

ABSTRACT

WA-I-288

1893

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

Hagerstown Vicinity

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

MACT # 22055403

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY 593

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Mt. Zion Evangelical Church

AND/OR COMMON

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

(Greencastle Pike)

West of Maryland Route 63, 1/2 mile north of Cearfoss

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF Hagerstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

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 Mt. Zion Evangelical United Brethren Church

C/O The Reverend William C. Harpold

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 9, Box 2

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 #: IN11

Folio #: 731

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

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| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED < 50% | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Mt. Zion United Methodist Church is located on the west side of Maryland route 63, about one half mile north of Cearfoss in Washington County. The church is situated perpendicular to the road, facing east.

Built in 1893, the present structure is a one story brick building, four bays long and one bay wide, resting on ashlar foundations. The bricks are laid in common bond at all elevations with decorative work in the form of corbeling to suggest vertical pilasters between the bays and gothic pointed caps above the windows. A projecting tower also of brick construction carries the belfry and steeple and is attached to the north wall toward its east end.

Windows are long and narrow with pointed tops and have four over four pane sashes. Within the top sections of each window are three small triangular panes. The entrance is located in the east wall of the tower and is treated similarly to the windows.

The roof of the main section is sheathed with sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls. The belfry atop the tower has arched openings between which runs a plain balustrade. The steeple is four sided and sheathed with slates in an imbricated pattern.

The building is in excellent condition and stands on a one acre tract. Adjoining the church lot, to the south, is another small parcel used as the cemetery. The present building replaced an earlier brick structure which had been built in 1852 but was destroyed by a cyclone.

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | |
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| <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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The original building on this site was erected by the Evangelical Association in 1852 on land given by Samuel Spickler. The cost of the new church built in 1893 was about \$3,000.¹

¹ T.J.C. Williams, History of Washington County. Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Co., (1906) p. 511.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

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

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

June 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

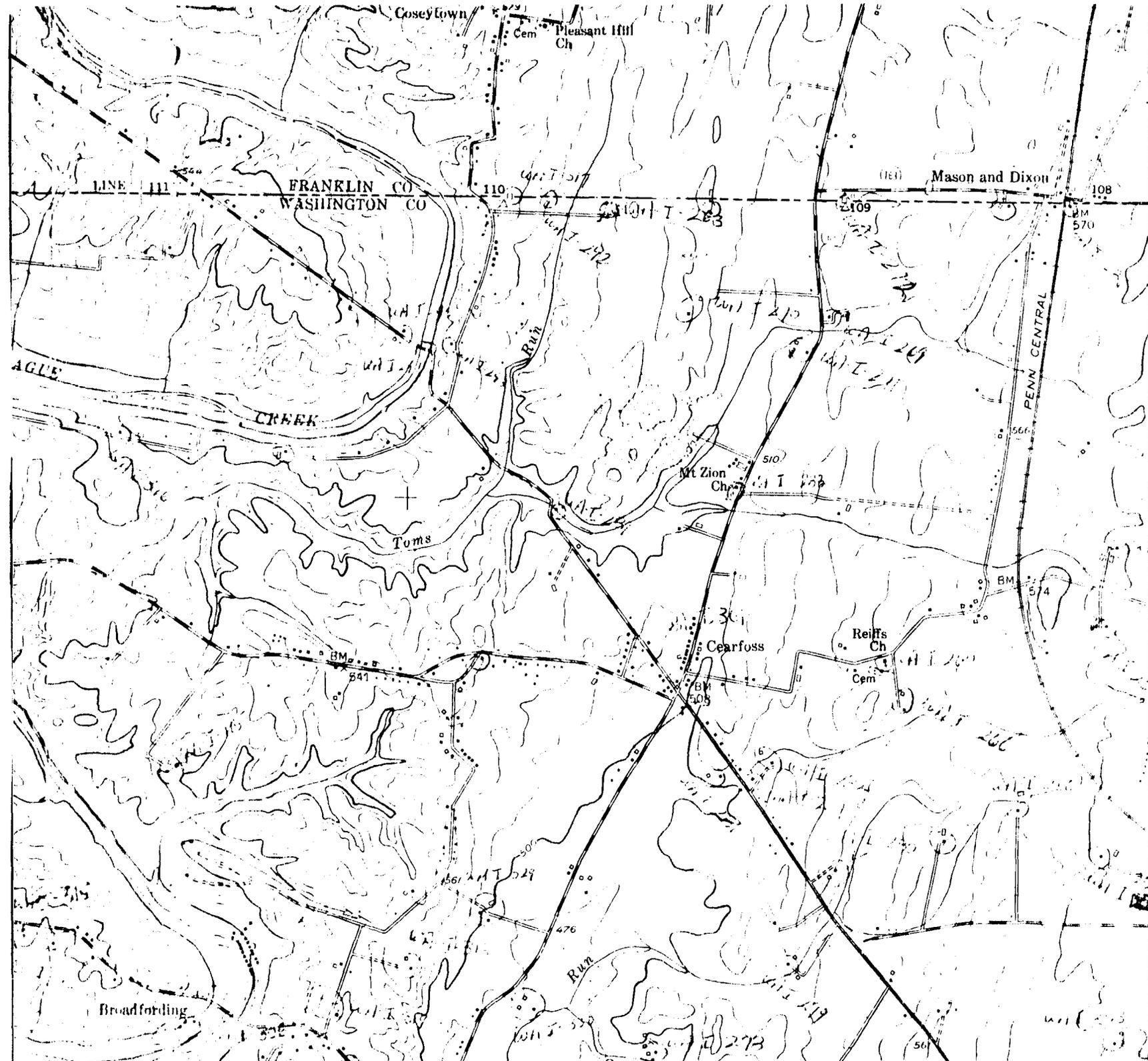
STATE

Maryland 21740

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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(MAGERSTOWN)
2-63 11 NW

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MT. ZION EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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