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DATA SHEET

Form 10-300
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Maryland
COUNTY:	Howard
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	MAR 17 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:
Union Chapel

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
West side of Md. Route 97, 1 mile north of Glenwood

CITY OR TOWN: Glenwood
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Sixth

STATE: Maryland
CODE: 24
COUNTY: Howard
CODE: 027

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"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) vacant	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Trustees of the Union Chapel

STREET AND NUMBER:
Union Chapel

CITY OR TOWN: Glenwood
STATE: Maryland
CODE: 24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Howard County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City
STATE: Maryland
CODE: 24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

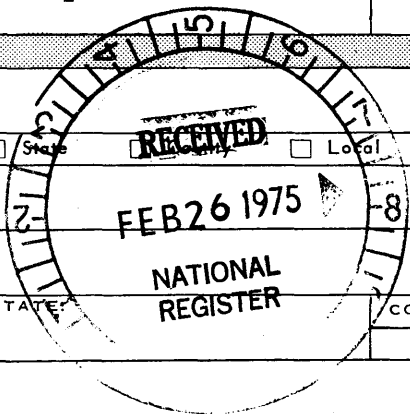
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Union Chapel is situated on the west side of Maryland Route 97, approximately two and one-half miles south of the Intersection of Route 97 and Interstate 70 N, and one mile north of Glenwood, in Howard County and is easily recognizable for its strikingly simple yet interesting detail. It stands on a slight rise of land adjacent to the main road. To the rear of the chapel is the attractively landscaped non-sectarian Oak Grove cemetery.

Completed in 1833 the rectangular two-story building is of stuccoed stone construction. The principal facade faces east and is three bays across at both the first and second floor levels. The first story, which is fronted by a masonry stoop extending the width of this elevation and ascended by several steps, has a centered triple window of twelve over twelve double hung sash flanked by narrower or of three over three sash. Flanking the window are single, transomed doors. There are three windows across the second floor. The center one is a near duplicate of that below; has twelve over eight rather than twelve over twelve panes. On either side, positioned above the doors, are smaller windows of twelve over eight sash each.

Two first floor windows of twelve over eight sash constitute the only openings in either of the end elevations. On the rear elevation is a centered, one-story extension that has a stained glass window, similar in size to the two largest facade windows, on its back wall. On both side walls of this shallow projection are narrow windows of six over six sash that have been lowered about two feet from their original positions. Other exterior detail includes gable roof, with the rear slope extended to accommodate the extension. At each end of the roof ridge is a single flue stove chimney. The eave cornices on both front and back are boxed and decorated with single ogee moldings.

Much of the visual charm and architectural interest of Union Chapel is its interior plan and detail, which has survived in a relatively undisturbed state. The first floor level consists of a single room with three sets of pews separated by two aisles. On three sides (north, south, and east) is a shallow balustraded gallery, supported by turned tapered columns of the Doric order. Centered on the rear (west) wall is an elevated platform with a balustrade extending across its entire length. Occupying a central position on the platform is a lecturn. Most of this reading platform is situated within an alcove that is embellished by half-round pilasters supporting a molded keystone arch. Flanking the reading platform were narrow enclosed stairs, rising in two flights to the gallery. One of these stairs was removed several years ago but the other remains intact. The pews, all movable, are of a simple design with carpentry

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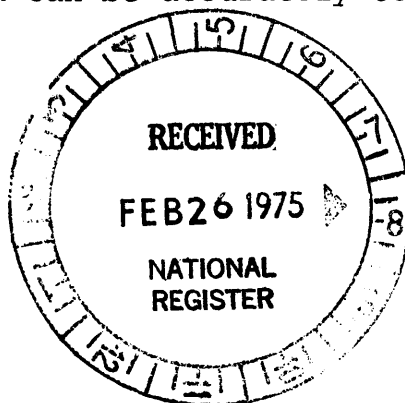
Union Chapel

7. DESCRIPTION, continued

details that indicate a later date than the remainder of the 1833 interior woodwork.

An interesting structural feature of Union Chapel is the roof and second floor ceiling framing, which employs a truss system to support the great expanse of ceiling. Extending across the building from end to end is a fourteen by fourteen inch beam that has an equally large post centrally positioned on it. Angled braces, extending up from each end of the beam to the upper sides of the post, prevent the beam and plastered ceiling from sagging. Sawn joists are morticed into the beam and lapped and pinned over the wall plates. The roof rafters, many of rough finished saplings, are morticed and tenoned at the ridge and butted and nailed onto the joist ends.

For several years Union Chapel has stood vacant and in an unprotected state. Thus the exposure of the interior has taken its toll in extensive deterioration. Nevertheless, at least seventy percent of the interior woodwork is salvageable and that which must be replaced can be accurately copied from surviving detail.



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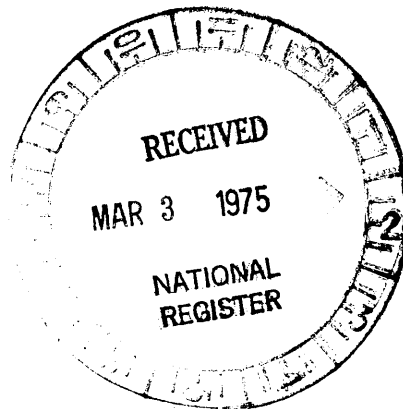
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8. SIGNIFICANCE, continued

Union Chapel is a good representative example of vernacular ecclesiastical architecture of the northern region of Maryland. Its form, plan, and material is basically similar to that of many buildings constructed throughout Baltimore, Carroll, North Howard, and Frederick Counties from about 1790 to about 1850. The principal significance of this building, however, derives from the almost completely intact state of its interior. Although somewhat deteriorated, these features document its initial appearance with more accuracy than almost any other similar building that has been recorded.

In addition to its architectural interest, Union Chapel deserves recognition as being one of the earliest religiously oriented buildings remaining in the North Howard and Carroll County area. Although founded and built for non-denominational use, its eventual close and almost sole connection with the Methodist Church resulted in its present consideration as a Methodist Historic Landmark. It is today recognized and identified as a physical link in a trail of residences and churches tracing the movement and development of that religious denomination throughout Maryland.



SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1833**

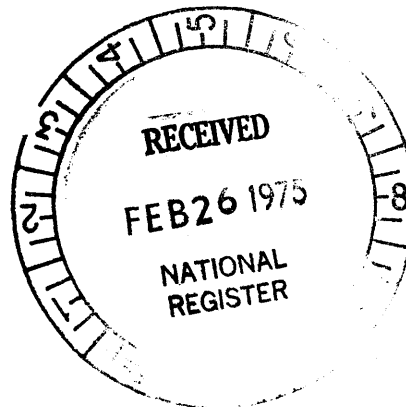
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <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

Union Chapel traces its history to 1831 when Charles D. Warfield, a member of a prominent Maryland family of the same surname that settled this region, deeded the property to the residents of the area for non-denominational church and community use. When the chapel was built in 1833 ten men were appointed trustees, five of them representing the Methodist church and five various other faiths. Although the building for many years served its intended functions it eventually became more and more closely associated with the Methodists and was with increasing frequency utilized by them as a chapel. Even today it is considered the property of the Methodist church, although the present members (nine) of the board of trustees retain near complete control over its future.

Although abandoned for several years and deteriorating rapidly, the trustees have begun taking actions towards securing a future for the chapel. They have boarded up the building and have begun the solicitation of funds for its restoration. At the present time there are plans for merging the Union Chapel with the non-sectarian Oak Hill cemetery, thus hopefully assuring the preservation of both.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mrs. Edwin Warfield Gramkow, Notes on Union Chapel, Howard County, files of the Maryland Historical Trust, 21 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 1973.
 Celia M. Holland, "Where the Prominent Rest in Peace," an article published in the Central Maryland News, October 15, 1964.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

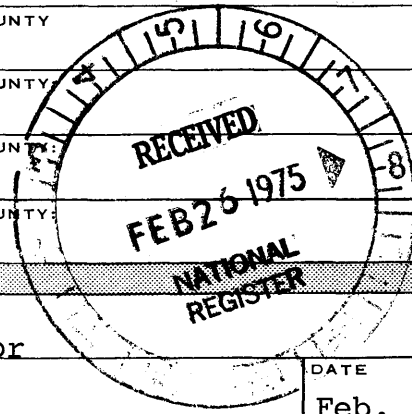
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Less than one acre**

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: **J. Richard Rivoire, Field Surveyor**

ORGANIZATION: **Maryland Historical Trust** DATE: **Feb. 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER: **21 State Circle**

CITY OR TOWN: **Annapolis** STATE: **Maryland** CODE: **24**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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: Arthur C. Townsend
 Title: State Historic Preservation Officer
 Date: February 21, 1975

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

[Signature]
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 3/17/75

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date: 3.14.75