

ABSTRACT

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1830

Manor Church of the Bretheran
Tilghmanton Vicinity
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Manor Church of the Bretheran

AND/OR COMMON

Manor Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Manor Church Road

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF Tilghmanton

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

Church of the Brethren Manor Congregation of

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Washington County.

Manor Church Road, Route # 1

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Boonsboro

___ VICINITY OF

Maryland 21713

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: UU

Folio #: 147

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Hagerstown

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 Manor Church is located on the west side of Manor Church Road near Emmertsville southeast of Tilghmanton in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on sloping ground near a spring run and has principal facades facing east and north.

The Church is a one and a half story structure, eight bays in length and three bays wide, built of roughly coursed local limestones. A modern brick two story, six bay addition extends to the east. This addition obscures the three southern bays of the front elevation. Large stone lintels are present above most window and door openings. An entrance in the center bay of the north gable end is topped with a flat arch of cut stones. There is no decorative masonry associated with the exterior of the building.

Windows have narrow wooden frames finished with a bead at the inside edge. Main story windows have nine over six pane double hung sashes while lower story windows located at the rear of the building have six over six light sashes. Small windows with board shutters are set in the gables. Most main story windows are flanked with louvered shutters.

An old photograph of the Church published in the 1906 History of Washington County by T.J.C. Williams' indicates that entrances were located in the third and fifth bays from the south end of the east elevation. The more elaborate of these two entrances is that which is now used, set in the northerly position. It has double paneled doors topped with a five light transom. Another principal entrance is centered in the north gable end. Although it is similar in appearance to the other door, it does display more elaborate masonry above its transom.

The roof of the building is covered with sheet metal. It extends slightly beyond the north end wall but terminates flush with the south gable wall. Small brick chimneys are located inside each gable end.

The Manor Church appears to be in excellent condition. It stands on a lot containing slightly more than one acre, part of "The Resurvey on Three Springs" which was purchased by the Church deacons from Michael and Ann Emmert for \$50 in 1839. The Manor Cemetery is located across Manor Church Road from the Church.

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1830

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The Williams' account further states that the Manor Dunker Congregation was the first formed from the Antietam Church and that their Church building was constructed in 1830. According to the Washington County Land Records, Volume UU, page 147, Michael and Ann Emmert sold one acre and 14 perches of land, part of the "Resurvey on Three Springs" to John S. Rowland, David Wolf, Emanuel Long and Joseph Wolf, Church Deacons for \$50. The deed notes that the land was the same on which the aforesaid Brethren have heretofore erected a house for public Divine Worship.

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The adjoining cemetery includes members of the Emmert, Reichard, Long, Groff and other families.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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 _____

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

August 1976

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

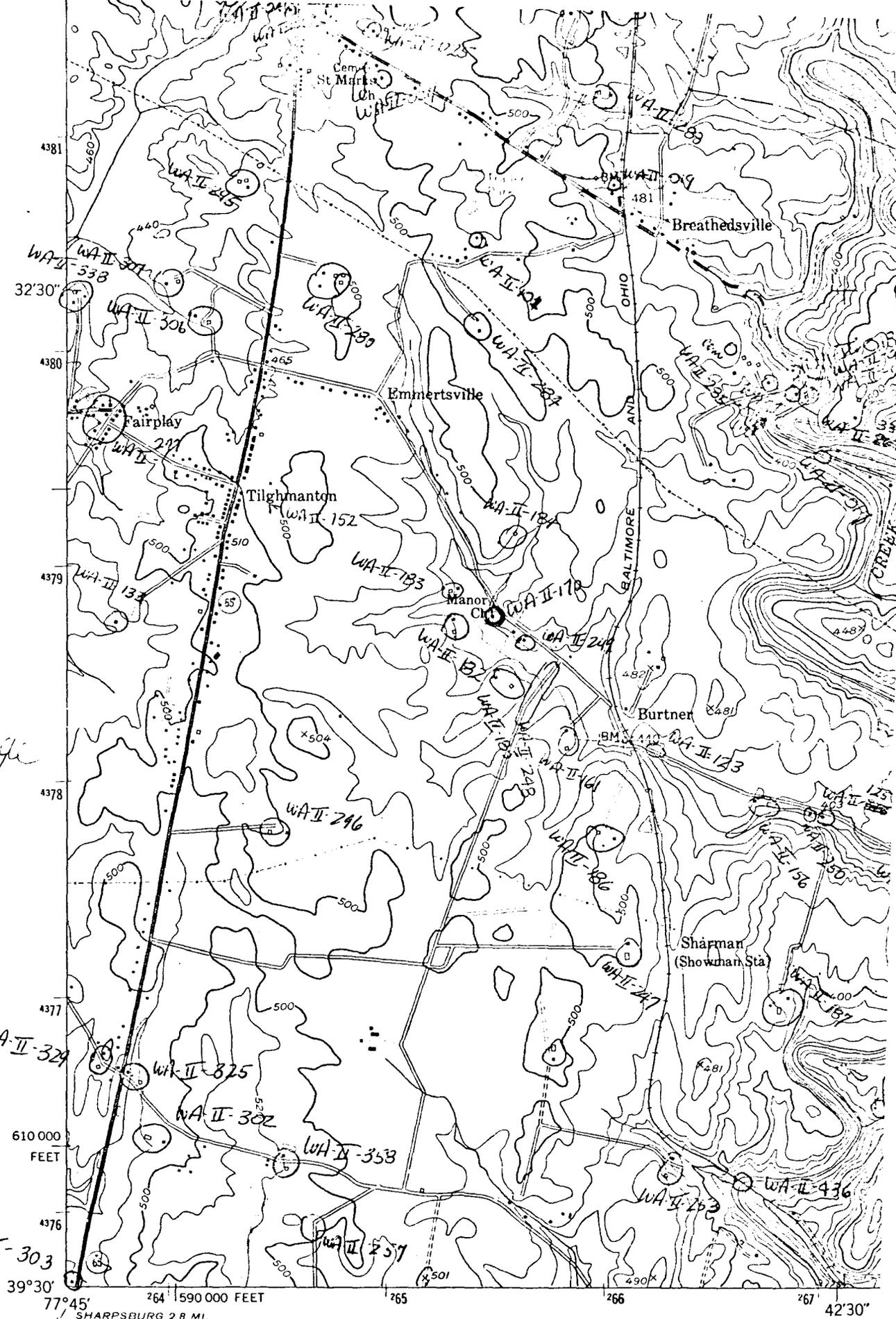
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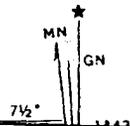


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Topography from aerial photographs by stereophotogrammetric methods. Aerial photographs taken 1943

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Cemetery N.E. view

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