

CARR-362

ST. LUCAS GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH (site)

Uniontown

1816-19

demo. 1882

private

The cemetery at the top of the hill is the site of **St. Lucas Reformed Church**, the first house of worship in Uniontown. At an 1814 meeting, residents who were members of the German Reformed faith formed a local congregation and began plans for the construction of a church. Money was solicited for construction costs (including an elaborate lottery that is described in J. Thomas Scharf, **History of Western Maryland**, Vol. II, p. 852), and the church was constructed by carpenters George Attick and John Reichnecker, during the years 1816-1819. Dr. Jacob J. Weaver, Jr., provides the following description of the church:

It was beautifully located, and as a landmark it was prominent: being situated on a hill, it could be seen for miles in every direction. Its architecture was of the prevalent German character, an exact type of the German Reformed and Lutheran churches which were erected during the last, and the first part of the present century. It was constructed of brick in a very substantial manner, with two stories of large windows.

The interior was thoroughly German in character, constructed evidently on the plan of many old churches in Germany, which were prototypes of the buildings erected by the denominations of German origin in this country, some of which the writer has visited. It was galleried on three sides, said galleries being held up by substantial wooden columns; the pulpit was of the famed "wine glass" variety, with a suspended sounding board overhead; the ceiling was systematically arched.

There were three entrances; the aisles of each were paved with brick, as also was the center of the building. To me, as a youth, the interior as a whole was charming and impressive, and demonstrated the fact that the recollection of the "Father-land" still lingered in the minds of the older members of the congregation when the building was constructed. It was demolished in 1882, being forced to yield to the modernizing ideas of the period.

The German Reformed congregation faced financial difficulties from the cost of the church. Its membership dwindled and by 1830, the congregation no longer existed, due in part to a split within the region's German Reformed denomination. From this dissension, Rev. John Winebrenner established the Church of God and eventually a congregation of this denomination was formed in Uniontown. In 1836, the Church of God assumed control over the church building and held its services there until the demolition of the building in 1882.



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

225. N. Center Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157

WESTMINSTER PLANNING DISTRICT

FIELD SHEET--HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY

SURVEY NUMBER: CARR-362
NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing
U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP: New Windsor
PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:
PRESENT USE: cemetery
ORIGINAL USE: church
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:
Excellent ( ) Good (X)
Fair ( ) Poor ( )
THEME:
STYLE:
DATE BUILT: 1816-19; demolished 1882

COUNTY: CARROLL
TOWN: Uniontown
LOCATION: Trevanin Road, 1/8 mile north of
(MD 84) Uniontown Rd.
COMMON NAME: St. Lucas German Reformed Church (site)
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Church
OWNER: Trustees of Uniontown Bible Church
ADDRESS: Clear Ridge Road
Uniontown Md 21157
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:
Yes ( ) No (X) Restricted ( )
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:
Local ( ) State ( ) National ( )

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:
Structural System SITE
1. Foundation: Stone ( ) Brick ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
2. Wall Structure
A. Wood: Log ( ) Post and Beam ( ) Balloon ( )
B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick ( ) Stone ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
C. Iron ( ) D. Steel ( ) E. Other
3. Wall Covering: Weatherboard ( ) German Siding ( ) Board and Batten ( )
Wood Shingle ( ) Shiplap ( ) Novelty ( ) Stucco ( ) Sheet Metal ( )
Aluminum ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Brick Veneer ( ) Stone Veneer ( )
Bonding Pattern: Other:
4. Roof Structure
A. Truss: Wood ( ) Iron ( ) Steel ( ) Concrete ( )
B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Sheet Metal ( )
Built Up ( ) Rolled ( ) Tile ( ) Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:
Appendages: Porches ( ) Towers ( ) Cupolas ( ) Dormers ( ) Chimneys ( ) Sheds ( )
Ells ( ) Wings ( ) Other:
Roof Style: Gable ( ) Hip ( ) Shed ( ) Flat ( ) Mansard ( ) Gambrel ( ) Jerkinhead ( )
Saw Tooth ( ) With Monitor ( ) With Bellcast ( ) With Parapet ( )
With False Front ( ) Other:
Number of Stories:
Number of Bays:
Approximate Dimensions:
Entrance Location:

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:
No Threat ( ) Zoning ( ) Roads ( )
Development ( ) Deterioration ( )
Alteration ( ) Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:
Positive ( ) Negative ( )
Mixed ( ) Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

see Unimtown Rd - A Walking Tour

REFERENCES:

1862 Martenet's Map:  
1877 LG & S Atlas:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane ( ) Woodland ( ) Scattered Buildings ( )  
Moderately Built Up ( ) Densely-Built Up ( )  
Residential ( ) Commercial ( )  
Agricultural ( ) Industrial ( )  
Roadside Strip Development ( )  
Other:

RECORDED BY:

Joe Betty

ORGANIZATION:

C.C. Dept. of Planning

DATE RECORDED:

9/84



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IN THE  
CITY OF  
NEW YORK  
STATE OF NEW YORK  
I, JOHN B. BROWN  
DECEASED  
ON THE 14TH DAY OF  
FEBRUARY 1877  
AT THE AGE OF 56 YEARS  
WAS BURIED IN THIS  
CITY OF NEW YORK  
STATE OF NEW YORK  
ON THE 22ND DAY OF  
FEBRUARY 1923  
AT THE AGE OF 56 YEARS

1. CARR-362 St. Lucas Church Cemetery
2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. November, 1984
5. Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. Tombstone - 1826
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