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St. Michael's Church  
Frostburg

1868

St. Michael's Church was completed in the year 1868 and stands on the original site of the Frost homestead. The building consists of a one story rectangular block three bays wide constructed of brick laid in American Common Bond. The main facade is interrupted by a central pavilion which supports a louvered belfry. The original spire has been removed. Windows in the church include two stain glass lancet windows on the facade as well as three triple hung gothic sash stain glass windows on the sides. The walls of the church are buttressed on all sides.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Saint Michaels Church

AND/OR COMMON

Saint Michaels Church

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

48 East Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" 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**

NAME

Saint Michaels Church

Telephone #: None

STREET & NUMBER

48 East Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 264

Folio #: 42

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Saint Michael's Church is located at 48 East Main Street in Frostburg, Allegany County on the northeast side of the street near the intersection of Uhl Street.

The church basically consists of a one story rectangular block, three bays wide which consists of an entrance flanked by two windows. A tall church tower with lowered Belfry abuts the main block on the southwest side which originally had a pointed church spire but has been lowered since original construction. Another wing on the rear north-east side abuts the main block for the purpose of the pulpit. The building is of American Common Bond brick construction and the walls are buttressed on all sides, including the tower. The foundation of the structure features high dressed stone with a plain water table. The roof of the principal facade is gabled and appears to be covered with the original slate shingles. Windows in the church include front stain glass lancet windows and on the sides triple hung gothic sash stain glass lights with dripstone on the pointed arches. The main entrance is located on the southwest face of the tower and is recessed and includes a transom, transom light and fan light with a dripstone on the pointed arch. Two small lancet windows are placed immediately above the entrance in the tower and a small circular window is found above these windows. One replaced corbeled brick chimney is located on the outside northeast end of the structure.

The church is structually very sound and is in very near original condition except for the removal of the church spire.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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	
<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 1867-1868 BUILDER/ARCHITECT \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Saint Michael's Church was erected in 1867-1868 upon the site of the original Frost homestead. The church is one of a very few structures to retain much of its original external features with the exception of the altered spire which was formerly the tallest church spire in the city of Frostburg. The spire was removed basically for safety precautions, as Frostburg is noted for high winds in the winter months. The church is the first Catholic church in the town and its excellent and near original condition adds significance to Frostburg's architectural heritage.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approx. 65' x 120'**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

48 East Main Street

Boundary Lines Southwest & Northeast 120' Lines Southeast &  
Northwest 65'**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

4/21/76

STREET &amp; NUMBER

10 Park Lane

TELEPHONE

689-8486

CITY OR TOWN

Frostburg

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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

INVENTORY NO. A1-VII-A-013

Liber 264

Folio 42

DATE: 4/12/76

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

Approx. 65 x 120

NAME OF PROPERTY: St. Michaels Church

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 48 East Main St

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: Southwest

NAME OF OWNER: Saint Michaels Church

ADDRESS: 48 East Main St

Frostburg, MD 21532

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

*Spire previously Removed*

WALL CONSTRUCTION: Church Tower with lowered Belfry + Spire

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, 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

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS Buttressed

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( ) Dripstone  
*Sides - Triple Hung*  
*Front - Lancet*  
 pegged ( ) nailed ( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Southwest + Northeast

HARDWARE: original( ) replaced()

PAN LIGHT TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
 Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards - Glass Doors

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
 original( ) replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, HANGARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, BORMERS #  
 MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable( ) 1-Bay Entrance

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK() STONE( ) CORBELLED( ) original( ) replaced ()  
 LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end() Central( ) Interior ( )

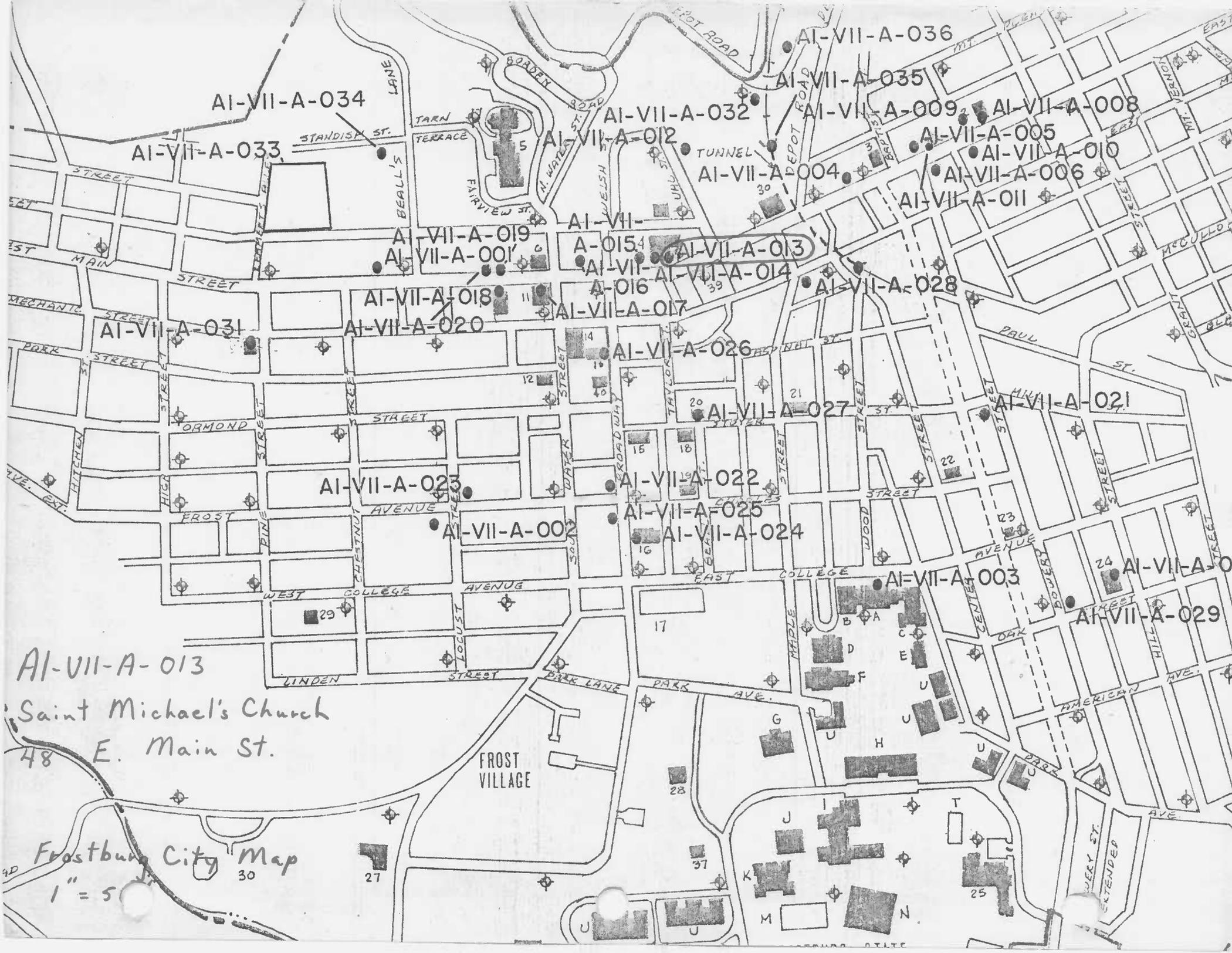
ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular 2 Centered-Pointed

COMMENTS:  
 Use - Church  
 Significance - Religion-Architecture  
 Date Constructed - 1868  
 Condition - Excellent

## Key points regarding interior architecture.

1. Floor plan *Meetinghouse - Central Entrance, Tower, Vestibule + Auditorium*  
 No through hall--How many rooms long and deep?  
 Where is stairway? Straight or winding? *In Tower*  
 With through hall--Rooms on both sides? How many?  
 Rooms on one side only? How many?  
 Is stair in through hall?  
 Open or enclosed? Straight--one run. Straight--landing  
 How many? Curved.  
 If not in hall, where is stair?
2. Wall finish: plaster paneled, board partition  
 Note presence of chair rail, cornice, etc. *Wainscot*
3. Fireplaces: How many? Parallel to walls or diagonal in corner?  
 Mantels: wood--mouldings, pilasters, columns  
 masonry--marble(what color? ), brick
3. Doors: on the inside of exterior doors, note the presence of applied flush boards and their direction (diagonal, vertical, horizontal). In general are doors paneled or ledge or other?
4. Door and window trim: plain, architrave, fluted, reeded; pilasters
5. Kitchen: Where is original if extant or known (marked by very large fireplace)? Separate building; wing to principal dwelling; within principal dwelling? On which floor of any of the above?

Church Building  
 1853  
 Excellent



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Saint Michael's Church  
E. Main St.  
48

Frostburg City Map  
1" = 50'

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48 East Main St. Frostburg

John E Nelson

4/12/76

North

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FIGURE



Saint Michael's Church

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48 East Main St Frostburg

John E Nelson

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Southwest



Saint Michael's Church

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48 East Main St. Frostburg

John E. Nelson

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Detail - Entrance      Northeast



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