

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

NR Eligible: yes ___
no ___

Property Name: Oddfellows Hall Inventory Number: HA-1275

Address: _____ City: Churchville Zip Code: 21028

County: Harford USGS Topographic Map: BelAir

Owner: Mizpah Lodge 66 100F

Tax Parcel Number: 100 Tax Map Number: 42 Tax Account ID Number: 054160

Project: MD 22 at MD 136 & MD 155 Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ___no ___yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ___ Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Is the property located within a historic district? ___no ___yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? ___no ___yes Determined eligible? ___no ___yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Compliance files for MD 22 at MD 136& MD 155

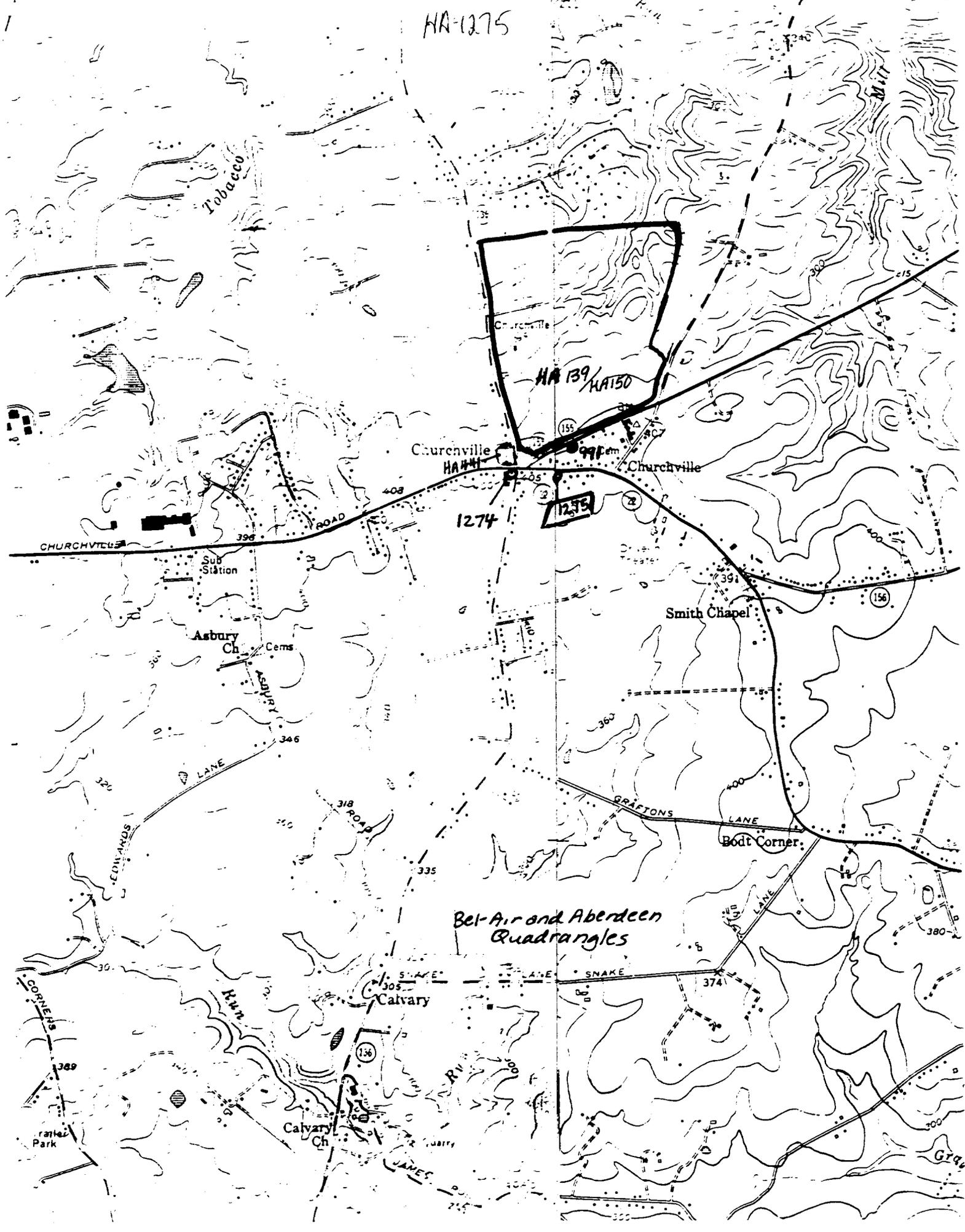
Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Churchville Oddfellows Hall is a rectangular, two-story gable-roofed structure, which was in a very different state when documented for the Maryland Historical Trust in 1979. The exterior was covered with asbestos shingles, and the windows had 6/6 sash windows and louvered shutters on the front façade, which had entrances in the center two bays. These entrances had five-panel doors and three-light transoms, and the gable end near the apex had a tripartite window. Whereas previously the building had great character, as described, and conveyed a sense of history, it now longer retains any of the architectural features that were responsible for conveying its significance. With recent changes to the building its character has been greatly altered. The front has been completely altered, with, for example, vinyl siding above the recently installed pent roof, and fake brick cladding below, and replacement doors. The building overall has been greatly altered with the alteration of almost every window---all have been replaced with vinyl 1/1 sash, and many have been have been partially or completely filled in. The site has been analyzed within the context of the *Industrial/Urban Dominance Period* (1870-1930), and the *Modern Era* (1930-Present) within Harford County. This structure does not meet the basic requirements for National Register listing as it does not meet the seven criteria for integrity-location, workmanship, setting, feeling, etc. Along with the considerable changes to the building, which have greatly altered it on the exterior, the setting has been also been altered with the development of the crossroads in its immediate environs with modern commercial structures like banks, convenience stores and gas stations. Notwithstanding its potential to have some associations with the broad patterns of history, and associations with local traditions, and possibly some archeological interest, it lacks the potential to convey a sense of history given its current, disastrously altered, form. It would not likely meet the National Register criteria A,B, C or D.

Prepared by: Rita Suffness Date Prepared: February 5, 2001

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Eligibility recommended ___	Eligibility not recommended <u>X</u>
Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D	Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None
Comments: _____	
_____ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	_____ Date
_____ Reviewer, NR program	_____ Date

HA-1275



Bel-Air and Aberdeen
Quadrangles



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Oddfellows Hall



PARKING
IN REAR

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Oddfellows Hall

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Churchville Odd Fellows Hall
Churchville Road
Churchville, Maryland 21028

The Churchville Odd Fellows Hall dates from the first quarter of the 20th century, when the Mispah Lodge No.66 Independent Order of Odd Fellows acquired a half-acre lot from Eugene Billingslea. Its size alone makes this building a landmark in Churchville, although architecturally speaking it is little more than a decorated barn.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Churchville Odd Fellows Hall

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

south side of Churchville Road, east of Cavalry Rd.

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY
Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mispah Lodge #66 Independent order of Odd Fellows Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

___ VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main St.

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air,

STATE
Maryland 21014

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Churchville Odd Fellows Hall is located on the south side of Churchville Road (Md. Rte. 22), just west of Cavalry Rd. (Md. Rte. 136).

This is a rectangular, two-story, gable-roofed structure covered in asbestos shingles, with a one-story addition on the southwest. Set on a low stone foundation, the building is four bays wide and six bays long on the east side. Windows have 6/6 sash and, on the front-or north-side, louvered shutters. Interior brick chimneys are in the center of both sides.

The north end has entrances in the center two bays. These contain five-panel doors and three-light transoms. In the gable is a tripartite window.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building was probably constructed specifically to be an Odd Fellows Hall in the first quarter of the 20th century. A half acre lot was acquired by Mispah Lodge No. 66 Independent Order of Odd Fellows from Eugene Billingslea in 1915.¹ It was part of a 7½ acre parcel he had purchased from Rhoda O. Ivins earlier that year.² Presumably, the Hall was constructed shortly thereafter.

It looks to be a primarily functional building—a decorated barn that met the requirements of the situation with minimum fuss. The symmetrical arrangement of the front and the tripartite gable window suggest an attempt, although minimal, to distinguish this building from the lowly barn that spawned it.

Footnotes

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150/97

²
JAR 147/197

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land and Will Records of Harford County.

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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

Natalie Shivers, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Historic District Commission

DATE

August, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

45 S. Main St.

TELEPHONE

301-879-2000 ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air,

STATE

Maryland 21014

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



Churchville Odd Fellows Hall
Churchville, Maryland 21028
Natalie Shivers
June, 1979
Northwest

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