

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-2285
Foreston Baptist Church
17700 Foreston Road
Upperco, Baltimore County
1917
Private

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Forest Baptist Church, facing east, was built in 1917 in the Gothic Revival-style with a cemetery to the south. The foundation and structural system of the church is made of random, rock-faced ashlar-cut granite. The main block of the church has a hipped, metal standing seam roof with projecting center gable bays on the east and south. Flanking the main block are two, projecting, crenellated towers. The south tower, which is the taller of the two, has paired, lancet-arched, louvered wood vents on four sides. Both towers have single-leaf, plate-glass doors with leaded, multi-light transoms and stone, lancet-arched surrounds placed below a single, stained glass, round window with leaded lights and a stone surround. The main block window is a lancet arch, stained glass window with square edged wood mullions flanked by two narrow stained glass, lancet arched windows. There are four basement level 1/1 wood windows. All of the windows have square edged wood surrounds and stone lintels. Also, there is an interior end, stretcher bond brick chimney and a dressed stone belt course at the water table level. In 1976, a two-story addition was built to the north of the church. This front gabled wing was constructed with stone that simulate ashlar-cut granite and has a parapeted roof. Its distinguishing characteristics include a projecting entry and tripled, one-light casement windows with vinyl surrounds.

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Located on a sloping lot below the church is the cemetery. Approximately 200 graves are laid out in about 18 rows facing east. Consisting of mostly upright granite markers from the mid-20th century, the earliest grave dates to 1853 while the latest dates to 1998.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1917 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1917, 1976

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property One Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Hampstead Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Forest Baptist Church is located at 17700 Foreston Road in the town of Forest in the Fifth District of Baltimore County. It has been associated with Tax Map 20, Parcel 131 since its construction in 1917.

11. Form Prepared by

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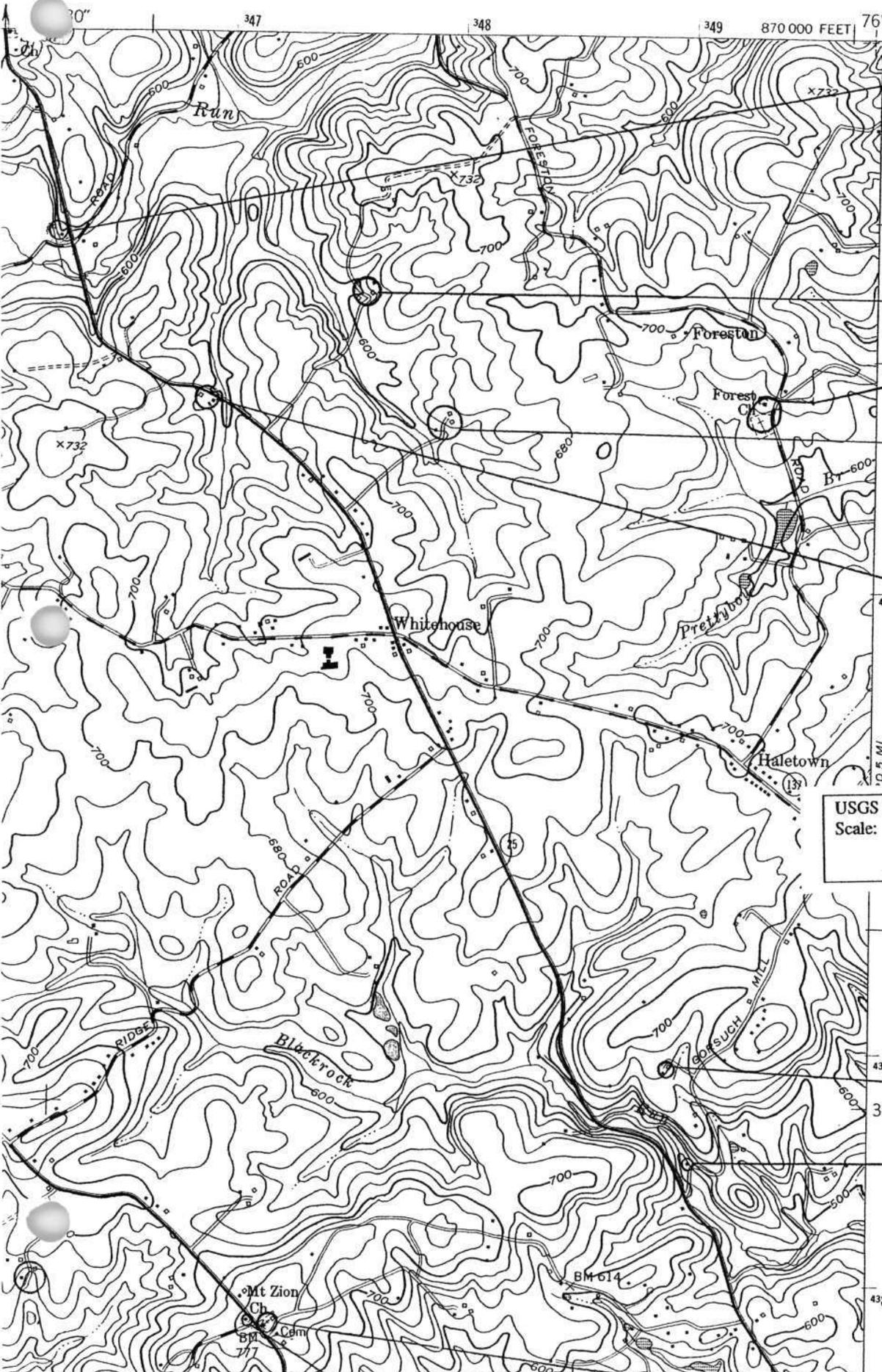
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MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

5663 11 NW
(NEW FREEDOM)



BA-0476
18000 FALLS ROAD

BA-2285
17700 FORESTON ROAD
UPPERCO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0560
DAVID WILHELM HOU:
17517 FALLS ROAD
UPPERCO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0559
17700 FALLS ROAD
UPPERCO
BALTIMORE COUNTY

USGS Quad: HAMPSTEAD
Scale: 1:24,000
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BA-0558
16758 GORSUCH MILL R

BA-0557
16710 GORSUCH MILL RD
UPPERCO
BALTIMORE COUNTY



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17700 FORESTON ROAD

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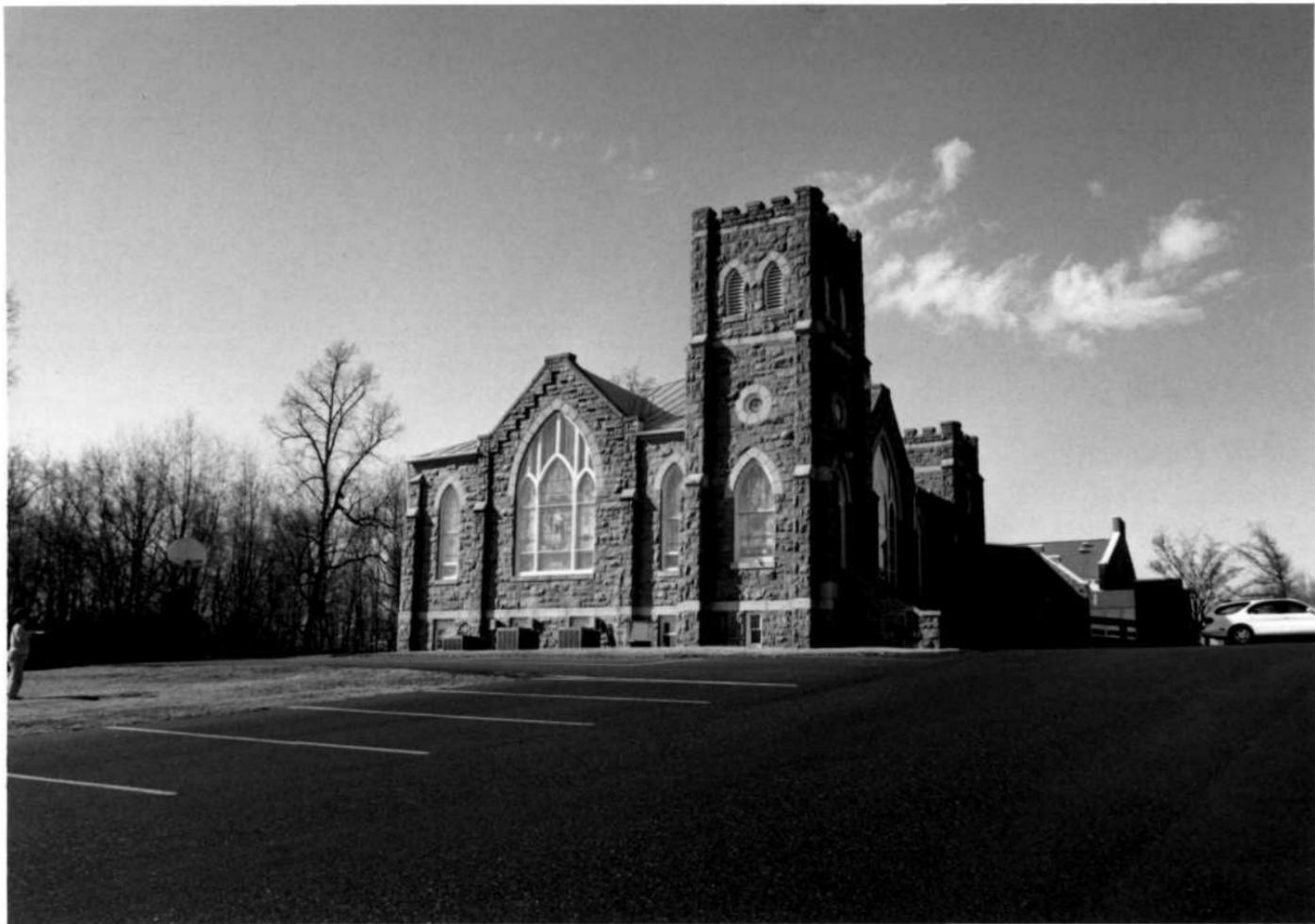
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FOREST BAPTIST CHURCH - 1917 - 17700 Foreston Road, Mount Carmel vicinity. Sturdy granite church with square bell tower, a large Gothic window. Old church was shown in 1877 atlas. Sunday school wing added in 1976. The original lot was donated by Murray Wheeler in 1844.