

Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren was organized in 1758 under the direction of Ephraim Stoner and Martin Urner who came from Coventry Church (1724) in Pennsylvania. Land for Pipe Creek was donated as early as 1770 but the first log edifice was not built until 1796. When the congregation was organized in 1758 it started the "Maryland Brethren" and established itself as one of the best known congregations in Maryland colonial history.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

MAGI # 070117608

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren

AND/OR COMMON Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER NW/S Pipe Creek Road

CITY, TOWN Linwood  VICINITY OF Uniontown & Linwood CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2

STATE Maryland COUNTY Carroll

**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	<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 Pipe Creek Brethren Church Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER NW/S Pipe Creek Road

CITY, TOWN Linwood  VICINITY OF Uniontown & Linwood STATE, zip code Md. 21764

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Registry of Deeds, ETC. Carroll County Office Building (exempt records)

Liber #: NONE  
Folio #:

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

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

**CONDITION**  
 DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**  
 UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**  
 ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE 1891

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building faces south/east towards New Windsor and is situated 30-40 yards off a small road (Pipe Creek) which runs between Uniontown and Linwood. It is built into a gently sloped hill in a valley, with much foliage and higher hills around it. The road runs off Maryland 84 South; signs direct one to the historic site.

The structure is one story, with an attic and working basement. The S/E facade is 8-bays in length, as is the back of the rectangular building. The N/E and S/W ends are 3-bays in width. A coursed stone foundation anchors the American brick bond building, with 4/4 windows on the first floor, 2/2 in the attic all with blind shutters and plain trim. The wooden gable roof is covered with standing seam, painted red, to continue the pattern of the two single brick interior end chimneys. The facade features three double panelled entrance doors with rectangular transom lights. They are framed in plain trim.

The interior has been completely refurbished, not only in 1954, but as recently as 1976. Window structure and attic appears to be the only remaining original features. The rectangular nave is eleven pews deep with three aisles, which lead to the chancel area. In back of the chancel, on either side are study rooms. The narthex is entered through the southern most (leftside) entrance door. Recently enclosed stairs lead to a working basement, with kitchen and Sunday School areas as well as a museum room used to preserve some of the original furnishings, i.e. old cradle, iron cauldron, bonnets, etc. The attic runs the length of the building and the original wood structure is intact and exposed. Horizontal beams support the diagonal structures and wood shingles. The facade has three marble markers evenly spaced above the window and door line reading:

Founded	A.D. 1866	Rebuilt
A.D. 1806		A.D. 1891

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) <i>Colonial History</i>
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ~~1806~~ 1806 / 1866 / 1891 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Church of the Brethren was organized and originated by Alexander Mack in Germany in 1708. He decided that the teachings of Christ and the Apostles were to be practiced faithfully in order to complete a Christian education and life. The New World, showing promise for religious freedom, was open territory for these soul-searching persons. They immigrated, settled and organized a Mother Church in Germantown, Pennsylvania, on Christmas Day, 1723. Alexander Mack came to the states in 1729, establishing five churches in Pennsylvania, enroute. This included Coventry in 1724. This inturn produced the Pipe Creek offspring. Ephraim Stoner and Martin Urner came to Maryland and in 1758, organized that congregation. It became a predominant colonial church, included in what is now known as the Eastern district of Maryland.

For more than thirty years, services and meetings were held in barns and homes. An Ulrich Crumpacker donated land as a site for a church in 1770, in addition to a parcel of land donated in 1729 by one Philip Englar. Land was certainly open for construction, but the first building, a log school house (no longer standing) was not built until 1796. This was used for worship and education. In 1806, the first Pipe Creek Church was built on the same site where the present structure stands. It stood as one of the very earliest German-Baptist Brethren church - meeting house in America. In 1866 this building was enlarged, and in 1891 it was rebuilt entirely. In 1848 land was deeded for the Pipe Creek Cemetary. In 1954 the interior was completely remodelled for better arrangement, facilities, etc.

Pipe Creek has a unique position in Maryland's religious history. When organized in 1758 it made the Maryland Brethrens, and was important as a contribution to colonial history, because it was one of the best known congregations in the colonial period in Maryland. It is considered by many to be the mother-church of the Maryland Brethren.

It is interesting to note that the present building is void of extraneous detail - is very simple and functional in plan and unobtrusive in general. Even in the twentieth centruy, the "Dunkards", as the Brethrens were called in Europe and Pa. (the reason being emersion at baptism) were not caught up in following contemporary fashion.

The Present church stands as a monument to the history of Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren History.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

"Gospel Messenger" (Brethren) 8-22-36

Eastern Maryland Bi-Centennial Anniversary pamphlet put out by "Church of the Brethren" 1758-1958

"Service of Rededication of Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren" (pamphlet July 11, 1954)

"History of Pipe Creek Church" E. W. Stoner 1906

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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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 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 Fall - 1978

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.

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

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Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren  
Linwood

9 Major Bibliographical References

Baltimore Sun -Wednesday July 7, 1954 "An Early Church Dedicated Anew"  
by Robert G. Breen  
The Democratic Advocate (Westminster) 2-26-37  
"Church of the Brethren" 250th Anniversary pamphlet 1708-1958

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BOX 1704  
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	MD
COUNTY:	Carr
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Pipe Creek Church (of the Brethren)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Uniontown vicinity (S. of)

STATE: MD. CODE: COUNTY: Carr CODE:

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

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

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Carr

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Westminster STATE: MD. CODE:

ACREAGE

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: CODE:

STATE:  
COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER  
DATE

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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"/> Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One) Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>This is a rectangular block with the facade at the S. elevation. The structure is <del>two</del> one storey in height with the A frame roof running E-W.</p> <p>Two earlier buildings stood on the site one constructed in 1806 and the other in 1866. The present structure dates 1881 with portions dating from the 1866 period.</p> <p>Of brick laid in an English bond the building rests upon a full cellar with stone walls.</p> <p>The South elevation is eight bays in length with the doors being the first, fourth, and seventh bays from the SW corner. All doors are double with raised panels and have four pane transoms above. All openings have well laid Jack arches. Windows are four over four victorian sash with solid (panel) shutters.</p> <p>The roof ridge ends at an interior chimney at each end. The eaves are very deep with a large boxed cornice and wide barge boards. Mouldings are plain but of excellent design. All exterior Mouldings date from the third period of construction.</p>	

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century
- 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1881

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>     | Education <input type="checkbox"/>    | Political <input type="checkbox"/>           | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>    | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>  | Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/>       | Industry <input type="checkbox"/>     | Science <input type="checkbox"/>             | _____                                    |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>    | Invention <input type="checkbox"/>    | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>           | _____                                    |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/>            | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>    | Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> | _____                                    |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>       | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/>             | _____                                    |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/>   | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>      | _____                                    |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>   | Military <input type="checkbox"/>     |  | _____                                    |
| Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>   | Music <input type="checkbox"/>        |  | _____                                    |

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

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUOE	LONGITUOE		LATITUOE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
SE	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
SW	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"

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

STATE:	COOE	COUNTY	COOE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	COOE
STATE:	COOE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: J. Richard Rivoire

ORGANIZATION: MHT DATE: 12/70

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 \_\_\_\_\_



Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren

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N/W elevation

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Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren

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Caner - N/E side + N/W back

fredi E.



Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren

Oct. - 78

Can. - III

corner - S/E front, N/E side  
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