ABSTRACT
WA-I-221 1897
Paradise Church
Hagerstown Vicinity
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District 27
Map 25
Parcel 204
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
Paradise Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Paradise Church and Eden Roads

CITY, TOWN
x VICINITY OF Hagerstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Paradise Mennonite Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
Paradise Church Road

CITY, TOWN
Hagerstown

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #: NO DEED
Folio #:

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Washington County Court House

STREET & NUMBER
West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN
Hagerstown

STATE
Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
X EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED < 50%	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Paradise Mennonite Church is located at the intersection of Paradise Church Road and Eden Road north of Hagerstown in Washington County, Maryland. The church is located on an area of level ground and faces east.

The large, one story brick structure is 13 bays in length and four bays wide. A date stone set in its southeast corner indicates that the church was built in 1897 and rebuilt in 1972. The original dimensions of the structure are said to be 40 by 60 feet. It would appear that the south half of the building is an addition as is a modern extension to the north gable end which is dated 1972.

The walls which rest on low fieldstone foundations have American or common bond brickwork with generally seven courses of stretchers between header rows. Segmental arches of brick are present above all openings.

All windows have six over six pane double hung sashes. Those in the side walls are flanked with pairs of louvered shutters.

The roof is covered with slates and extends beyond the end walls of the building. A brick chimney, topped with several courses of corbeling extends from the interior of the building near its north end. A cemetery is located north of the church.

The building is in excellent condition and stands on a tract containing approximately two acres. Attached is a brief history of Paradise Church and the Mennonite faith from T.J.C. Williams' History of Washington County.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	X RELIGION
1400-1499	ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	LAW	SCIENCE
1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE
1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER
X 1800-1899	COMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	TRANSPORTATION
1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRY	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	OTHER (SPECIFY)
		INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1897, 1972 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Williams, T.J.C., History of Washington County. Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Company, 1906.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

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
Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION
Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE
October 1976

STREET & NUMBER
County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE
791-3065

CITY OR TOWN
Hagerstown

STATE
Maryland 21740

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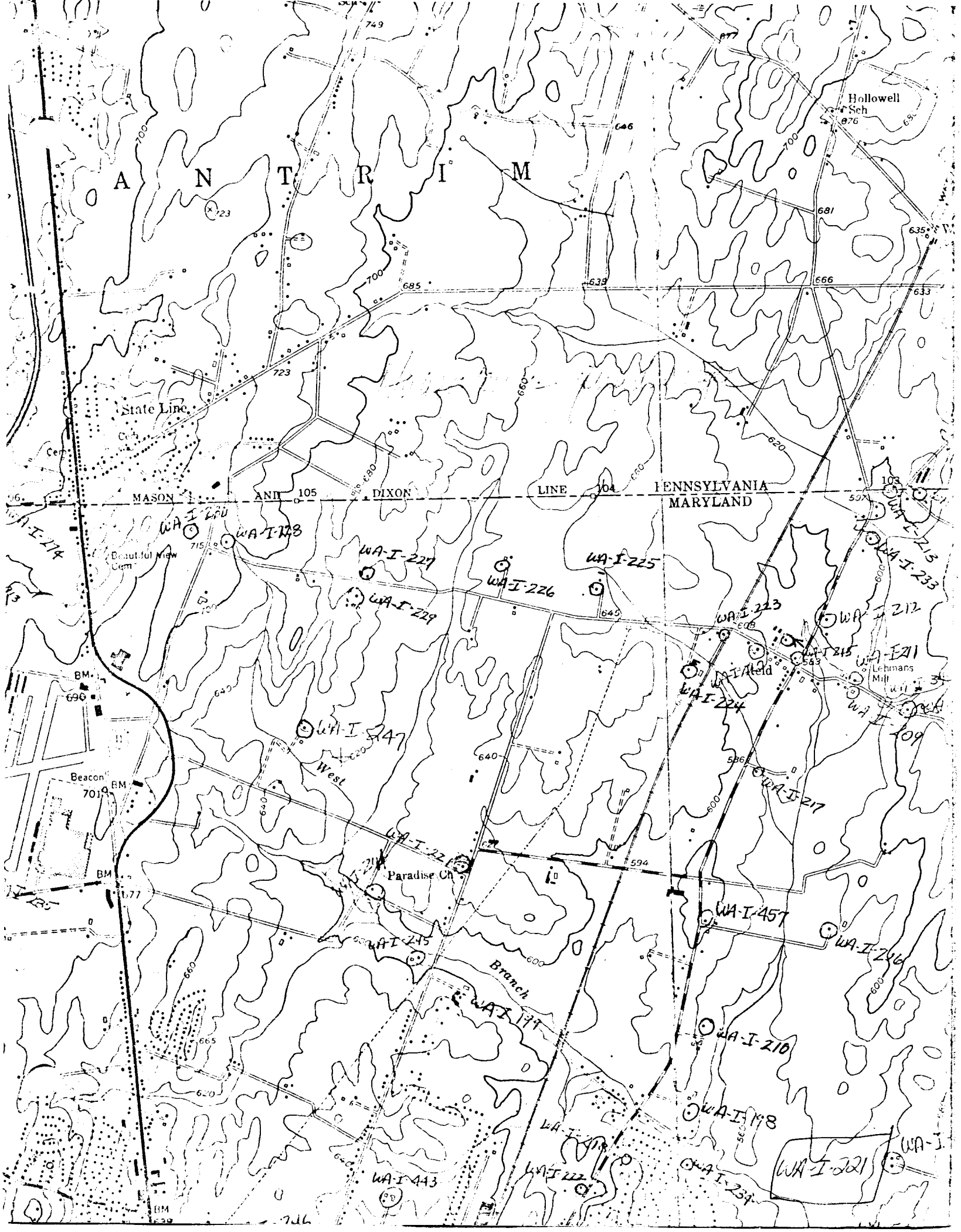
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