

ABSTRACT

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1897

Paradise Church
Hagerstown Vicinity
private

Paradise Mennonite Church is architecturally significant as a large country church displaying regional building characteristics of the late 19th century. The unadorned appearance of the structure also reflects Mennonite religious beliefs which espouse a simplistic life style. There is a large Mennonite population in Washington County, particularly in the Leitersburg, Fountain Head and Conococheague election districts.

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District 27
Map 25
Parcel 204

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Paradise Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Paradise Church and Eden Roads

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF Hagerstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Paradise Mennonite Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Paradise Church Road

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: NO DEED
Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE
Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
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<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Paradise Mennonite Church is located at the intersection of Paradise Church Road and Eden Road north of Hagerstown in Washington County, Maryland. The church is located on an area of level ground and faces east.

The large, one story brick structure is 13 bays in length and four bays wide. A date stone set in its southeast corner indicates that the church was built in 1897 and rebuilt in 1972. The original dimensions of the structure are said to be 40 by 60 feet. It would appear that the south half of the building is an addition as is a modern extension to the north gable end which is dated 1972.

The walls which rest on low fieldstone foundations have American or common bond brickwork with generally seven courses of stretchers between header rows. Segmental arches of brick are present above all openings.

All windows have six over six pane double hung sashes. Those in the side walls are flanked with pairs of louvered shutters.

The roof is covered with slates and extends beyond the end walls of the building. A brick chimney, topped with several courses of corbeling extends from the interior of the building near its north end. A cemetery is located north of the church.

The building is in excellent condition and stands on a tract containing approximately two acres. Attached is a brief history of Paradise Church and the Mennonite faith from T.J.C. Williams' History of Washington County.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Williams, T.J.C., History of Washington County. Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Company, 1906.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

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

October 1976

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

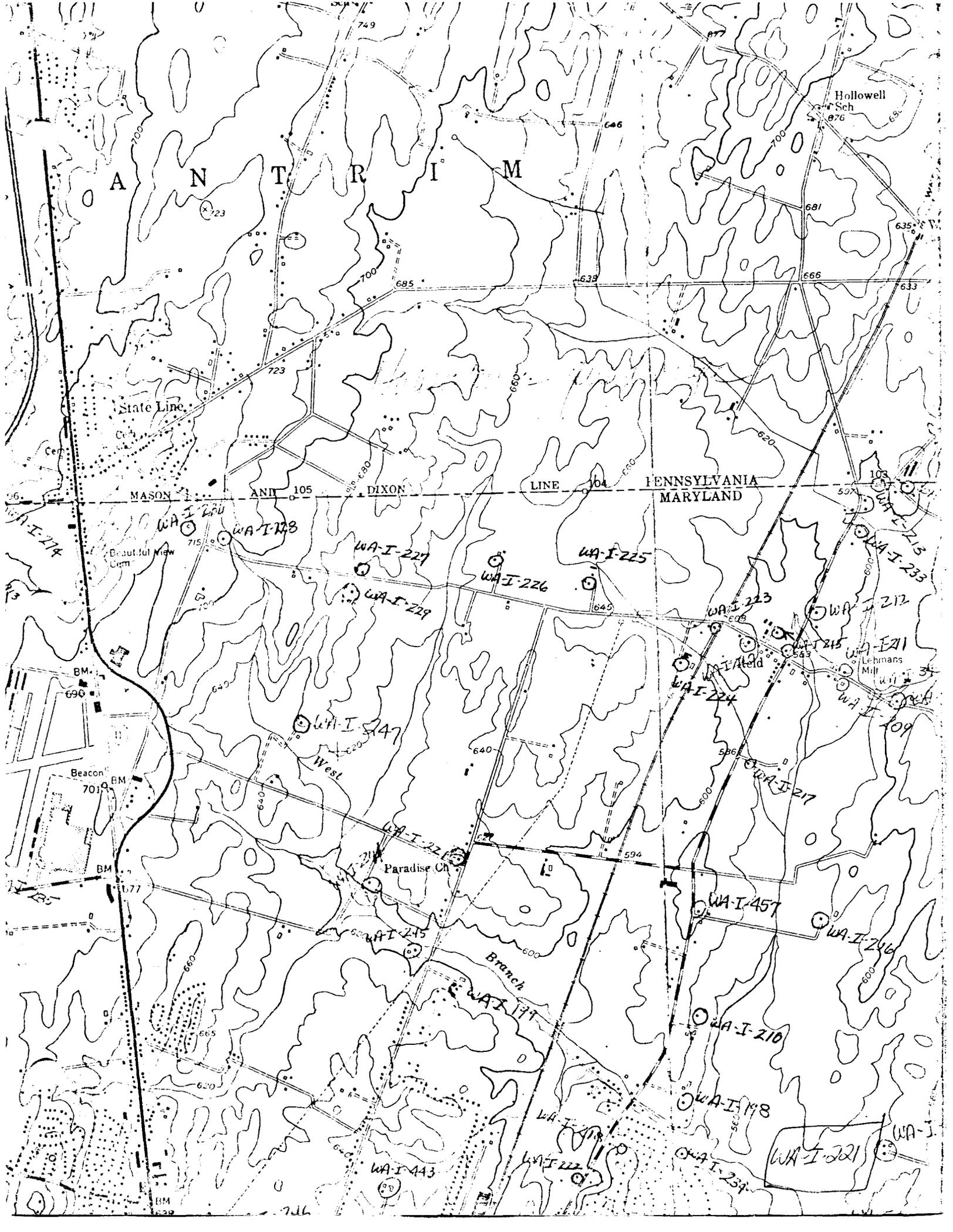
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MARYLAND

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