

Survey # WA-II-1078

Approximate date 1835

Street Address 55 South Main Street

Town, State Keedysville, Maryland

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Description

Set along South Main Street is this small gable-fronted stone building dating from the second quarter of the 19th century. It is a three bay wide structure with a central entrance. Within the gable above the entrance are double four-light windows which do not appear to be original. Other windows have nine over six light sash. A shed roofed porch supported by square posts extends across the front. A shed dormer was added to the roof.

According to Arita Van Rensselaer's manuscript on Keedysville's history and Margaret Burtner Moats' History of Keedysville, this building was constructed in 1835 by John Weaver, local stone mason. There is said to have been an arched stone date tablet over the door with the builder's name and date. This tablet was removed and replaced with the present window when the structure was converted to a residence. It originally served as a school and as a church for the German Reformed congregation from 1835-52. This may have been the school that was selected by the union army to serve as a hospital after the Battle of Antietam. The Reverend Robert Douglass, father of Henry Kyd Douglass preached in this building.

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I. Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

II. Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Agricultural-Industrial Transition

III. Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Education

Religion

IV. Resource Type

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Single Dwelling

School

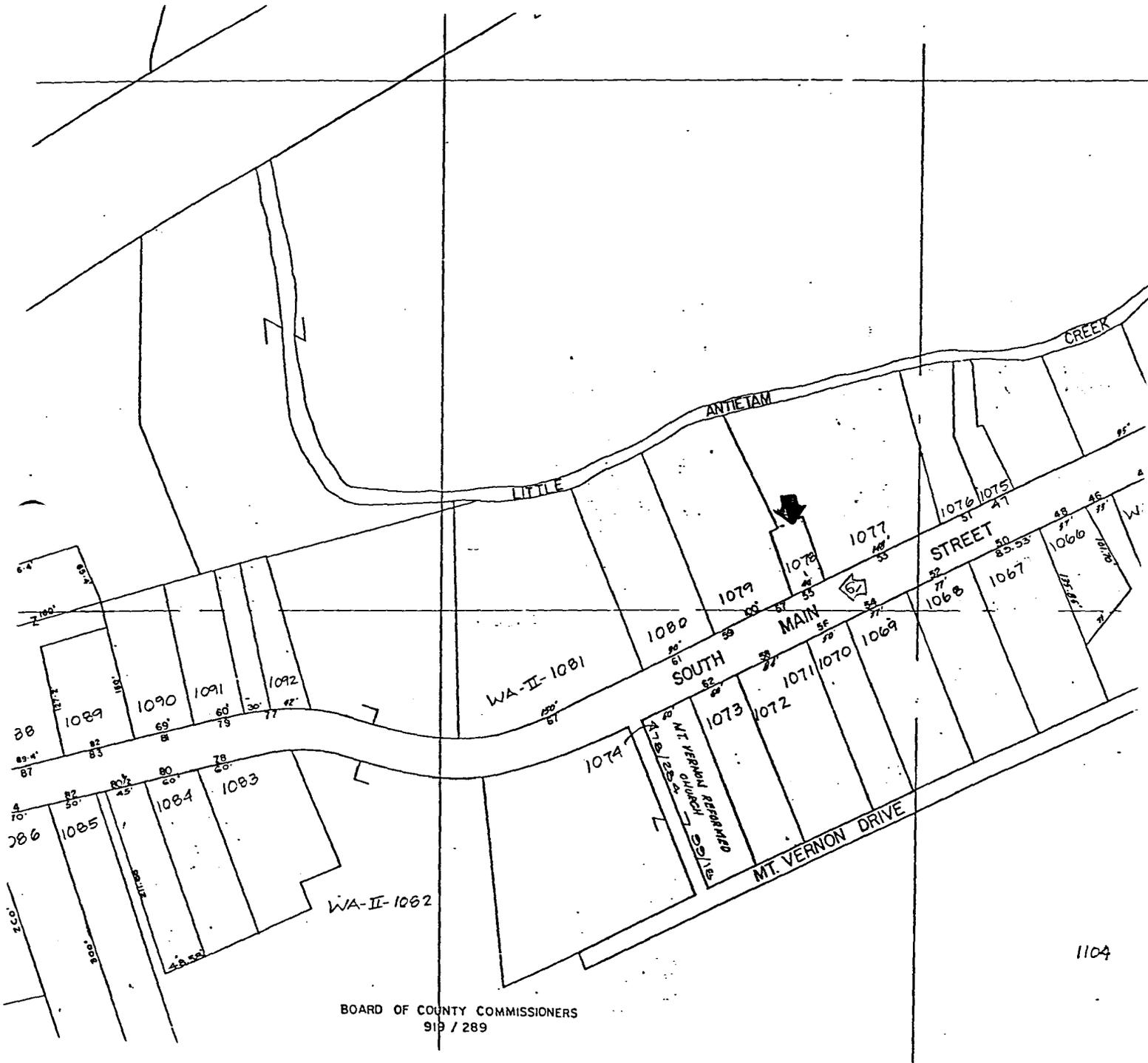
Church

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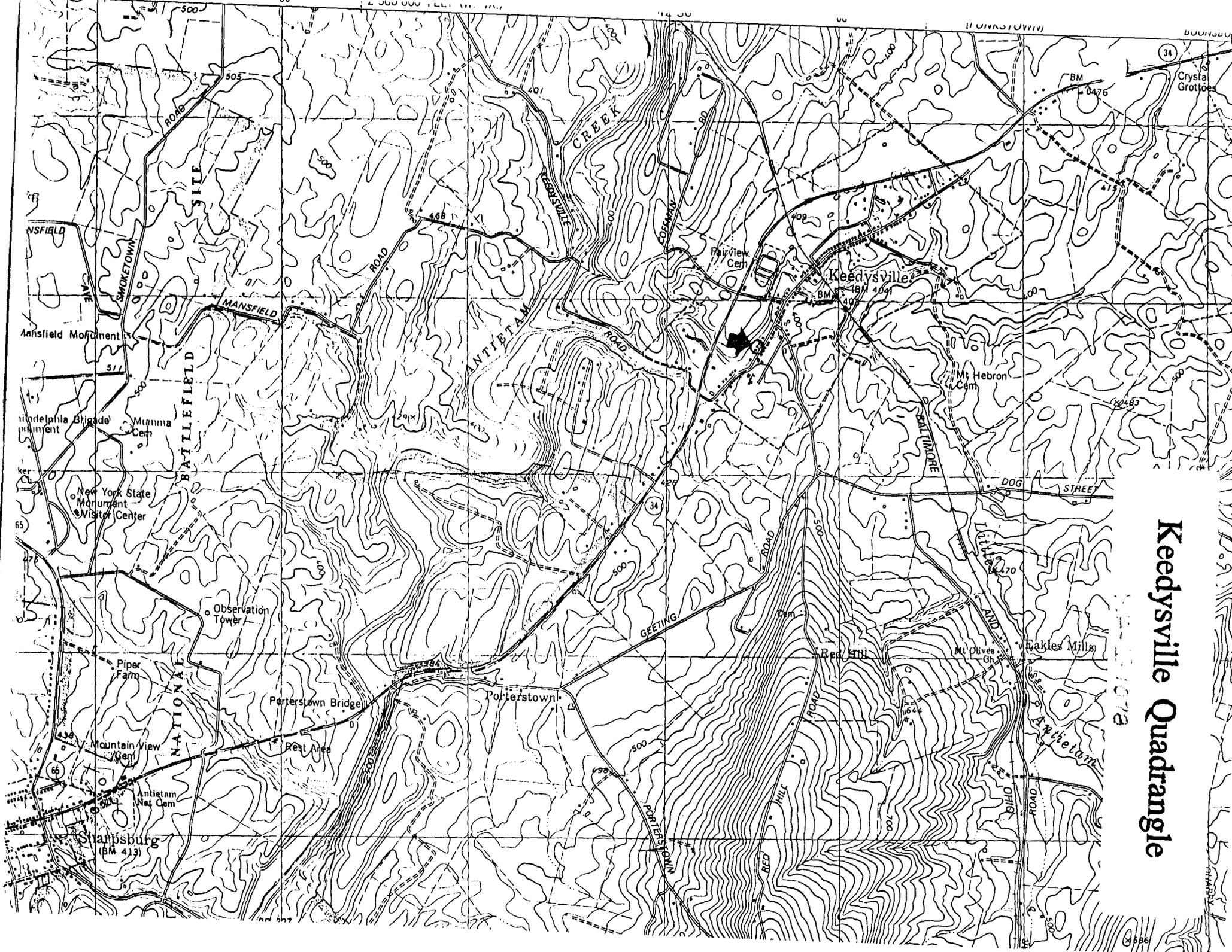


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# Keedysville Quadrangle

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SW view, E and N. Elevations

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