

AL-I-B-032 Big Ridge Church
Price Rd.
Bellegrove, Allegany Co. MD
Not Eligible

The gable end of this one story frame church faces Price Road to the west. The three bay long structure is covered with aluminum siding and rests on a concrete-covered foundation. A plywood steeple tops a small one-story vestibule entrance covering the front. An exterior concrete block chimney flue is located on the south side. Long, narrow four-light windows appear in the church.

This structure was built in 1928 as a Methodist Episcopal Church. It is a simple example of its type and has been altered by modern materials and additions. Due to loss of integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and feeling it is recommended as not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

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Eligibility Recommended _____	Eligibility Not Recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: ___A___ ___B___ ___C___ ___D___	Considerations: ___A___ ___B___ ___C___ ___D___ ___E___ ___F___ ___G___ None
Comments: _____	
Reviewer, OPS: <u><i>[Signature]</i></u>	Date: <u>6/17/00</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u><i>[Signature]</i></u>	Date: <u>6/16/00</u>

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View of Big Ridge Church (A1-I-34).

Big Ridge Church
AL-I-B-032
Price Road
near Piney Plains
1928

Big Ridge Church was built in 1928. It was originally a Methodist Episcopal Church, joining many other churches of this denomination already in this district between Sideling Hill Creek and Green Ridge. This church is a one story, one bay wide rectangular frame structure. It is an example of the simple, utilitarian style of building and is one of the many Methodist churches in Allegany County.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Big Ridge Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Price Road

CITY, TOWN

Piney Plains

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

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

Evangelical Methodist Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

C/O Evelyn G. Hartley
Rt. 1 Box 94

CITY, TOWN

Little Orleans

VICINITY OF

Maryland 21766, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 467 485

Folio #: 886 850

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

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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

Big Ridge Church is located on Price Road near Piney Plains.

This one story, one bay wide rectangular structure is frame with clapboards. It rests on a low stone foundation sheathed with poured cement with a plain water table. The gable front roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Eaves consist of a simple overhanging cornice with frieze on the gable ends. One outside end chimney is made of cinderblocks.

Pedimented windows are replaced with four lights, (three fixed and one hopper window) and wooden slipsills. A gable vestibule on wooden posts was added to the northwest facade with a small plywood steeple.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<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

The Big Ridge Church is a country church in the eastern section of Allegany County. It was built in 1928.⁽¹⁾

Big Ridge Church was originally a Methodist Episcopal Church, joining many other churches of this denomination already in this district between Sideling Hill Creek and Green Ridge.⁽²⁾ Churches played an important role in the life of a farmer in this isolated area; they "furnished centers for organized social life."⁽³⁾

Big Ridge Church is an example of the simple utilitarian style of building and is an one of the many Methodist Churches in the county.

- (1) Interview with Clyde Norris, August 2, 1978
- (2) Harry Stegmaier, et al., Allegany County- A History (Parsons, W. Va.: McClain Printing Co.) P-258-259
- (3) Ibid

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.57 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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ORGANIZATION

Allegheny County Historic Site Survey

DATE

April 5, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

3 Pershing Street

TELEPHONE

777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: #5

DATE: 88/2/28

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

AL-1-B-32

NAME OF PROPERTY: Big Ridge Church Methodist Episcopal

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: _____

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: 300° NW

NAME OF OWNER: Built 1928 See notes Clyde Norris

ADDRESS: Evangelical Methodist Church 467/886 485/950 2.57 acres p #68

ph: #

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: vestibule on pillars hardboard weatherboard - gabled

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular) with single stage plywood pointed steeple

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

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

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others cornerboards

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone sheathed w/ poured cement

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick wood lugs of lights 3 fixed 1 hopper Replaced

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment(✓)

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: on addition sw side plywood w/ 1 Diamond shaped light
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

Box
CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) on gabled ends
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 concrete blocks Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced(✓)
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end(✓) Central() Interior()

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

COMMENTS: 1928?
USE: _____
SIGNIFICANCE: _____
DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____
CONDITION: _____

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:



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BIG BRIDGE CHURCH
PRICE RD
U.S. G.S. BELLE GROVE QUAD
1:24,000
1951



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BIG RIDGE CH.

PRICE RD

DAVID A. DORSEY

8/2/78

South



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BIG RIDGE CHURCH

PRICE RD.

DAVID A. Dorsey

8/2/78

North