

F-3-96
Rocky Springs Chapel
Frederick vicinity
Private

1882

The Rocky Springs Chapel, a frame hall plan church built in 1882 by the United Brethren Church, has German siding and a foyer added in the early 20th century. The windows have segmental arches and louvered shutters flanking plain glass 4/4 windows. A frame addition also erected in the early 20th century is attached to the rear elevation. The church is a good example, with few alterations, of a late 19th century frame rural church. The United Brethren congregation, the founding group of the sect, had met in a nearby private home from 1800 until about 1860, then in the Rocky Springs School House (F-3-95) next to the present church from 1860 to 1882. The church acquired the school as a general purpose meeting and community center room in 1930 after the school was closed.

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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 and Community Planning
Religion

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Religion/religious facility/church

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Rocky Springs Chapel (preferred)

and/or common Rocky Springs Christian Church

2. Location

street & number 7800 block Rocky Springs Road not for publicationcity, town Frederick 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 Trustees of Rocky Springs Chapel
c/o Mrs. Grace Koehl

street & number 7814 Rocky Springs Road telephone no.:

city, town Frederick state and zip code Md. 21701

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 286

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 403

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-3-96

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

The Rocky Springs Christian Church is a one-story frame church built in 1882 with german siding and a projecting foyer addition built during the first quarter of the 20th century, located on the northeast side of Rocky Springs Road about 50 yards from the intersection of Kemp Lane, near Frederick (City), Frederick County, Maryland. The church faces south toward the road. On the same side of the road adjoining the church lot is the Rocky Springs School House (F-3-95), a stone structure built about 1839 and now owned by the trustees of the church. The date of the church is based on land records.

The church is a rectangular hall plan building which probably had a three-bay south elevation with a center entrance in its original design. The foyer occupies the center bay, flanked by segmental-arched 4/4 windows with louvred shutters. An oculus window is located in the gable above the foyer. The roof is standing seam metal with cornice returns on the gable ends. The roof of the foyer is composition material. A concrete platform with steps rising from the level of the road and a plain iron railing fronts the foyer. The east and west elevations each have four bays with the same 4/4 windows with segmental arches and shutters as in the south elevation. On the north elevation is a frame shed addition with german siding and 2/2 windows. The roof of the addition is standing seam metal. The interior of the church was not accessible, but may be seen through the windows. The walls are painted plaster and an arched recess is located at the north end of the hall. pedimented frame outlines the arch. The floor appears to be pine boards. The pews and other furnishings could not be dated by viewing from the outside, but appear to be of various early 20th century dates.

8. Significance

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"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<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 1882 **Builder/Architect**

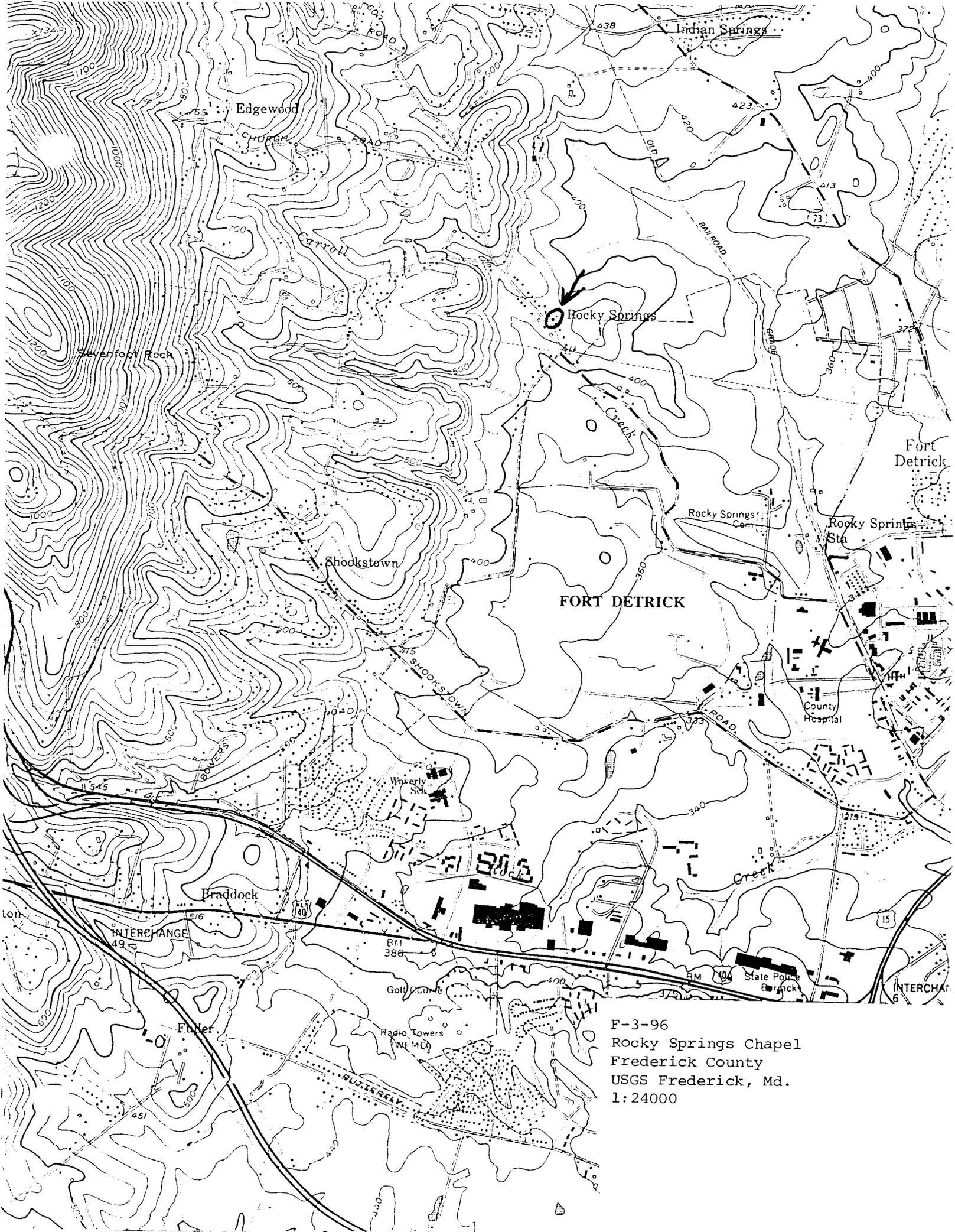
check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
 Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Rocky Springs Chapel is a good example of a frame rural church of the last quarter of the 19th century in Frederick County. It retains with few changes its exterior and much of its interior appearance and materials. The two major exterior additions, the foyer and the frame shed addition on the rear, are faced with the same siding as the main section of the church. Built in 1882, the church was erected by the United Brethren congregation which had been meeting at the Peter Kemp House nearby since about 1800, the foundation of the U.B. denomination. About 1860, the church began to hold services at the Rocky Springs School House (F-3-95), as the Kemp House reverted to full-time residential use. In 1882, Cornelius Staley sold the church the lot for \$5.00 and the present building was erected. In about 1930, the church acquired the Rocky Springs School House, which has since been used for church meetings and events and as a community center.

5TH 2867403 30 Apr 09	Rocky Spring Chapel	Trustees of ^{just} U.B. Church in Frank Fred. Co. Circuit	"Jones Spy"; mentions Rocky Spring school lot as boundary on e.	#300	
AF 4/470 4 Jan 1882	M.B. in Christ, Fred. Co.	Cornelius Staley & Rhuanne Staley	"Jones Spy" mentions school lot	#5	

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Southeast corner view

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West elevation

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