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Presbyterian Church  
Frostburg

1859

The original members of the Presbyterian Church had begun by meeting in Redman's Hall in Frostburg in the summer of 1858. A little less than a year later they began construction on the present structure. Although the interior of the structure has been remodeled several times, most recently in 1958, the exterior has remained virtually untouched. Like the other churches in Frostburg it is constructed of brick laid in American Common Bond.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Presbyterian Church

AND/OR COMMON

Presbyterian Church

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

27 Broadway

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 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**

NAME

Presbyterian Church

Telephone #: None

STREET & NUMBER

27 Broadway

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 63

Folio #: 228

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**

EXCELLENT                       DETERIORATED  
 GOOD                                 RUINS  
 FAIR                                   UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

The Presbyterian Church is located at 27-29 Broadway in Frostburg, Allegany County on the northwest side of the street near the intersection of Mechanic Street.

The church consists of a one story, three bays wide, rectangular block. A front, southeastern face, rectangular wing is abutted to the main block for the purpose of an entrance, and a large rectangular addition has been made to the rear of the original block for the parish education. The church is laid in American Common Bond brick construction, which is buttressed on the front entrance wing, and is supported by a brick covered foundation with no apparent water table. The roof of the principal facade as well as the front entrance wing is gabled and is covered with replaced slate shingles, while the roof of the large rear addition is flat. Windows in the principal facade are all gothic sash frames with stained glass lights and dripstone on the pointed arches. Windows on the rear addition are double hung wooden sash frames with one-over-one lights and plain trim. The main entrance is located on the front southeast face of the wing and includes a transom and fan light with a dripstone on the pointed arch. A small hood is found on the rear addition of the church, which covers the entrance to the parish study rooms. One corbeled brick chimney which appears to be original is located on the outside end of the southwest side.

The church is structurally sound and retains the original external features except for the rear addition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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		
<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 1859

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Frostburg First United Presbyterian Church was founded in 1858 by members of various churches who belonged to a Presbyterian Church elsewhere. These members had been meeting in Redmen's Hall on Broadway in Frostburg during the summer of 1858 and had been led in sermon by Rev. John Phillips, pastor of the Keyser, West Virginia Presbyterian Church. In the fall of that year, the members signed a petition to form an organized Presbyterian Church in Frostburg, and in 1859 construction was begun on the present church. The church has had several renovations to the internal features. In 1886 renovations were made to the floor, windows, pulpit, vestibule and decorations of the church interior, and again in 1958 the entire church was gutted for remodeling. The church is in excellent condition and appears to have the original features on the external surface except for the rear addition. Although interior alterations have been made the church's overall appearance certainly enhances the cultural and architectural heritage of Frostburg.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

"First United Presbyterian Church", Frostburg Sesquicentennial  
Book; Frostburg Sesquicentennial Committee, June 1962.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 140' x 105'

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

27 Broadway

Boundary Lines South east & Northwest 105' Lines Southwest &  
 Northeast 140'

## 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

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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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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North

Church - with rear addition



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North