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Gortner Union Church  
Gortner  
Private

1898

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Gortner Union Church

AND/OR COMMON

Gortner Church and Cemetery

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Gortner Rd., SW side, .1 mi. SE of US Route 219 S

CITY, TOWN

Gortner

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

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

Union Church of Gortner

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: No Deed  
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>7/1937</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

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Weatherboard with cornerboards sheathes the exterior walls, and a plain board frieze outlines the eaves. The roof is covered with corrugated metal and has a brick chimney located at the center of its ridgeline. Another brick chimney was later added to the southwest elevation.

In July 1937, this building was moved from the east side of US Route 219 S approximately .1 mile southeast down Gortner Road where it now sits on a foundation of rock-faced concrete block with a full basement.

A small cemetery is located on the southwest side of the church. The majority of the monuments date from the 1920's to the 1940's, but continue up to the present date. The names of the families interred there are: Beeghly, Buncutter, Dawson, DeWitt, Feather, Fike, Gortner, Hauger, Johnson, Lichty, McCabe, McCartney, McRobie, McFarland, Orendorf, Sanders, Slabach, Swartzentruber, Tasker, Wamsley, Welch.

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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		
<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"/> 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				

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SPECIFIC DATES	1898	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The land on which the church was originally built was donated by Peter P. Gortner, who constructed the church with the help of his neighbors. Work was begun in April 1898 and the building was completed by October of the same year. At its dedication ceremony on October 16, 1898 three sects were represented: Mennonite, Church of the Brethren, and United Brethren. Through the years five demoninations have been associated with the church.<sup>1</sup>

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

<sup>1</sup>The Glades Star, "Gortner Church Anniversary," No. 32, December 31, 1984, p. 326.

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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
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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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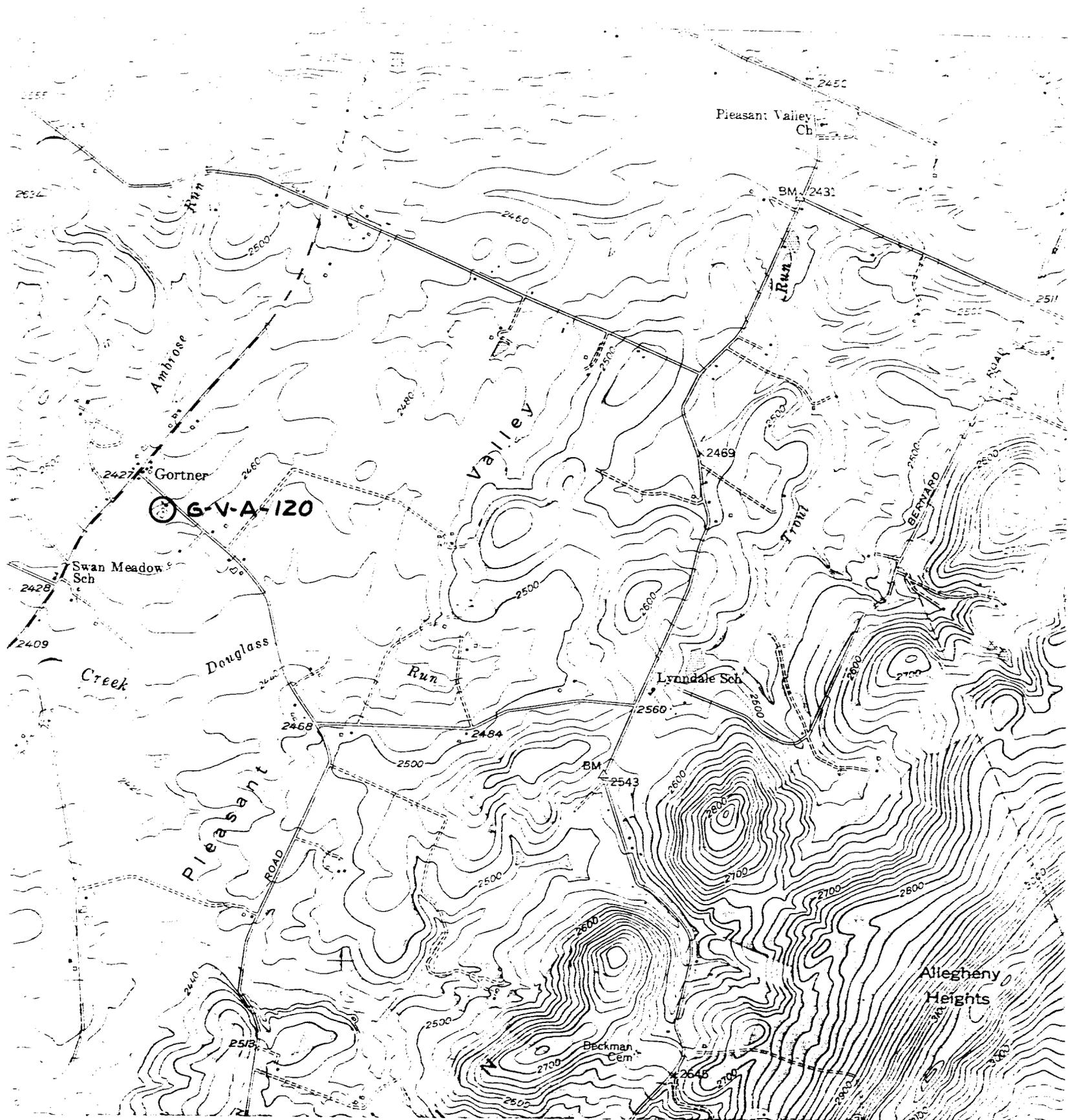


Table Rock, MD-WV  
 7.5 Minute Series  
 Scale 1:24,000  
 1948; photorevised 1974

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 Gortner Union Church  
 Gortner Rd., SW side, .1 mile  
 SE of US Route 219 S



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Facade: SE & NE elevations



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SW elevations