

HA-1124

North Bend Presbyterian Church
1250 North Bend Road
Federal Hill vicinity
Private

1861

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC North Bend Presbyterian Church

AND/OR COMMON North Bend Baptist Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 1250 North Bend Road

CITY, TOWN Federal Hill

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2nd

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Harford

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 type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" 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

NAME North Bend Presbyterian Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER 320 Hillen Road

CITY, TOWN Towson

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code MD, 21204

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER 20 West Courtland Street

CITY, TOWN Bel Air

STATE MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

NA-1124

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The North Bend Presbyterian Church is an 1861 brick "meeting house" structure located on the east side of North Bend Road about 1/4 mile south of the intersection of St. Clair Bridge Road near Federal Hill, Harford County, Maryland. The principal elevation faces south.

The south elevation is the gable end of the church and has two doors corresponding to the double-aisle interior plan. Each door has a rectangular transom below a wood lintel. The early custom in the church was for men and women to enter by the separate doors and to sit on opposite sides. A small semi-circular datestone reading "1861" is set in the gable peak. The cornice is wood and returns on both gable ends.

The east and west elevations are identical, having three bays each with shuttered windows. Each window has a wood lintel and sill. The cornice on the side elevations is corbeled brick rather than wood as on the gable ends. Brick chimneys break the slate roof on each side. The north gable end is an unbroken wall. The stone foundation is slightly raised above ground level. The walls are laid in 6-course American bond.

The interior was observed only through a window. It has apparently been very little altered, having kerosene chandeliers and wood stoves. The pews appear to be original. The walls are painted white.

The cemetery is located north and west of the church. The Jones family plot is surrounded by a fine cast iron fence with a decorative gate.

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
400-1499	<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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1861

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Background and Support

North Bend Presbyterian Church began as the "North Bend Sabbath School" in 1857. The Sunday school was organized by Miss Lucretia Moore and was located about 1/4 mile from the present building. In 1861, Rev. Thomas C. Smith, then pastor of Bethel Church, Roger Streett, Robert Glenn, Varney St. Clair, and others helped build the brick structure as a "preaching station" of Bethel.

In May 1898, the separate congregation was organized as North Bend and enrolled in the Baltimore Presbytery. The first trustees were James Baird, Sr., David St. Clair, James Slade, Jr., Charles St. Clair, Ralph Curry, William Calder, and E. P. Mitzel. The ministers of Bethel and Highland churches alternated services at North Bend. By the early 1950's, the congregation had dwindled in size and regular Presbyterian services were discontinued. A Baptist congregation has leased the church since that time. (Harford County Directory, 1953, p. 364)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Harford County Directory, 1953

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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

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning

DATE

June 1984

STREET & NUMBER

45 So. Main St.

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CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

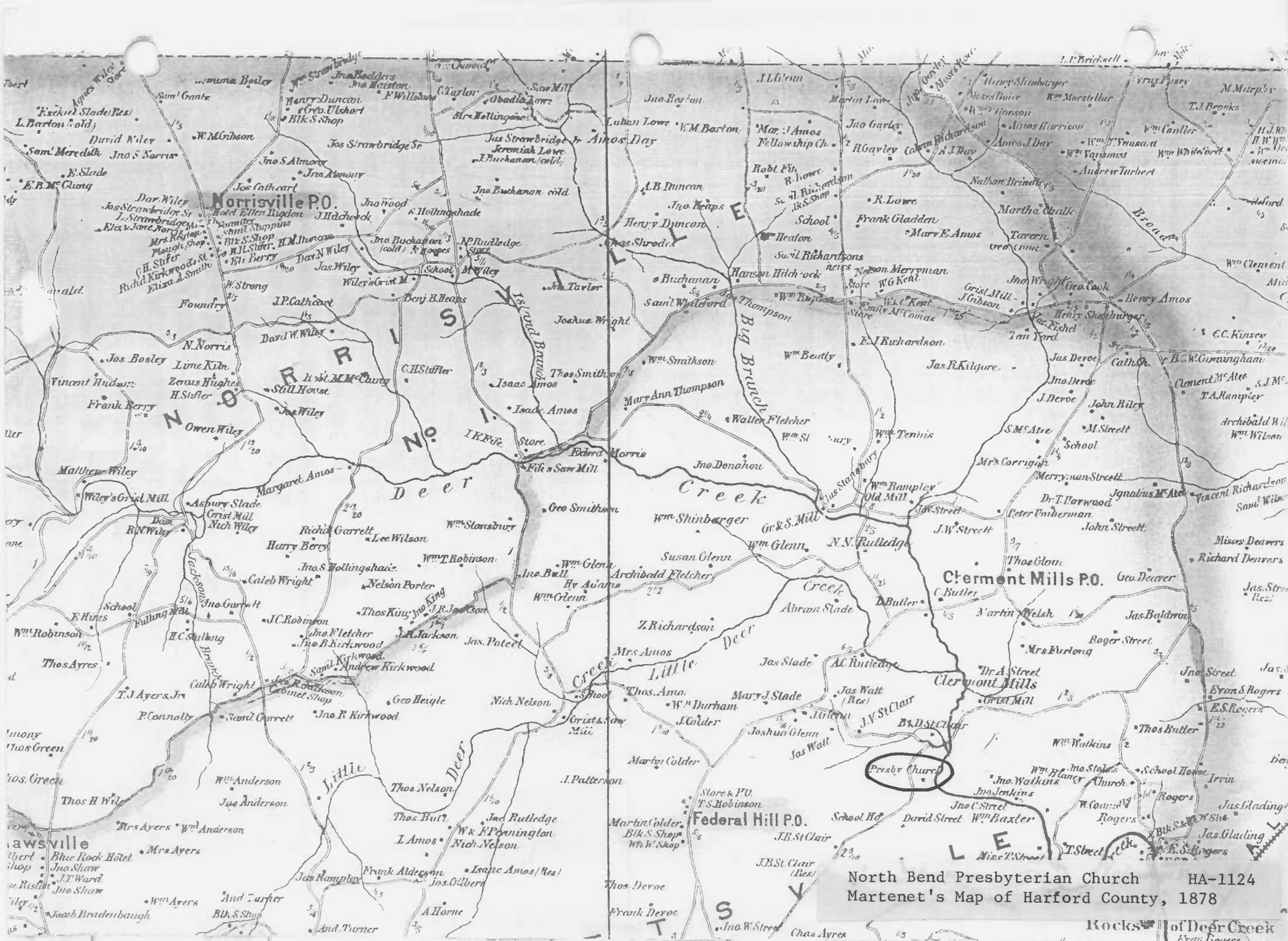
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MD 21014

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



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 Martenet's Map of Harford County, 1878



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View from south

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View from north

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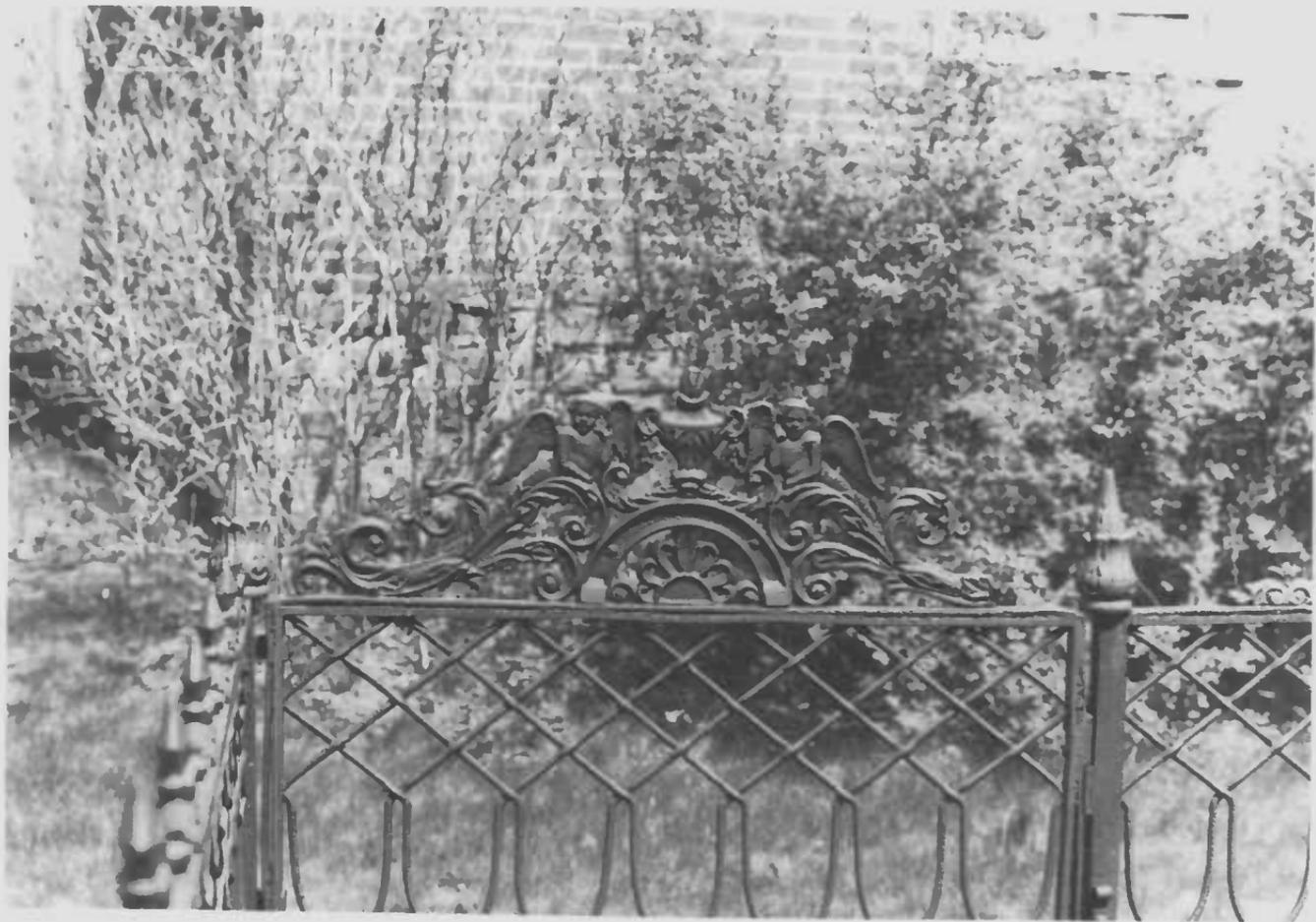
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South elevation

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Jones plot, iron fence detail

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