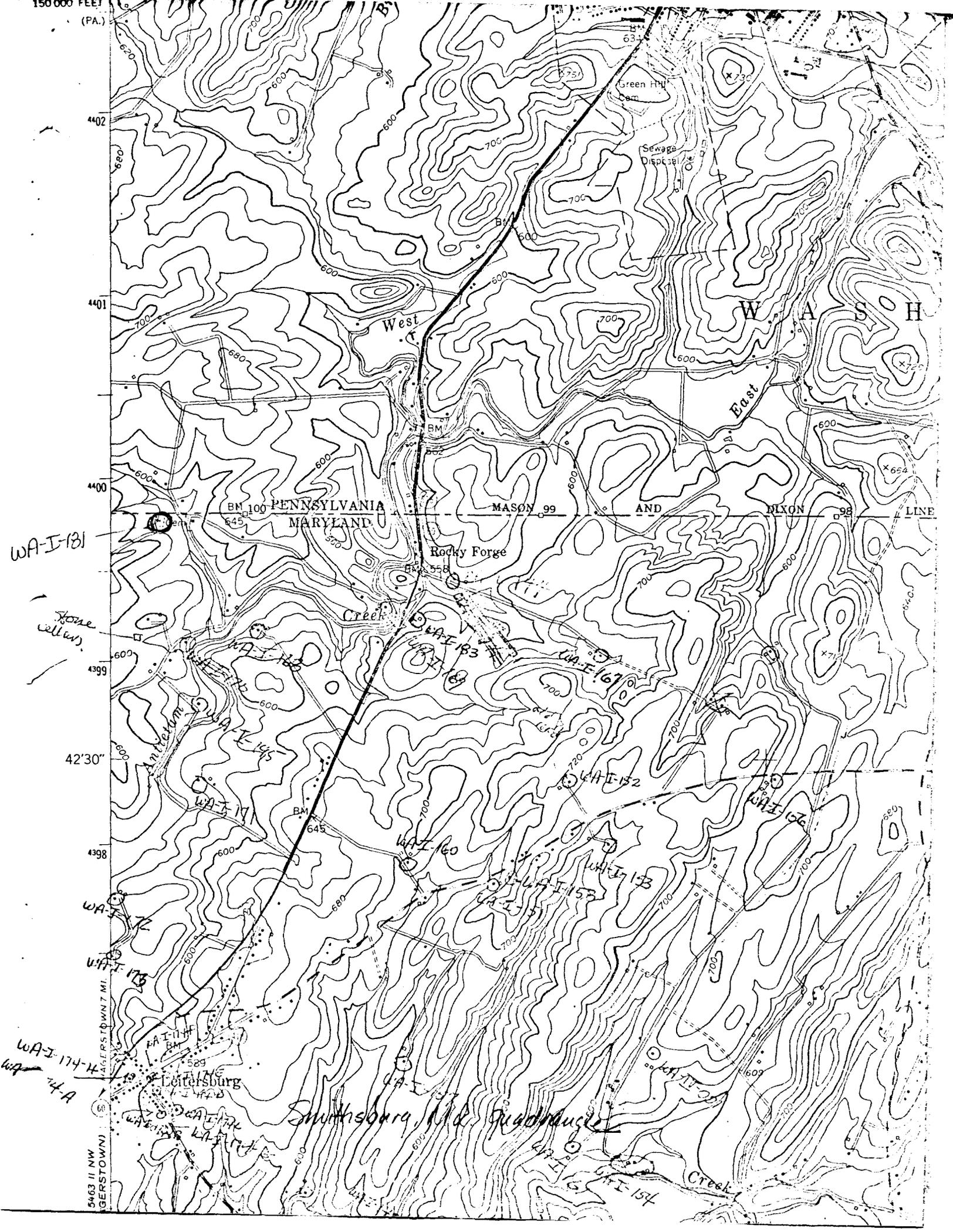
STREET AND NUMBER:
Court House Annex

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:
National State Local

Signature _____



150 000 FEET

(PA.)

4402

4401

4400

4399

42'30"

4398

WA-I-172

WA-I-173

WA-I-174-K

WA-I-174-A

5463 II NW (GERSTOWN) 1/4 SECTION 7 MI.

WA-I-131

Stone well

PENNSYLVANIA MARYLAND

Rocky Forge

Creek

Smithsburg, Md. Quadrangle

Green Hill

Sewage Disposal

West

W. A. S. H.

East

MASON 99

AND

DIXON 98

LINE

WA-I-132

WA-I-167

WA-I-160

WA-I-152

WA-I-156

WA-I-153

WA-I-153

Smithsburg

Water

Creek

WA-I-154



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April 1951

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WA-I-121

Stone with two lines of writing

1900

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