

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Kennedyville, Maryland
(1875)

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER East side Rt. 213 at corner of Creamery Lane

1st

CITY, TOWN

Kennedyville VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Kent

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER empty

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME First United Penticostal Church of Kent County

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Kennedyville VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code Maryland 21645

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

Liber #: EHP 113
Folio #: 132

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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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

Grace Presbyterian Church is a frame building, three bays wide and three bays long with a square steeple enclosed in its front (west) facade. The structure is one story tall and has a steep gable roof. On the east gable of the church is a small, hipped roof projection which contains the altar.

Entry is into the base of the steeple through double doors set into a Gothic arch opening. The transom part of this opening is filled with boarding. Above the entry in the steeple is a very tall lancet arch window filled with colored glass. The roof of the steeple is pyramidal with one tall, narrow louvered dormer in each face.

All other windows are lancet arch shaped and filled with stained glass. The building rests on a brick foundation with ventilators in the window bays. Exterior weatherboards are 5 3/4 " wide and beveled. The steeple roof has wooden shingles, the gable roof asphalt shingles. Although the exterior of the building is now painted white, old photographs and recollections of parishers indicate that it once had reddish-brown trim.

The interior of the church has changed very little since it was constructed. There is a yellow pine board ceiling which follows the roof slope for several feet, creating a dome-like ceiling. The walls are plaster, painted white, and there is a beaded wainscoting. Windows have louvered interior shutters. At the front of the building is a raised choir and altar.

The building has three kinds of decorative glass: on the front facade is geometric-patterned colored glass; in the altar is etched geometric-patterned glass; the windows in the long sides of the building are figurative stained glass that was added to the old building in the early 20th century at a cost of \$50.00 each.

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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		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
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<input 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 1875

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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A brief account of Presbyterianism and the Kennedyville Church is attached.

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The Kent Shoreman, Vol. 7 No. 8, January 1972.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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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

Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

778-4600, ext.67

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

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

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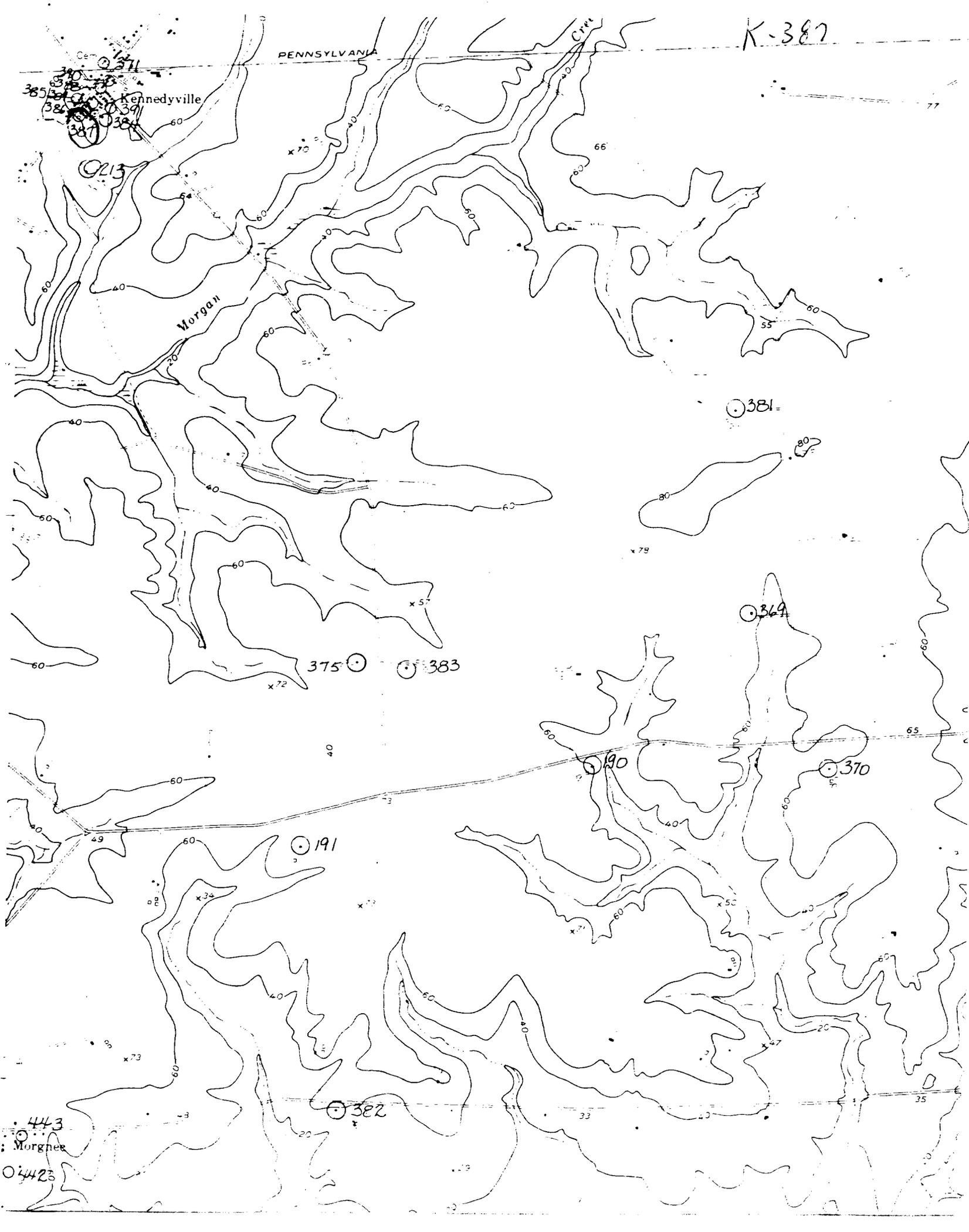
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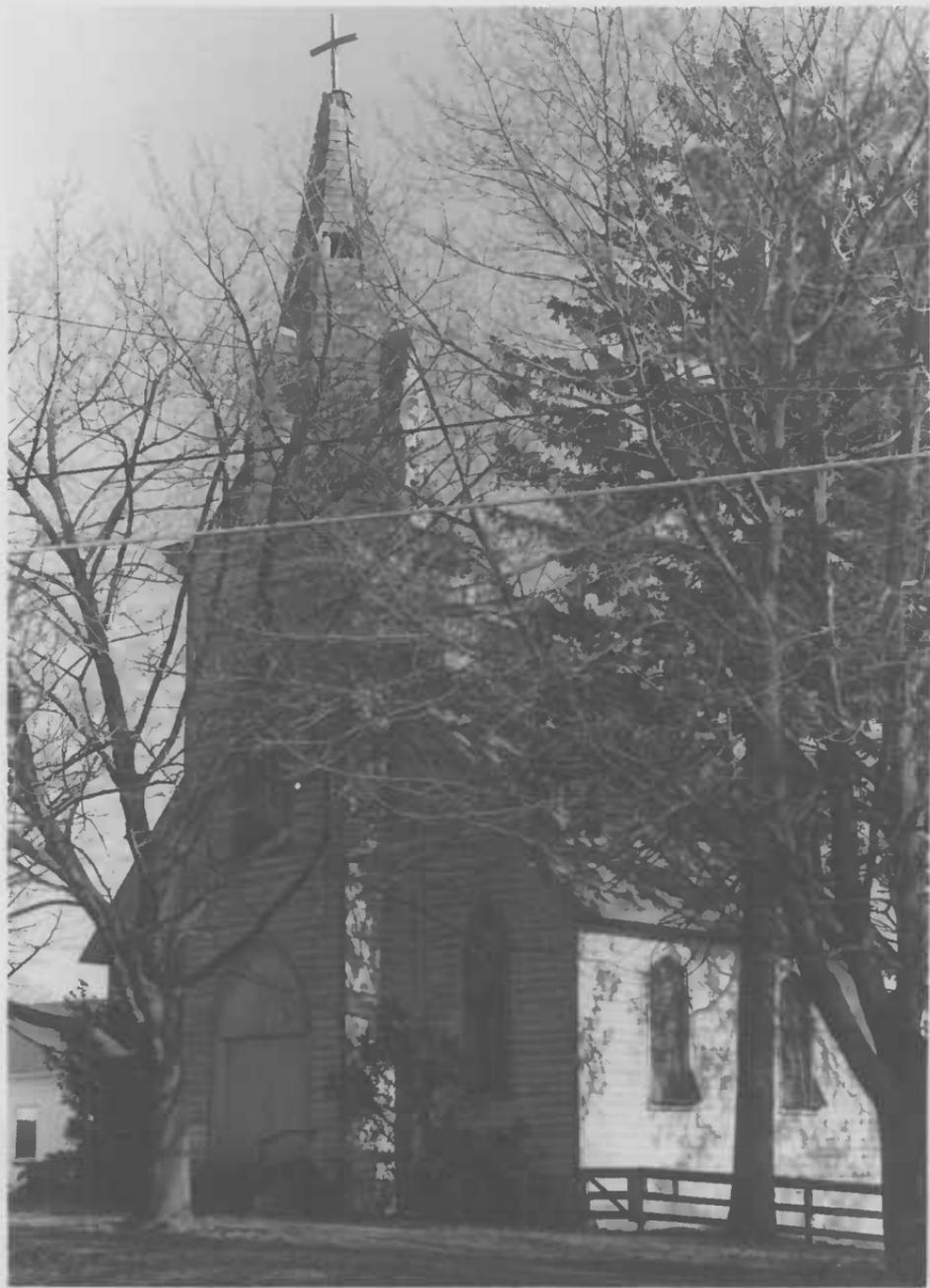
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Grace Presbyterian Church
View to Northeast
Keeneville,
Kent County

M. L. Fritz

3/1980

J. Tyler Campbell
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CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND



View from Northwest

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Photographer: unknown date ca 1963

Donated by:
Mrs. James Groves
Kennedyville, Md.



GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Interior
(photograph reversed)

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