

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M-19-5  
(date entered 5-13-80)

1. Name Neelsville Presbyterian Church
2. Planning Area/Site Number 19/5
3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference Map 7  
F-12
4. Address 20701 Frederick Road, Germantown
5. Classification Summary
- Category building
- Ownership private
- Public Acquisition NA
- Status occupied
- Accessible yes: restricted
- Present use religious
- Previous Survey Recording M-NCPPC Federal      State      County X Local
6. Date 1877
7. Original Owner Presbytery of  
Baltimore
8. Apparent Condition
- a. good
- b. altered
- c. original site
9. Description: This Gothic Revival style frame church is located on Rt. 355 at Neelsville, between Gaithersburg & Clarksburg & faces west. It is 1½ stories high, 3 bays across & 5 bays deep with brick foundations & white clapboarding. A small entry pavilion on the front (west) elevation leads to the double paneled doors. Ten wooden buttresses with brick foundations are on all other elevations. The church has a gable roof with slate tiles arranged in a fish-scale design. At the gable's peak is an electrified cross, added in 1936. Seating is limited to 160-240 persons on wooden pews. Stained glass windows commemorate local families. A cemetery is east of the church. To the north is a 1-story wing which connects the church buildings with a meeting hall; the hall is 1½ stories high, 5 bays by 2 bays, with a gable roof.
10. Significance: The significance of this building is the date of construction, and its part of the developing Presbyterianism in the County. The original church was built in 1845 by conservative Presbyterians; it faced south. The present building dates from 1877. Presbyterians at Darnestown and Neelsville formed the original congregation. But in 1867, member Andrew Small of Darnestown, left a will endowing the church, but stipulating that the minister must spend ¾ of his time at Darnestown, ¼ at Neelsville. In response, the Neelsville group retained their local pastor who already owned his home there, and the Darnestownites built a manse and hired a new minister. Eventually the money was shared, and the churches remained a single corporate body until 1963. The Presbyterians recently constructed a new church and now rent their old one to the Messiah Lutheran Church, Missouri synod.
- Date researched and researcher Lyn Trojanowsky - 6/79 Candy Reed  
Arch. Description
12. Compiler Peg Coleman
13. Date Compiled 6/79
14. Designation  
Approval
15. Acreage: 9.870 acres

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 19/5

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Neelsville Presbyterian Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 20701 Frederick Road

CITY, TOWN Germantown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF Neelsville 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 Board of Trustees of the Neelsville Presbyterian Church Telephone #: 972-3916

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: STS2;EBP9;JA5;2739  
Folio #: 63;175;10;221

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

M: 19-5

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

This Gothic Revival Style church faces west on Route 355. Built on brick foundations, it has a white clapboarded exterior. The church is one and a half stories high, three bays across and five bays deep.

On the west elevation there is a small entry pavilion. This has a gable roof. Four concrete steps lead up to the double wooden paneled doors. The doorway is surmounted by a fanlight. There are six light clear lancet windows on the north and south sides of the pavilion. The remainder of the lancet windows in the church are stained glass. These windows are further defined by the wooden pediment which outlines the peak of the window frame. Five memorial windows are dedicated to the families; Benson, Crawford, Warfield, Waters, Snyder, Carl, Richards, and Hanshew. There are four hanging lamps dating from the 1920-1930 period projecting down from the forty-foot ceiling about 20 feet. There are twenty pews each of which seats 8 to 12 persons. The marble baptismal fount in front and to the left of the altar does not have an inscription. According to Mrs. King's history it is dedicated to Mr. Gilligan who served the church between 1921 and 1926.<sup>a</sup> Directly behind the fount is a marble plaque dedicated to J.H.S. Henderson. The plaque indicates that he was pastor for 18 years and died August 17, 1882 at 67 years of age. The altar is on a platform elevated about one foot and surrounded by a wooden rail. The floor is also made of wood.

The addition although built in 1929 and furthermodified in 1947 incorporated the architectural style of the earlier building. There is an entrance hall to the school room which can be entered two ways. To the left of the church (exterior) is a walk way about 20 feet in length that ends at a paned glass door in the middle of the entrance. The hallway can also be entered from inside the church at the left side of the altar. This construction gives the overall building an "L" shape. The school room is now used as a thrift shop.

The style and architecture of the church seem in keeping with most of the older houses in the area which are probably the same vintage.

There are six wooden buttresses along the north and south elevations. There are four buttresses along the east elevation. These buttresses have brick foundations. There is an exterior brick chimney on the east (rear) elevation. The church has a gable roof with slate tiles arranged in a fish scale design. There is a decorative bargeboard at the west gable end of the church. At the peak of the gable there is an electrified cross. There are two small one story clapboarded additions at the east elevations.

A neon cross on the roof was added in 1936.<sup>a</sup>

East of the church is a cemetery. To the north there is a one story wing which connects the church buildings with a meeting hall. This hall was added in 1929. A kitchen and bathroom were added in 1947. This meeting hall building is built on cinderblock foundations and is one and a half stories high and is five bays by two bays. It has both six-over-six and eight-over-eight double-hung windows. The building is entered on the west elevation of the connecting wing through glass and wooden paneled doors. This building has a galbe roof with asbestos covering. There are six buttresses on the east and west elevations and three buttresses on the north elevation.

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The church sits on a hill surrounded by pines and cedars.

FOOTNOTE:

a. King, Mrs. Merhel U., The History of Neelsville Presbyterian Church, 1845-1964, Neelsville Presbyterian Church, Germantown, 1964, p. 4.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1877

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Neelsville Church was established by the Presbytery of Baltimore in 1845, and the original church building apparently dates from that period.<sup>1</sup> The Neelsville Church and the Darnestown Church, which was established ten years later, adhered to the "old school" of thought, or more conservative faction of the Church. The old school included many southerners who would not agree to an anti-slavery stand. The original church faced what was then Briggs Road and is now the Neelsville Church Road.

The present building was built in 1877 and dedicated on June 2, 1878.<sup>2</sup> For the new building, land north of the old church lot was purchased from Rosanna and James Henderson and William and Jane Benson in 1872 and 1877.<sup>3</sup>

The first minister was a Mr. Motzer, who was succeeded by the Rev. James S.H. Henderson. Henderson served for 18 years at Neelsville, and had married Rosanna, the daughter of Joseph Neel. During this time controversy arose as to the location of a manse for the minister of the two churches. Andrew Small of Darnestown had left a will in 1867 which donated \$35,000 to the church provided that an academy be built, and that the minister spend 3/4 of his time in Darnestown and 1/4 at Neelsville. When the conflict over the manse was resolved and it had finally been built at Darnestown and the academy had also been built, \$27,000 remained. Neelsville Presbyterians voted to have the Rev. J.S.H. Henderson remain at their parish, so as of 1870 each church had its own leader. Eventually the money was equally shared and the churches remained a single corporate body until 1963.<sup>4</sup>

An additional chapel was built in 1896 in Germantown at a halfway point between the two churches, to serve those who could not travel so far in winter. It was sold for use as a residence 40 years later.<sup>5</sup>

The Neelsville Church purchased 7.087 acres in 1956 from the Harry Hoskinson estate for \$11,000.<sup>6</sup> The land was to be used for an educational building of greater dimensions, and a church when the parishioners outgrew the old one. These two buildings have been erected within the past 10 years.

The old Neelsville Church has been rented to the Messiah Lutheran Church, Missouri synod, since 1976.

The cemetery is still in use.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Martinet & Bond, Map of Montgomery County, 1865; King, Mrs. Merhel, The History of Neelsville Presbyterian Church, 1845-1964, Germantown, Maryland, 1964, p. 1.
2. The Montgomery County Sentinel, Rockville, Md., June 21, 1878.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

See Attachment Sheet A

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 9.870 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	Lyn (Helen) Trojanowski	Candy Reed Architectural Description
ORGANIZATION	Sugarloaf Regional Trails	DATE June 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.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Neelsville Presbyterian Church

8. Significance (continued)

FOOTNOTES:

3. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., EBP 9/170 (Jan. 16, 1872); JA 5/10 (March 22, 1887).
4. Wells, John F., Jr., A History of the Darnestown Presbyterian Church, Darnestown Presbyterian Church, Darnestown, Md., 1955, p. 5; King, Op. Cit., p. 4.
5. Land Records, Op. Cit., JA 53/303 (April 21, 1896). Interview: Harold Hargett, Germantown, former clerk of the session of the Neelsville Church, fall 1978.

9. Bibliography

Hargett, Harold. Interview; Germantown, Md.

King, Mrs., Betty. The History of Neelsville Presbyterian Church, 1845-1964, Neelsville Presbyterian Church, Germantown, Md., 1964.

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Martinet and Bond. Map of Montgomery County, 1865.

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Wells, John F., Jr. A History of the Darnestown Presbyterian Church, Darnestown Presbyterian Church, Darnestown, Md., 1955.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Neelsville Presbyterian Church				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Frederick Road (Rte. 355)				
CITY OR TOWN: Germantown				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition:	<input 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
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC				
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<input 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Trustees of Neelsville Presbyterian Church				
STREET AND NUMBER: Frederick Road (Rte. 355)				
CITY OR TOWN: Germantown		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
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:		

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**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

The church is a frame building with a gabled facade. There is a central, pedimented entrance porch with double doors with a fanlight. The windows have triangular heads. The gable has stick-style work and a circular window. The sides are five bays; the triangular-headed windows separated by triangular buttresses. The faces of the buttresses have a triangular motif of applied mouldings. Window frames are wide boards with applied mouldings on the outside edge. The roof is patterned slate tiles.

On the north is a lower, one story wing with buttresses identical to those on the church separating the bays. The windows are square-headed, double hung sash.

The gable window is colored glass with the words "Presbyterian Church" and the date "1877" around the perimeter.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



M:19-5

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:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11 FORM PREPARED BY	
NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION MNCPPC	DATE 9 Dec 74
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 <input type="checkbox"/>	State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>
Signature _____	

In 1849 a road was constructed in Montgomery County connecting two Presbyterian congregations, one at Nealsville (later Neelsville) and one at Darnestown. Later, the stained-glass windows and expensive archi-

tectural details were added to the Neelsville Presbyterian Church, reflecting the prosperity of the railroad era. Courtesy of Idella Leaman



Two-thirds of the new congregations organized in Montgomery County from 1870 to 1910 were Methodist. Pictured here is St. Paul's Methodist Church, built in 1886 in the blossoming railroad suburb of Kensington. On hot Sundays, the church usher handed each worshipper a fan. To increase their comfort further, Kensington Methodists installed striped awnings to cool the interior of their church.

In 1899 Kensington mayor George Peter purchased the building for Christ Episcopal Church, and the Methodists built a larger sanctuary on Armory Avenue. From the collection of Edith Ray Saul; courtesy of the Kensington Historical Society



NAME #19-5 NEELSVILLE PRESBY. CHURCH  
LOCATION RTE. 355 + RTE. 118, NEELSVILLE, MD.  
EACADE SW.  
PHOTO TAKEN 12/9/74 W. DWYER