

G-II-B-076

1910

St. John's English Lutheran Church  
Cove  
Private

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The church is a rectangular, one-story, gable-roofed building measuring four bays on the side elevations and three bays across the facade. The facade points NE. A projecting bell tower is attached to the central bay of the facade. The facade and bell tower have been covered by a modern, gable-roofed addition.

This church is one of two Lutheran Churches at Cove, both established early in the 19th century.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

St. John's English Lutheran Church

AND/OR COMMON

St. John's Lutheran Church (LCA)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Cove Rd. SW side, approx. 1/10 mi. SE of Griffith Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Cove

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. John's English Lutheran Church is located in the center of the small farming community known as Cove, about three and ½ miles NE of Accident. Another Lutheran church and two cemeteries lie immediately to the NW of the church. Farmland and rolling hills surround the two churches.

The church is a rectangular, one-story, gable-roofed building, measuring four bays on the side elevations and three bays across the facade. The facade points NE. A projecting bell tower is attached to the central bay of the facade. The facade and bell tower have been covered by a modern, gable-roofed addition.

The church rests on a coursed cut stone foundation and the walls are constructed of rock-faced concrete block. The windows are stained-glass lancets trimmed with rusticated voussoirs. The facade door is a modern plate-glass double door. Above is a stained-glass lancet divided into three parts and bearing the words "St. John's English Lutheran Church" in white stained glass. There is a second door, a modern addition, between the westernmost and central windows of the NW elevation. The steeply pitched roof is covered with corrugated metal.

The church has one exterior brick stove chimney on the SW elevation. On the facade (NE elevation), the bell tower rises only to the ridgeline of the sanctuary roof. Bullseye stained glass windows adorn the bell tower on all but the SW elevation. The modern addition, consisting of two rooms and a central shelter for the facade door, is covered with rock-facade random ashlar stone. The shallowly pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The church has had several renovations over the years. These include the remodeling of the chancel, done in 1942; installation of stained glass windows in 1946; and the excavation and remodeling of the basement, done in the early 1960's. Two rooms were added to the facade of the church in the early 1960's, and the top of the bell tower was removed in the late 1970's.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
<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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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 1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Cove area of Garrett County may have been settled as early as the 1820's, primarily by German farmers. They brought with them their language, traditions and their Lutheran faith, and soon set about establishing that faith in their new home.

Today, two different Lutheran churches, both called St. John's but of different synods, stand in the settlement of Cove (see G-II-B-078, St. John's Lutheran Church LCMS). Their different histories are difficult to determine because of the identical names and the scarcity, in the beginning, of accurate written records.

A church called St. John's is listed as part of the Petersburg (now Addison) Pennsylvania charge of the Alleghany Synod in 1842. It is not clear to which St. John's this refers, and both churches lay claim to a log house as their first building. At this point, however, their histories begin to diverge.

St. John's English Lutheran Church worshipped in their log building until 1883 or 1884, when the old building was taken down and a frame church built on the same spot. The land had been given circa 1842 by one Henry Diehl for a church and cemetery. The new church was paid for by subscription, with the pastor, Rev. J. B. Shoup, doing most of the carpentry to pay for his share.

In 1908, a new minister, Rev. Samuel Stouffer, arrived, and it was during his ministry that the frame church was dismantled and the present church building was begun. The cornerstone was laid August 9, 1908, and work was completed in May, 1910. The new building included a square, flat-topped bell tower on the facade (NE elevation) which rose above the roofline. The total cost of this church was \$3,435.48.

The church has had several alterations over the years, beginning in 1942.

The church and its history are indicative of the continuing and changing needs of Cove Lutherans since the early 19th century. The congregation continues to thrive and the church provides a focal point for the Cove area.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Strauss, Mary, "St. John's Lutheran Church LCA, Cove, MD," Glades Star, 5, (March 1981), 317-321, 323.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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ORGANIZATION

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DATE

April 1981

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

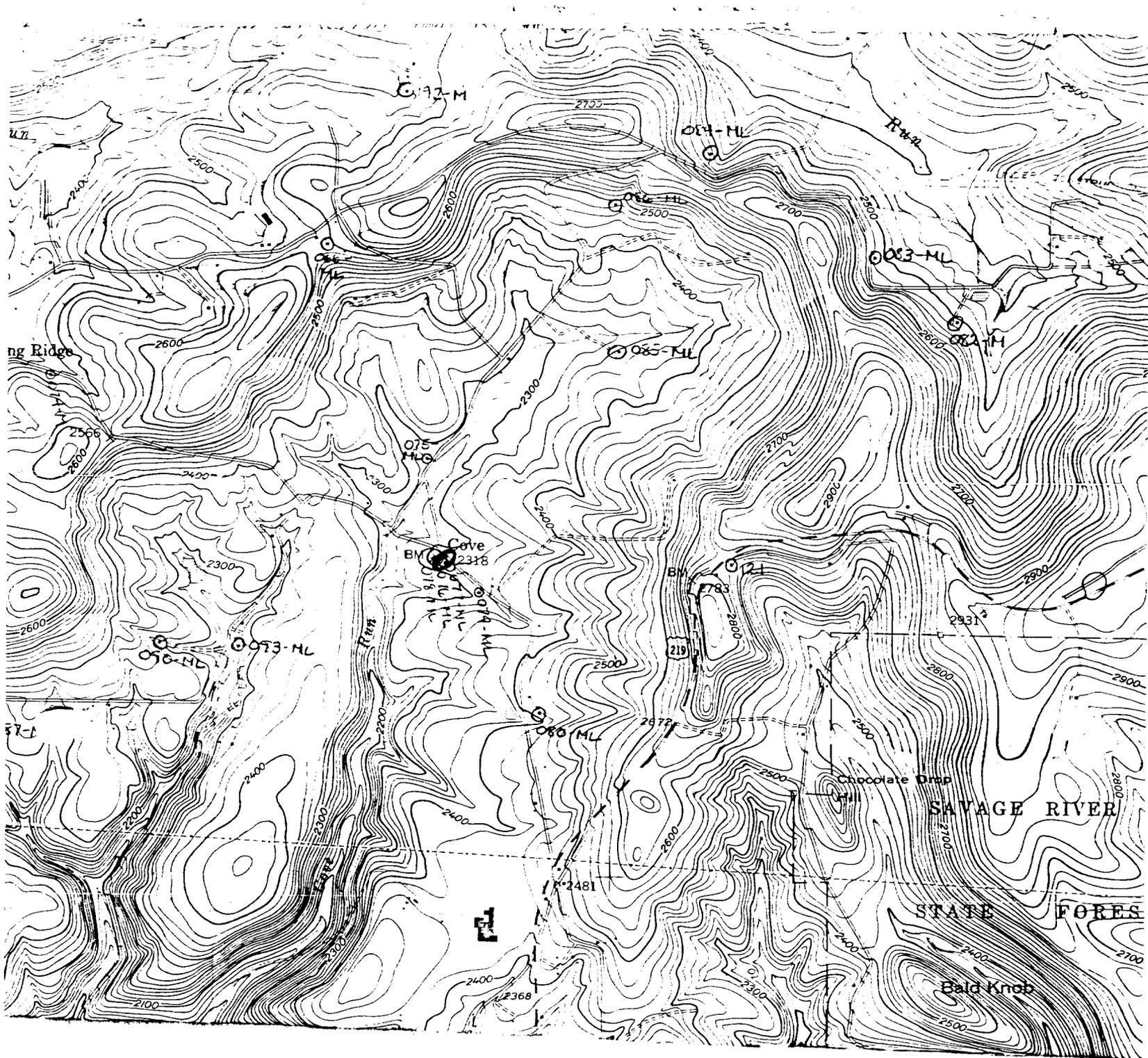
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Maryland 21401

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.1 mile SE of Griffith Rd.



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SE elev; Facade-NE



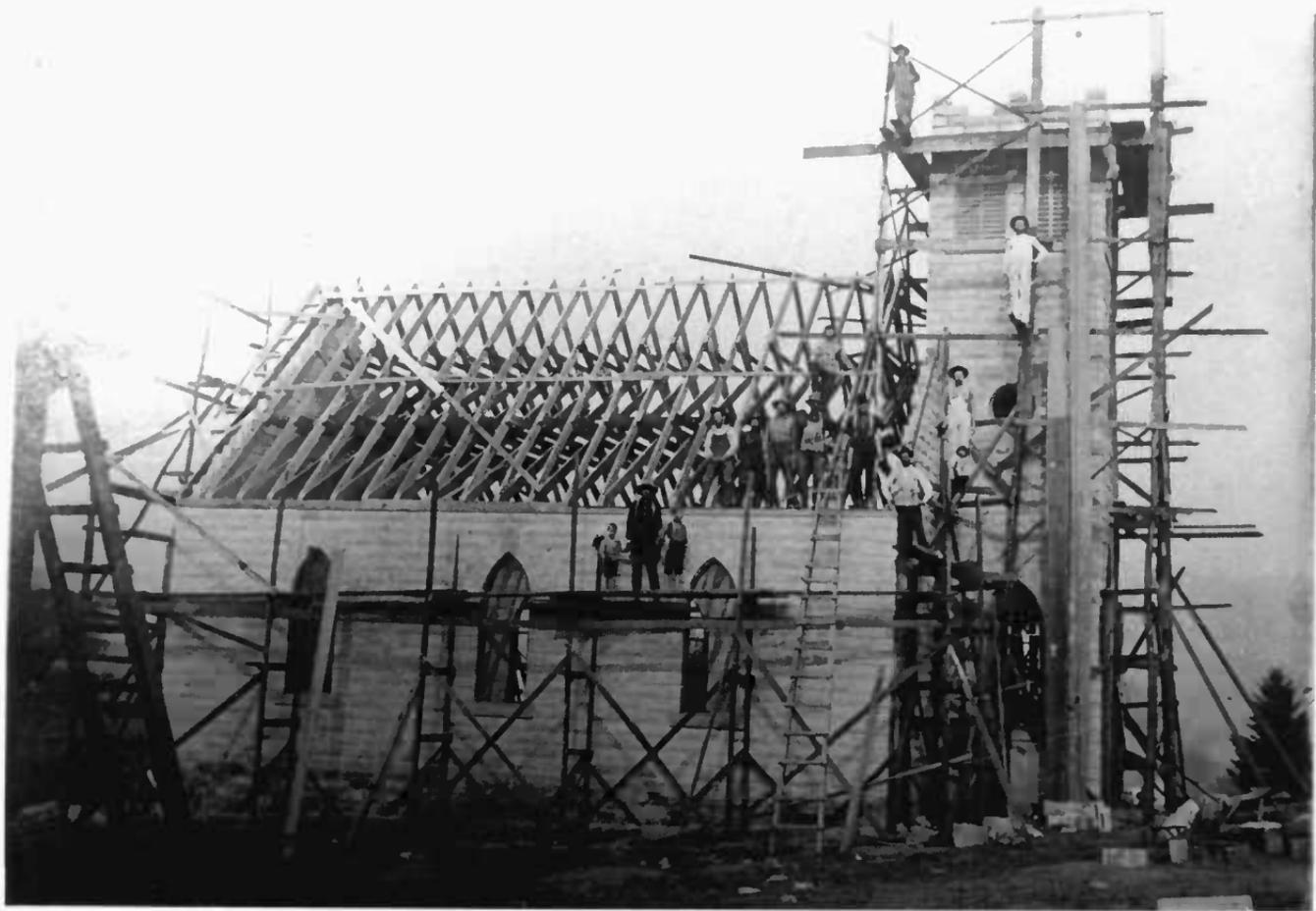
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NW, SW elevs.



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St. John's Eng. Luth. Church

Garrett Co., MD

M. Stinson 10/81

Photo of Construction, 1910



FIGURE 186.

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ST. JOHN'S ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH