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Saint Patrick's Catholic Church
Little Orleans
ca. mid nineteenth century

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Little Orleans had its beginnings in a log church built early in the nineteenth century on the bank of the Fifteen Mile Creek. In 1808 Leonard Bevans, a resident of the area, donated one and one quarter acre of land to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Baltimore "for the better convenience and advantage of the Roman Catholics residing in the neighborhood of Fifteen Mile Creek."

The present brick church building sits within the old cemetery connected with the original church. The cemetery contains the graves, many unmarked of Irish workers from the C & O Canal. They probably frequented the church while work on the canal was stalled at Little Orleans from 1836 to 1839. The brick church is a simply designed building with Gothic arched windows and entrances located in large slightly recessed bays.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Appel Road

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Little Orleans

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegheny

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 MUSEUM
 COMMERCIAL PARK
 EDUCATIONAL PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 ENTERTAINMENT RELIGIOUS
 GOVERNMENT SCIENTIFIC
 INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION
 MILITARY OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Archbishop of Baltimore

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

320 Cathedral Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore,

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegheny County Courthouse

Liber #: 103

Folio #: 153

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE
Maryland 21502**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 type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church is located on Appel Road in Little Orleans.

The church consists of a rectangular brick structure with american common bond laid in variations of six to one and nine to one. It rests on a low stone foundation of coursed rubble with a plain water table. The gable front roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Replaced eaves consist of a boxed cornice, soffit, bed mould and frieze with fascia and returns on the southeastern gable end and close pent eaves on the northwest. Wall features include three rectangular recessed bays on the flanks and the southeast. A circular panel with a round brick arch in the southeastern gable end is decorated with a shamrock. One inside end corbeled brick chimney has a tall stack.

The main entrance is recessed in a gothic arched bay in the center of the southeastern facade. The double doors have six panels each and original hardware. Gothic arched windows with pointed brick arches, are obscured by closed wooden shutters with original hardware. The windows have rolled moulding and wooden slipsills. One half-round window in the northwestern facade is bricked shut. A small cement platform porch is on the southeast.

A small gabled brick addition on the northwest has shuttered windows with flat brick arches. An entrance on the addition has a six paneled door with a three light recessed transom. A flush end brick chimney is on the northwest of the addition.

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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 type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<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

In 1808 Leonard Bevans, a resident of the Little Orleans area, donated one and one-quarter acre of land to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Baltimore "for the better convenience and advantage of the Roman Catholics residing in the neighborhood of Fifteen Mile Creek" which flows through Little Orleans.(1) A log church was built on the property located near the creek.(2)

Graves in the cemetery in which the present church building was erected are dated as early as 1815, when Ignatius Bevans was buried there. (3)" The cemetery contains the graves, many of them unmarked, of Irish canal construction workers and their descendants."(4) The church was probably frequented by the Irish canal workers while work on the canal was stalled at Little Orleans from 1836 to 1839.(5) A shamrock decoration is on a circular wooden panel in the gable of the current church.

This building was erected around the middle of the nineteenth century within the confines of the old cemetery. The simple utilitarian design of the church is accented on the flanks with wide rectangular recessed bays each containing a tall gothic arched shuttered window. The main entrance is recessed in a gothic arched bay. The panel with a round brick arch in the peak of the gable of the principal facade is decorated with a shamrock. The church is a monument to the progress of Catholics in rural areas of Allegany County.

- (1) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 4 Folio 370
- (2) Interview Mrs. Jessie E. McCusker, Little Orleans, April 30, 1979
- (3) "Little Orleans, Md", Heritage Press, September, 1979, p.7
- (4) "Old Store Attracts Tourist", Cumberland News, June 5, 1975
- (5) Harry Stegmaier, et al Allegany County-A History (Parsons, W Va.: McClain Printing Co.) p.125

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Stegmaier Harry, et al, Allegany County- A History(Parsons, W Va.:McClain Printing Co. 1976
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites

DATE

July 25, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

3 Pershing Street

TELEPHONE

777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC St. Patrick Church
 AND/OR COMMON Little Orleans Catholic Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Green Ridge State Forest
 Old Town Road

CITY, TOWN Orleans VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6

STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

GREEN RIDGE STATE FOREST

NAME Maryland Department of Natural Resources Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER Taylor Avenue

CITY, TOWN Annapolis _____ VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #:
Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER Washington Street

CITY, TOWN Cumberland STATE Maryland

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. Patrick Church, also known as Little Orleans Catholic Church is located on Oldtown Road near Fifteenmile Creek just north of Little Orleans at Green Ridge State Forest in Allegany County, Maryland.

The church is a three bay brick structure and is situated on a hillside facing southeast. The building rests on low cut stone foundations. Its walls are constructed in common bond brick at all elevations. The bonding is arranged with five courses of stretchers between header rows. All elevations of the building are decorated with brick corbeling. Each bay is recessed approximately the width of a brick. Just below the eaves, two courses of corbeling form the top edge of the recessed area. Openings are lined with a single course of half width bricks. A small one story brick extension is attached to the rear of the church. It appears to be contemporary with the rest of the structure.

Along the side walls of the building are three windows with high gothic arches. All are closed with pairs of louvered shutters. The gable end entrance facade has a round opening below the peak of the roof. The main entrance is a double six panel door below a gothic pointed arch following the form of the windows. The door is centrally placed in the southeast wall.

The roof is sheathed with modern asphalt shingles and extends beyond the end walls with molded soffits, cornices and returns. A brick flue with a corbeled top extends from inside the northeast side wall. A wooden cross is mounted on the roof peak above the central entrance.

Surrounding the church is a cemetery with tomb stones dating from the early 19th century to recent times.

Although the church does not appear to be used regularly, it is in good condition. The building and the cemetery are being maintained.

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Patrick's Church is significant for its architecture and for what it contributes to the cultural history of Western Maryland.

The building shows exterior architectural evidence of having been constructed during the third quarter of the 19th century. Dating indicators include the use of common bond with a 5:1 ration at all elevations, the type of window frames and shutter hardware and the general "country gothic" form which the church follows. Architecturally, the church is a good example of regional period vernacular construction.

The church also is significant for its role in Allegany County history. Apparently a church was located on this site prior to the present building. The earliest death date recorded in the cemetery was 1809 suggesting that the church may have been established prior to that time.

According to local history the church was developed by Irish families who settled in the Orleans area during construction of the C & O Canal.

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ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner and Douglass Reed

ORGANIZATION

Preservation Associates

DATE

February 1979

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 202

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Sharpsburg

STATE

Maryland

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INVENTORY NO: #90

DATE: 2/28/29

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

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NAME OF PROPERTY: St. Pat's Orphan

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 103/153 Map 44 p.5 3/3/08 30000

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: 140° SE

NAME OF OWNER: already known as Chund Lot. 500 Equity 2227

ADDRESS: 3 Acres 103 F 153

STORIES: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: T small add brick on Rear gabled w/ asphalt shingle roof

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- () BRICK: Bond type - ~~common~~, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. 6-1 9-1
- () STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- () LOG
- () OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others necessed bays

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone coarse rubble fieldstone?

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: semi circular arched windows instead of 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other() wood sills
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()
shutters w/ locks?

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: central SE necessed double doors 5x panels ea - cornice - recessed
HARDWARE: original(*) replaced() pointed arched panel w/ brick arch
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN paneled vertical
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards circular panels circular arch with

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Shamrock
original() replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; shingles original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()
Flush end brick chimney on small add

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: _____
SIGNIFICANCE: _____
DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____
CONDITION: _____

Door on add same w/ 3 light recessed transom

FLOOR PLAN:

- () CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- () SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- () IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- () ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- () OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- () DOG-LEG
- () DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- () SPIRAL
- () ROUNDED
- () SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- () PLASTER
- () PANELED: original; replaced
- () BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

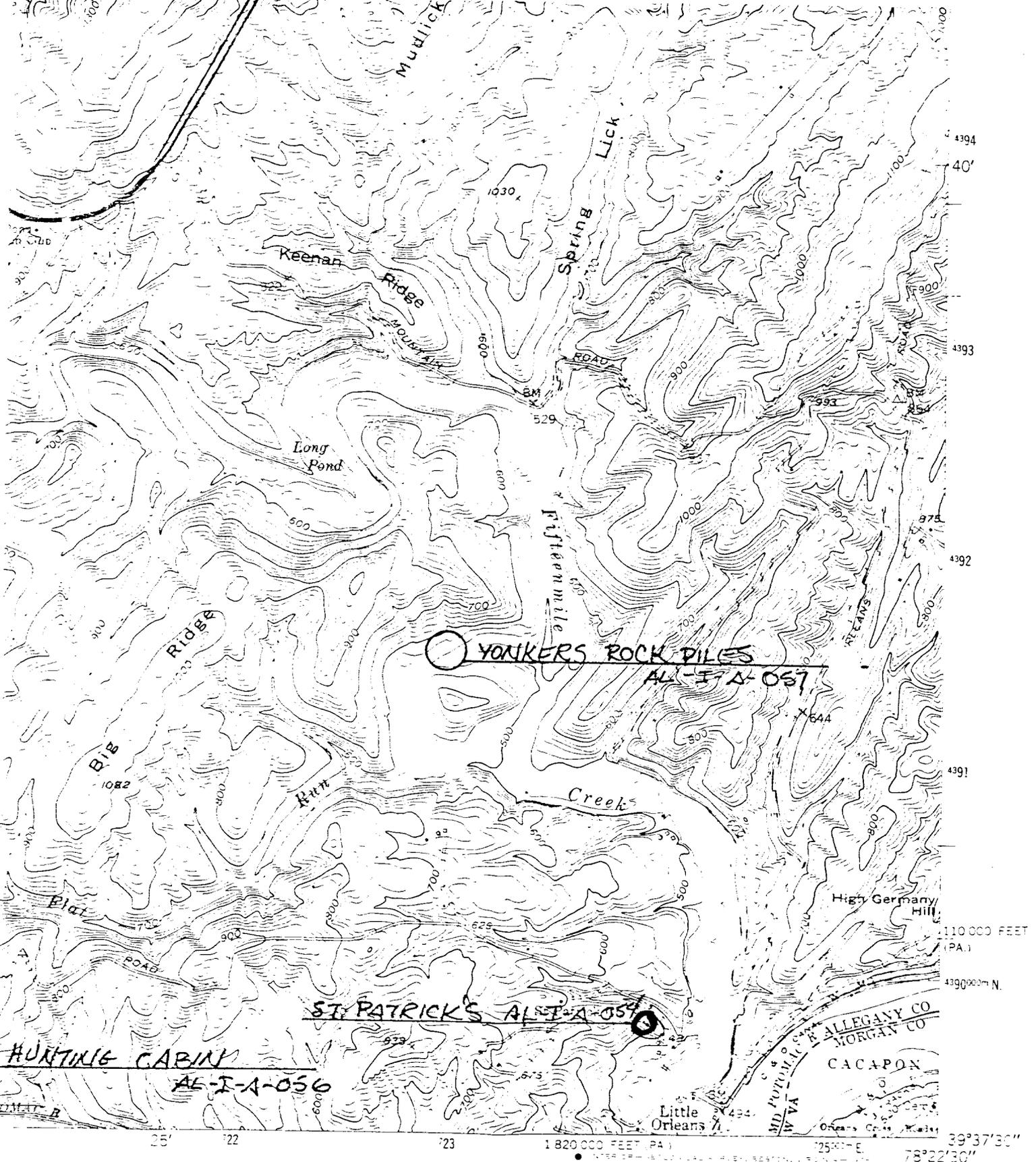
NUMBER _____
 LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal
 MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush
 HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- () PLAIN
- () ARCHITRAVE
- () SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- () FLUTED
- () FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- () ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

NOTES:



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

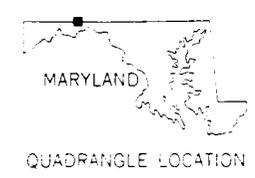
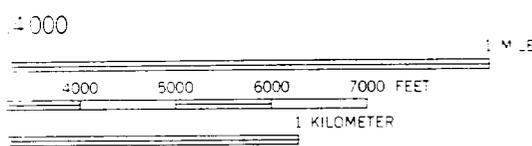
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|-------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| Heavy duty | ————— | Light duty | ----- |
| Medium duty | ----- | Unimproved dirt | |
| U.S. Route | ○ | State Route | ○ |

ARTEMAS, MD.-PA.-W. VA.

(GREAT CACAPON)
39°37'30" N
78°22'30" W



PAW: 15' SW 25' 722 723 24,000 820 000 FEET (PA.) 725000m E. 39°37'30" 78°22'30"



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty		Light-duty	
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	U. S. Route		State Route

1:20 FEET
SEA LEVEL

MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ARTEMAS, MD.-PA.-W. VA.
NW/4 PAW PAW 15' QUADRANGLE
N3937.5—W7822.5/7.5

1950

AMS 5368 III NW-SERIES V835

(GREAT CACAPON)
5368 III SE
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ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
APPEL RD. LITTLE ORLEANS

David A. Dorsey

7/28/78

West



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ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
APPEL RD. LITTLE ORLEANS

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EAST



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Green Ridge St. Forest

St. Patrick's Church

N. View

Sept. 1978

DNR Survey

Paula Stoner
Preservation Association



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Green Ridge State Forest

St. Patrick's Church

W. View

Sept. 1973

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DNR Survey

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