

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren Survey Number: CARR-392

Project: Westminster Bypass (MD 140) Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

This property was determined eligible for the NR by MHT letter dated 4/27/1994.

*"We believe the property is eligible as a contributing resource in the Loop Rural Historic District."*

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

Prepared by: Rita Suffness, Cultural Resources Group Leader, SHA, June 1993

Beth Hannold  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable  
Bzk 5/23/97  
Reviewer, NR program Date

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (  prehistoric  historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): ~~Domestic/Single dwelling~~ Religion/religious facility

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_



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MEADOW BRANCH CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

1914

808 Taneytown Pike  
Westminster vicinity

private

The Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren was created in 1825 and met in the homes of its members Christian Royer and David Roop. In 1847, the congregation built a stone church on the site of the present church. The land was donated for the church by Peter Royer and John Roop. In 1876, a store addition was added to this church. The stone church was torn down in 1914, with some of the stone being used for the foundation of a one story brick church. The eastern portion of the present structure is the 1914 church. A photograph in the collection of the Historical Society of Carroll County shows the original fenestration of this ten bay facade, which included two double door entrances and one single door entrance. This structure was built in a plain style representative of Brethren churches in this region. The church currently has a brick addition with a store entrance way that was built in the late 1960s.



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
225. N. Center Street  
Westminster, Maryland 21157

WESTMINSTER PLANNING DISTRICT  
FIELD SHEET--HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY

3/22

SURVEY NUMBER: CARR-392

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:  
Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP: New Windsor

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:  
Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:  
Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren

PRESENT USE: church

ORIGINAL USE: church

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:  
Excellent ( ) Good (X)  
Fair ( ) Poor ( )

THEME:

STYLE:

DATE BUILT: 1914

COUNTY: CARROLL

TOWN: Westminster vic.

LOCATION: 808 Taneytown Pike (MD 140)  
TAX MAP 38 Block 16 P-156

COMMON NAME: ( )

FUNCTIONAL TYPE:

OWNER: Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren

ADDRESS: 808 Taneytown Pike  
Westminster, MD 21157

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:  
Yes (X) No ( ) Restricted ( )

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:  
Local ( ) State ( ) National ( )

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

- Foundation: Stone (X) Brick ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
- Wall Structure
  - Wood: Log ( ) Post and Beam ( ) Balloon ( )
  - Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick (X) Stone ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
  - Iron ( ) D. Steel ( ) E. Other
- Wall Covering: Weatherboard ( ) German Siding ( ) Board and Batten ( )  
Wood Shingle ( ) Shiplap ( ) Novelty ( ) Stucco ( ) Sheet Metal ( )  
Aluminum ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Brick Veneer ( ) Stone Veneer ( )  
Bonding Pattern: Common Other:
- Roof Structure
  - Truss: Wood (X) Iron ( ) Steel ( ) Concrete ( )
  - Other:
- Roof Covering: Slate (X) Wood Shingle ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Sheet Metal ( )  
Built Up ( ) Rolled ( ) Tile ( ) Other:
- Engineering Structure:
- Other:

Appendages: Porches ( ) Towers ( ) Cupolas ( ) Dormers ( ) Chimneys ( ) Sheds ( )  
Ells ( ) Wings (X) Other: Entrance steeple

Roof Style: Gable (X) Hip ( ) Shed ( ) Flat ( ) Mansard ( ) Gambrel ( ) Jerkinhead ( )  
Saw Tooth ( ) With Monitor ( ) With Bellcast ( ) With Parapet ( )  
With False Front ( ) Other:

Number of Stories: 1

Number of Bays: 10 x 3 with addition Entrance Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Early photograph shows distinct differences in entrances, 4 over 4 sash windows  
detestones inset below one window that was previously a doorway (were probably located  
in the gable end where the addition now stands

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

none

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

good example of regional church style predominantly used by Brethren

REFERENCES:

1862 Martenet's Map: Dunker's Meeting House

1877 LG & S Atlas: Dunkard Church  
m. 38 p. 156

Roop, William E. "History of the Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren" 1947

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

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

RECORDED BY:

Joe Getty

ORGANIZATION:

Carr. Co. Planning Dept

DATE RECORDED:

August 1983

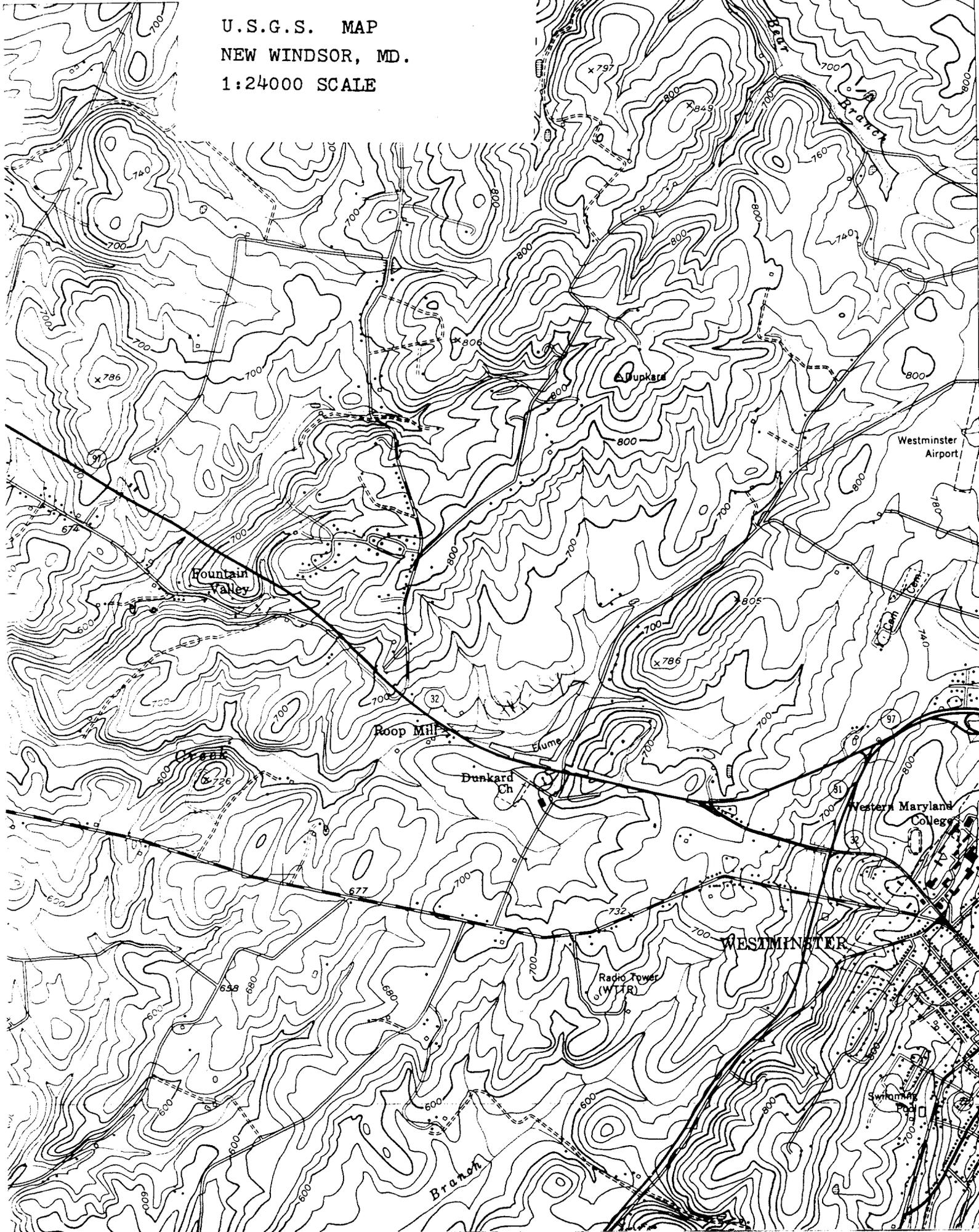
## Attachment 21

44 Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren (CARR 392)--our offices agreed that this church was Maryland Inventory Level as part of the Section 106 coordination for the MD 140 project which occurred in 1988.

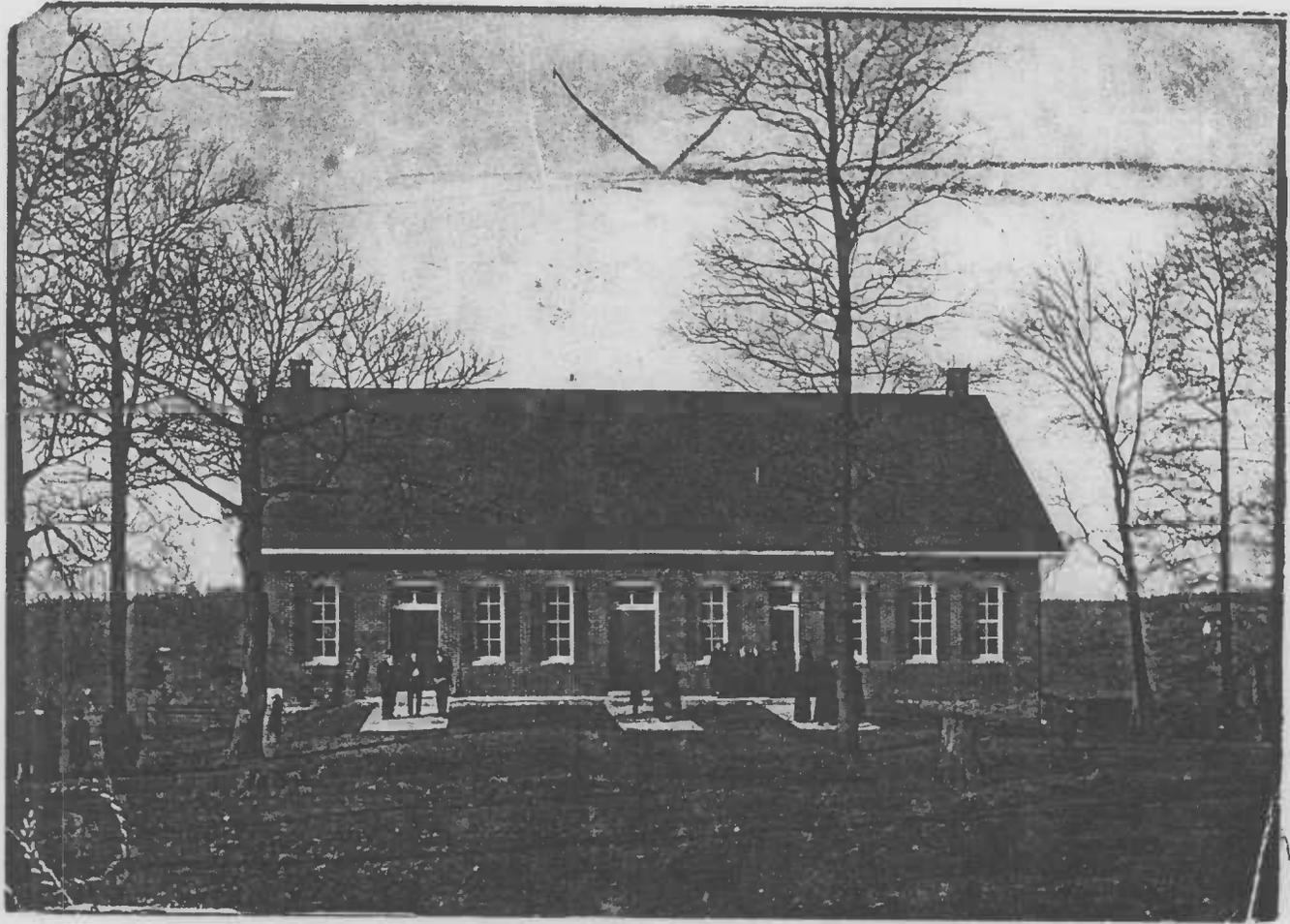
The existing structure, shown in the attached photographs, dates from the period 1914 to the 1960's. The 1914 one story brick church replaced an earlier stone structure, built in 1847 on land donated by Peter Royer and John Roop. This section constitutes the eastern portion of the existing structure. Evidently the fenestration was altered, as the original structure had two double door entrances and one single door entrance. The large addition on the west was built onto the west wall of the 1914 section in the late 1960's. With its oversized stone bell tower and large, double door entry, it does not appear to harmonize with the earlier structure. This disunity is exacerbated by the large paved parking area, and the heavy development of the surrounding acreage with modern subdivision housing, highly visible from the southwest to the northwest.

In its current condition, the Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren does not have integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, association and feeling, and thus does not appear to meet the most basic criteria for inclusion in the National Register of Historic

U.S.G.S. MAP  
 NEW WINDSOR, MD.  
 1:24000 SCALE



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Meadow Branch Church of the Brethren

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from photo collection, Historical Society of Carroll County



1. CARR-392 MEADOW BRANCH CHURCH OF THE  
BRETHREN
2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. August 1983
5. Md. Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. North and east elevations (camera  
facing southwest)
7. 1/2



1. CARR-392 MEADOW BRANCH CHURCH OF THE  
BRETHREN
2. Carroll County, Maryland
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4. August 1983
5. Md. Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. South elevation (camera facing north)
7. 2/2