

## *Maryland Inventory of Historic Places Addendum*

**M: 15-62**

**Columbia Primitive Baptist Church**

**15900 Columbia Pike**

**Burtonsville, Montgomery County**

**EHT Traceries, Inc., Surveyor**

**October 2003**

The purpose of this addendum was to provide an interior architectural description of the Columbia Primitive Baptist Church and reevaluate the eligibility of the property as Primitive Baptist church. Architectural historians Kristie Baynard and Jerry Maready of EHT Traceries gained access to the interior of the church on October 30, 2003 and November 20, 2003.

### *Section 7: Description*

#### Interior Description

Built in 1855, the Columbia Primitive Baptist Church features a simple rectangular plan with a circa 1975 rear addition. The one-room sanctuary has a carpeted center aisle flanked by eight rows of pews where the congregation sits. The elder leads the service from the pulpit, which sits on a center raised platform with a single pew. As the denomination does not believe in instrumental accompaniment, the services do not include a choir, organ or piano. Services are held weekly on Sunday mornings, with additional services held on an irregular basis by visiting pastors.

Entry into the church is through the central double-leaf, paneled-wood doors on the southeast elevation. The doors do not appear to be original and most likely date from the early to mid-twentieth century. The doors, finished with replacement late-20<sup>th</sup>-century brass knobs, have two slightly raised, wood panels. The top panel is semi-circular and the bottom panel is rectangular. The walls are pierced by six clear-glass 6/6 double-hung, wood-sash windows, each framed by square-edged wood surrounds. The head of the casing has a small double-fillet molding and the remainder of the surround is beaded. A brick chimney is located on the southeast exterior elevation. According to a deacon of the Columbia Primitive Baptist Church, a wood-stove originally provided heat for the sanctuary. The stove has been removed, the flue opening and chimney stack were sealed off so that they are not visible on the interior, and electric baseboards installed. A five-inch flush baseboard with a canted top molding exists on the southeast wall.

The tongue-and-groove wood floors do not appear to be original, however, it is possible they are historic. Carpet was installed at the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century to partially cover the floor. The original plaster on the walls is intact. Around the perimeter of the sanctuary is tongue-and-groove wainscoting comprised of beaded vertical boards. The original chair rail is not entirely visible due to a beveled replacement chair rail capping the wainscoting. Circa 1990, a cove ceiling with a thin wood-plank covering was installed, covering the

original flat, plastered ceiling. Non-historic chandelier lighting fixtures illuminate the church.

It is difficult to discern the age of the wood pulpit, although it appears to be historic. The pulpit is approximately three-and-a-half feet high, and sits upon a centered raised platform. The heavily molded flat top rests on a recessed panel body and a heavily molded base. Joined by square-headed nails, the original pews are separated with a central aisle, and face the pulpit. One pew, where the elder or visiting pastor sits during the church's weekly Sunday morning service, is placed on the raised platform behind the pulpit. Two pews sit perpendicular to the main seating on the western side of the pulpit, and one is positioned similarly on the eastern side. These pews are only used during special services.

A one-story addition was constructed circa 1975 on the northwest elevation of the Columbia Primitive Baptist Church. This addition houses two bathrooms and a small foyer. The northwest wall of the original church was pierced to accommodate an entry to the addition. The new six-paneled wood door has a non-historic molded surround. The floor of the foyer is carpeted and the ceiling is similar to that in the sanctuary. A doorway on the northeast wall of the addition provides exterior access. The doors and surrounds for the bathrooms and exterior entrance are similar to the six-paneled, non-historic, wood door in the northwest wall of the church. A poured concrete ramp, running parallel to the wall of the church, leads to the exterior door of the church's addition.

### **Section 8: Significance**

The Columbia Primitive Baptist Church is unique as the only church belonging to the Primitive Baptist sect in Montgomery County and in Maryland. Therefore, the church is associated with events or trends that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history. This sect separated from the established church in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century due to doctrinal differences. The denomination opposed missions, Sunday schools, and all "contrivances which seem to make the salvation of men depend on human effort." The property retains location, setting, design, feeling and association, all elements of integrity relevant to Criterion A. Therefore, the Columbia Primitive Baptist Church is eligible under Criterion A. The church is not associated with any person or group of persons of outstanding importance to the community, state, and nation. Therefore the Columbia Primitive Baptist Church is not eligible under Criterion B. The Columbia Primitive Baptist Church is not an exemplary representative of churches in Montgomery County or Maryland. It is a modest wood-frame church, however it lacks architectural integrity. The west addition, the application of a portico, the installation of vinyl siding, and lack of materials on the interior of the church has substantially impacted the integrity. Therefore, it is not eligible under Criterion C. The Columbia Primitive Baptist Church does not have the potential to yield important information to contribute to

the understanding or documentation of this sect in Montgomery County. It was not evaluated under Criterion D. **Therefore, it has been determined that the Columbia Primitive Baptist Church is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A.** The period of significance for the property extends from 1855 to 1947.

#### Columbia Primitive Baptist Church

*Specific Date: 1855*

A previous MIHP form, prepared in the 1970s, indicates the 1855 church was destroyed by fire and the present structure was erected on the stone foundations about 1880. No documentation has been located to support the destruction of the original church and its rebuilding on the stone foundations. The 1855 construction date given to the church in this addendum is supported by its modest form, stone foundation, published church histories, and oral history provided by a deacon of the church (Mr. Preston Maxwell). Alterations to the interior detailing of the church make identification of the original construction date difficult.

In 1855, Richard and Lavinia C. Waters granted two-and-a-half acres in Montgomery County along Columbia Pike for the church's use. This portion of land was part of a 150-acre farm. A modest structure was soon erected on the parcel of land, with a cemetery established to the rear by the 1860s with the establishment of the Waters family plot. The land on which the church was erected was deeded to the trustees of the church in 1903.

Services are held weekly on Sunday mornings, with additional services held on an irregular basis by visiting pastors. Lunch is held at the Fellowship Hall every first, third, and fifth Sunday of each month.

#### *Primitive Baptists*

The Primitive Baptists were a constituting member of the Baptist Association on the Western Shore of Maryland, which was first constituted in August 1793. Columbia Primitive Baptist Church was then known as the church as Hammond Branch, with Elder John Welsh serving as pastor in 1793. The Baptist Association, of which the Hammond Branch was a part, included as many as 1,362 members in 1820.

In 1821, the Hammond Branch along with the Old Seneca Churches withdrew from the Baltimore Association. The break was in opposition to "the plan of conducting missionary societies." Elder Plummer Waters, then pasturing both the Hammond Church and the Old Seneca Churches, "took a stand against the enterprise and all who favored it...not to the thing itself, but to the manner of conducting the work."<sup>1</sup> The divisions continued until 1845 with the establishment of the "old-school Baptists" or primitive

Baptists and the “new-school Baptists” or missionary Baptists.<sup>2</sup> Thus, on November 25, 1855, the Hammond Branch Church became known as the Columbia Primitive Baptist, a name that did not represent a change in doctrine or practice as the denomination has always held to the primitive faith and order.

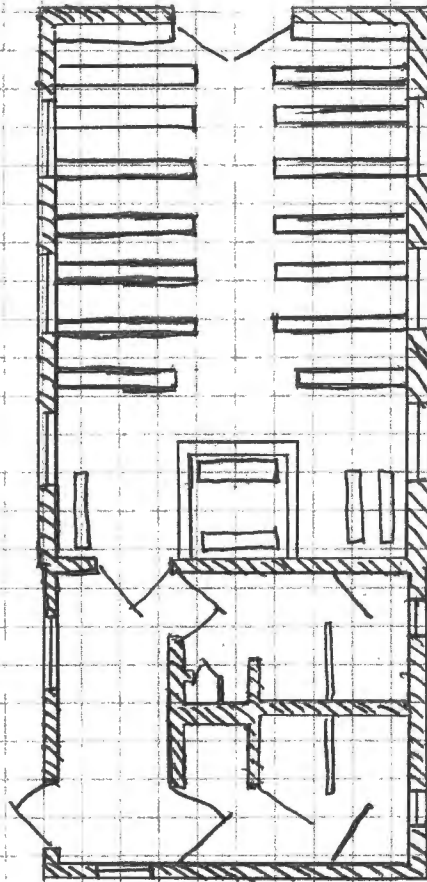
### Endnotes

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<sup>1</sup> The Columbia Primitive Baptist Church, <http://columbiaprimitivebaptist.com>. Downloaded November 17, 2003.

<sup>2</sup> J.V. Kirkland, “A Condensed History of the Church of God,” copyrighted 1904. Downloaded November 17, 2003 from The Primitive Baptist Web Station, <http://www.pb.org/pbdocs/condhist.html>.

# RESOURCE SKETCH MAP



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

NOT TO SCALE



ID#: M: 15-62

Name: Columbia Primitive Baptist Church

Address: 15900 Columbia Pike

Town/Town Vicinity: Burtonsville

County: Montgomery



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Columbia Primitive Baptist Church

Montgomery County, MD

TRACERIES

11/2003

MD SHPO

SE ELEVATION

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Columbia Primitive Baptist Church  
Montgomery County, MD

TRACERIES

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MD SHPD

EAST CORNER

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Montgomery County, MD

TRACERIES

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MD SHPO

NORTH CORNER

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Montgomery County, MD

TRACERIES

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MD SHPD

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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Montgomery County, MD

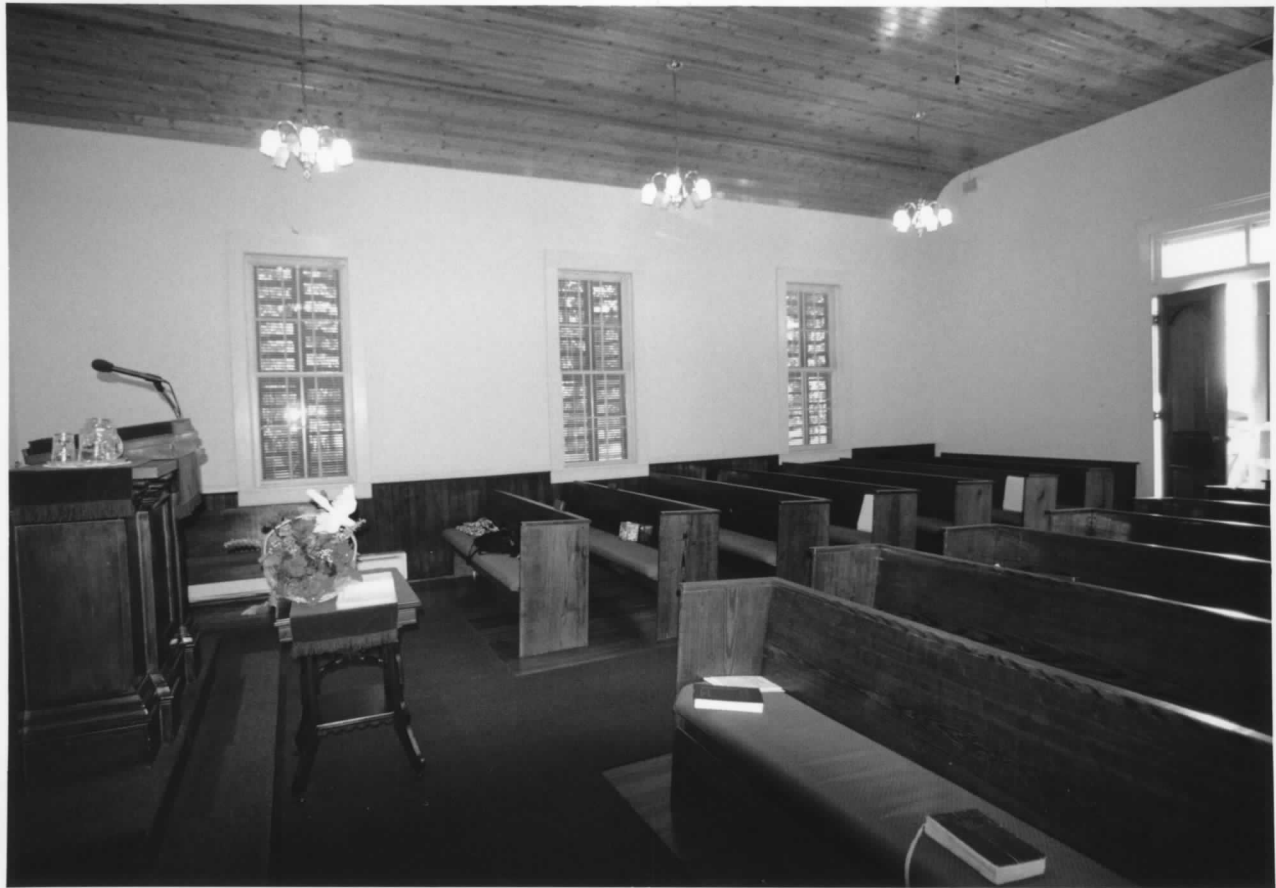
TRACERIES

W/2003

MD SHPD

Interior, view looking NW

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Columbia Primitive Baptist Church  
Montgomery County, MD

TRACERIES

11/2003

MD SHPO

Interior, view looking EAST

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Montgomery County, MD

TRACERIES

11/2003

MD SAPO

Interior, view looking South

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Montgomery County, MD

TRACERIES

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MD SHPO

Interior, Addition view looking east

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Montgomery County, MD

TRACERIES

11/2003

MD SHPO

Interior, Addition, view looking west

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SA CISSSEL

March 3, 1905

Jan. 17, 1893

*Rest in Peace*

DIED  
1903

RICHARD WATERS  
1836 — 1904



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Columbia Primitive Baptist Church

Montgomery County, MD

TRAILERIES

11/2003

MD SHPB

CEMETERY, VIEW LOOKING NW

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Property Address	15900 Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, Montgomery County
Owner Name/Address	Columbia Primitive Baptist Church, 15900 Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, Maryland 20866
	Year Built circa 1880

**Description:**

The Columbia Primitive Baptist Church was previously surveyed by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission in 1973, and by a representative of the Sugarloaf Regional Trails group in 1979. There are two outbuildings on the site, which were noted during the previous survey. The first outbuilding is a concrete masonry, front gable meeting hall. The building has shuttered windows, a pair of doors with a gable entry on the east elevation, and an aluminum door on the south elevation. The second outbuilding is a small concrete masonry, gable roof shed. There is also a covered well south of the first outbuilding.

The church has been altered since the previous survey by an extension of the sanctuary to the west. The extension is not as wide as the original building, and the roof elevation is significantly lower than the original roof. The church has also been altered by the installation of vinyl siding, and a gabled entry with two decorative columns and two pilasters. The north facade has a similar gable entry on the rear extension. This entry is accessed by concrete steps and a concrete, disabled access ramp.

**National Register Evaluation:**

Constructed circa 1880, the Columbia Primitive Baptist Church is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The church appears to meet Criteria Consideration A and to be eligible under Criterion A, as the only church building in the county belonging to the Primitive Baptist sect. This sect, which is strong in the rural south, separated from the established church in the early 19th century due to doctrinal differences. This denomination opposes missions, Sunday schools, and all "contrivances which seem to make the salvation of men depend on human effort". The period of significance for the property extends from circa 1880 to 1947. The church is not eligible under Criterion B as no person significant in local, state or national history has been determined to have been associated with the church. The property does not meet Criterion C, as it is a modest frame church which lacks architectural integrity. The west extension, which is smaller than the original building, the addition of entry porches with decorative columns and pilasters, and the installation of vinyl siding have introduced architectural elements that are out of character with the original design. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, does not meet Criterion D.

**Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:**

The National Register boundary of the Columbia Primitive Baptist Church follows the current property lines of 15900 Columbia Pike (Tax Map KS 562, Parcel 275). This .81 hectare (2.02 acre) parcel is bounded on the north and west by an adjacent tax parcel, on the south by the PEPCO powerline and right-of-way, and on the east by Columbia Pike (U.S. 29). The boundary includes the church and cemetery, which contribute to the significance of the property, and three non-contributing structures which are less than fifty (50) years old; a meeting hall, a shed, and a covered well. The property, which included the church and cemetery, was part of the 60.7 hectare (150 acre) Waters Farm, when 1.01 hectare (2.5 acres) were deeded by the Waters to the church in 1903. The acreage was reduced to its current size after 1979, when the PEPCO powerline was constructed.

<b>MHT CONCURRENCE:</b>			
Eligibility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recommended	<input type="checkbox"/> not recommended	
Criteria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____			
_____			
_____			
E. Hannold/K. Williams	8/26/1998	<i>[Signature]</i>	3/11/02
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date	Reviewer, NR program	Date

Preparer:  
P.A.C. Spero & Company  
January 1997



ACHS SUMMARY FORM

11-2-62  
 (date of survey)

1. Name: Columbia Primitive Baptist Church

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 15/67      3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 18  
 Coordinate B-7

4. Address: Route 29  
 Burtonsville, Md.

5. Classification Summary

Category <u>building</u>	Previous Survey Recording <u>MNCPPC</u>
Ownership <u>private</u>	Title and Date: <u>Historic Sites Inventory</u> 1976
Public Acquisition <u>N/A</u>	
Status <u>occupied</u>	
Accessible <u>yes; restricted</u>	Federal <u>    </u> State <u>x</u> County <u>x</u> Local <u>    </u>
Present use <u>religious</u>	

6. Date: c. 1880      7. Original Owner: Primitive Baptist Church  
 Trustees

8. Apparent Condition

a. good      b. altered      c. original site

9. Description:

This is a one story frame clapboard sheathed church with a windowless main facade and modern double doors with a transom light above. The north and south elevations each have three shuttered windows; on the north side is an exterior brick chimney of the size for a stove. Window frames are narrow boards with a bead along the inside edge and the sills are wider plain board. The returned box cornice gives the structure a vaguely revival appearance. Stone foundations probably mid 19th century. In church cemetery are several graves of members of the Waters family. The oldest dates from about 1860.

10. Significance: The Primitive Baptist Church is the only example of the architecture that particular section in the County. Primitive Baptists are the original Baptists, according to the current pastor. The Baptist church separated in the early 19th century because of doctrinal differences. These Baptists decline fellowship with any church that supports missionaries, uses the Bible tracts, holds Sunday school or advocates theological schools.

This building was erected about 1880 on the foundation of a previous church (built c. 1855) that burned. The property was not deeded to the church trustees until 1903.

11. Researcher and date researched: Sylvia Gorozdos -5/79

Mike Dwyer  
 Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Margaret Coleman

13. Date Compiled:

14. Designation  
 Approval     

15. Acreage: 2½ acres

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 15/67

MAGI:

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Columbia Primitive Baptist Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Burtonsville, Maryland on Route 29

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

8

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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Columbia Primitive Baptist Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Burtonsville

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20730

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: TD 26

Folio #: 251

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

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**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

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

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

This is a one story frame clapboard sheathed church with a windowless main facade and modern double doors with a transom light above. The north and south elevations each have three shuttered windows; on the north side is an exterior brick chimney of the size for a stove. Window frames are narrow boards with a bead along the inside edge and the sills are wider plain board. The returned box cornice gives the structure a vaguely revival appearance. Stone foundations probably mid 19th century. In church cemetery are several graves of members of the Waters family. The oldest dates from about 1860.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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      c. 1880

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This building was built about 1880 on the foundation of a previous church that burned.

The original church was built about 1855 when the congregation moved from a town in Howard County, Hammonds Branch.<sup>1</sup>

The property was not deeded to the church trustees, however, until 1903. Richard and Lavinia C. Waters gave the 2½ acres of church property to the church.<sup>2</sup> This parcel was part of the 150 acre farm, Snowden's New Birmingham Manor purchased by Waters from Thomas Waters in 1879.

The church cemetery contains several graves of members of the Waters family, dating from about 1860.

The Primitive Baptist Church is unique because it is the only one belonging to that particular sect in the county. Primitive Baptists are the original Baptist sect, according to James Compton, who preaches there the first Sunday of each month. "It's a very simple religion," he says. "We assemble, sing and make melody, preach the gospel and dismiss."<sup>4</sup>

Primitive Baptists separated from the established church in the early 19th century because of doctrinal differences. They were opposed to missions, Sunday schools, and all "contrivances which seem to make the salvation of men depend on human effort." These differences first began to manifest themselves actively about 1830 and from 1835 onward they produced schisms in many churches and associations. They call themselves Primitive Baptists, and have been called by others. "Antimission", "Old School" and "Hard-shell" Baptists.

Their associations decline fellowship with any church that supports any missionary, Bible, tract or Sunday school or that advocates state conventions or theological schools.

As of 1963 they had churches in 28 states and were strong in the country districts of Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee. There has been an impression until late years that they had become a feeble body, rapidly on the way to extinction. Such is undoubtedly the case in the North, but in the South they seem to be not merely holding their own, but increasing. In the 1890's they had 3,222 churches with a membership of 121,347 persons.<sup>5</sup>

**FOOTNOTES:**

1. Geraci, Ron; Linda Donnary and Vicki Walker, Old Building Survey of the Burtonsville Area, Burtonsville Bicentennial Committee, 1976, p. 18.
2. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., TD26/251 (May 15, 1903).
3. Ibid., EBP 19/352 (January 24, 1879).
4. Sentinel, Comprint Lane, Gaithersburg, Md., April 29, 1976.
5. Vedder, Henry C., A Short History of the Baptists, 1963, The American Baptist Publication Society, Valley Forge, Penn., p. 388.

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Old Building Survey of the Burtonsville Area by Ron Geraci, Vicki Walker, Linda Donnary, Burtonsville Bicentennial Committee, 1976.  
Boyd, THS., History of Montgomery County, Maryland, Regional Publishing Company, 1879.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 1/2 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	Sylvia Gorozdos	Mike Dwyer	Architectural Description
ORGANIZATION	Sugarloaf Regional Trails	DATE	May 1979
STREET & NUMBER	Box 87	TELEPHONE	926-4510
CITY OR TOWN	Dickerson	STATE	Maryland 20753

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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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Columbia Primitive Baptist Church				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: New Columbia Pike				
CITY OR TOWN: Burtonsville				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied
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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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Columbia Primitive Baptist Church				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Burtonsville		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. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
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
	(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

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century
- 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In the church cemetery, are several graves of members of the Waters family. The oldest dates from about 1860.

Shown on Martenet and Bond's "Map of Montgomery County, Maryland" (1865) as Baptist Church.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE:	COUNTY:

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: 1/22/73

STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

**12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)**

Significance of this property is:  
 National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated June 12, 1984

ACTION TAKEN

The following sites have been reviewed and found not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Those sites also listed on the Locational Atlas will no longer be subject to regulation under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition.

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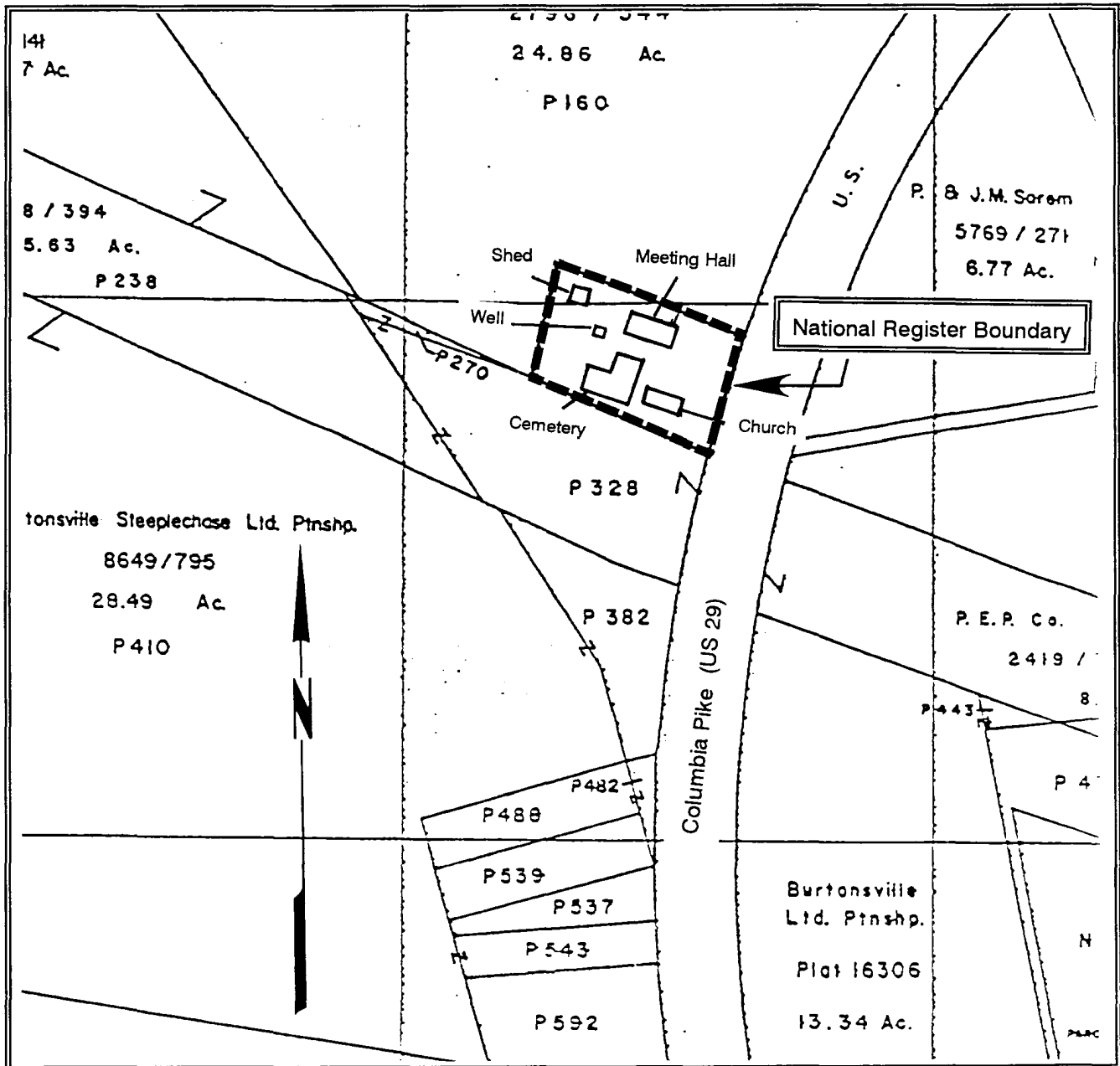
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\*Recommended for designation by the Mont. Co. Historic Preservation Commission.

\*\*These sites were previously considered by the County Council and found not to warrant regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. They are listed here to bring the functional Master Plan in conformance with Council's actions.

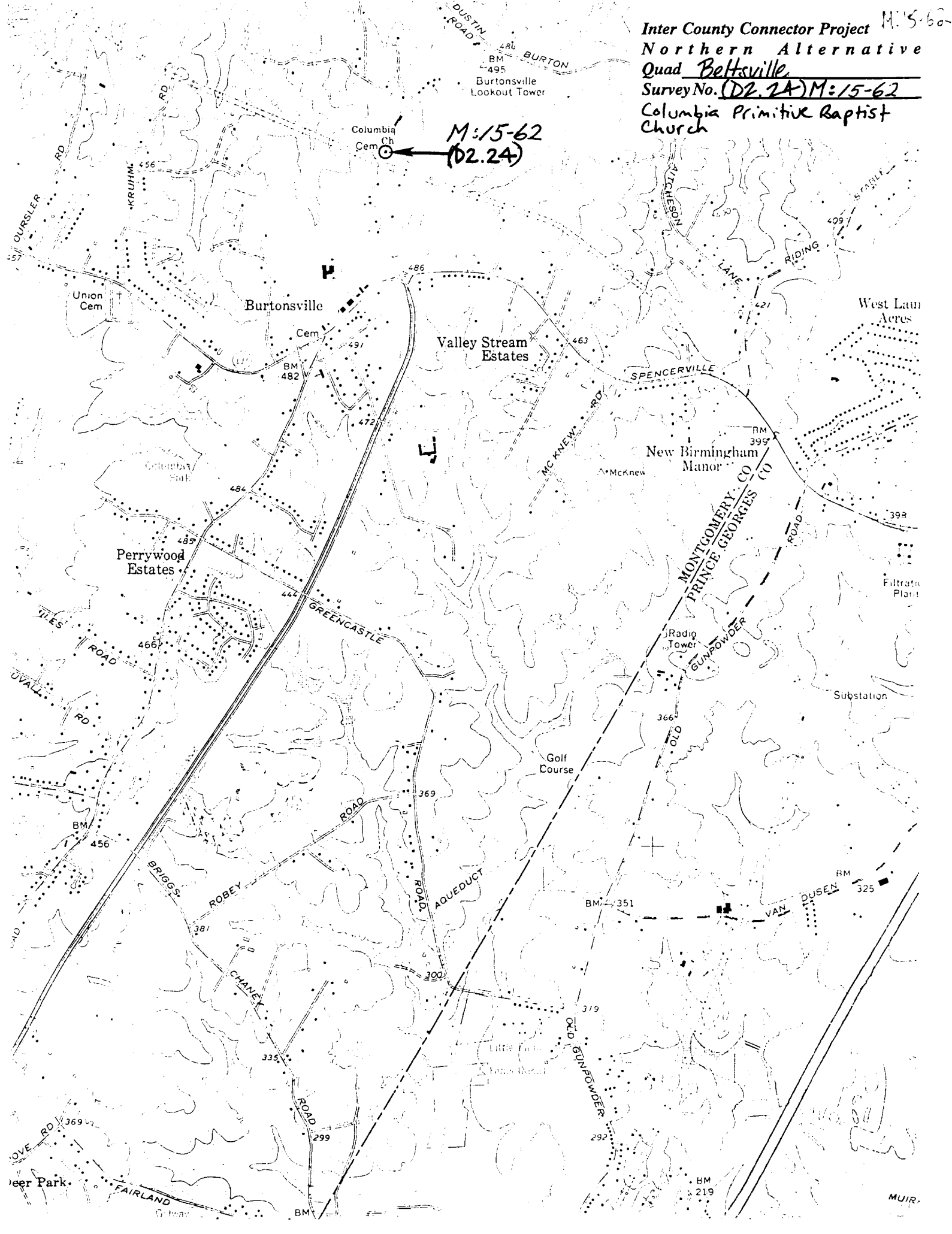
Property Address 15900 Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, Montgomery County  
Owner Name/Address Columbia Primitive Baptist Church, 15900 Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, Maryland 20866  
Year Built circa 1880

Resource Sketch Map and National Register Boundary Map:



Inter County Connector Project M:15-62  
Northern Alternative  
Quad Beltsville  
Survey No. (D2.24) M:15-62  
Columbia Primitive Baptist Church

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- 3) Montgomery County
- 4) Ryan McKay
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- 8) 1 of 3





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Pike, west and south

8) 2 of 3

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- 3 Montgomery County
- 4 Ryan McKay
- 5 February 1996
- 6 PNC Spew and Company, Towson MD 21204
- 7 Columbia Primitive Baptist Church, 15900 Columbia  
Pike, North facade
- 8 3 of 3



Columbia  
PRIMITIVE  
Baptist  
Church

NAME COLUMBIA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

M: #15-62

LOCATION W. SIDE OF RT. 29,  $\frac{1}{4}$  MI. N. OF BURTONSVILLE, MD.

FACADE N.E.

PHOTO TAKEN 1/16/73 M.D.WYER