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Frostburg Methodist Church
Frostburg

1871

The original structure of the Frostburg Methodist Church was constructed in 1835. However, due to changes within the parish the church was re-built twice, the present structure dating from 1871. In terms of construction it resembles many of the other churches in the town. That is, it is a rectangular structure with a central entrance tower topped by a louvered belfry and spire. The roof is covered with the original slate shingles and is supported by scroll brackets.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Frostburg Methodist Church

AND/OR COMMON

Frostburg United Methodist Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

48 West 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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

Frostburg United Methodist Church

Telephone #: 689-8853

STREET & NUMBER

48 West 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 #: Will R

Folio #: 164

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

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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

Frostburg United Methodist Church is located at 48 West Main Street in Frostburg, Allegany County on the southwest side of the street between the intersection of Beall's Lane and Water Street.

The church basically consists of a two story rectangular block, three bays wide which consists of an entrance flanked by two windows. A tall church tower with louvered Belfry and Spire is recessed into the main block on the northeast side, which presently is the tallest tower in the town. Another square wing with a gable roof abuts the main block for the purpose of the pulpit and an "L" shaped addition with a flat roof is connected to the pulpit wing. The building is of American Common Bond brick construction with a cement belt course on the front northeast face, and the walls are buttressed on all sides, including the tower. The foundation of the structure is brick covered with a plain water table. The roof of the principal facade is gabled and supported by scroll brackets and appears to be covered with the original slate shingles. Windows in the church include front stain glass wide lancet windows with pointed hoodmould and on the sides double hung sash narrow lancet windows with stained glass lights and pointed hoodmould. On the front northeast side of the recessed tower is placed a large tracery window also with pointed hoodmould. The main entrance of the church is located on the northeast face of the tower and is recessed and includes a transom and fan light with a hoodmould on the pointed arch. One original corbeled brick chimney is located in the interior of the structure.

The church is structurally very sound and appears to be in the original condition of construction except for the "L" shaped rear addition.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> REHISTORIC	<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
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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	1835 Rebuilt - 1856	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
	Rebuilt - 1871	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The First Methodist Church of Frostburg, Maryland was organized in 1832 and the first church was built in 1835 on the present site. Due to increased membership a second, larger frame church was built in 1856. In 1871 the present structure was erected after the second church was sold and moved to Keyser, West Virginia. The present church has retained its original external features except for the rear wing which was added in 1947 for the purpose of an Education Building. The structure now boasts the highest tower in Frostburg and is located on the site of the first Methodist church in Frostburg. The church's excellent and near original condition certainly enhances Frostburg's cultural and architectural heritage.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland
Frostburg Sesquicentennial Book; "First Methodist Church",
 Frostburg Sesquicentennial Committee, 1962.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 122.5' x 165'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

48 West Main Street

Boundary Lines Southwest & Northeast 165' Lines Southeast &
 Northwest 122.5'

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 & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Frostburg

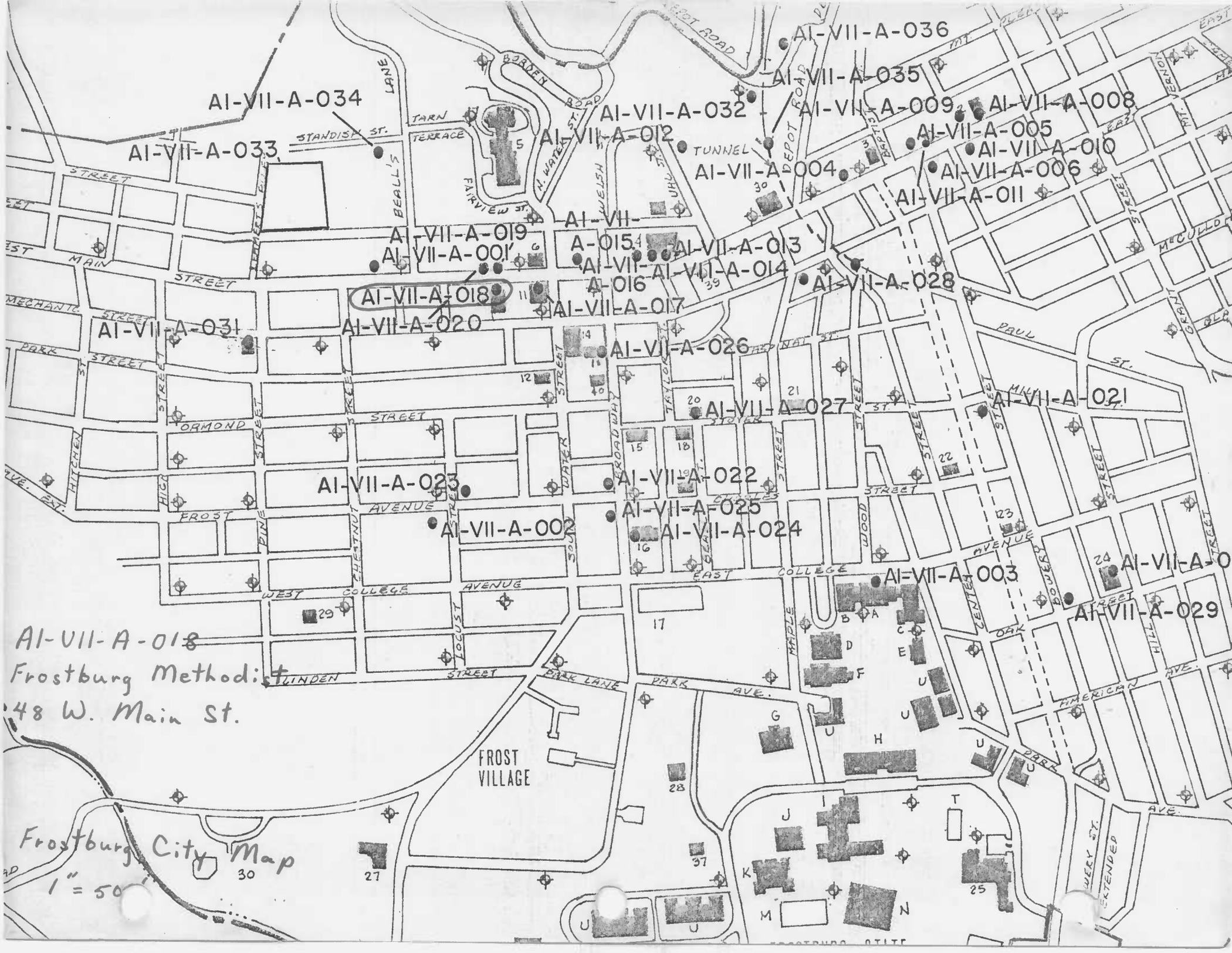
STATE

Maryland

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Frostburg Methodist
48 W. Main St.

FROST VILLAGE

Frostburg City Map
1" = 50'



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West



Frostburg United Methodist

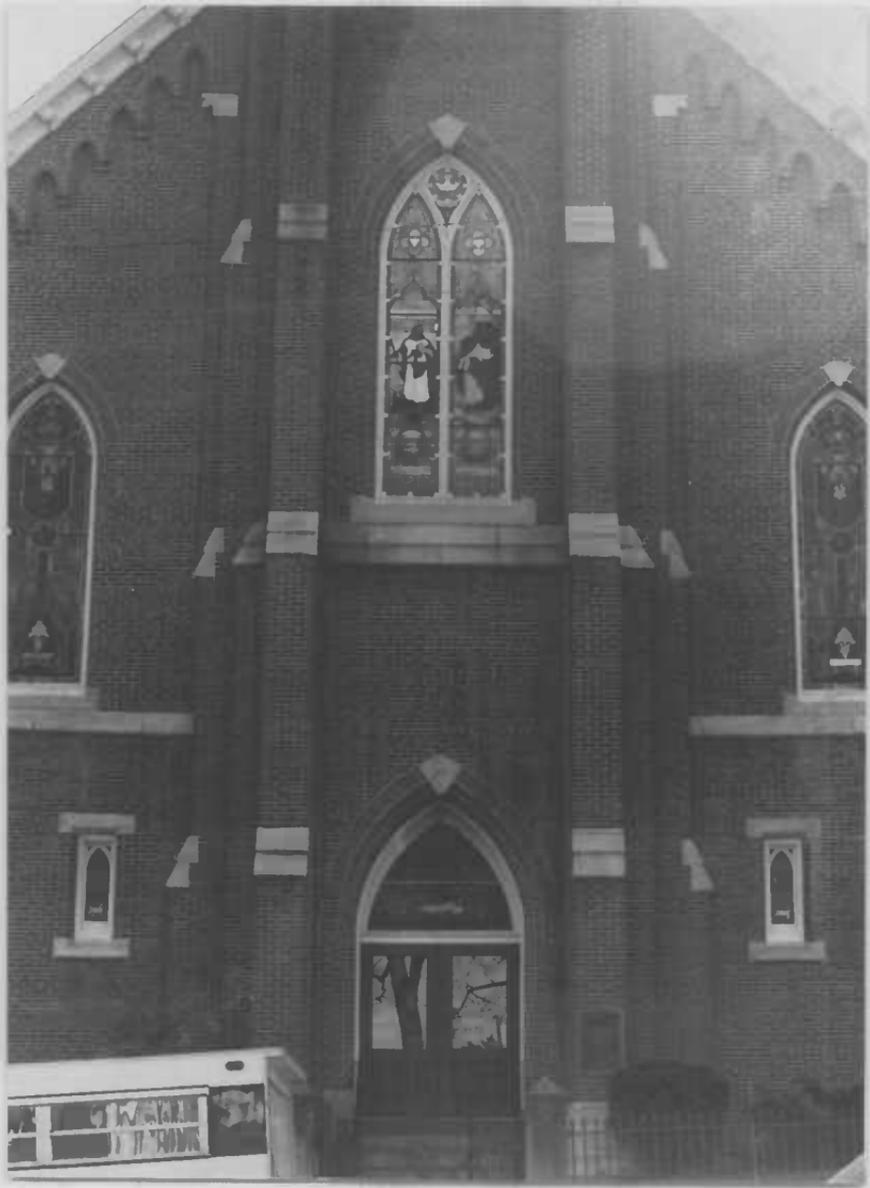
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South



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Detail-Entrance Southwest



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East



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FIGURE 77.

FROSTBURG METHODIST CHURCH

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