

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland	
COUNTY: Baltimore City	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
69-10-19-8012	10/28/69

1. NAME

COMMON:
Otterbein Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Old Otterbein Evangelical United Brethren Church

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
112 W. Conway Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Baltimore

STATE: Maryland CODE: 19 COUNTY: Baltimore City CODE: 510

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Old Otterbein Evangelical United Brethren Church

STREET AND NUMBER:
112 W. Conway Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Baltimore

STATE:
Maryland

CODE:
19

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Land Record Office of the Superior Court of Baltimore City

STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 610, Baltimore City Court House

CITY OR TOWN:
Baltimore

STATE:
Maryland

CODE:
19

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: January 1964 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE:
D. C.

CODE:
08

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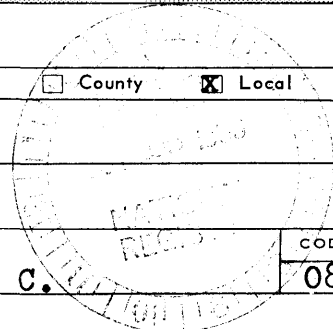
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7. DESCRIPTION

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 checked="" 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

Otterbein Church is a two-story brick Georgian structure, built in 1785-86 by Jacob Small, Sr., a local carpenter. The design for the building is also attributed to Small.

The peaked roof is topped on the west gable by a square tower with octagonal cupola-on-cupola, reminiscent of the style of Christopher Wren.

The entrance, in the second (w) of five bays, is covered by a pedimented vestibule. A double door, panelled, has leaded stained glass sidelights and an arched transom.

The windows on each floor have semi-circular arches with radiating muntins and twenty-two over fifteen sash. Much of the original glass still remains. Between floor levels there is a white limestone belt course. A wooden cornice with modillions encircles the building forming pediments on the gables.

A major remodeling in 1839 created a projection with hipped roof in the east wall which houses the pulpit and marks the aspe. These renovations also resulted in the removal of the interior balconies.

The nails throughout the building were hand-made. The bells, cast in Germany, and installed in 1789, are still used.

The Otterbein Church is located within a large Urban Renewal area which surrounds the Baltimore harbor. This will result in the removal of the commercial structures which now surround it and the creation of parks and new dwelling places. Accordingly, the church has long-range plans for restoring the building and grounds to their former beauty.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1785-1786**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Otterbein Church is the only eighteenth-century church building of any denomination in continuous use which remains in Baltimore. It was built in 1785-1786 by Jacob Small, Sr., for a congregation of Germans who, under the leadership of Pastor Phillip Wilhelm Otterbein, had separated from the Lutheran Church.

Here, in 1789, the first Conference of United Brethren preachers was held, resulting in the official organization of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, and in the election of Pastor Otterbein as a bishop of the new church.

Otterbein's grave, in the churchyard, is marked by a monument, erected in 1913, one hundred years following his death.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Recorders: Romaine S. Somerville, Executive Secretary, and Catharine F. Black, Commission Member, Commission for Historical & Architectural Preservation, 402 City Hall, Baltimore, Maryland. Code: 19

Howland, Richard Hubbard, and Spencer, Elizabeth Patterson, The Architecture of Baltimore (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1953), pp. 19-20; Plate XXIII.

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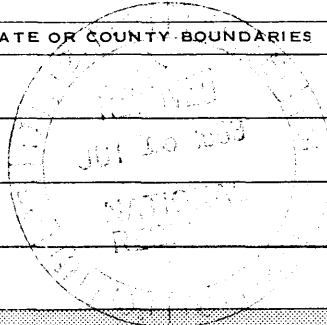
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: .6 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Mrs. Preston Parish, Keeper of the Maryland Register

ORGANIZATION: **Maryland Historical Trust** DATE: **Oct. 10, 1969**

STREET AND NUMBER:
P. O. Box 1704

CITY OR TOWN: **Annapolis** STATE: **Maryland 21404** CODE: **19**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Orlando Ridout IV
Orlando Ridout IV

Title State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date October 13, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest Allen Gurnally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date OCT 28 1969

ATTEST:
William J. Harstigh
 Keeper of The National Register

Date OCT 28 1969

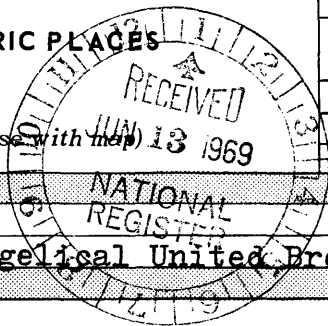
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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7.5' Quadrangle Baltimore East			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1953			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Property boundaries where required. North arrow. Latitude and longitude reference. 			

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1953

OTTERBEIN CHURCH
LATITUDE 39° 17' 03.8"
LONGITUDE 76° 37' 02.7"



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1730'

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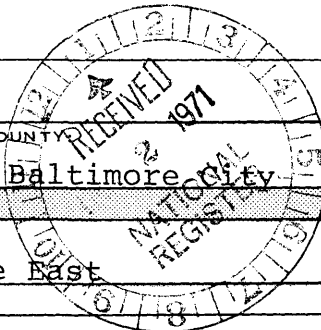


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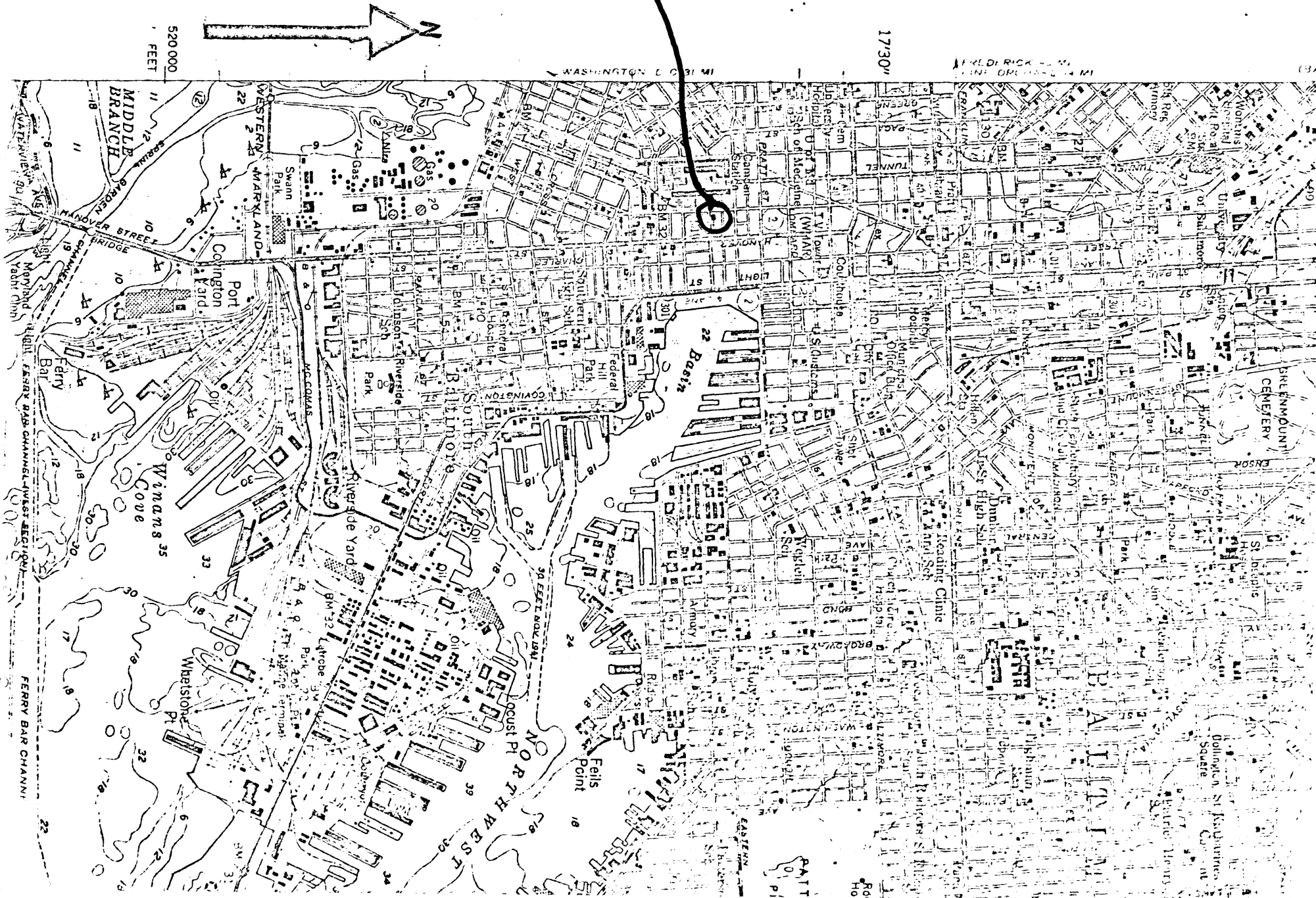
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Commission for Historical & Architectural Preservation
1966 Survey

402 City Hall

Baltimore, Maryland Code: 19

Maryland Register of historic sites and landmarks
May 1969

Maryland Historical Trust

Post Office Box 1704

Annapolis, Maryland Code: 19

#9. REFERENCES

Rose, Howard Wickliffe, The Colonial Houses of Worship
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Scharf, J. Thomas, The Chronicles of Baltimore
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Court of Baltimore City, Room 610, Baltimore City Court
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