

Piney Creek is the oldest Presbyterian congregation in the county which dates back to the 1770's. The present American brick bond building with Eastern motif trim on the entrance tower was built in 1818, the tower, 1915. The slightly obtrusive church sits two miles outside of Taneytown in a semi-rural area.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Piney Creek Presbyterian Church

AND/OR COMMON Piney Creek Presbyterian Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Harney Rd. at Piney Creek Rd. 1

CITY, TOWN Taneytown, Md. VICINITY OF Taneytown CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CARROLL

STATE Maryland COUNTY

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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<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 Piney Creek Presbyterian Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER Same as #2

CITY, TOWN Taneytown VICINITY OF Taneytown STATE Maryland, zip code 21787

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Carroll County Office Building (exempt records)

Liber #: Folio #: NONE

STREET & NUMBER 225 North Center Street

CITY, TOWN Westminster STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR
 DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE 1818 / 1915

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

EXTERIOR - The church sits upon a soft incline, overlooking the intersection of Piney Creek and Harney Roads. It faces north/east towards Adams County, Pennsylvania, a mile or so away. Going south on Harney Road leads directly into Taneytown. Piney Creek is surrounded by its own graveyard on the north/east side, a parking area and foliage on the south/east side. The graveyard is surrounded by a heavy stone fence, which has a small-scale gable roof, with a slate shingle top running the length of the fence. A marker dates this fence, 1872.

A low stone, uncoursed foundation supports walls of American bond pattern. They in turn support a wooden gable roof, covered with slate shingles and ending in a box cornice. The four-bay long, three-bay wide (front) structure is topped with a center front belfry. The brick belfry extends from a protruding tower of the same medium. The belfry is of square construction with arched openings on each facade. The battlement-fortress form is heightened with an interplay of beige brick patterns against the common red. It appears Islamic.

All the windows are of the same stained glass patterns; they are rectangular, have plain trim, with stone bases, and a keystone brick pattern above each arch. The small rectangular building has one, exterior, end chimney. The south/east side entrance, with double panelled doors and stone stoop has a stained glass transom and the original door hardware.

The facade, with a central entrance tower has a five tiered panelled double-door with a stained glass transom. The square entrance arch is decorated with moulded panels. The entrance tower which has cement steps leading to it, is a more recent, but of the same bonding pattern. The church was built in 1818. The interior was modernized in 1869, and the present tower was probably added in 1915, when a general remodeling took place.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

ERIOD		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 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 1818 (tower, 1915) BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Piney Creek is the oldest church and congregation of Presbyterien Faith in Carroll County.

Background: The oldest American Presbyterian Churches were established primarily in New England, and some southern states by English settlers in the early and mid-17th century. Christ Presbyterian in Long Island, New York, is probably one of the first organized and that in 1644. The first Presbyterian minister to preach in the New York colony was in 1648. The first American Presbytery was organized in Philadelphia in 1706. In 1683, one Francis Make nie, an Irish minister, founded several churches in Virginia and Maryland, this brought scattered churches into unity. In Maryland, the church began an emergence from a pre-existence of a confused Presbyterian and Independent blend. In other words, in the late 1700's, the Presbyterian church came into its own, with stability and growth at a rapid pace.

CARROLL COUNTY: In this county, Piney Creek is the oldest Presbyterian Church and congregation. A 1771 deed stated that two acres and the use of a spring were sold to five trustees from one Abraham Heyster, of Frederick County, in consideration of five shillings. Heyster restricted the use and privilege of the land to "a congregation of people called Presbyterians, who shall hold or continue to hold that system of doctrine contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith, Catechisms and Directory as the same principles now embraced by the Synod of New Yros and Philadelphia to which they are now united". --taken from the Democratic Advocate - 3/12/1937.

The elders or trustees built a plain low structure on this property with tall high-back pews and a w ne-glass pulpit. This church was torn down in 1818, and the present one was erected , being modernized in 1869 and remodeled in 1915, adding the present tower. Circa 1790-95, the Piney Creek pulpit remained vacant after the death of the second minister to serve this church. It was not until one Tom's Creek (a smaller congregation) Presbyterian and Piney Creek merged did they find some-one suitable. The congregation has been united since 1771. Its 207 year history has been quiet and basically uneventful.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1) "175 yrs. of Presbyterians at Piney Creek Church
 - Carroll Record - Nov. 18, 1958

2) "Presbyterian churches" - Branford West Lynch
 - Dem. Advocate 3/12/87

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY Carroll

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Fredi Eckhardt historic site surveyor

ORGANIZATION Carroll County Committee of the Maryland Historical Trust DATE

STREET & NUMBER 210 East Main Street TELEPHONE 848-6494

CITY OR TOWN Westminster 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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MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Piney Creek Presbyterian Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE: COOE COUNTY: COOE

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>		

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: COOE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Carr

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Westminster STATE: Md COOE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: COOE

STATE:
COUNTY:
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ENTRY NUMBER
DATE

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Piney Creek Presbyterian Church is a typical late 19th cent. church building with three windows and a single door at the S.W. elevation and an exterior battlemented bell tower to the SE elevation (center) with the main entrance door at the base. One story in height it has (the church) an "A" frame roof with the ridge running SE to NW.

This is the 3rd. church on the site. A walled cemetery lies directly to the NE.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/> | 16th Century <input type="checkbox"/> | 18th Century <input type="checkbox"/> | 20th Century <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15th Century <input type="checkbox"/> | 17th Century <input type="checkbox"/> | 19th Century <input type="checkbox"/> | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Abariginol <input type="checkbox"/> | Education <input type="checkbox"/> | Paliticol <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Phi- <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input type="checkbox"/> | losophy <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention <input type="checkbox"/> | Science <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/> | Londscope <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Sociol/Human- <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literoture <input type="checkbox"/> | itarian <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Canservation <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | Theoter <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| | Music <input type="checkbox"/> | Tronspartation <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Blank area for the statement of significance.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blank area for major bibliographical references.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CDDE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CDDE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Rivons, MHT

ORGANIZATION: _____ DATE: 9/70

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY OR TOWN: _____ STATE: _____ CODE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____



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S/E elevation

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corner - N/E front, N/W side, cemetery
wall
fred's E.



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Can. - 99

N/E elevation tower

Spdi E.