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SMITH CHAPEL METHODIST CHURCH 1870
Churchville Road near Aldino Road
Churchville
Semi-public

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Smith Chapel Methodist Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Churchville Road near Aldino Road

CITY, TOWN
Churchville

__ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	XX PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Smith Chapel Methodist Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
Churchville Road

CITY, TOWN
Churchville

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
MD 21028

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Harford County Court House

Liber #:
Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER
40 So. Main St.

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air

STATE
MD 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
_EXCELLENT	_DETERIORATED	_UNALTERED	X_ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	_RUINS	X ALTERED	_MOVED DATE_____
_FAIR	_UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Smith Chapel Methodist Church is a small country church with brick veneer and a square bell tower over the entrance. Greatly altered on the exterior, the church structure dates from 1870 and is located on the west side of Churchville Road near the intersection of Aldino Road.

The church consists of the original auditorium with an adjacent bell tower with entrance and foyer in its base. A 20th century addition is located on the south side of the original section. This room has a modern folding door between it and the main sanctuary, providing educational use or extra congregational seating as necessary. The structure of the original section and tower is probably frame, but brick veneer has been applied during the 20th century. The belfry was probably originally open, but it is now enclosed in aluminum siding.

The entrance is protected by a small porch. The windows are early 20th century stained glass and are evenly spaced in four bays along the north side of the main section. The east elevation has four windows with a pair in the center flanked by two single openings. A modern metal cross is suspended in the gable. The roof of both the main section and the bell tower is modern composition material. A small marble cornerstone in the northeast corner is inscribed "Smith Chapel Methodist Church 1857, 1870, 1920, 1960."

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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ERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	__ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		Local history

SPECIFIC DATES 1870 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Smith Chapel was named in memory of Col. William Smith, the commander of the Harford County regiment (42nd Maryland Militia) in the War of 1812.* Built on the Smith property, the present building appears to date from 1870. The adjacent cemetery contains the Smith family graves and those of several other families, dating as early as 1804. The area at the intersection of Churchville and Aldino Roads in the later 19th century was a village called Enterprise on the 1878 Atlas map. The church was the spiritual and geographic center of Enterprise.

*The regiment was organized about 1813 with Col. Smith commanding. He called out the regiment on July 14, 1814 and the unit served as a reserve force in the attack on Baltimore by the British General Ross. The militia disbanded in 1825. Smith died of a stroke on Dec. 17, 1835 and was buried on his farm. In April 1836, several prominent county residents took part in a Masonic eulogy at the grave.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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
Janet Davis, MHT/SHA Surveyor

ORGANIZATION
Md. Historical Trust

DATE
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STREET & NUMBER
21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN
Annapolis

STATE
MD 21401

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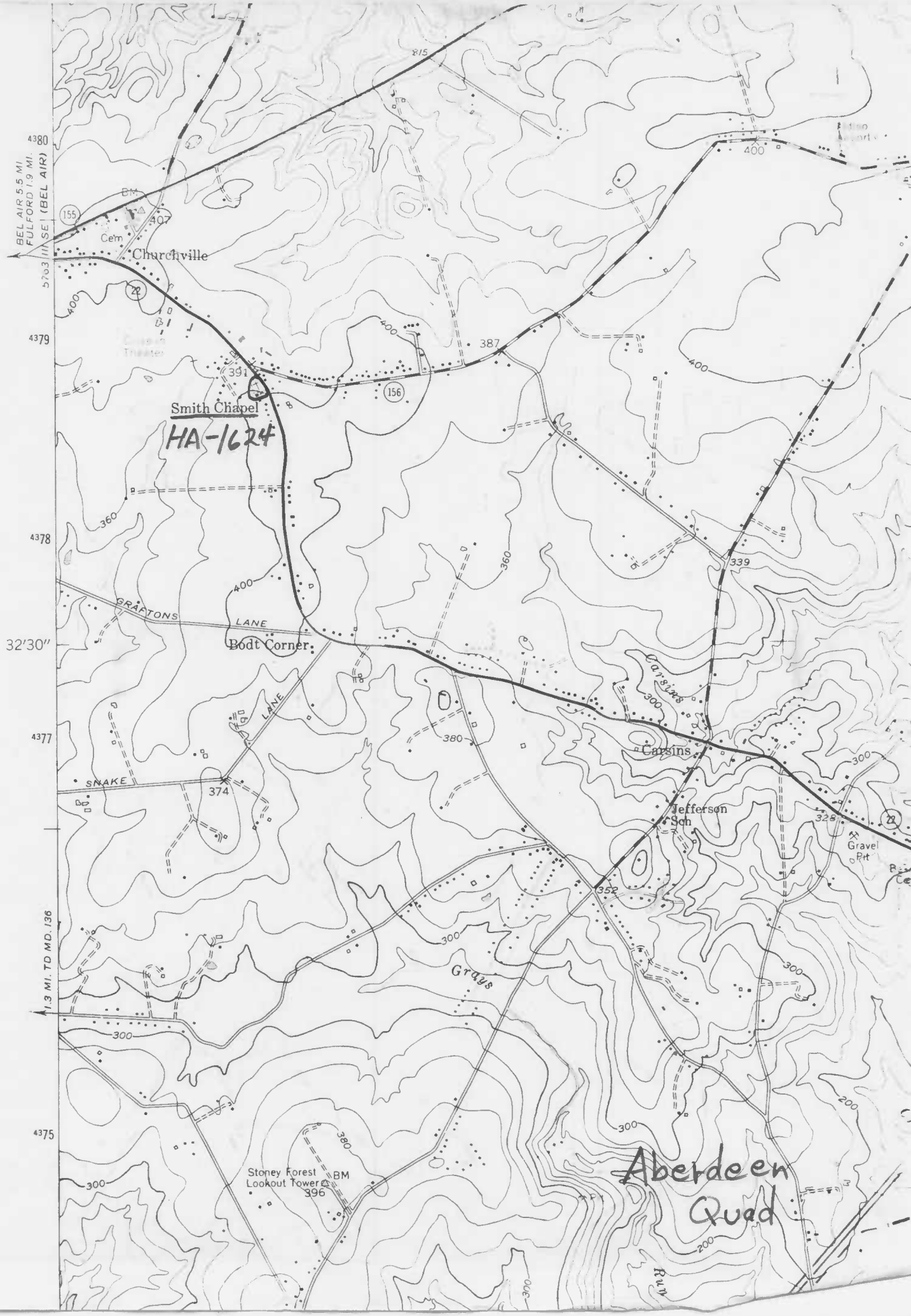

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FULFORD 1.9 MI.
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32'30"
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Churchville
Cem
BM
407
155
22
156
391
387
400
Smith Chapel
HA-1624
360
339
GRAFTONS LANE
Bodt Corner
LANE
SNAKE
374
380
Carsins
300
Jefferson Sch
328
Gravel Pit
352
Grays
Run
200
Stoney Forest Lookout Tower
BM
396
Aberdeen Quad

Smith Chapel Methodist Church
Harford County
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