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St. Patrick's Catholic Church, (Little Orleans Catholic Church)

Architectural Survey File

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Saint Patrick's Catholic Church
Little Orleans
ca. mid nineteenth century

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Little Orleans had its beginnings in a log church built early in the nineteenth century on the bank of the Fifteen Mile Creek. In 1808 Leonard Bevans, a resident of the area, donated one and one quarter acre of land to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Baltimore "for the better convenience and advantage of the Roman Catholics residing in the neighborhood of Fifteen Mile Creek."

The present brick church building sits within the old cemetery connected with the original church. The cemetery contains the graves, many unmarked of Irish workers from the C & O Canal. They probably frequented the church while work on the canal was stalled at Little Orleans from 1836 to 1839. The brick church is a simply designed building with Gothic arched windows and entrances located in large slightly recessed bays.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Appel Road

Sixth

CITY, TOWN

Little Orleans

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

X STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☒ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Archbishop of Baltimore

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

320 Cathedral Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore,

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 103

Folio #: 153

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE
Maryland 21502

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

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church is located on Appel Road in Little Orleans.

The church consists of a rectangular brick structure with american common bond laid in variations of six to one and nine to one. It rests on a low stone foundation of coursed rubble with a plain water table. The gable front roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Replaced eaves consist of a boxed cornice, soffit, bed mould and frieze with fascia and returns on the southeastern gable end and close pent eaves on the northwest. Wall features include three rectangular recessed bays on the flanks and the southeast. A circular panel with a round brick arch in the southeastern gable end is decorated with a shamrock. One inside end corbeled brick chimney has a tall stack.

The main entrance is recessed in a gothic arched bay in the center of the southeastern facade. The double doors have six panels each and original hardware. Gothic arched windows with pointed brick arches, are obscured by closed wooden shutters with original hardware. The windows have rolled moulding and wooden slipsills. One half-round window in the northwestern facade is bricked shut. A small cement platform porch is on the southeast.

A small gabled brick addition on the northwest has shuttered windows with flat brick arches. An entrance on the addition has a six paneled door with a three light recessed transom. A flush end brick chimney is on the northwest of the addition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☒ RELIGION	
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE	
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE	
☐ 1600-1699	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
☒ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER	
☐ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION	
☐ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		☐ INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1808 Leonard Bevans, a resident of the Little Orleans area, donated one and one-quarter acre of land to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Baltimore "for the better convenience and advantage of the Roman Catholics residing in the neighborhood of Fifteen Mile Creek" which flows through Little Orleans.(1) A log church was built on the property located near the creek.(2)

Graves in the cemetery in which the present church building was erected are dated as early as 1815, when Ignatius Bevans was buried there. (3)" The cemetery contains the graves, many of them unmarked, of Irish canal construction workers and their descendants."(4) The church was probably frequented by the Irish canal workers while work on the canal was stalled at Little Orleans from 1836 to 1839.(5) A shamrock decoration is on a circular wooden panel in the gable of the current church.

This building was erected around the middle of the nineteenth century within the confines of the old cemetery. The simple utilitarian design of the church is accented on the flanks with wide rectangular recessed bays each containing a tall gothic arched shuttered window. The main entrance is recessed in a gothic arched bay. The panel with a round brick arch in the peak of the gable of the principal facade is decorated with a shamrock. The church is a monument to the progress of Catholics in rural areas of Allegany County.

- (1) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 4 Folio 370
- (2) Interview Mrs. Jessie E. McCusker, Little Orleans, April 30, 1979
- (3) "Little Orleans, Md", Heritage Press, September, 1979, p.7
- (4) "Old Store Attracts Tourist", Cumberland News, June 5, 1975
- (5) Harry Stegmaier, et al Allegany County-A History (Parsons, W Va.: McClain Printing Co.) p.125

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Stegmaier Harry, et al, Allegany County- A History(Parsons, W Va.:McClain Printing Co. 1976
Allegany County Lands Records
"Little Orleans, Md", Heritage Press, September, 1979
"Old Store Attracts Tourists" Cumberland News, June 5, 1975

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3 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

David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites

DATE

July 25, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

3 Pershing Street

TELEPHONE

777-5944

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

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

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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GREEN RIDGE STATE FOREST
U.S.G.S.: ARTEMAS QUAD
D.N.R.#: NONE

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

St. Patrick Church

AND/OR COMMON

Little Orleans Catholic Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Green Ridge State Forest
Old Town Road

CITY, TOWN

Orleans

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

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PRESENT USE

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☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☒ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

GREEN RIDGE STATE FOREST

NAME

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Taylor Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

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SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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CHECK ONE

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☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. Patrick Church, also known as Little Orleans Catholic Church is located on Oldtown Road near Fifteenmile Creek just north of Little Orleans at Green Ridge State Forest in Allegany County, Maryland.

The church is a three bay brick structure and is situated on a hillside facing southeast. The building rests on low cut stone foundations. Its walls are constructed in common bond brick at all elevations. The bonding is arranged with five courses of stretchers between header rows. All elevations of the building are decorated with brick corbeling. Each bay is recessed approximately the width of a brick. Just below the eaves, two courses of corbeling form the top edge of the recessed area. Openings are lined with a single course of half width bricks. A small one story brick extension is attached to the rear of the church. It appears to be contemporary with the rest of the structure.

Along the side walls of the building are three windows with high gothic arches. All are closed with pairs of louvered shutters. The gable end entrance facade has a round opening below the peak of the roof. The main entrance is a double six panel door below a gothic pointed arch following the form of the windows. The door is centrally placed in the southeast wall.

The roof is sheathed with modern asphalt shingles and extends beyond the end walls with molded soffits, cornices and returns. A brick flue with a corbeled top extends from inside the northeast side wall. A wooden cross is mounted on the roof peak above the central entrance.

Surrounding the church is a cemetery with tomb stones dating from the early 19th century to recent times.

Although the church does not appear to be used regularly, it is in good condition. The building and the cemetery are being maintained.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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		☐ INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Patrick's Church is significant for its architecture and for what it contributes to the cultural history of Western Maryland.

The building shows exterior architectural evidence of having been constructed during the third quarter of the 19th century. Dating indicators include the use of common bond with a 5:1 ratio at all elevations, the type of window frames and shutter hardware and the general "country gothic" form which the church follows. Architecturally, the church is a good example of regional period vernacular construction.

The church also is significant for its role in Allegany County history. Apparently a church was located on this site prior to the present building. The earliest death date recorded in the cemetery was 1809 suggesting that the church may have been established prior to that time.

According to local history the church was developed by Irish families who settled in the Orleans area during construction of the C & O Canal.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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

Paula Stoner and Douglass Reed

ORGANIZATION

Preservation Associates

DATE

February 1979

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 202

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Sharpsburg

STATE

Maryland

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INVENTORY NO: #90DATE: 7/28/29

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: St. Pat's Orphan

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LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 103/153 Map 44 p.5 3/3/08 30000DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: 140° SENAME OF OWNER: dearly known as Chudi Lot. 500 equity 2227ADDRESS: 3 Acres 103 153

STORIES: 1(✓) 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1(✓) 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: T small brick on Rear gabled w/ asphalt shingle roofDWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular) T

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
(✓) BRICK: Bond type - ~~common~~, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. 6-1 9-1
() STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
() LOG
() OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others recessed baysFOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone concrete rubble fieldstone?

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other() wood splitsENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: center SE recessed double doors 5x panels on - cornice - recessedHARDWARE: original(✓) replaced() pointed arched panel w/ brick archFAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN paneled, vertical, horizontal boards circular panel (circular arch) withCORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) on gable ends shingles

original() replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; shingles original() replaced(✓)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick(✓) Stone() Corbeled() original(✓) replaced()

Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: _____

SIGNIFICANCE: _____

DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____

CONDITION: _____

Door on add
same w/ 3 light recessed
transom

FLOOR PLAN:

- () CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- () SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- () IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- () ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- () OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- () DOG-LEG
- () DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- () SPIRAL
- () ROUNDED
- () SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- () PLASTER
- () PANELED: original; replaced
- () BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

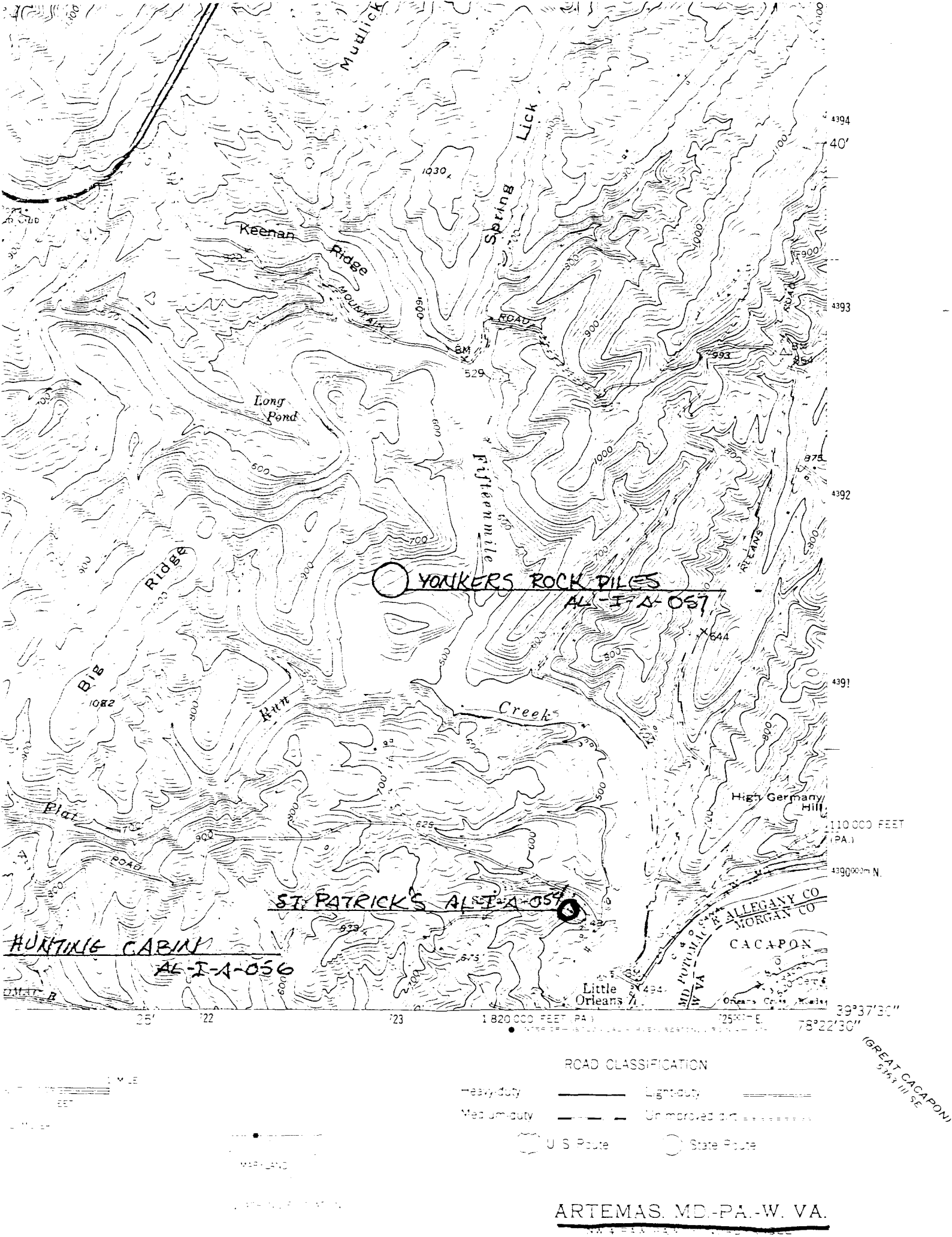
NUMBER _____
 LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal
 MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

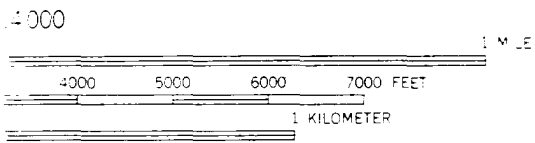
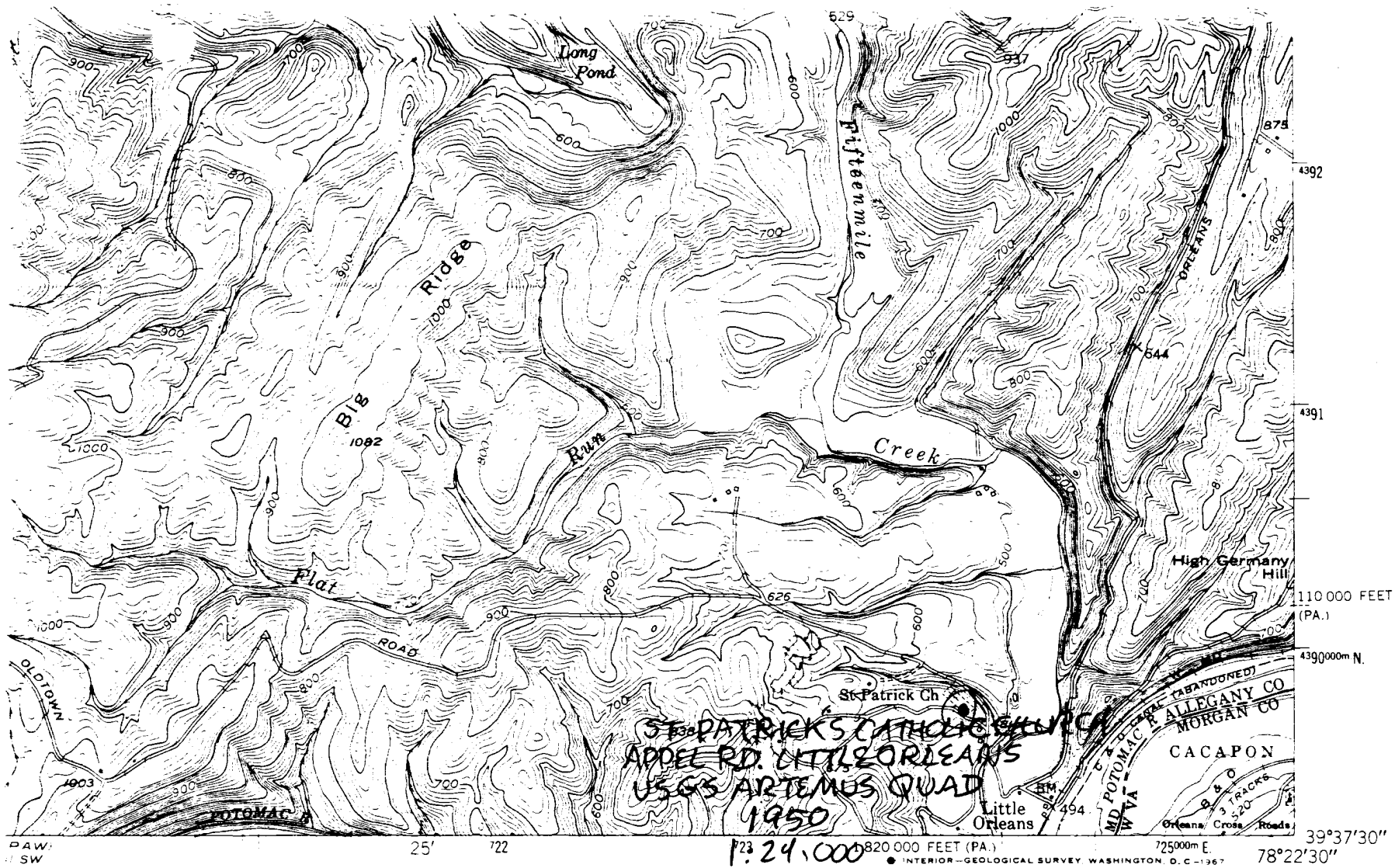
DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush
 HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

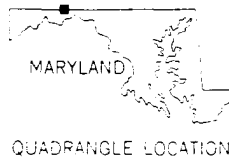
- () PLAIN
- () ARCHITRAVE
- () SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- () FLUTED
- () FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- () ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

NOTES:





AL 20 FEET
SEA LEVEL



ROAD CLASSIFICATION			
Heavy-duty	—————	Light-duty	—————
Medium-duty	—————	Unimproved dirt	=====
U. S. Route	⎓	State Route	○

ARTEMAS, MD.-PA.-W. VA.

NW/4 PAW PAW 15' QUADRANGLE
N3937.5—W7822.5/7.5

1950

AMS 5368 III NW—SERIES V833

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(GREAT CACAPON)
5368 III SE



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ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
APPEL RD. LITTLE ORLEANS

David A. Dorsey

7/28/78

West



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ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
APPEL RD. LITTLE ORLEANS

David A. Dorsey

7/28/78

EAST



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Green Ridge St. Forest
St. Patrick's Church
N. View
Sept. 1978

DNR Survey

Faula Stoner
Preservation Association



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Green Ridge State Forest

St. Patrick's Church

W. View

Sept. 1918

DNR Survey

Paula Stoner
Preservation Association