

ADDENDA

In 1984 the Department of Natural Resources contracted with Joe Getty to conduct a follow-up survey of selected historic properties on DNR lands. DNR funded the field survey and photography but did not prepare finished copy. The attached photocopy pages were forwarded to the Maryland Historical Trust to supplement existing files. All original material and photographs remain in the possession of the Department of Natural Resources under the supervision of Ross Kimmel (x3771).

## ADDENDUM TO 1979 SURVEY FORM

The interior of the Old Harmony Methodist Church has collapsed into the basement of the structure. From the foundation level entrance on the west facade, one can view the remains of the interior of the structure. The church had Victorian-style trim around the altar and sanctuary. The altar had painting in arches above patterned glass windows of one-over-one sash that are intact. There was a wood paneled altar and an altar rail with a cut-out pattern enclosing the altar. There are also several pews in the structure which show serpentine-shaped carved arms with floral motif.

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

CE-1006

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic ~~Hammy Chapel~~ Hammy Chapel

and/or common Old Hammy Methodist Church

### 2. Location

north side of Rowlandsville Road, .1 mile east of Route 308  not for publicationcity, town Rowlandsville  vicinity of  congressional district Firststate Maryland  county Cecil

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 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"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: none

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Department of Natural Resources

street &amp; number Taxs State Office Building telephone no.: 269-3771

city, town Annapolis ~~MD~~ state and zip code MD 21401

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Cecil County Courthouse liber

street &amp; number folio

city, town Elkton state MD

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title DNR Survey

date September 1979  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records Department of Natural Resources

city, town Annapolis state MD

# 7. Description

Survey No. CE 1006

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved    date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

APPENDUM TO ORIGINAL FORM:

# 8. Significance

Survey No. CE 1006

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/		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)		

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.



INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Harmony Chapel

AND/OR COMMON

Old Harmony Methodist Church

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rowlandsville,

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**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

\_\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_MILITARY

\_\_\_MUSEUM

PARK/none

\_\_\_PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Taylor Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21401

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

The Old Harmony Methodist Church located in Rowlandsville, is a small parish church built in 1870, according to an inscription which reads "Harmony Chapel, Methodist, AD 1870") in its gable end window above its entrance. Its walls are constructed of rubble fieldstone, quoined in granite at the four corners, and covered with pale ocre stucco on all four sides of the building. The roof has been replaced and resheathed in asphalt shingles and a chimney (containing a stove flue from the basement story) has been re-executed in concrete.

The two-bay entrance (south) facade of the church contains two equal sized four-panel doors, both approached by a couple of steps and both subsequently sheltered by a little canopy consisting of a sloping tin roof diagonally braced with 2"x4"'s on either side. Above the doorways, which are spaced across the facade about the same distance from the corners of the building as they are from each other, in the pediment area is an arch headed window opening which contains a louvered wooden panel painted white with the inscription. As with the other fenestration in the building, this opening possesses a granite sill. The eaves are deep, but there is no articulated cornice with returns.

The west facade, facing the adjacent minister's dwelling (not owned by DNR), is articulated by a side entrance door flanked by two windows on the first story and three windows directly above these on the second story. These openings are uniformly characterized by flush granite lintels and slightly projecting granite sills. All windows have been boarded up, on the second story level completely obscuring the original sash but on the first floor level the boards are double hinged to the simple timber surrounds and potentially operable. The door on this facade is a double door, each of two molded panels surmounted by a molded transom bar and plain wooden transom (no lights). To accommodate the 1½'-2' thickness of the stone walls, the jambs are deep and the door recessed, but the simple surround itself is virtually undifferentiated, about 4" wide and painted white as is the other wood trim on the building. The stucco is, at various points, flaking off the building particularly at the southwest corner beside a short flight of steps.

This same slope is responsible for creating entry at second story level on the south facade and for about one third of the east facade being obscured by the hillside it is built into. Visible are the three second story windows, identically detailed to those on the opposite side, below which are the northeast corner window and the middle window, half covered. The exterior concrete chimney rises from the basement level between the two windows to a height several feet above the roof.

The north gable end which overlooks a precipitous hillside drop contains a pair of windows on both first and second stories evenly disposed on the facade and treated like its counterparts. Several inches below this fenestration is a well-defined water table created out of an increased thickness of stone wall and worked with a chamfered top edge.

At the present time it is possible to gain access to the building's basement through the west door. At this level there is considerable water damage due to rising damp and faulty drainage. The upstairs was not accessible but park personnel reported that pews and other furniture had been removed and that the floor was in  
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 perilous condition.

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	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

1870

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Old Harmony Methodist Church remains, along with other buildings of Rowlandsville, an important element in a coherent village which survives intact despite the passing of its two industries (the mill and the ironworks across the Octararo Creek). Other buildings in the town such as the Italianate farmhouse along the creek attest to the village's prosperity which continued through the early years of this century. With the parson's house (probably c. 1900) still beside it, it provides a pleasant visual anchor as one ascends the hill through a residential area from the other major extant community structure, the Rowlandsville Mill.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

John McGrain's Mollinography for Cecil County.

National Register Nomination Form, Susquehanna Historic District, November 1976-  
January 1977.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Ellen K. Coxe, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

DATE

September 1979

TELEPHONE

269-2438

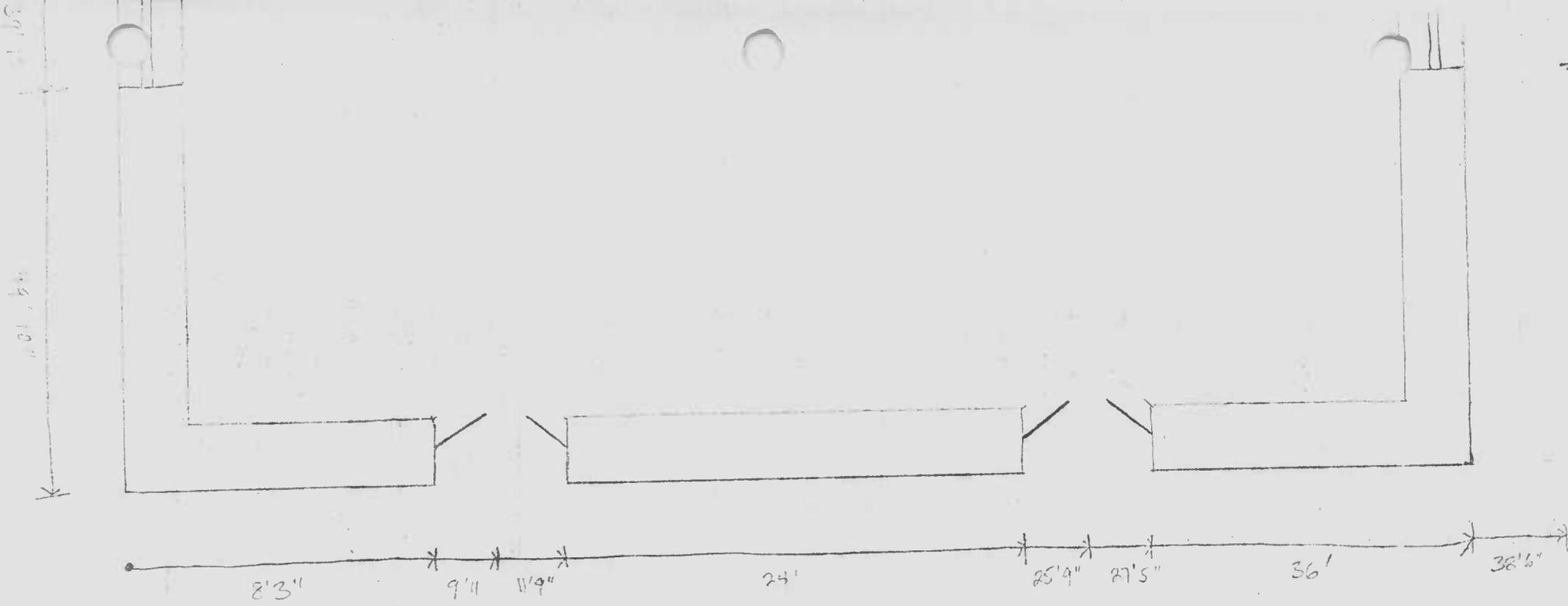
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Maryland 21401

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.

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



CE 1006

HARMONY CHAPEL

ROWLANDSVILLE

FIRST FLOOR PLAN



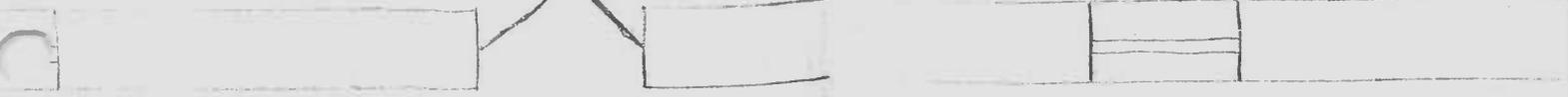
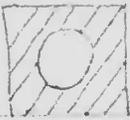
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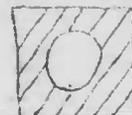
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11' 2.8"

11' 7"

24' 3"

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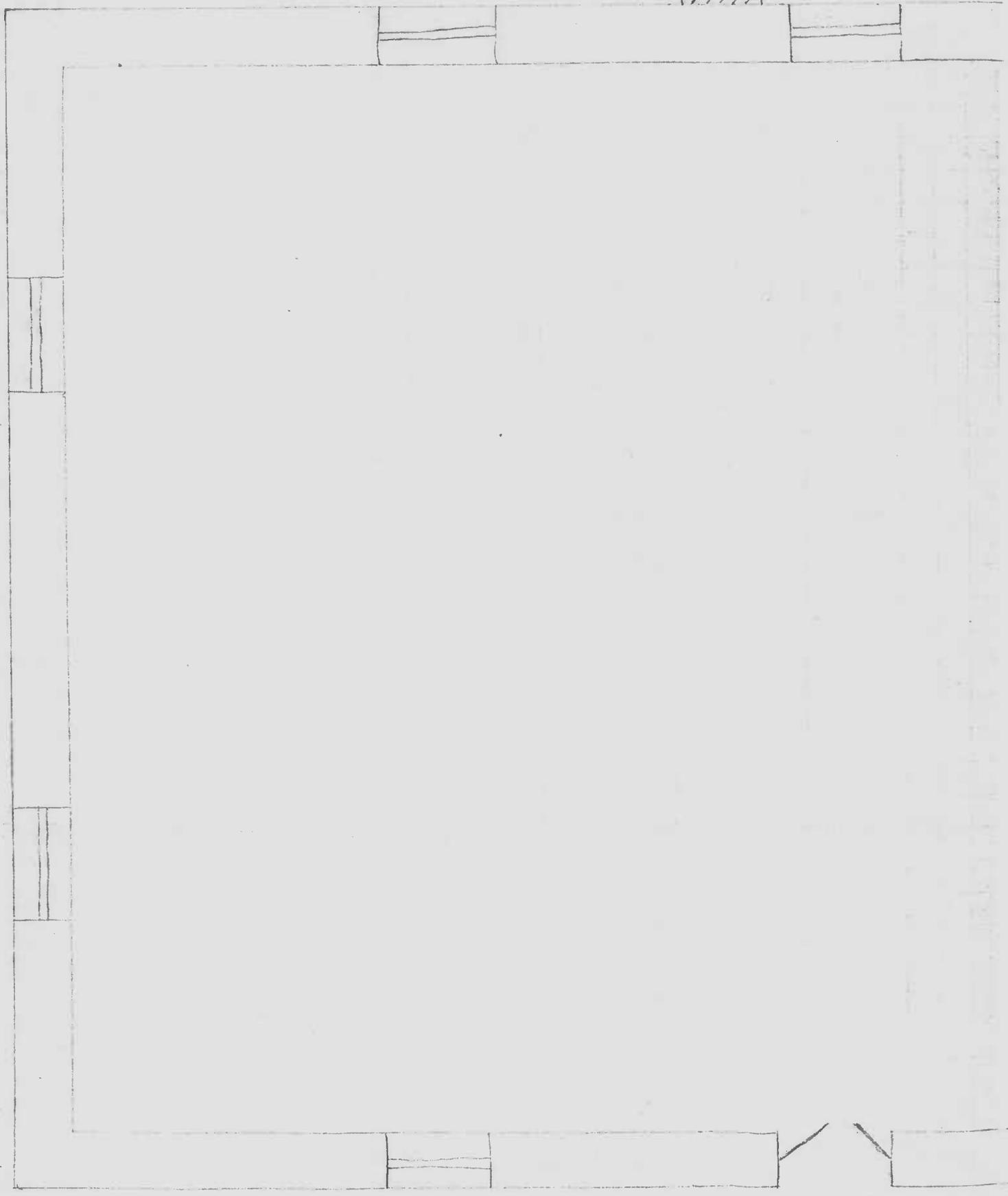
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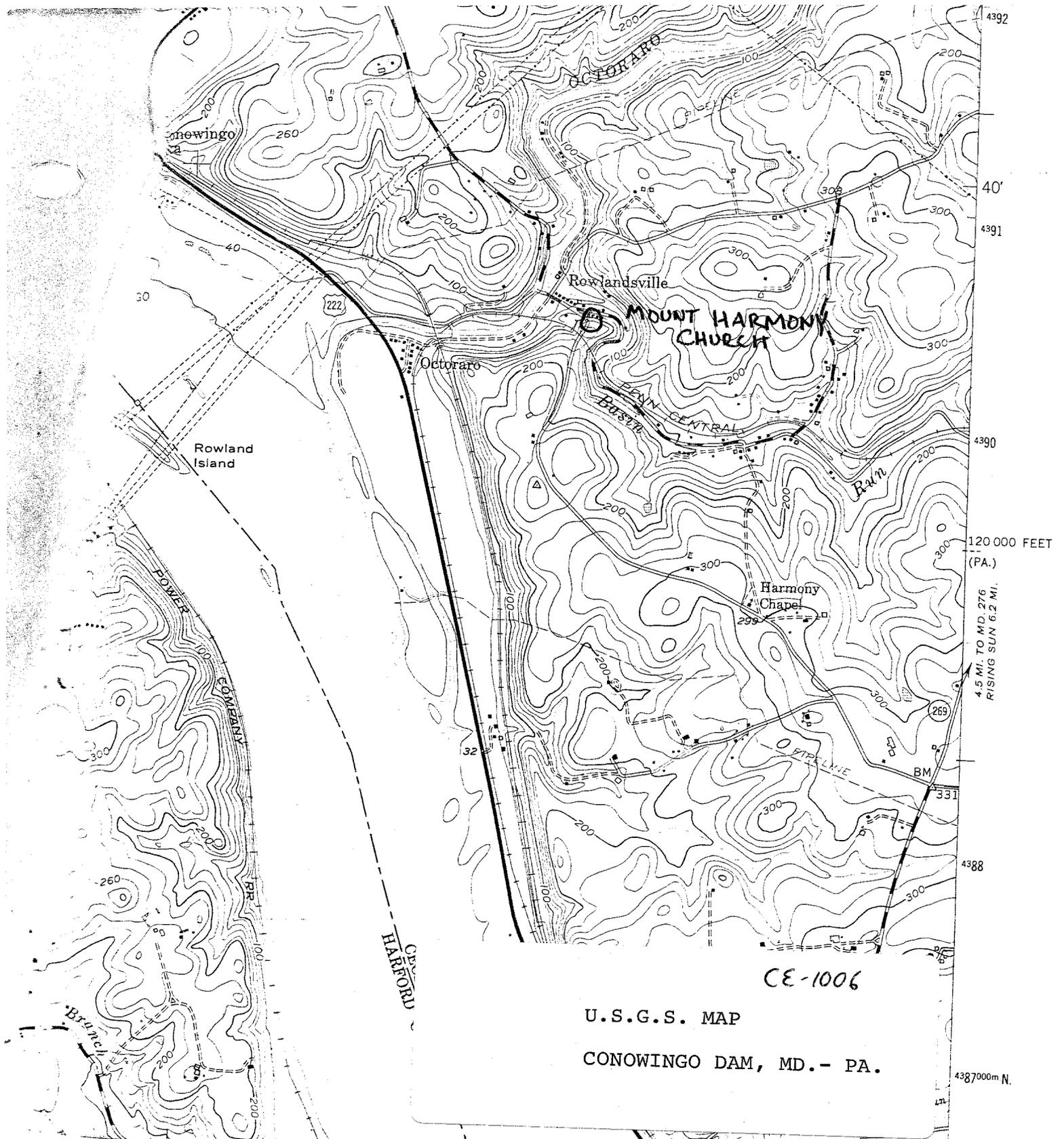
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23'

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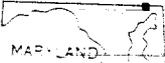




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 U.S.G.S. MAP  
 CONOWINGO DAM, MD.- PA.

10' 400000m.E. 2 450 000 FEET (PA.)  
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 39°37'30" 76°07'30" 4387900m N.

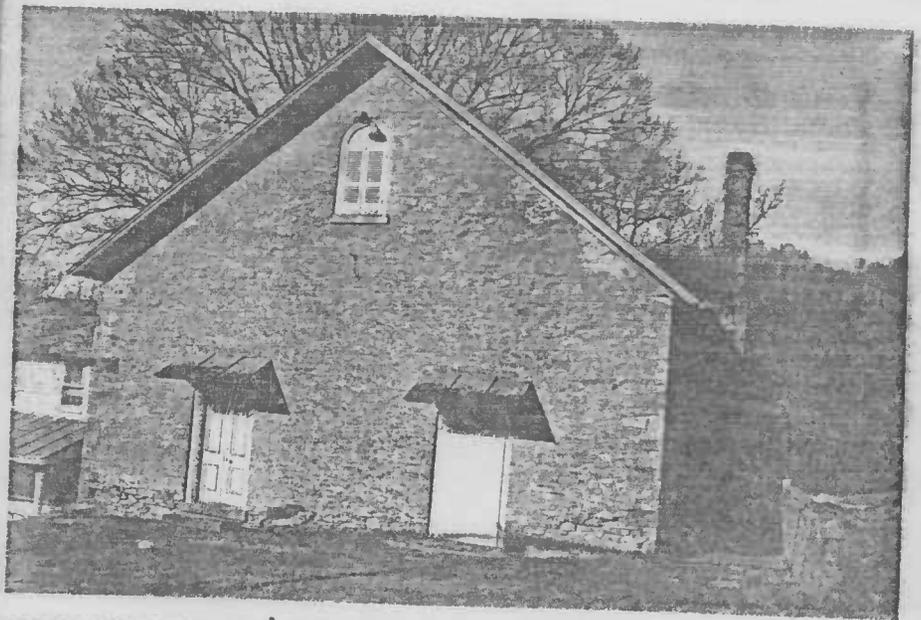
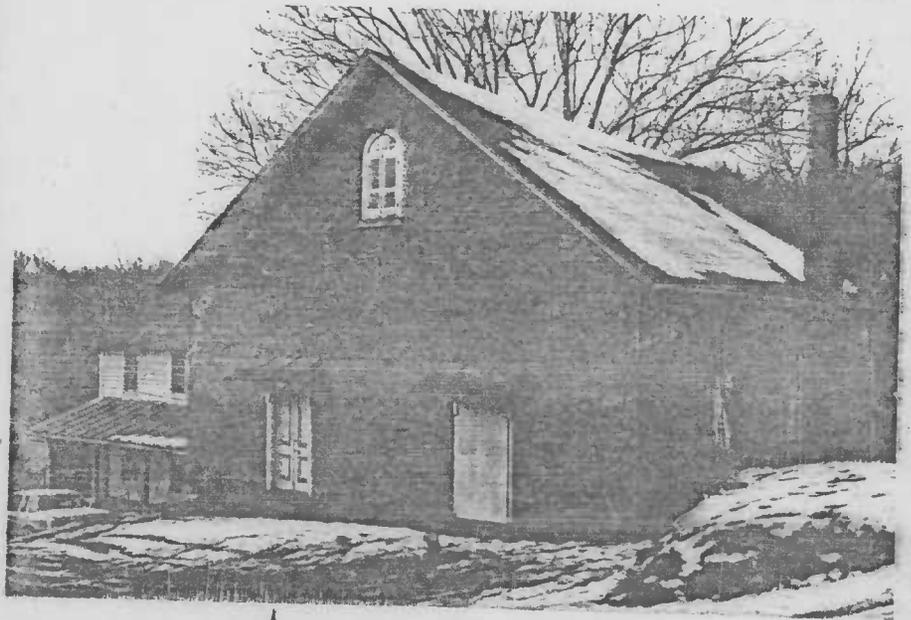
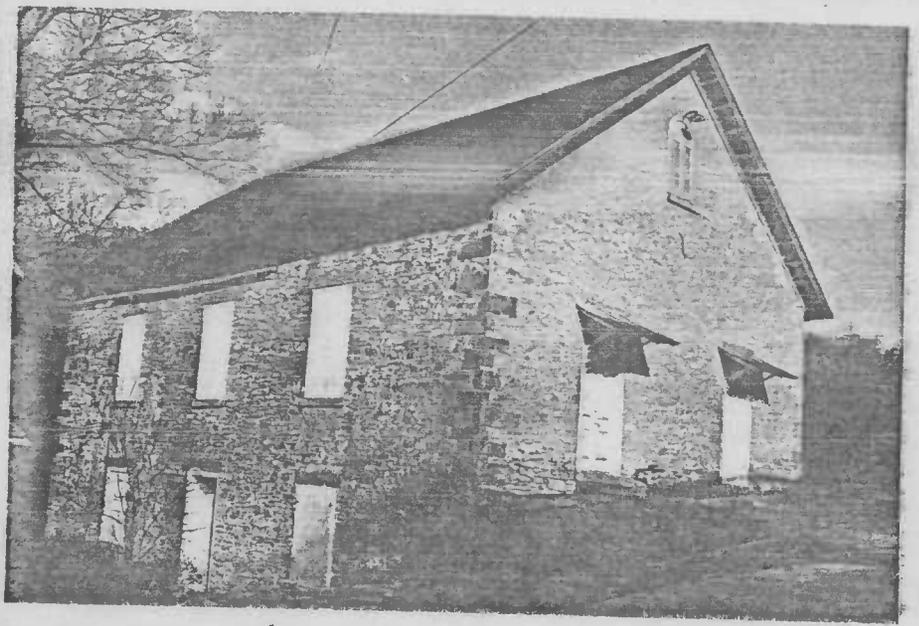
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- Heavy-duty 4 LANE 6 LANE Light-duty
  - Medium-duty 4 LANE 6 LANE Unimproved dirt
  - U. S. Route State Route



CONOWINGO DAM, MD.- PA.

(HAVRE DE GRACE)  
 5763 II SE

CE 1006 Hammy Chapel  
top - South & West Facades  
center - South & East Facades  
bottom - South Facade

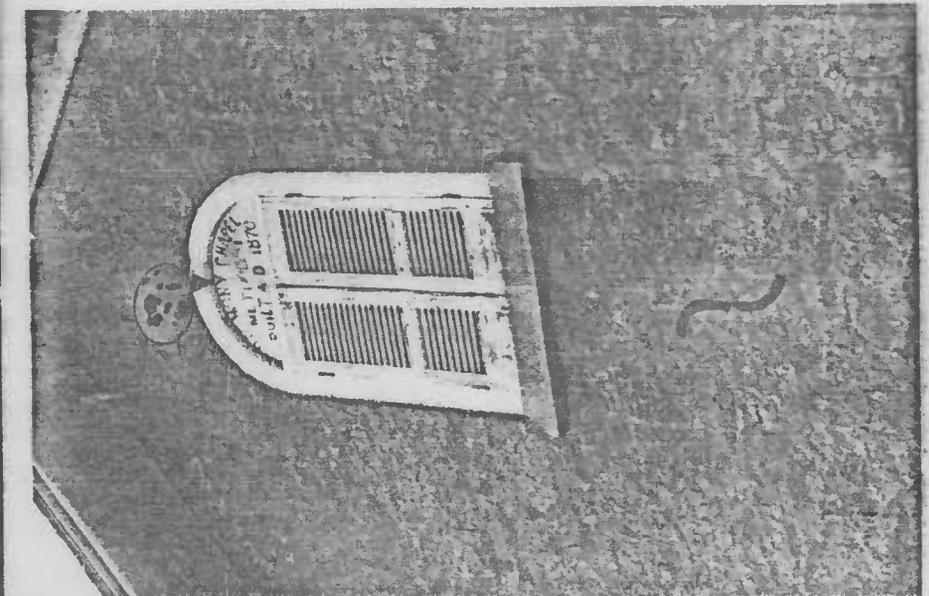
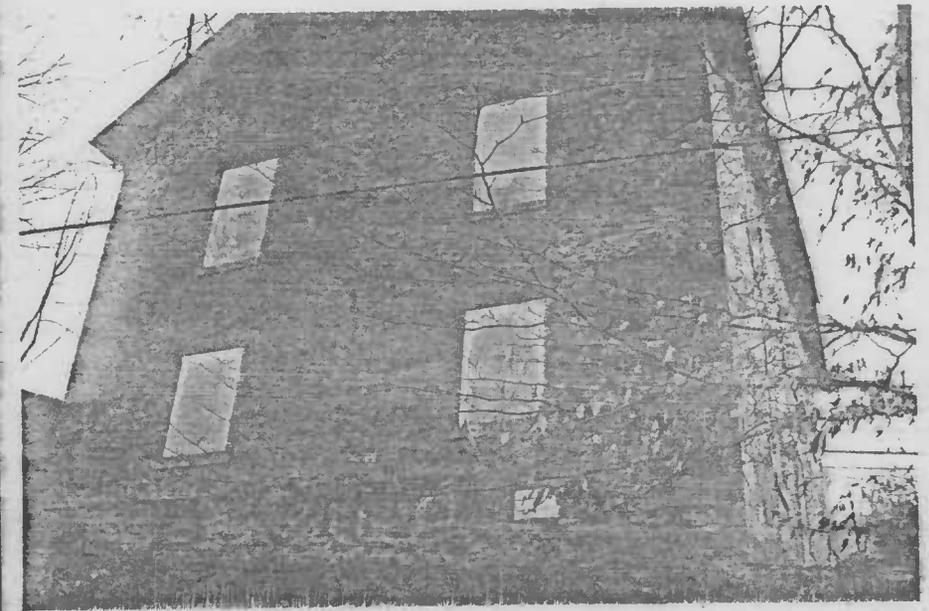
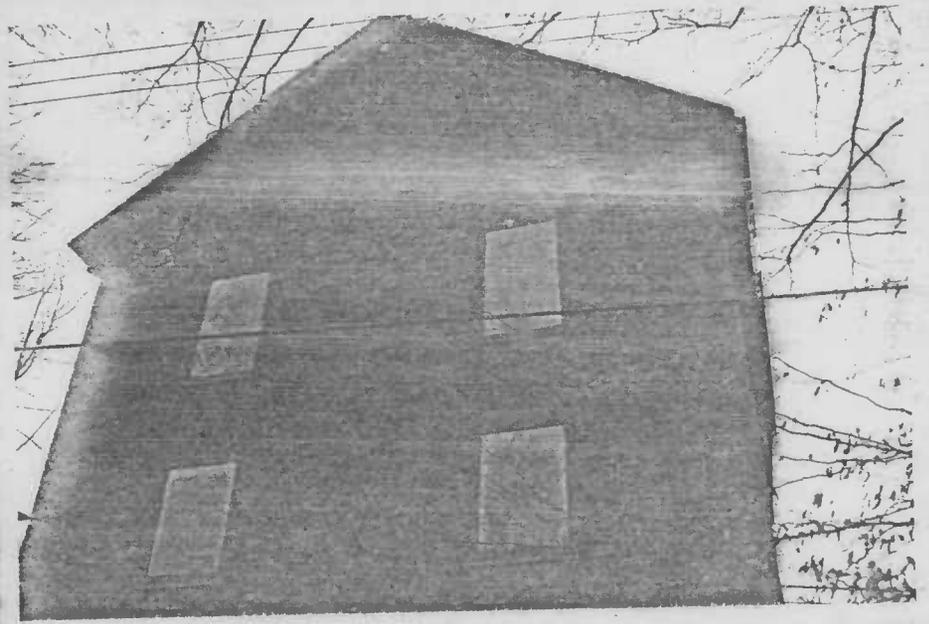


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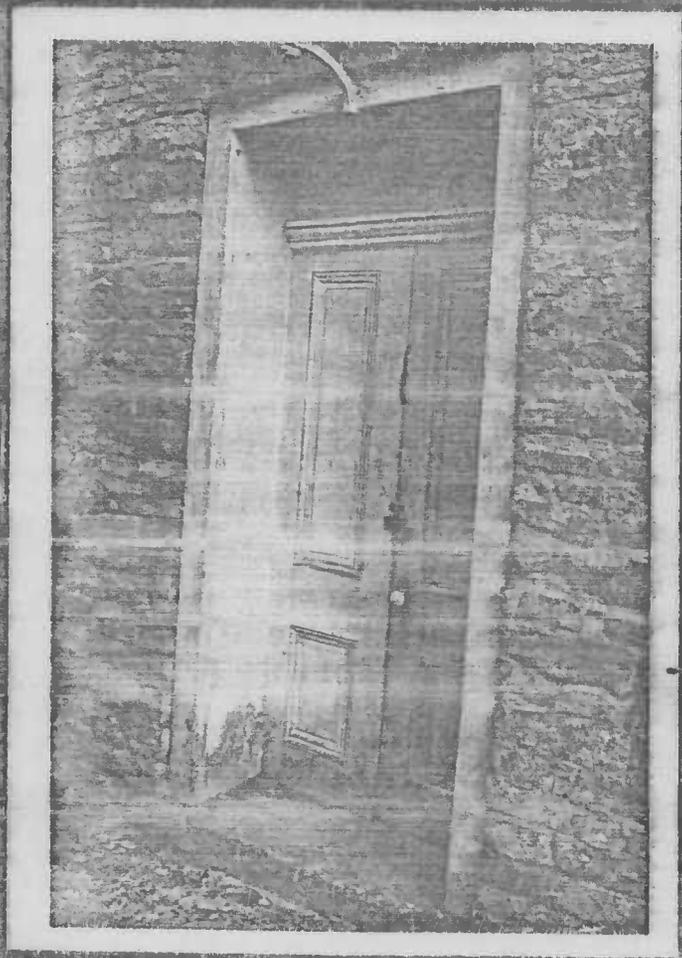
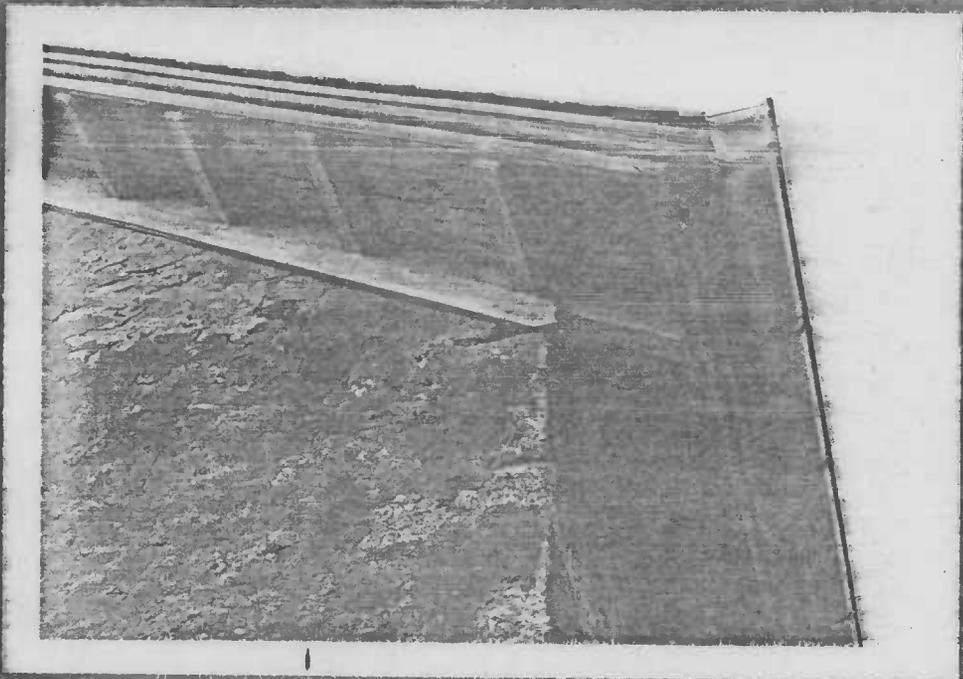
top - North Facade

center - North Facade

bottom - South Gable - Dated Window



CE 1006 Hammy Chapel  
top - Southeast Corner, Cornice  
bot. left - South Facade, west Double Door  
bot. right - West Facade, Double Door





(Old Harmony Methodist CE-1006  
Rowlandsville Church  
Southeast Elevation

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Harmony Chapel  
Rowlandsville  
(Susquehanna State Park)  
southeast elevation  
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Harmony Chapel  
Rowlandsville  
1870

Detail: south gable

E. Coxe/B. Deale

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