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Old Primitive Baptist Church  
Montgomery Co., MD  
C. Mazurek  
October 1997  
Section 7.1

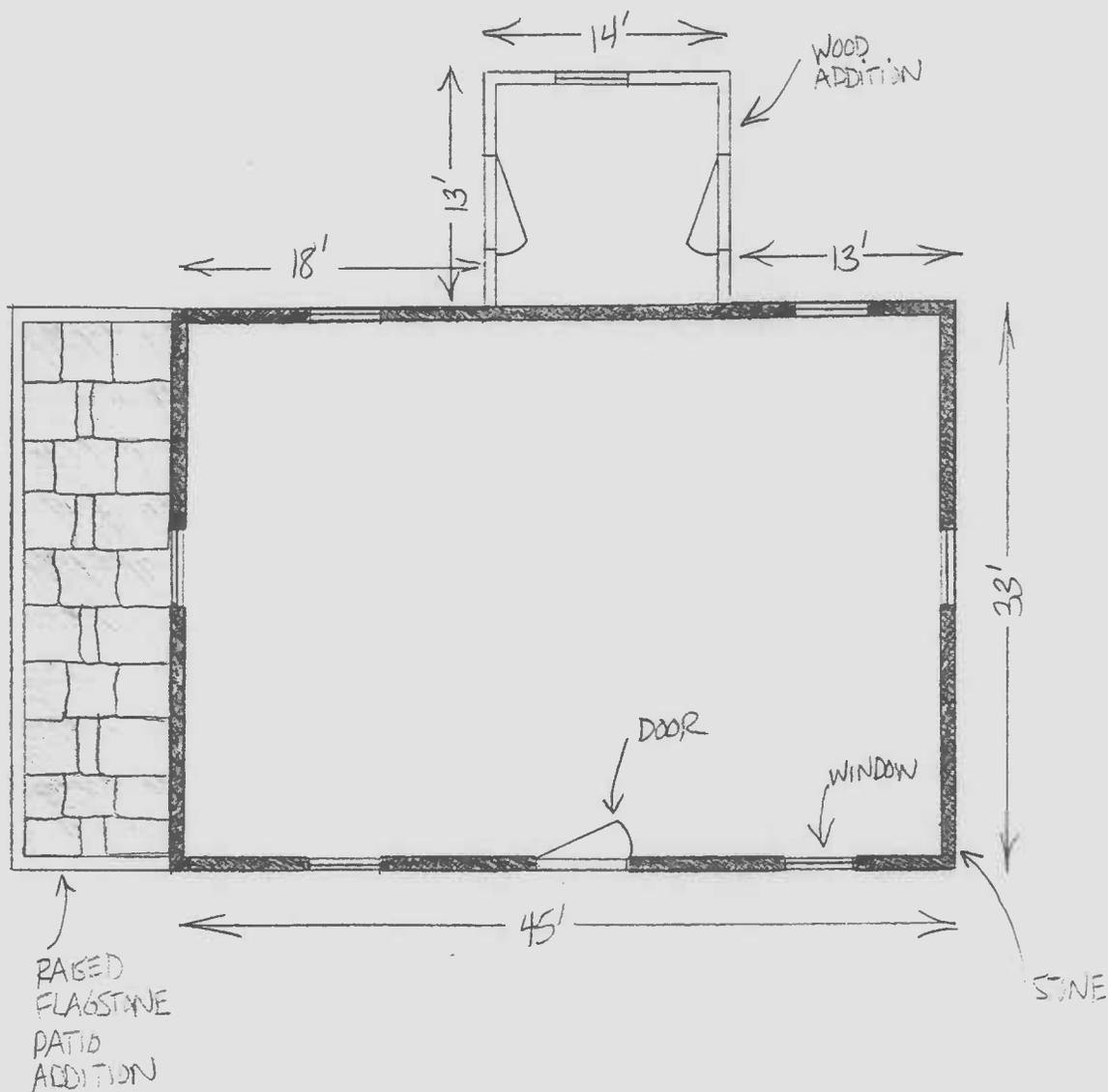
#### Addendum

The Old Primitive Baptist Church, also known as the Kirkhill Farm, is located at 15811 Darnestown Road in Montgomery County, Maryland. This house has been a rental property since it was acquired by the state in 1973 and is in excellent condition. There have been no obvious changes to the exterior of the structure since a Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form was completed for this property by Clare Lise Cavicchi in 1994.

SENECA BAPTIST CHURCH (KIRKHIU FARM)  
SENECA CREEK STATE PARK; MONTGOMERY CO., MD  
DRAWN BY C. MAZUREK, OCTOBER 28, 1997

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**CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**FOR**

**SENECA BAPTIST CHURCH**

**15811 DARNESTOWN ROAD, DARNESTOWN**

Montgomery County Survey Prefix & Site Number: M-24/1

Approximate Building Date: circa 1817, renovated circa 1940s

Town or Vicinity in which Resource is Located: Darnestown

Access: Private

The Seneca Baptist Church, built c1817, is a two and one half story, side gable structure of uncoursed, reddish-brown Seneca sandstone with corner quoins. By 1940, only a stone shell was standing. The structure was rehabilitated in the 1940s for residential use. The doors, windows, hardware, etc. date from this period. The Seneca Baptist Church is significant, historically, because it is one of the oldest Baptist Churches in Montgomery County and is associated with the early development of the Church in the western part of the County. Secondary architectural significance is attributable to the rehabilitation of the church and construction of the outbuildings, which are fine representations of 20th century Neocolonial architecture widely used for rural estates erected in the Darnestown-Potomac area.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. M-24-1

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Seneca Baptist Church

and/or common Kirkhill Farm

## 2. Location

street & number 15811 Darnestown Road  not for publication

city, town Darnestown  vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 8

state MD county Montgomery

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name State of Maryland (Dept. of Natural Resources)

street & number Tawes State Office Bldg. telephone no.: (410)974-3219

city, town Gaithersburg state and zip code MD 20878

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 4477

street & number 51 Monroe Street folio 225

city, town Rockville state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Montgomery County Locational Atlas of Historic Sites

date 1976  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records M-NCPPC

city, town Silver Spring state MD

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Seneca Baptist Church, built c1817, is a two and one half story, side gable structure of uncoursed, reddish-brown Seneca sandstone with corner quoins. It is located on a hillside above Seneca Creek and faces south, toward the creek. A side elevation (west) faces the main road, Route 28. A collection of outbuildings, including tenant house, stable and garage, and water tank, are arrayed on a north-south axis to the north of the church. The church, accessed by a long gravel driveway, is surrounded by mature trees and bushes and is set among open fields and woods. The existing environmental setting is important to the integrity of the church and its outbuildings.

By 1940, only a stone shell was standing. The structure was rehabilitated for residential use. The doors, windows, hardware, etc. date from this period.

The main (south) facade is three bays wide with a recessed center entrance. The vertical plank door with metal strap hinges is flanked by eight over twelve sash windows with molded wood surrounds and louvered shutters. All three openings on the first level are surmounted by a stone lintel with keystone. The second level of the central bay contains a pair of four light eyebrow casements, while outer bays each have two pairs of the same. An interior stone chimney is located on the ridge of the cedar shingle roof between the first and second bays.

The two bay east elevation has an asymmetrical fenestration. The first level contains a single window, eight over twelve sash with molded wood surround and louvered shutters, located slightly off center between the two bays. On the second level, a glass and panel door with wood storm door is located in the first bay and a six over six sash window in the second. An apse string, double rung wood fire escape which formerly ascended to the second level door has been removed. Both second level openings are deeply recessed. A single small six over six sash window is found in the gable end.

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Extending from the approximate center of the three bay north (rear) elevation is a one by one bay, one story, front gable, frame wing which is covered with weatherboard siding. The c1940 addition has a brick foundation and wood shingle roof. Entrances are located on both east and west elevations. A six over six sash window is centered in the wing's north elevation. An interior brick furnace chimney is located at the intersection of the wing, used as a laundry and furnace room, and the main block. The windows of the main block on the north elevation echo those of the south. There is a small stone patio at the northeast corner in the ell formed by the wing and the main block.

Another, larger stone patio is located in front of the west elevation. At the first level the center bay contains a deeply recessed entrance with glass and wood paneled door flanked by eight over twelve sash windows with molded wood surrounds and louvered shutters. At the second level, centered above the entrance are double French doors also recessed. Only the floor remains of a small frame balcony which once stood outside the doors. A small six over six sash window is centered in the gable end.

A section of the driveway to the north of the house leads to a tenant house and outbuildings. The c1940s brick tenant house has a one story, four bay form with side gable roof. The west (front) facade has a second bay entrance containing a glass and panel door surmounted by a pedimented hood rising above the eaves line. Eight over eight sash windows are found in the remaining three bays.

To the north of the tenant house is a c1940s frame stable and garage. The structure faces west. The southmost stable section which is one and a half story, has a front gable roof with an over-shot eave on the south slope. The northmost garage section is one story with eaves front roof. The roofs are standing seam metal and siding is board and batten. The garage section has three segmental arched openings. The outer bays each contain board and batten double doors. The center bay has a recessed, fixed, twelve pane window in the upper section of the opening with board and batten paneling beneath.

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The stable section has, on the first level, a Dutch door with metal strap hinges and a vertical panel door with a single small pane. A small, square, board and batten door is centered in the gable end. A long, open, storage shed is located under the eaves on the south end. A large stone landing fronts the stable-garage, which faces west.

Continuing north is a cylindrical concrete water tank set on a one story, concrete block structure containing an electric pump. The water tank has a circular roof covered with board and batten siding, punctuated by a decorative wooden finial. A windmill is located nearby. The outbuildings, together with the open pastures to the west of the house, form a rural complex of buildings and fields which has retained its early twentieth century character.

The only changes to the exterior of the property made in the last 26 years has been the addition of the small patio at the rear of the house, the reconstruction of the patio at the west elevation, and the removal of the fire escape on the east elevation and most of the balcony on the west, both of which had deteriorated and needed extensive repairs.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** c.1817, c.1940 **Builder/Architect** unknown; Mary Ann Litebown

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

### Summary:

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The Seneca Baptist Church was organized about 1772, shortly before the Revolution, by Daniel Fristoe, pastor of the Broad Run Baptist Church in Prince William County, Virginia. Fristoe was an adherent of the conservative Primitive Baptist wing of the church which held that strictness in daily life should be applied to worship and that such distractions as the playing of musical instruments should not be allowed in church.<sup>1</sup>

The earliest church building probably stood a short distance away from the existing church, on a one-acre lot donated by Ninian Beall in 1777.<sup>2</sup> Its congregation relied on circuit ministers from Virginia. Sometime within the next ten years the church moved to the present location, a tract of land bordering Seneca Creek, near the road from Monocacy to Georgetown.

In 1789, a one-acre lot was donated to the congregation by Benjamin Edwards and Zachariah Offutt. The deed specified that the lot contained a "a house of worship by the name of the Baptist

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Meeting House," indicating that the church had moved to the location sometime before that year. The congregation met in a log building for the next 30 years, and baptisms were carried out in nearby Seneca Creek.<sup>3</sup>

In 1790 the Seneca congregation counted 32 baptized members and the Rev. Daniel Thomas was pastor. Thomas was once jailed for preaching without a license from the Baptists of London and was a firm believer in the separation of church and state. The little church at Seneca actually petitioned for an amendment to the Maryland constitution prohibiting payment of state funds to teachers of religion, regardless of denomination. Ministers later in the 19th century included Jeremiah Moore (for more than 40 years), Plummer Waters (died c1872), and John C. Wilson (died by 1873).<sup>4</sup>

Around 1817 it was decided that the old log church was beyond repair and that a new building was needed. Church records show that members pledged donations to "construct a new meeting house near where the old one now stands." Subscribers included members of families whose descendants still live in the area today, including Allnutt, Darby, Griffith, and White families. The new church was built of local sandstone and was about 40 by 60, with corner quoins for additional strength. Original building plans called for three doors, eight windows, eight pairs of window shutters, a gallery, a pulpit, three pairs of steps, and wall plates. The plans appear to have largely been realized. The present structure has three main entrances, and eight first level windows. One wall plate is still in existence.<sup>5</sup>

This is the only known pre-Civil War stone public building in the county, and one of three stone public buildings in the eastern part of the county (#10/70 Sugar Mountain Chapel [1861]; #17/56 Seneca Schoolhouse [1865]). It is one of three known Primitive Baptist Churches, all located in the vicinity: the others being in Dawsonville (#18/23-1) and Sugarland (#17/41).

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As other churches were established in the area, Seneca Baptist found it more difficult to attract members. A log church, shared by several religious groups (including a more liberal wing of the Baptists), was built around 1830 at the corner of Rts. 28 and 118, and the Presbyterians built a frame church in Darnestown by 1855. In addition, one of the continuing problems faced by Seneca Baptist was its location on the opposite side of Seneca Creek from most of its congregants. When heavy rains caused flooding in the area, the crossing at the Monocacy-Georgetown Road became impassable and the church was cut off from most of its parishioners.

During the Civil War, the church land and surrounding fields were used as a campground by Union soldiers. A troop of Massachusetts cavalry encamped in the area in 1861 and 1863. After the war, the congregation dwindled to seven members, most of whom were over 80 years of age: Joshua Dorsey, Taphenes Dyson, A. Hoyle, Elizabeth J. Allnutt, Robert Sellman, and Sarah E. Darby, all white members, and Hannah Jenkins, a black member.

The church enjoyed a brief renaissance in the late 1870s and early 1880s when a Mr. Hatchey of Virginia was the minister. By the late 1880s, however, the decision was made to move the church closer to its congregants. In 1890, Nathan Allnutt agreed to trade an acre lot in Dawsonville for the church and lot on Seneca Creek. The deed describes the reason for the exchange as "the present location of the church has become inconvenient [sic]...Nathan A. Allnutt is willing to exchange lots to accommodate the said congregation." The Dawsonville Primitive Baptist Church (now the Dawsonville Mennonite Church) was constructed at this time. The old stone church was added to Allnutt's vast holdings and abandoned.<sup>6</sup>

After some 70 years as a house of worship, the stone building stood empty, and remained so for the next 50 years. Few people came to "Snake Hill," as it came to be called. The gallery collapsed, the roof sagged, and much of the interior woodwork disappeared. By the 1930s, all that remained was part of the stone shell.

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The property passed out of the Allnutt family in the 1920s and was acquired (in 1929) by the Windolph family of Dawsonville. In 1940, Ms. Mary Ann Litebown, an architect, bought the property.<sup>7</sup> Ms. Litebown and her father, a builder who worked on the restoration of the Old Stone House in Georgetown, restored the church for residential use. Ms. Litebown named the property "Kirkhill Farm" (the Scottish word for church is "kirk"). After her father's death in 1942, she rented the property and moved to New York City, where she worked for many years for Architectural Forum magazine. In 1973, Ms. Litebown sold the church and outbuildings and some ten acres to the State of Maryland for inclusion in Seneca State Park. The former church building has been rented to the current occupants, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Collins, since 1967.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. H. 24-1

See Attached Sheet

# 10. Geographical Data

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Entire parcel, as described in L4477/F225

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Clare Lise Cavicchi		
organization	M-NCPPC	date	May, 1994
street & number	8787 Georgia Avenue	telephone	(301)495-4570
city or town	Silver Spring	state	MD

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.

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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 CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
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Preservation Planning Data

- a. Geographic Organization: Piedmont
- b. Chronological/Developmental Period(s):  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition - A.D. 1815-1870  
Modern Period - A.D. 1930-Present
- c. Historic Period Themes:  
Architecture  
Religion
- d. Resource Type:  
Category: Buildings  
Historic Environment: Rural  
Historic Function(s): Church  
Uses: Residential, Religious

Endnotes

- 1 Much of the historical information is from Nancy Houston, "Darnestown in the Past: Kirkland Farm," in **The Little Acorn**, Spring 1989, 11-13.  
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- 5 Houston, 12.
- 6 Ibid., JA 21:333 (9-27-1890). Scharf, **History of Western Maryland**

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<sup>7</sup> Ibid., 793:261 (7-30-1940).

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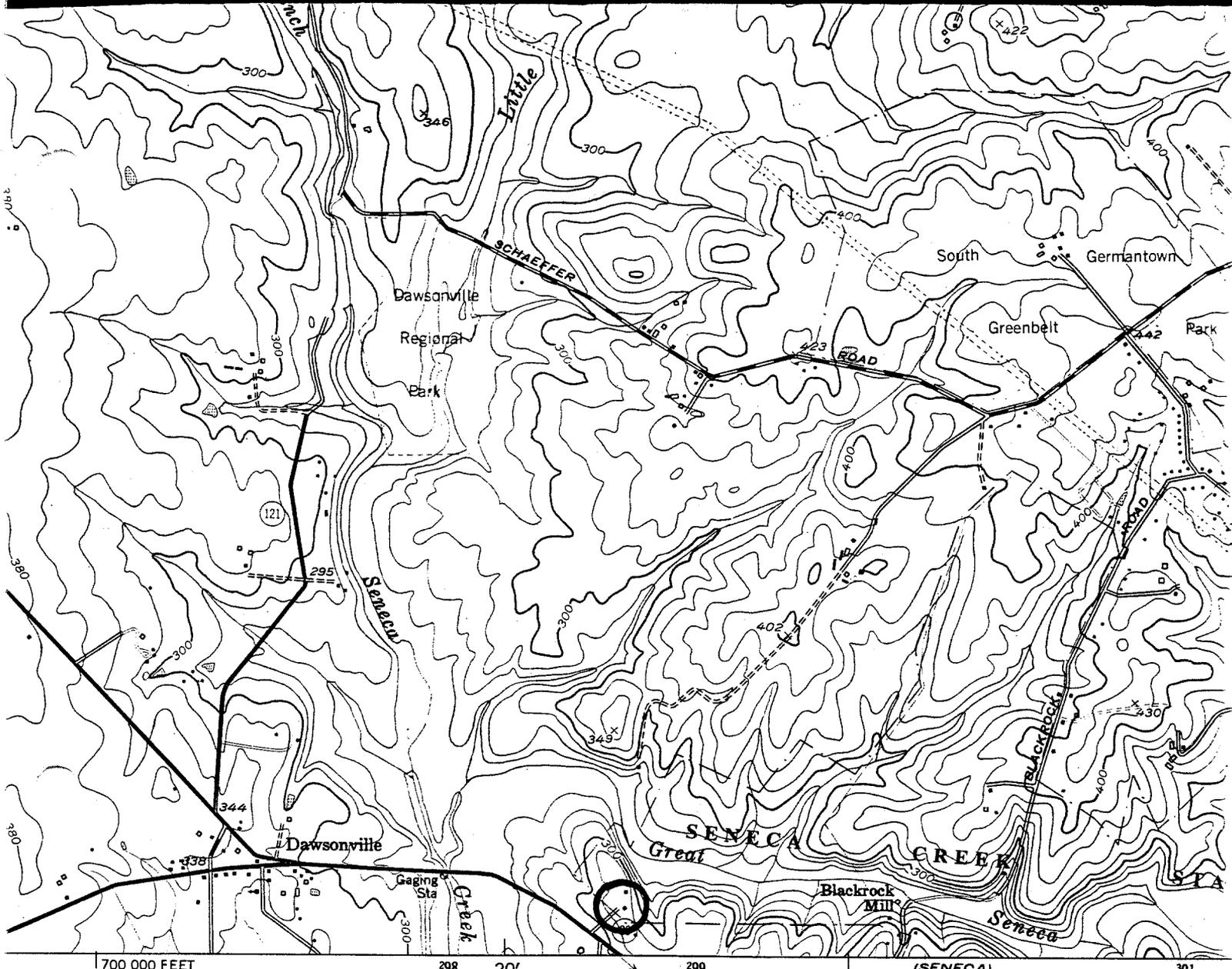
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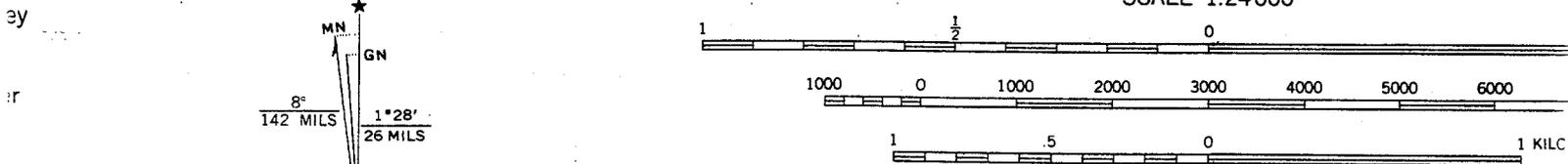
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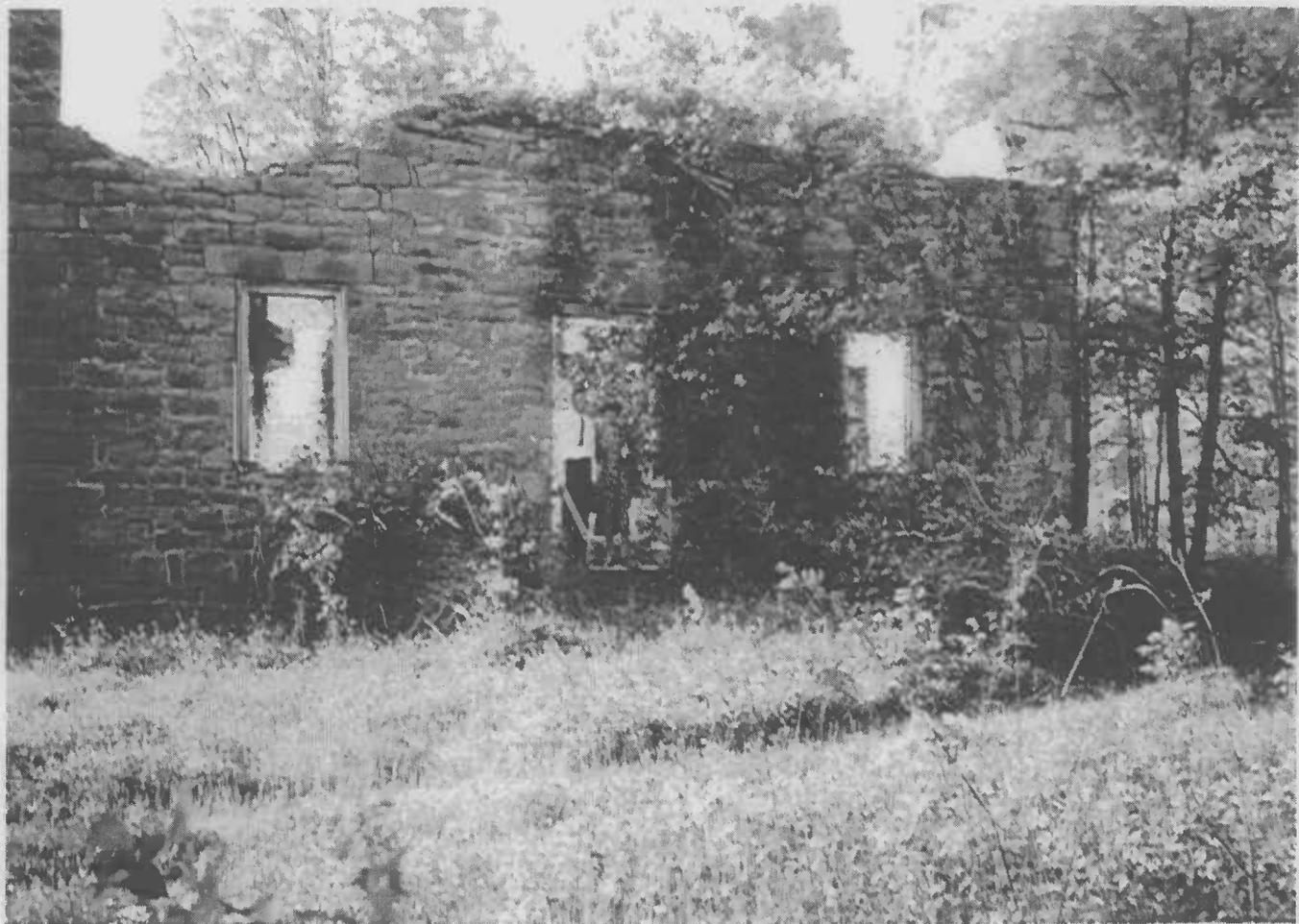
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**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST**  
**STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FORM**  
**LOCATIONAL MAP**

**SURVEY NO.:** 24/1  
**PROPERTY NAME:** Old Seneca Baptist Church  
**TOWN:** Dawsonville  
**COUNTY:** MONTGOMERY  
**QUADRANGLE:** Germantown, MD



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Sevens Baptist Church (Kirkhill Farm)

Montgomery Ct, MD

15811 Darnestown Rd

Darnestown, MD 20874

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c. 1930

Main (south)

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Seneca Baptist Church (Windmill Farm)

Montgomery County, MD

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Darnestown, MD 20874

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Seneca Baptist Church (Kirkhill Farm)

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SENECA BAPTIST CHURCH

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DARNESTOWN, MD (MONTGOMERY CTY)

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SENECA BAPTIST CHURCH

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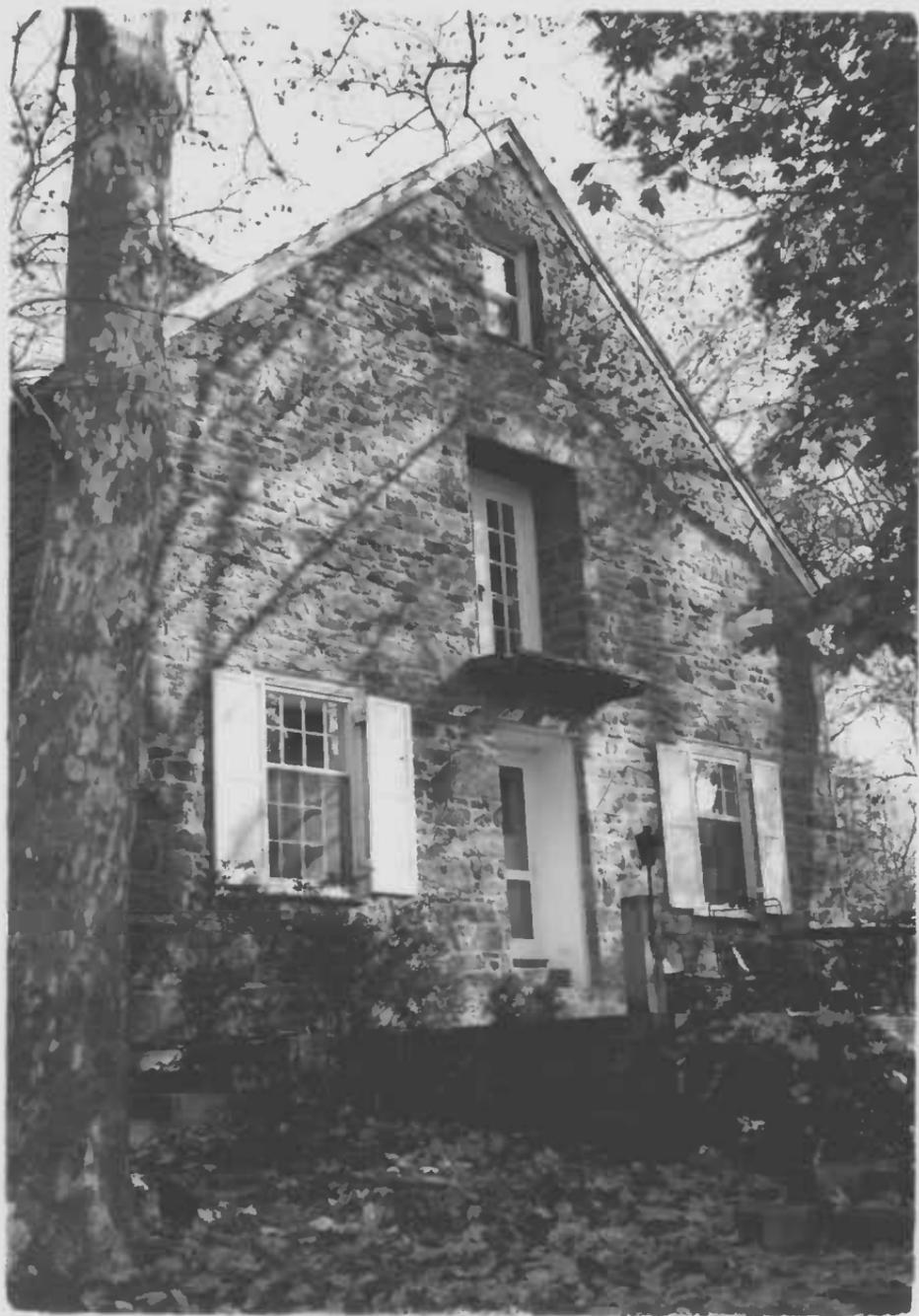
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SENECA BAPTIST CHURCH

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DARNESTOWN, MD (MONTGOMERY  
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SENECA BAPTIST CHURCH (TENANT HOUSE)

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15811 DARNESTOWN RD

DARNESTOWN, MD (MONTGOMERY CTY)

L. SNYDERMAN

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SENEGA BAPTIST CHURCH (OUTBLDG - ~~BARN~~)

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SENECA BAPTIST CHURCH  
(OUTBLDG - PUMPHOUSE)

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SENECA BAPTIST CHURCH (OUTBLDG'S & TENANT  
HOUSE)

M24/1

15811 DARNESTOWN RD

DARNESTOWN, MD (MONTGOMERY CTY)

L. SNYDERMAN

11/93

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NEG: MD LHPD

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ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M-24-1  
(date entered 5-12-80)

1. Name: Seneca Baptist Church

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 24/1      3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 13  
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4. Address: Route 28, Darnestown - c. 1/4 mile south of Dawsonville

5. Classification Summary

Category	<u>building</u>	Previous Survey Recording	<u>M-NCPPC</u>
Ownership	<u>private</u>	Title and Date:	<u>1976 - Inventory of</u>
Public Acquisition	<u>N/A</u>		<u>Historical Sites</u>
Status	<u>occupied</u>	Federal	<u>State</u> <u>x</u> <u>County</u> <u>x</u> <u>Local</u>
Accessible	<u>no</u>		
Present use	<u>private residence</u>		

6. Date: c. 1817

7. Original Owner: Seneca Baptist Church

8. Apparent Condition

a. good      b. altered      c. original site

9. Description: This three bay by three bay, two and a half story rectangular church building has been converted into a private home. It sits on a hillside set back from the road, facing west. Constructed of uncoursed Seneca sandstone with corner quoins, there is a north one bay, one story frame addition on the north elevation. There are eight-over-twelve double-hung windows at the first level and paired four light eyebrow casement windows at the second level. Windows are flanked by white wooden louvered shutters. There is a small balcony on the west elevation. The gable roof has slate shingles.

10. Significance: The Seneca stone church is one of the earliest Baptist churches in the county. However, it is the second house of worship built by this congregation. A wooden church was erected c. 1777 on a lot donated by Ninian Beall that year. This church relied on circuit ministers from Virginia.

One of the continuing problems faced by the church was its location on the opposite side of Seneca Creek from most of its congregation. When heavy rains flooded the creek, the parishioners were not able to cross to their church located on the opposite side. In the 1880's Nathan Allnutt traded an acre lot in Dawsonville for the old church lot on Seneca Creek. The old church was added to Allnutt's vast holdings and abandoned until 1940 when it was restored and converted into a home. It is now included in Seneca State Park.

11. Researcher and date researched: 8/79 Donald Leavitt      Candy Reed  
Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Margaret Coleman      13. Date Compiled: 9/79      14. Designation  
Approval

15. Acreage: 10.36 acres

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Seneca Baptist Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Route 28

CITY, TOWN

Darnestown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

VICINITY OF Dawsonville

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> 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

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #: 269-3771

STREET & NUMBER

Taxes Office Building

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

Maryland 21401

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 4477

Folio #: 225

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

MNCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

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# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

This three bay by three bay, two and a half story rectangular church has been converted into a private home. It sits on a hillside set back from the road, facing west.

Constructed of uncoursed Seneca sandstone with corner quoins, there is a one bay, one story frame addition on the north elevation. On the west elevation, three stone steps lead to a deeply recessed glass and wooden paneled Dutch door. There is a frame balcony at the second level above the west door with paired French doors set into the stone wall. On the south elevation four stone steps lead to a vertical paneled wooden door with long strap hinges and set into a deeply recessed surround. On the east elevation an apse string double run wooden fire escape ascends to a glass and wooden paneled door at the second level. There is a glass and wooden paneled door on the east elevation which leads into the north frame addition.

There are eight over twelve double hung windows at the first level and paired four light eyebrow casement windows at the second level. There is a six over six double hung window in the peak of the east and west gables. Windows are flanked by white wooden louvered shutters.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		Local History

SPECIFIC DATES      c. 1817

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Old Seneca Stone Church is one of the earliest Baptist churches in Montgomery County.

In the years prior to the American Revolution considerable growth took place in the Baptist Church of the Chesapeake region. Daniel Fristoe crossed the Potomac River in 1792 to set up the new church. Fristoe was pastor of the Broad Run Baptist Church in Prince William County, Va. and an adherent of the conservative "Regular Baptist" doctrine, later to evolve into "Primitive Baptist". This view, as opposed to the more liberal "Separate Baptist" belief held that strictness in daily life should also be applied to worship, and that such distractions as music should not be used during services. The original church probably stood on a one acre lot which Ninian Beall gave the Baptist in 1777.<sup>1</sup> This early church relied on circuit ministers from Virginia.

Sometime within the next ten years the church moved to a tract of land bordering Seneca Creek near the road from Monocacy to Georgetown. In 1789 Zachariah Offutt sold to the Seneca Baptist Church a one acre lot on which stood "a house of worship by the name of the Baptist Meeting House," indicating that the church moved to the location sometime before that year.<sup>2</sup> In 1790 the Seneca congregation counted 32 baptized members and the Rev. Daniel Thomas was pastor. Thomas was once jailed for preaching without a license from the Baptists of London, and was a firm believer in the separation of church and state. The little church at Seneca actually petitioned for an amendment to the Maryland constitution prohibiting payment of state funds to religion teachers, regardless of denomination.

Around 1817 it was decided that the old wooden church was beyond repair and that a new building was needed. The new church was built of local sandstone.

One of the continuing problems faced by the church was its location on the opposite side of Seneca Creek from most of its congregation. (This was made obvious as early as 1797 when the Baltimore Baptist Association tried to meet at the church. Heavy rains had flooded the Seneca Creek and the crossing at the Monocacy-Georgetown Road was impassable. The church was completely cut off from the group and most of its parishioners.) By the late 1880s it was decided to move the church closer to its worshippers. Nathan Allnutt agreed to trade an acre lot in Dawsonville for the old church lot on the Seneca Creek. The deed describes the reason for the

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switch as "the present location of the church has become inconvenient (sic)...Nathan Allnutt is willing to exchange lots to accommodate the said congregation."<sup>3</sup> The old stone church was added to Allnutt's vast holdings and abandoned.

In 1940 the Lightbowns bought the church,<sup>4</sup> which by this time had fallen into ruins. Mr. Lightbown restored the structure with skills he had gained while restoring the Old Stone House in Georgetown. In 1973 the State of Maryland acquired the property for inclusion in the Seneca State Park, and today the building is used as a private residence.

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 Land Records of Montgomery County, Md. A/27 (8/13/1777).
- 2 Ibid., D/256 (8/12/1789).
- 3 Ibid., JA 21/333 (9/27/1890).
- 4 Ibid., 793/261 (7/30/1940).

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 MacMaster, Richard K., and Ray Eldon Heibert. A Grateful Remembrance. Rockville, Md.: Montgomery County Government and the Montgomery County Historical Society, 1976.  
 "Seneca Baptist Church". Vertical Files-Churches, Baptist, Rockville, Md.: Montgomery County Historical Society.

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 10.36 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Located near the NE side of Route 28, approx.  $\frac{1}{4}$  miles south of the town of Dawsonville.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Donald M. Leavitt

Candy Reed-Arch. description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

August 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Old Primitive Baptist Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

North side of Darnestown Road (Maryland Route 28). East of the

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Great Seneca Creek, Darnestown VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
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<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
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	<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

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Taylor Avenue

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip\_code

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

Maryland 21401

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Court House

Liber #: 4477

Folio #: 255

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	
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<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

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

The Old Primitive Baptist Church, constructed by the Seneca Creek Baptist congregation circa 1817, and converted into a private residence in the early 1940s by the Lightbown family, is a curious, one-story, gable-roofed rubble sandstone structure with contrasting dressed sandstone quoining. The building is located on the north side of Darnestown Road (Maryland Route 28) east of the Great Seneca Creek in the central section of Seneca State Park. The structure, essentially a roofless shell when acquired by the Lightbowns, has been extensively remodeled.

The original main entrance, located in the western gable facade is now permanently blocked off. This deeply recessed doorway is flanked by 8/12 double-hung sash windows with shutters, architrave trim and plain timber sills. Directly above the doorway is a recessed mullioned window enhanced by a projecting balcony. A small attic window appears in the gable end.

The present day main (south) facade is three bays wide, distinguished by a centrally positioned entrance flanked by 8/12 double-hung sash windows with shutters. Both the doorway and window openings are framed by architrave trim. An impressive keystoned flat arched sandstone lintel further enhances this entrance. Three small mullioned windows with projecting sandstone sills define the corresponding openings of the second story.

The rear (north) facade is identical to the south facade with one exception. A one-room, gable-roofed, frame addition projects from the central bay of this facade.

A secondary entrance is located at the second story level of the west facade. North of the doorway is a recessed window. Centrally positioned at the first story level is a 9/12 double-hung sash window, identical in architectural detail to those of the north and south facades. A small attic window punctuates this gable end.

A massive sandstone chimney is centrally located in the main block. A brick faced stovepipe flue is internally located in the southern gable end of the rear addition.

Although the interior has been radically altered, part of the original pulpit reputedly has been incorporated into the stairway. The building is in excellent condition.

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**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      circa 1817; circa 1940      BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Old Primitive Baptist Church, also known as Baptist Meeting House and Seneca Creek Baptist Church, although extensively remodeled into a private residence, still retains its original exterior church appearance. The building represents an early (circa 1940) example of preservation through adaptive reuse. Religious edifices are the expression of form following function and thus allow for less flexible alternatives for their reuse. The Old Primitive Baptist Church presents a relatively successful sympathetic solution to this problem.

Historically, the Old Primitive Baptist Church is the oldest standing Baptist Meeting House in Montgomery County, whose original congregation was the earliest gathering of Baptists in the county.

In 1773 a church at Seneca Creek in the State of Maryland was admitted into the association. Elder Daniel Fristoe attended this church, whose ministry has been blest for the gathering of them in and subjecting them to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.<sup>1</sup>

The congregation included 540 families with 258 baptized members.<sup>2</sup> Benjamin Edwards, although a major landowner in Stafford County, Virginia, owned 400 acres in Montgomery County, part of which he received from his father-in-law, Ninian Beall of Ninian through his marriage to Margaret Beall.<sup>3</sup> Acting as a trustee for the church, he gave part of Ninian Beall's land, about 20 acres, to the congregation.<sup>4</sup> A wooden church was erected (circa 1773) on a small knoll known as "Kirkhill". Then, about 1817, "when having become dilapidated, it was replaced by a present, more permanent structure of stone!"<sup>5</sup> In 1890, Nathan Allnutt of Dawsonville, "to accommodate the congregation's desire to move"<sup>6</sup>, gave land in Dawsonville, enabling the group to construct a frame structure at the intersections of Maryland Routes 28 and 107. It is believed that there was a doctrinal split within the Seneca Baptist congregation, thus explaining the need for a second meeting house in such close proximity

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to the Old Primitive Baptist Church. In the Twentieth Century, both congregations dissipated. The Dawsonville church was leased to the Mennonite congregation, who still use it. The Seneca church sat abandoned along Route 28 until it was acquired by Mary Jane Lightbown in 1940. The building is currently leased to the Collins family by the Department of Natural Resources.

<sup>1</sup>William Fristoe: A Concise History of the Kettocton Baptist Association, p.11. William Lyford, Staunton, Virginia, 1808.

<sup>2</sup>Morgan Edwards: Materials Toward a History of the Baptists in Virginia, Volume III, p. 34. Manuscripts dated 1772.

<sup>3</sup>Richard K. MacMaster and Roy Eldon Hiebert: A Grateful Remembrance, p.76. Montgomery County Historical Society, Rockville, Maryland, 1976.

<sup>4</sup>Zion's Advocate: The Baptist Church at Old Seneca, Maryland. Montgomery County Land Record.

<sup>5</sup>Ibid.

<sup>6</sup>Montgomery County Land Records, Deed JA 21/333, 11 Oct. 1890.

<sup>7</sup>Montgomery County Land Records, Deed 793/261, 28 August 1940.

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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

Bridget Deale, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

March 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

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MacMaster, Richard K., and Heibert, Roy Eldon: A Grateful Remembrance, p. 76.

Montgomery County Historical Society, Rockville, Maryland, 1976.

Montgomery County Land Records, County Court House, Rockville, Maryland  
Zion's Advocate: The Baptist Church at Old Seneca, Maryland. Montgomery  
County Land Record.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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see revised form

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON:					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Old Seneca Baptist Church					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER: Darnestown Road (Rte. 28)					
CITY OR TOWN: Darnestown					
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
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<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME: Md. Park Service (Seneca State Park)					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis			STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
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TITLE OF SURVEY: None					
DATE OF SURVEY:					
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DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building is a two-story, A-roofed stone church that has been converted into a house. The west side wall has three bays, with small windows at the eaves of the second floor. The facade has a central doorway and flanking windows; in the gable there is a doorway opening onto a balcony. The east facade has a central doorway and flanking windows; the openings are bridged with keystone arches. The chimney is centrally positioned.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS  
SEE INSTRUCTIONS

6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1828

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPG DATE: 8 May 74

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This is the history of the stone church which stood east of Seneca Creek back from what is now route 28 - then "the road from the Mouth of the Monocacy to Georgetown". The earliest church - frame - which the article speaks of may or may not have been at this site. I had heard the land for this one was given by the Dawsons. I had thought the Peall property a little more towards Darnestown. After the writing of this article I had understood that some dissention broke out among the congregation. It was over doctrine. The sect of Baptists called "Old School" or "Primitive" or "Word Shell" believed in strictness in worship as well as daily life. They tolerated no music in the service. This was the adherence of the one who, in about 1890 built a new frame church in Dawsonville. Nathan White Allnut gave the land. This church operated as religious and 'social' center of the Dawsonville community for many years. In 1950, as the membership declined, was loaned to the Menonites and there is no Baptist congregation in Dawsonville.

- Jane C. Sween

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The Baptist Church at "Old Seneca," Maryland

By a Member

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"Sometime previous to the American Revolution some ministers of the Gospel of the Baptist denomination came into Maryland from the state of Virginia, and exercised the functions of the office in the Upper section of Montgomery County.

Their ministry was favorably received, and a considerable number of persons, having received the Rite of Baptism, united themselves in church fellowship and were regularly organized as a church. Their earliest records being lost, the precise date of that organization is not now known, but it is believed to have been about the year 1770, and having received from Mr. Minian Beall, son of Minian, the gift of land for the purpose, (the gift the more appreciated and gratefully remembered because it was wholly unsought,) a wooden building was erected thereon as a place of public worship, which was continuously used as such until about the year 1817 when, having become delapidated, it was replaced by the present more permanent structure of stone.

From the day of her organization to the time of this writing (January, 1872) she has continuously been, and still is, a regularly constituted church, acknowledging "One Lord," professing "One Faith," and accepting "One Baptism," having at no time been drawn aside by the "Lo, here's!" or the "Lo, there's!" which have so prevailed during the whole period of her life. She has experienced the vicissitudes incident to all sublunary things - sometimes enjoying seasons of peace and prosperity, at other times torn by discord and much distressed, through all which she has lived, labored, and struggled, and still survives. During the period of her existence she has been favored with the services of able and faithful ministers, that eminent man of God, Elder Jeremiah Moore, having had the oversight for a continuous period of about forty years, he was succeeded in the pastorate by Elder Plummer Waters, who has lately gone to his reward. At the time of taking pastoral charge of the church he had but recently entered upon a ministry of more than fifty years' duration, during most of which he served at intervals of longer or shorter length. He was succeeded by his "son in the faith," Elder John O. Wilson, a young man and a young minister, but giving abundant evidence of being a burning and shining light; but disease met him at the threshold of his ministerial labors ere yet he had well entered thereon, and an early death claimed him as his own. For several years past the church has been in a languishing condition. Some of her members died, others withdrew, and none came in to supply the waste, until the register showed the names of only seven persons, namely: Joshua Dorsey, Tashenes Dyson, A. Hoyle, Elizabeth J. Allnut, Hannah Jenkins (colored), Robert Cellman and Sarah E. Darby.

Of these, the four first named had each numbered more than four-score years, with an average membership of more than fifty years' duration. They each feel "the grasshopper to be a burden", and patiently await their final summons. The other two, having "remembered their Creator in the days of their youth", though members of several years' standing (having entered together) are still in the prime of life, and at the death of Elder Wilson were the only members physically capable of active duty. Added to this, the death of the venerable deacon, brother James M. Dawson, at the patriarchal age of four-score and twelve years, left the church without an officer. Under these depressing circumstances there were some who feared and some who believed that the "candle-stick had been removed from her midst", and a formal notice of her death and burial found place in the columns of a so-called religious periodical of the day. But the great Head of the Church holds in his hands the destinies of both churches and individuals, and, with unerring judgement and in great mercy, orders and directs their affairs, and pulls down and builds up, chastens and comforts, as he deems best. But, midst all this gloom, some there were that hoped almost against hope that he would look in compassion on her depressed condition and raise her again to life from her low estate.

In response to an invitation given, the church was, on Saturday next before the fifth Sunday in October, 1870, favored by a visit from Elder Charles L. Yates, of Virginia, and with him came Elder P. Bridges. After a sermon by Elder Yates, the members present assembled in church meeting for business, Elder Yates acting as Moderator, when Mr. George Brewer and Miss Elizabeth Jones, formerly members of Bethel Church, and Mrs. Mary Jones, formerly member of Upper Seneca Church, were severally received into membership upon a profession of faith. The church then proceeded to the election of a Deacon in place of brother James M. Dawson, deceased, when brother Robert Sellman was unanimously chosen, and, being present, he was then and there set apart for the duties of the office by prayer and the laying on of hands by Elders Yates and Bridges, and brother George Brewer was duly elected Clerk. The death of Elder Wilson having left the church without a pastor, Elder Yates, at the unanimous request of the church, assumed the pastoral charge thereof.

Thus re-habited the peace of the church has henceforth flowed like a river, and her course has been onward, and it is humbly hoped, upward. Eight members have been added to her number, one Mrs. Huldah White, formerly a member of Bethel, on a profession of faith and seven by baptism, namely: Mr. Henry C. Hickerson and Mrs. Elizabeth Hickerson, his wife, formerly of Virginia, now citizens of Maryland, Mrs. Wilson, widow of the late pastor, Elder J. O. Wilson, Mrs. Sarah Dawson, mother of sister Sarah E. Darby and widow of Dr. Benoni Dawson, formerly and for nearly the third of a century an active and useful member and Clerk of the church, Mrs. Barbara E. Trundle, the daughter and Mrs. Susan E. Baker, the grand daughter of the late deacon, brother J. M. Dawson, and lastly, Miss Sallie Moore, of Virginia, a great-grand-daughter of Elder Jeremiah Moore, so long the revered pastor of the church. Public worship has been held on each appointed day, save in a single instance when stress of weather prevented, and the administration of the Lord's Supper, for years suspended, has been restored. Brother Brewer, has, at his own request, been relieved of the duties of the Clerkship, and brother Hickerson was appointed in his stead. Kindly aided by outside friends, the church edifice has been renovated, its interior remodelled and much improved, and Elder Yates has entered upon the second year of his pastorate.

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ing's River (now St. Peter's); also Richard Bowie's, two miles east of Rockville, and remained four years. His successor, Rev. Francis Xavier Caroli, who resided at Rockville, had charge of all the missions of the county, and remained two years. Rev. John De Vas came in 1820. For fifteen years he had charge of all the missions, but his health failing he then attended St. Rose's congregation only, living with a family named Peddicora, where he said mass every Sunday. He left in 1834, and became a professor in Georgetown College. Father B. S. Piot then had charge for three years, and was succeeded by Father Gallagher, who built St. Rose's church and remained until 1846. Rev. Thomas Foley was pastor from 1846 to 1847; Father McManus, 1847 to 1849; Father King, in 1849, who died the same year; Father McGuire, 1849 to 1851; Rev. F. X. Boyle, 1851 to 1854; Rev. J. J. Dougherty, who built St. Peter's church, 1854 to 1861; Rev. E. Didier, 1863 to 1866; Rev. P. L. Chappelle, 1866 to 1871. Then the mission of Montgomery County was divided. The succeeding pastors were Revs. Mackin, Casper Schmidt, J. A. Cunningham, and Father Gallen, present incumbent.

**Baptist Church.**—The church edifice was erected in 1823, and rebuilt in 1861.

On the 19th of August, 1821, the following persons withdrew from the old Seneca Baptist Church, which was under the pastoral care of Elder Phumner Waters, assigning, among other reasons, their dissent from the views of the pastor on the subject of *missions*: William Clingan, Jesse Leach, Willie James, William Brewer, William Chiswell, Mary R. Braddock, Mary R. Brewer, Sarah Chiswell; and these, with Joseph H. Jones, William Sedgwick, Martha Jones, Prudence Jones, Sarah Leach, Abraham Stallings, Sarah Stallings, were constituted a regular Baptist Church, Oct. 20, 1821, by Rev. John Healy, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Baltimore; Rev. Obadiah B. Brown, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.; and Rev. Thomas Barton, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Washington, D. C. Elder J. H. Jones was elected pastor of the new congregation, and William Sedgwick assistant. The latter was afterwards regularly ordained by request of the church, and Jesse Leach and William Chiswell were elected deacons, and Willie James clerk.

By a formal resolution a branch of this church was established near Dr. William Brewer's, to be called Upper Bethel. The name under which the church was organized in Rockville was "Bethel Baptist Church." The first addition after the organization, was Edward Anderson.

The church joined the Baltimore Association, and reported in their first letter a membership of eighteen. Miss Margaret Pierce, who is still living, was received and baptized Oct. 20, 1822.

Dec. 30, 1831, by a resolution, the church resolved that the upper branch be called "Bethel," and the lower, "Rockville" Baptist Church. The last record by the clerk (Willie James) was May 1, 1837.

Prior to 1851, Elder Jones resigned, having served as pastor for about twenty-four years, during which time the church reached a membership of sixty-nine, by letter and baptism, as shown by the records.

For some years the church was without a regular pastor, receiving the ministrations of such as were invited to visit them, among whom were Dr. Samson, Dr. Cole, Dr. Adams, Rev. C. Meadows, and others. The membership was reduced to nine. In May, 1851, Rev. F. L. Kregel was called to the pastorate, and ordained by Revs. J. M. W. Williams, G. F. Adams, and J. H. Phillips, and Charles Spates was elected deacon. An evangelist, Rev. N. B. Collins, held a series of meetings, which revived the interest and doubled the membership, and it became a member of the Maryland Union Baptist Association. Mr. Kregel resigning after a period of about three years, Elder Thomas Jones was chosen pastor in February, 1855, and continued his labors until his health compelled him to leave, in the fall of 1858. In May of this year, Edward M. Viers was elected deacon, and still serves.

During the pastorate of Rev. Thomas Jones the church regained considerable strength. During his stay of nearly four years the membership increased from eighteen to seventy-three.

In January, 1859, a committee was appointed to purchase a lot and collect funds to erect a house at what is now called Mount Zion, where in 1860 a neat house, thirty by forty feet, was erected and dedicated free of debt. In January, 1859, Elder S. R. White, then a student of Columbian College, was invited as a supply. In June following he was called to the care of the church, and September 10th following entered upon his duties as pastor. During his pastorate the church has licensed three of her members to preach, all of whom were ordained, and one of whom, Rev. J. L. Lodge, D.D., of Newark, N. J., is still in the pastorate. Three houses of worship have been erected,—one at Poolesville, one at Georgetown, and one at Mount Zion, the two former becoming separate organizations. The Baptist Church in Georgetown, D. C., was also the result of efforts by the pastor of this church and two of its members. The house of worship in Rockville has been rebuilt and enlarged at

Rosa R. Offutt, died March 23, 1870, aged 19.

George H. Peter, born July 7, 1809, died May 23, 1886.

Ann, wife of M. J. Harris, born Dec. 30, 1810, died July 30, 1878.

John Israel, only son of J. P. and M. C. Phillips, died Feb. 19, 1862, aged 14.

An elegant monument and stone bears this inscription:

"Sacred to the memory of Andrew Small, born Aug. 28, 1784, in Lochec, Parish of Liff, Scotland, died in Washington City, D. C., April 6, 1847. In the year 1829, Mr. Small emigrated to America, and by industry and economy accumulated considerable wealth. Firmness of purpose, strictness of integrity, and sincerity were the leading traits of his character. Having purchased an estate in this county, he became much interested in the religious and educational interests of the Darnestown Presbyterian Church and community, and during his life made a liberal donation for the support of the gospel in this place. By his will he left to the trustees of the church means for the endowment of the Andrew Small Academy, and very liberally provided for the support of the Sunday-school and the widows and orphans of the church and community. He died a peaceful death. His last words were to the effect that he relied alone on the blood of Christ for salvation."

**Andrew Small Male and Female Academy.**—This institution is near the Presbyterian church. It grew out of a parochial school established and maintained for some years by the church. Mr. Andrew Small, a native of Scotland, but then residing in Georgetown, D. C., becoming acquainted with the neighborhood while filling a contract for making that part of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal which passes near by, and admiring the commendable efforts of the people to improve their educational facilities, was induced to leave to the Presbyterian Church the large bequest of forty thousand dollars. The larger part of this munificent sum was directed to be devoted to the erection of a suitable building for a school and the partial endowment of an institution which would bring the advantages of a liberal education within the reach of the whole community. The academy building—the largest school building in the county, and built of brick—was finished and first occupied in 1869, two years after Mr. Small's death. The institution was named after its liberal founder. The first principal was Prof. M. L. Venable, of Southern Virginia. He continued in charge four years, and was succeeded by the present incumbent, Rev. C. N. Campbell, who has had the advantage of a thorough collegiate training, having graduated with distinction at Princeton College. He is a Presbyterian clergyman. The institution is a boarding-school for both boys and girls, and numbers some sixty pupils, about one-third of whom are boarders. It is managed by a self-perpetuating board of trustees, duly incorporated, of whom R. A. Tschiffely is president, and G. R.

Rice, secretary. The funds are, however, controlled by the trustees of the church, who are elected annually. The generous design of its establishment was to furnish to the people of Darnestown and the surrounding region a Christian school of high grade at moderate rates. Through Mr. Small's donation this effort has been accomplished. The course of instruction is full and thorough, preparing boys for college or for business, and affording to young ladies the means of a liberal education. Prof. Campbell is assisted by an able corps of teachers, and at the end of the scholastic year a public examination of a week is held in all the studies of the year. An annual public exhibition closes the school year, when certificates of proper deportment and of scholarship are given to those who deserve them. Prizes for the best compositions in the several classes are also awarded, and such other honors as are deemed proper.

**Baptist Church.**—This log edifice was built over a half-century ago by the Methodists, but for several years has been used by the Baptist congregation. Near it are the graves of the following persons:

Elizabeth Truman and her infant baby, wife and child of Josiah Truman, who died April 25, 1833, aged 21 years.

Elizabeth, wife of Samuel T. Magruder, died July 5, 1831, aged 65.

Mrs. Sarah Dorsey, born Feb. 9, 1800, died Dec. 20, 1879.

Worthington, only son of S. T. and Elizabeth Magruder, born July 30, 1818, died Sept. 29, 1851.

James Hawkins, Jr., died Dec. 29, 1855, aged 68.

Ara, wife of James Hawkins, died May 2, 1841, aged 57.

Ellen Maria, wife of Nathaniel Caggett, died Oct. 19, 1818, aged 23; and Ann Elizabeth, wife of same, died Dec. 29, 1857, aged 27.

Joseph C. Hawkins, died May 3, 1819, aged 28.

Danes Norris, born May 28, 1786, died Jan. 18, 1867.

Elizabeth Padgett, died April 1, 1879, aged 60.

John H. Lewis, born Oct. 4, 1787, died Aug. 1, 1872; and his wife Lucinda, born Nov. 23, 1793, died Dec. 7, 1873; and their daughter, Catherine Cadwell, born Dec. 1, 1824, died May 24, 1846.

Susan Stewart, died June 30, 1853, aged 75.

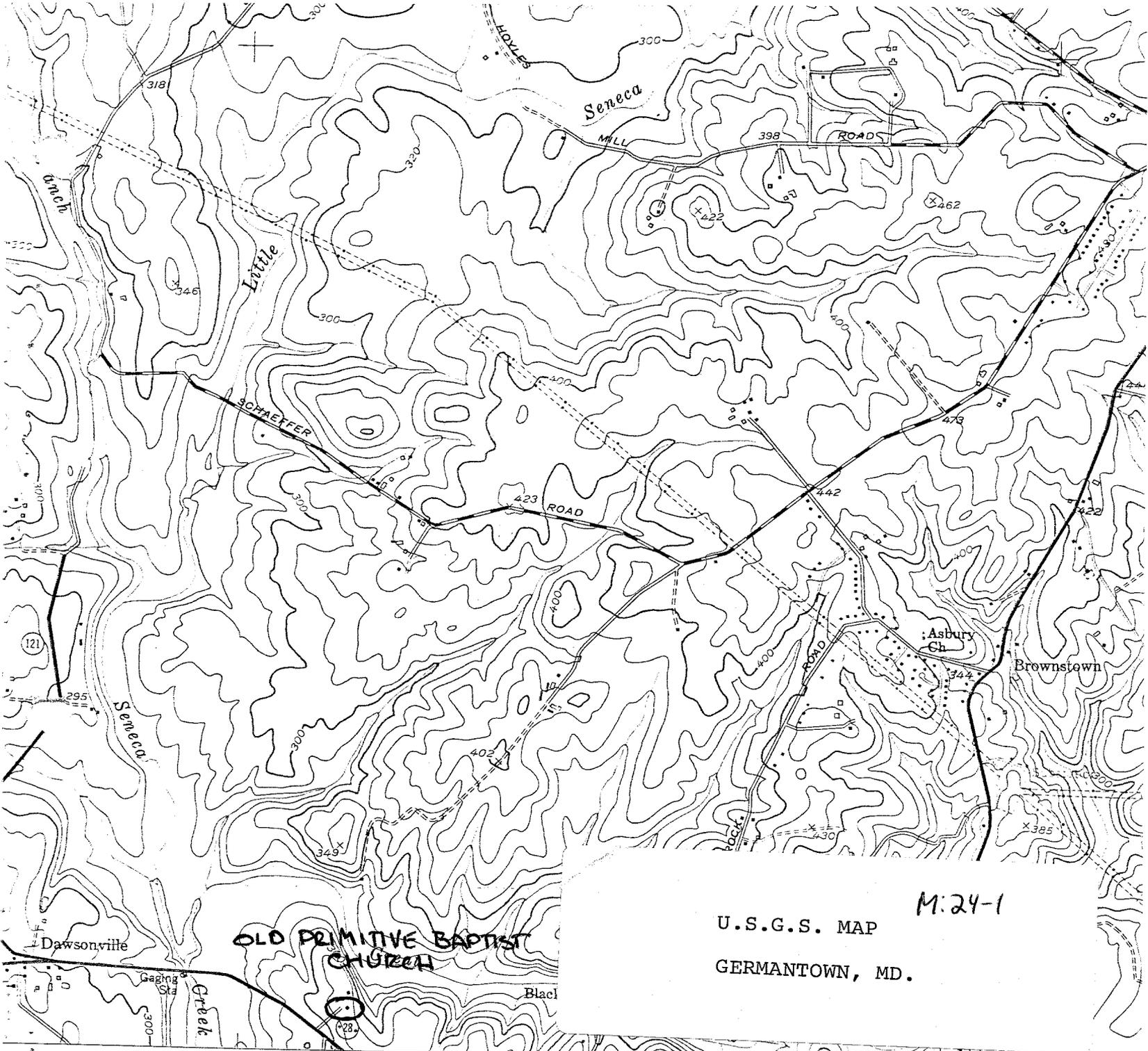
Seneca Baptist church is at the mouth of Great Seneca Creek, and is a neat stone structure. Its pastor is Rev. Mr. Hatchey, of Virginia, who also preaches at the Baptist church between Darnestown and Germantown,—a new frame edifice.

The school trustees and teachers for 1881 and 1882 are as follows:

*Trustees.*—No. 1, M. B. Montgomery, Geo. R. Rice, Winfield Magruder; No. 2, J. F. Poole, Wm. H. Rice, Wm. H. Vincent; No. 3, H. A. Pumphrey, R. H. Bennett, Jacob Seider.

*Teachers.*—No. 1, J. E. Birt, Rockville P. O.; No. 2, Dr. T. E. Williams, Darnestown P. O.; No. 3, H. C. Hickerson, Germantown P. O.

There are two colored schools. The magistrates are Edward L. Hays, Samuel Higgins.

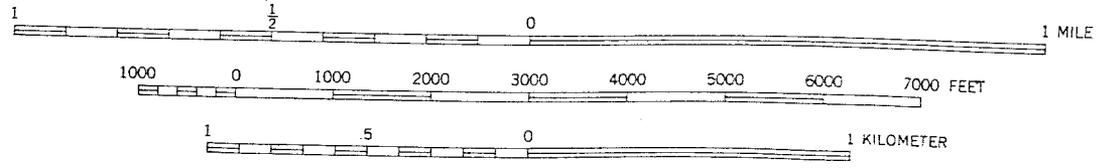


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