

F-2-56

Mt. Hope Church of God
Burkittsville vicinity
Private

1909; 1974

The Mt. Hope Church of God is a one-story stone hall type church built in 1909 and extensively restored in 1974 with a new roof and wood gables, a projecting stone foyer at the main entrance, and new windows. The church is significant as an example of an early 20th century church built in the style and materials of 19th century rural churches. Similar to the Fairview M.P. Church (F-8-33), a rebuilt 1840's building, the essential differences between the two are few. A small cemetery west of the Mt. Hope Church contains a Turner family obelisk with an inscription to a dead son "killed by the cars" in 1912, a probable reference to an early fatality on the electric railways linking Middletown, Myersville, Braddock Heights, and Frederick.

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Burkittsville
Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery Counties,
and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes
Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning
Religion

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Religion/religious structure/church

Known Design Source: None

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Mt. Hope Church of God

and/or common Locust Valley First Church of God

2. Location

street & number 1236 Mountain Church Road not for publication

city, town Burkittsville vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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	Public Acquisition	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Maryland & Virginia Eldership of the Churches of God in North America
c/o Rev. C.W. McGaha

street & number RD 1 telephone no.:

city, town Cascade state and zip code Md. 21719

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 918

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 673

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-2-56

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

Mt. Hope Church of God is a one story stone hall type church originally built in 1909 and extensively restored in 1974 with a new stone projecting foyer entrance on the south elevation. The church is located on the north side of Mountain Church Road about 2 miles north of Burkittsville, Frederick County, Maryland. The church has german siding in the rebuilt gables and a 1974 open frame belfry above the south gable end. A small cemetery is located west of the church.

The south elevation has three bays with the center bay formed by the projecting foyer. The outer bays have 6/9 windows. The southeast corner contains a dated stone reading "Church of God 1909, Rebuilt 1974". The side elevations have three bays each with 6/9 sash. The gable roof is composition. The north elevation has a projecting rear wall. The 1974 rebuilding is primarily apparent in the new roof and gables, the foyer and rear wall on the north elevation, and the replaced windows.

The cemetery contains headstones bearing death dates from the first decade of the 20th century to the present. One monument, an obelisk in the Turner family group, bears an inscription on the south side to a 21-year-old son who was "killed by the cars" in 1912. This is probably a reference to an early death on the electric railways linking Myersville, Middletown, Braddock Heights, and Frederick from the 1890's to the 1950's.

8. Significance

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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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1909; 1974 rebuilt **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.

The Mt. Hope Church of God is a good example of an early 20th century rural church built in the style of 19th century churches. Similar stone churches built as early as the 1840's exist in other parts of Frederick County. A comparable example, also a much-restored building, is the Fairview M. P. Church (F-8-33) near McKaig. The exterior form of the two churches is virtually the same, with the wood gables and foyer of Mt. Hope being the main differences.

The chain of title to the church lot describes the history of the church over the first half of the 20th century. In 1973, a deed from the only known descendants of the first trustees of the church to the Locust Valley Church of God stated ". . . Mt. Hope Church ceased to function, its church building lost in decay, its Trustees deceased, and the membership deceased, unorganized, disbanded . . ." The deed goes on to state the purpose of the new congregation as "building a new church edifice on the former foundation and site of the original Mt. Hope Church of God". The exact extent of the rebuilding and how much of the original material remains in the structure is unknown at the time of this survey.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-2-56

Land Records of Frederick County

10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Keedysville, Md. - W.Va.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 64, Parcel 105

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date September 1991

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city or town Frederick state Maryland 21701

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.

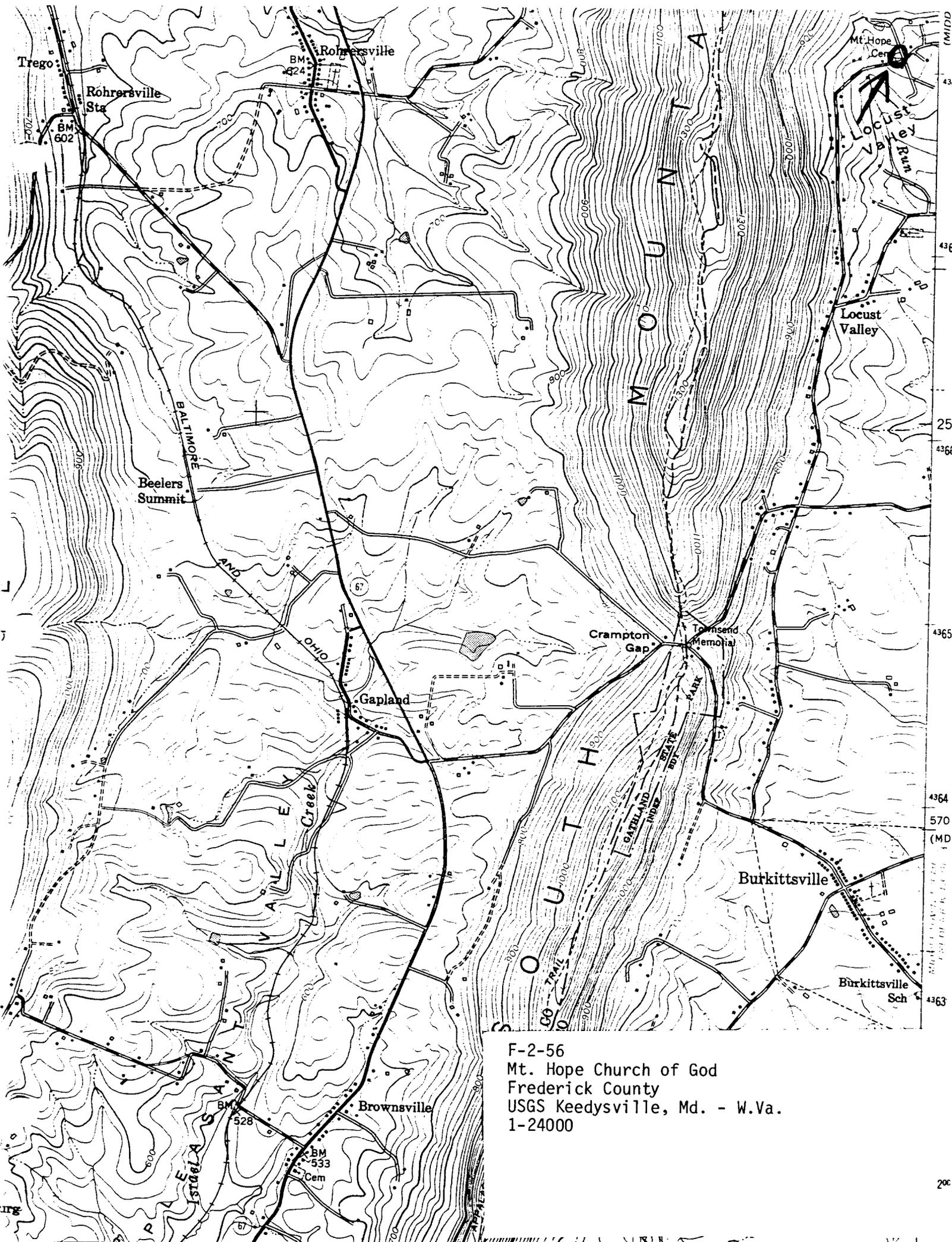
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Locust Valley 1st Church of God #51 M64 P105

LIBER/FOL.	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
918/673 21 Jul 73	Md. & Va. Eldership of the Churches of God in North America	John W. Sigler, Donald L. Byrd, Robert D. Butts Clarence C. Rohrback, Trustees of Locust Valley 1st Church of God			
916/673 28 Jan 73	Locust Valley 1st Church of God	Louise Higdon, Clarence M. Morris, M. Lettie Morris, Mary E. Merryman, John W. Sigler, descendants of Trustees of Mt. Hope Church of God	(Mt. Hope Church ceased to function, bldg "lost in decay", Trustees deceased, mem- bership deceased, unorganized, disbanded) (For purpose of building a new church edifice on the former foundation and site of the original Mt. Hope church of God)		
286/271 1 Mar 09	Trustees of Mt. Hope Church of God	Samuel B. Mentzer		#1	



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