

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Deer Creek Harmony Presbyterian Church

AND/OR COMMON

Deer Creek Harmony Presbyterian Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

South west side of the fork at Darlington Road (MD 161) and Glenville Road

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

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

Trustees of the Deer Creek Harmony Presby- Telephone #: 734-6087

STREET & NUMBER

terian Church

CITY, TOWN

Harmony Church Road

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Darlington

Maryland 21034

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of Circuit Court

Liber #: 117
Folio #: 476

STREET & NUMBER

40 S. Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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

This is a granite building, one story high, with a high, lighted basement. It has a tower in front with a frame belfry topped by a spire. The belfry has two pointed, louvered windows on each side. The tower, on the front end gable, is two stories high and entrance is gained through a one storied, gable front passageway with pointed, arched double doors. The doors have moulded panels. Above this entrance are double lancet windows, joined by tracery, and with a pointed arch above them. Above that, as well as on the north and south sides of the tower, is a round, latticed window set in a round arch. Also on the north and south sides of the tower are two small lancet windows, one on each side. The church, 4 bays by one, also has larger lancet windows on the north and south sides of the main ediface. The slate roof has a tall, narrow, brick chimney rising from the south east side between the first and second bay. A stone wall surrounds the church and cemetery. A plaque marking the location of the first church is attached to the wall.

Architect James Wollon points out a similarity "in a country way" to the First Presbyterian Church of Baltimore at Park Avenue and Madison Street.

The gothic design church was constructed of granite from the neighboring Susquehanna hills and was officially opened on July 8, 1872.

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 checked="" 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 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 1870/1872

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This church was founded in 1837 when a meeting of local citizens interested in Presbyterianism decided that a church of that denomination was needed in their vicinity. The first church was located at Darlington and Glenville Roads not far from the present building. It was completed in October of 1837. Reverend William Finney, rector of the Churchville congregation conducted dedication services on October 13 of that year. The trustees elected at that time were Benjamin Silver, Jr; John H. Price, William Maxwell; Henry W. Archer; and William F. Bayless.

These trustees were outstanding citizens interested and active in many facets of the County Community. Benjamin Silver was involved in the organization of the Harford County Historical Society as well as being on the building Committee of the Churchville Presbyterian Church. Henry W. Archer, son of Dr. John Archer, Jr., owned the Rock Run Mill, was an incorporator of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Bel Air, and was a member of the Maryland Legislature in 1845. He was also a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1867. John H. Price was a lawyer who later became judge in the Judicial Circuit of Maryland. He was the step-son of William Wilson, an organizer of this church. William Wilson worked as a silver-smith in that area from 1781 until 1829; He was appointed tax assessor in 1798 by John Henry, Governor of Maryland. He was also a trustee of the Darlington Academy.

In 1867, plans were made for the construction of a new building. This is the present church.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford County Directory; 1953
Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, 1967, French-Bray, Baltimore. pp. 208, 209.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Boundaries of this church and cemetery are indicated by a stone wall surrounding the 2 acre plot.

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susan M. Deeney, Field Historian

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission

DATE

9/76

STREET & NUMBER

45 S. Main Street

TELEPHONE

838-6000 ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air, Maryland

STATE

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

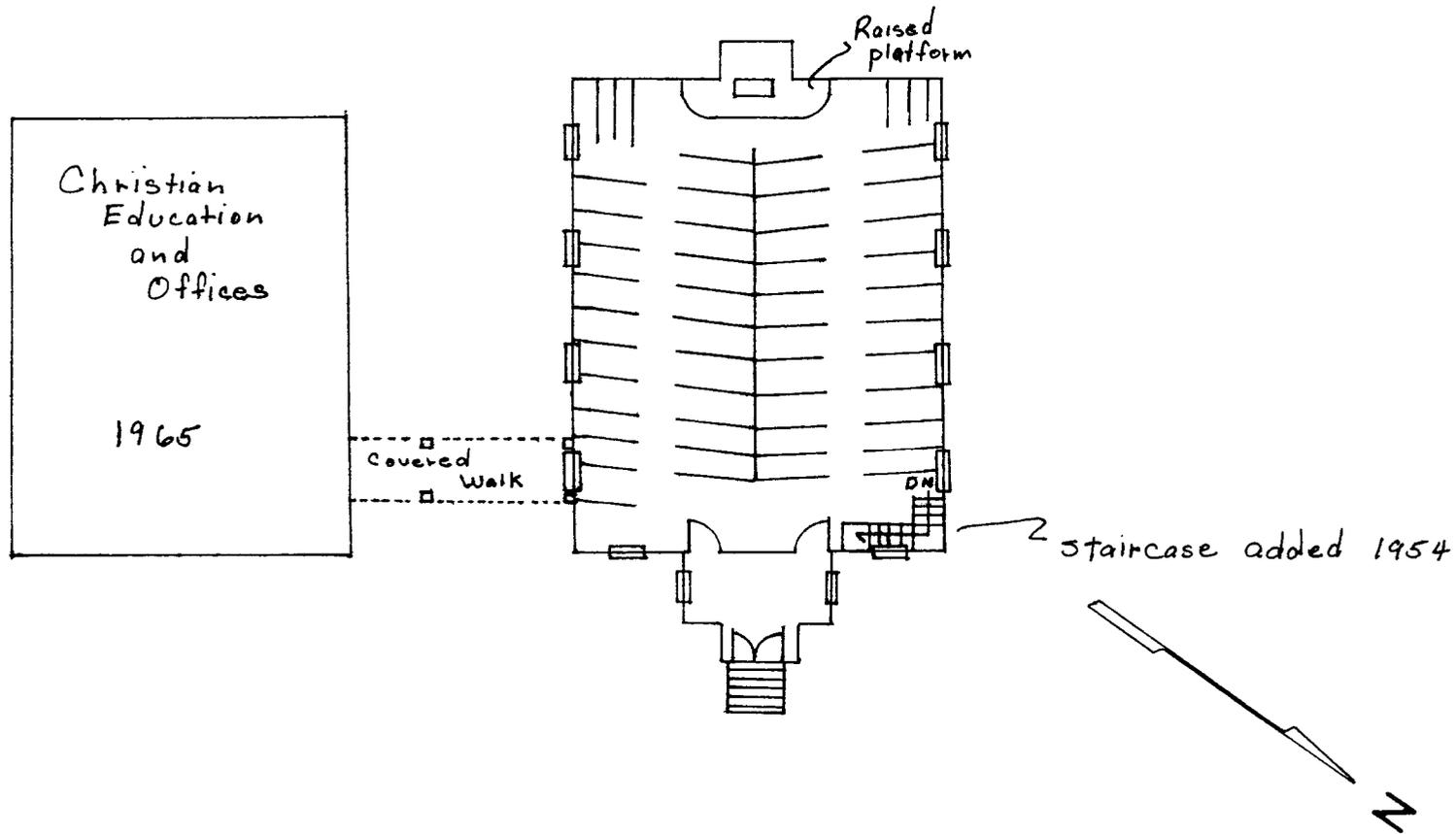
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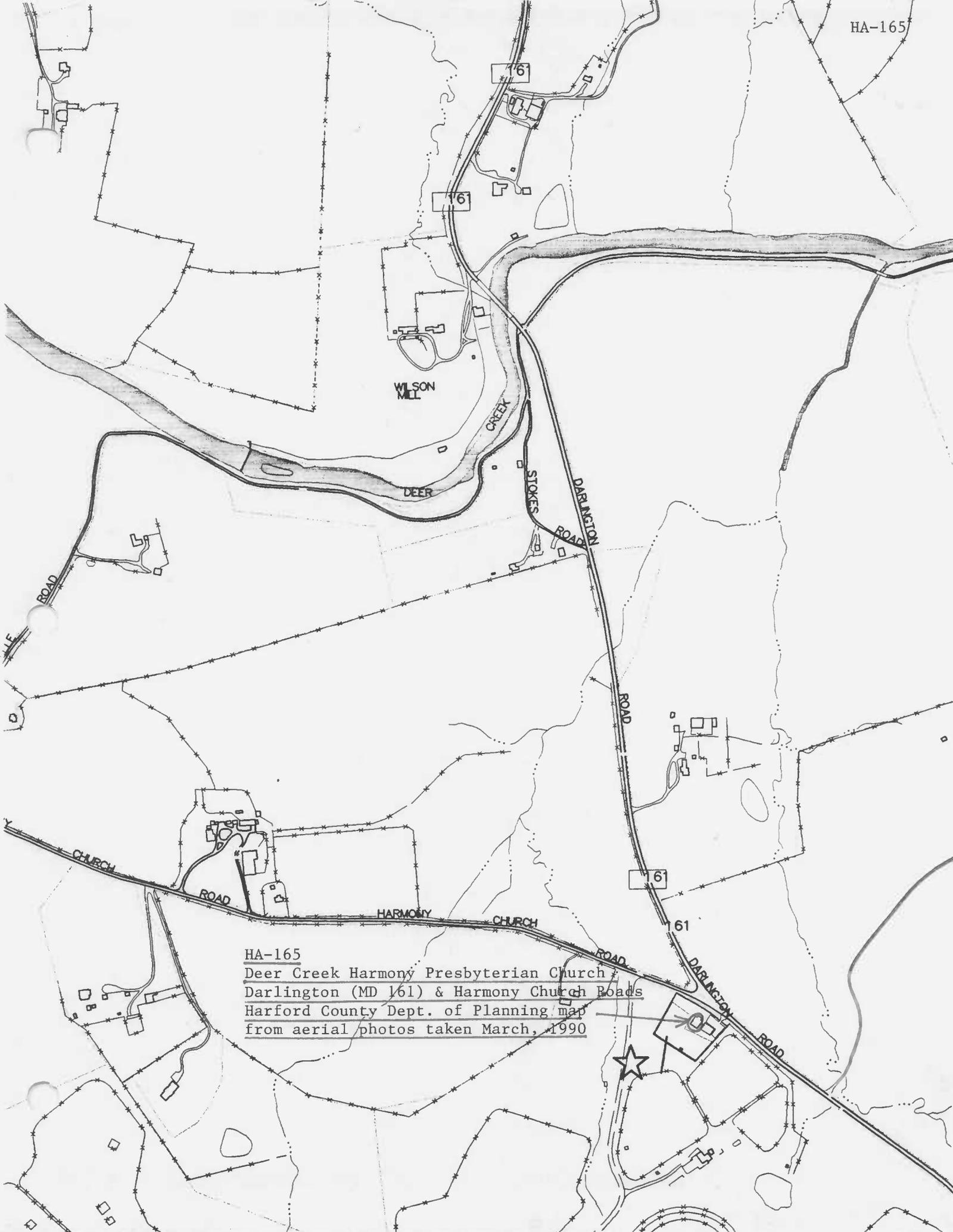
Presbyterian Church

HA-165

August 1983 Not to scale

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HA-165
Deer Creek Harmony Presbyterian Church
Darlington (MD 161) & Harmony Church Roads
Harford County Dept. of Planning map
from aerial photos taken March, 1990



Deer Creek Harmony Presbyterian Church HA-165
Darlington, MD
Susan M. Deeney 9/1/76
North



Deer Creek Harmony Presbyterian
Church HA-165
Harford County
Photo: Janet Davis
December 1982
Northeast elevation
1/2



Deer Creek Harmony Presbyterian
Church

HA-165

Harford County

Photo: Janet Davis

December 1982

Cemetery: Dr. Silas B. Silver & wife
grave stones