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Union Chapel of Bartholows  
New Market vicinity  
Private

1909

The Union Chapel of Bartholows, built in 1909, is a one-story frame rectangular building with a projecting foyer and double five-panel doors on the north elevation. Gothic-arched windows with tracery muntins flank the foyer and mark the four bays on the side elevations of the german-sided chapel. The church is of minimal significance, representing the short-lived stimulation of the relocation of the B&O Railroad line in the Mt. Airy-Monrovia vicinity in the late 1890's. The Bartholows community originated in the 1830's as a water stop on the line, but had very limited growth in the mid and late 19th century. The influx of workers apparently resulted in the need for a nearby church, but by 1922, the chapel had been acquired by the Marvin Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, a larger congregation at Plane No. 4.

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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, 1870-1930 A.D.

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

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use:  
Religion/religious facility/church

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Union Chapel of Bartholows

and/or common Upper Room Gospel Tabernacle

## 2. Location

street & number 12400 block Old National Pike  not for publicationcity, town New Market  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	<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 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 Bartholows Pentecostal Church

street &amp; number Rt. 1 telephone no.:

city, town Mt. Airy state and zip code MD 21771

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 923

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 438

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-5-73

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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 Union Chapel of Bartholows is a one-story frame church built in 1909 on the south side of the Old National Pike (Md. 144) about 75 yards north of the Old Bartholows Road underpass of the B&O Railroad tracks near New Market, Frederick County, Maryland. The church is a rectangular building with a gable facade on the north. It is surrounded by a paved parking area on the north, east and west sides. The building is currently used as the Upper Room Gospel Tabernacle of the Bartholows Pentecostal Church. The date of 1909 is found on an inscribed marble stone at the northwest corner of the stone foundation.

The church has german siding and a corrugated metal roof. The north elevation has a projecting enclosed foyer with double five-panel doors. An air conditioning unit protrudes above the doorway. A plain diamond-shaped panel outlined with molding is above the a/c unit. The foyer is flanked by Gothic-arched windows with tracery muntins and modern colored glass. On the east and west elevations are four bays with similar windows. The stone foundation on the west side has been partially replaced with concrete block and has a cellar access door. At the southwest corner of the building is a one-story shed-roofed addition. The interior was inaccessible for this survey.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates**

**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 Union Chapel of Bartholows is minimally significant in community planning and religion, representing a characteristic feature of the small communities established in Frederick County along the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad line. Bartholows was a water station on the section between Mt. Airy and Frederick Junction which opened to traffic in 1831. The stops on the line led to the building of a few residences, the establishment of services such as a store, machine shops for the railroad, and, eventually, a church and/or a school at these points. The proximity of the National Road (now the Old National Pike, Md. 144) was an additional, but less important, stimulant to the development of Bartholows. The relatively short turnpike distance between Mt. Airy and New Market and the simultaneous development of other nearby water and coal stops on the railroad such as Plane No. 4 and Monrovia resulted in Bartholows' remaining a hamlet with no clear center of growth. The Union Chapel, built in 1909, may have been the result of the moderate increase in activity along the eastern section of the Frederick County line caused by the relocation of the tracks between Mt. Airy and Monrovia in the late 1890's. In 1890, Francis J. Bartholow sold a 1-acre lot to the Board of County School Commissioners. A 30-ft. by 50-ft. section of this lot was surveyed and sold in 1909 to the trustees of the Union Chapel. By 1922, the church had been sold to the Marvin Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church, a larger church near Plane No. 4, an indication that the ripple effect of the railroad activity had subsided and membership and attendance at the Union Chapel had fallen off. Since 1960, the building has been the property of the Bartholows Pentecostal Church.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-5-73

Land Records of Frederick County

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Libertytown, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 89, Parcel 4

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

state	code	county	code
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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 April 1994

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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.

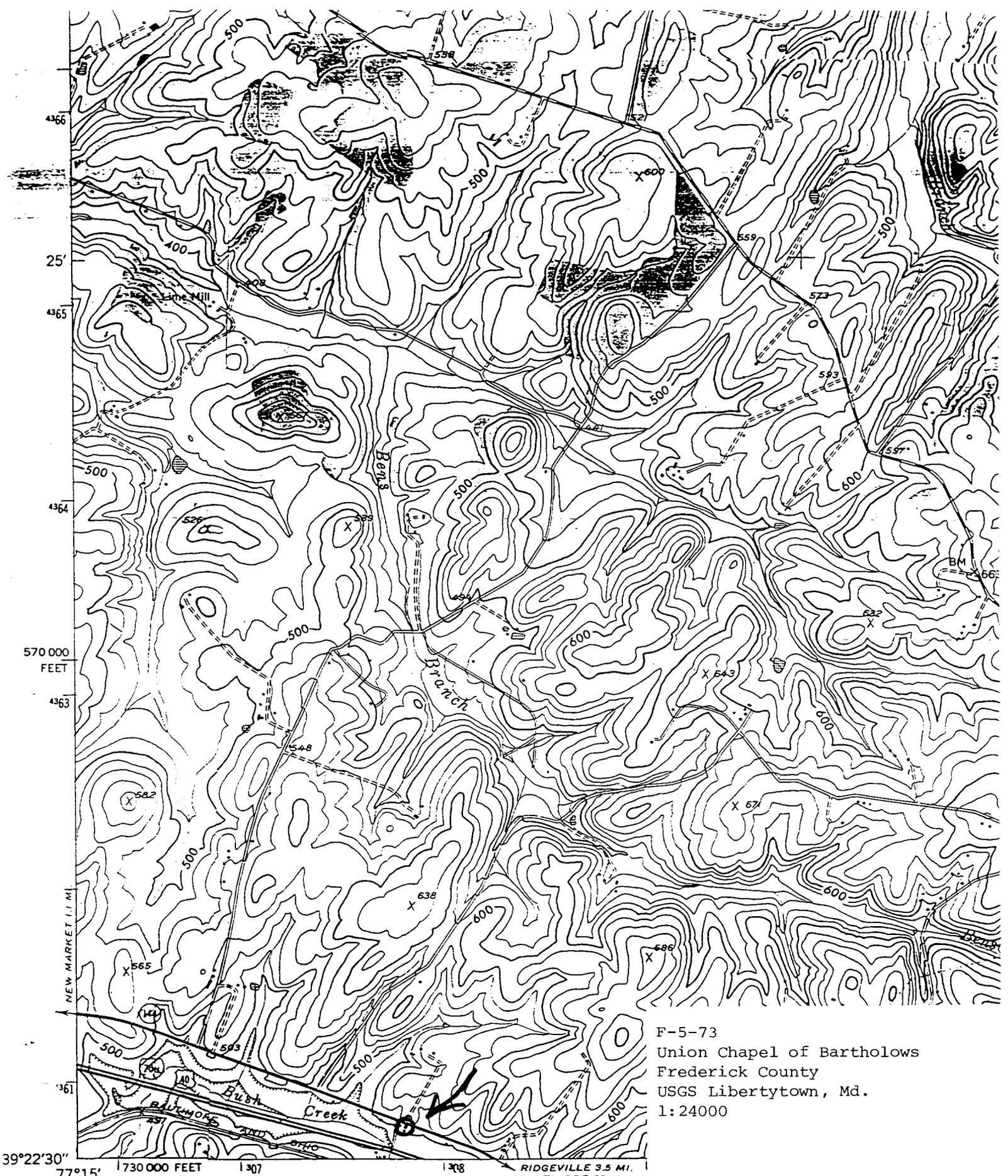
The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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# Union Chapel

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
923/438 24 May 73	Bartholomew- Pentecostal Church	Melson R. & Belle S. Bahn	0.108 a.	
649/443 17 Jan 61	Bartholomew- Pentecostal Church Trustee	Trustees & members of the Consistory of Bartholomew- Pentecostal Church	30' X 50'	
641/470 19 Aug 60	Trustees of Bartholomew- Pentecostal Ch.	Trustees of Union Chapel M.F. Church	30' X 50'	<del>#250</del>
340/286 23 Sept 22	Trustees of Union Chapel M.F. Church	Trustees of Union Chapel of Bartholomew	survey made by W.C. Hamm, surveyor 10 June 1909 WIP 13/43 16 Sept 1890	
286/567 12 Jul 09	Trustees of Union Chapel of Bartholomew	Board of Co- School Commis- sioners	part of 1 acre lot conveyed to school commissioners in WIP 13/43 by Francis J. Bartholomew et ux	#1
			Trustees of Union Chapel: Frank Jones, James Nelson, James M. Rice, Eldridge Smith, William H. Hogarth	



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 USGS Libertytown, Md.  
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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

North east corner view