

G-V-A-013

Gnegy Church & Cemetery

Architectural Survey File

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DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes ___
no ___

Property Name: Gnegy Church and Cemetery Inventory Number: G-V-A-013
Address: Garrett Highway Historic district: ___ yes X no ___
City: Oakland Zip Code: 21550 County: Garrett
USGS Quadrangle(s): Table Rock MD/WV
Property Owner: Houser Lutheran Church of Gar Co. Tax Account ID Number: ___
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 19 Tax Map Number: 99
Project: Roth Rock Wind Power Project; Garrett Co. Agency: MD Public Service Commision
Agency Prepared By: Paula S. Reed and Associates, Inc.
Preparer's Name: Merry Stinson Date Prepared: 1/3/2006
Documentation is presented in: MIHP# G-V-A-013, Maryland Coal Region Historic Sites Survey, 1981
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: X Eligibility recommended ___ Eligibility not recommended ___
Criteria: X A ___ B X C ___ D Considerations: X A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: ___
Inventory Number: ___ Eligible: ___ yes Listed: ___ yes
Site visit by MHT Staff ___ yes X no Name: ___ Date: ___

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Gnegy Church was built in 1886 or 1887 by the Holdeman Mennonites, an Amish sect. It was named for their leader Samuel Gnegy, who is buried in the adjoining cemetery. The church was surveyed by MHT in 1981 as part of the Coal Region Survey. The one-bay by three-bay structure is constructed of vertical wood planks sheathed in white-painted weatherboards. A projecting bay at the rear accommodates the apse. A small porch shelters the entry. The building rests on a low stone foundation and is covered by an asphalt shingle roof. An exterior brick chimney serves a heating stove on the south side. Original shutters cover the 2/2 sash windows. According to an interior inspection by MHT in 1981, the walls are finished with lath and plaster. Plain boards form architraves and baseboards. A wood hymnal box is dated October 26, 1889. Regular church services were discontinued in 1950. The building is used occasionally for functions such as the Gnegy family reunion. The north side of the church is similar in appearance to the south elevation as seen in the accompanying photograph.

The architecturally intact Gnegy Church is significant under National Register Criterion C for its design, materials and workmanship, and the regionally popular vertical plank construction. The building further retains high integrity of location, feeling and setting. The church is significant under Criterion A for its association with the Holdeman Mennonites, a religious and ethnic group important to early settlement patterns in the region. The building is well-preserved in nearly original condition. In 1981

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Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended ___
Criteria: X A ___ B X C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

MHT Comments:

Andrew Lewis
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

6/26/06
Date

B. Kuntz
Reviewer, National Register Program

6/23/06
Date

200601643

MHT rated this church as "Good", a level which could be elevated to National Register status. For these considerations it is recommended as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

An archaeological assessment, Criterion D, was not part of this evaluation of above-ground resources.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

MHT Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Reviewer, National Register Program

Date



Table Rock, MD/WV USGS Quad
Roth Rock Wind Power Project
Synergics Energy Services, LLC
Backbone Mt., Garrett Co., MD
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Garrett Co., MD

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West view

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MD | SHPO
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Gnegy Church and cemetery
Redhouse
Private

1886 or 1887

Gnegy Church, constructed in 1886 or 1887, was named for Samuel Gnegy, leader of the Holdeman Mennonites, a sect of the Amish Church.

Samuel Gnegy is buried in the cemetery adjacent to the church.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Gnegy Church and cemetery

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 219, .1 mi. NE of WV State line.

CITY, TOWN

Redhouse

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

The Gnegy Church and cemetery is located on the W side of Rt. 219, .1 mile NE of the WV State line. The church is a one story, one bay by three bay plank constructed structure. It has weatherboard siding with cornerboards and the gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The facade has a central entrance and faces SE towards Rt. 219. There is a plain wood porch with a tongue and groove floor at the entrance. There is a one story bay addition with two windows forming the apse of the church on the NW elevation. The church rests on a very low stone foundation; the bay is supported by wood piers concealed by horizontal wood planks. All windows are two over two sash and have wood shutters with original hinges. An exterior brick chimney is on the SW elevation.

Interior: the church is entered at the SE facade into one room with a central aisle. The apse is at the opposite end of the room from the entrance and is raised from the floor by one step. The interior is very plain; walls are lath and plaster painted lime green. There are white baseboards and plain board window surrounds. In several sections the lath and plaster have been removed exposing the plank wall construction. The plaster from the ceiling has also been removed exposing the wood beams. A wood hymnal box located on the N side of the NW wall bears the date October 26, 1889.

The cemetery is located just NE of the church at the SW corner of the intersection of Rt. 219 and Gnegy Church--Old Oak Road. It is a small cemetery and the earliest tombstone bears this inscription: Samuel Gnegy, Jr./April 24, 1865/January 9, 1894.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1886 or 1887 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Gnegy Church, constructed in 1886 or 1887, was named for Samuel Gnegy, leader of the Holdeman Mennonites, a sect of the Amish Church.¹

It is typical of small rural Garrett County churches constructed by Amish and Mennonite congregations—a plain, frame, 1-story, one bay by three bay gable end facade structure. The vertical plank construction is a common form of late 19th and early 20th century building construction used in Garrett County.

Samuel Gnegy was born near Myersdale, PA in 1830. He moved to Brookside, VA (WV) in 1852 and to Maryland in 1856. He settled on the Covent Garden tract (124 acres), near the present site of the church. Sometime prior to the construction of Gnegy Church, Samuel Gnegy and others broke from the Amish Church and organized the Holdeman Mennonite sect.²

The church has also been known as the Gnegy-Slabaugh Church, because of its close association with both families. It served a Mennonite congregation until 1950. At present, it is used marginally for special occasions, such as the Gnegy family reunions.

Gnegy Church has become the place name for this section of Garrett County.

¹The Glades Star, Vol. 2, No. 16, Oakland, MD: The Garrett County Historical Society, Sept. 1954, p. 246.

²Ibid.

In John A. Hostetler's Amish Society, he writes in the mid-1970s that the Holdeman sect was founded over one-hundred years ago. (p. 288).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hostetler, John A., Amish Society, Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1980 (third edition).

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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

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Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

November 1981

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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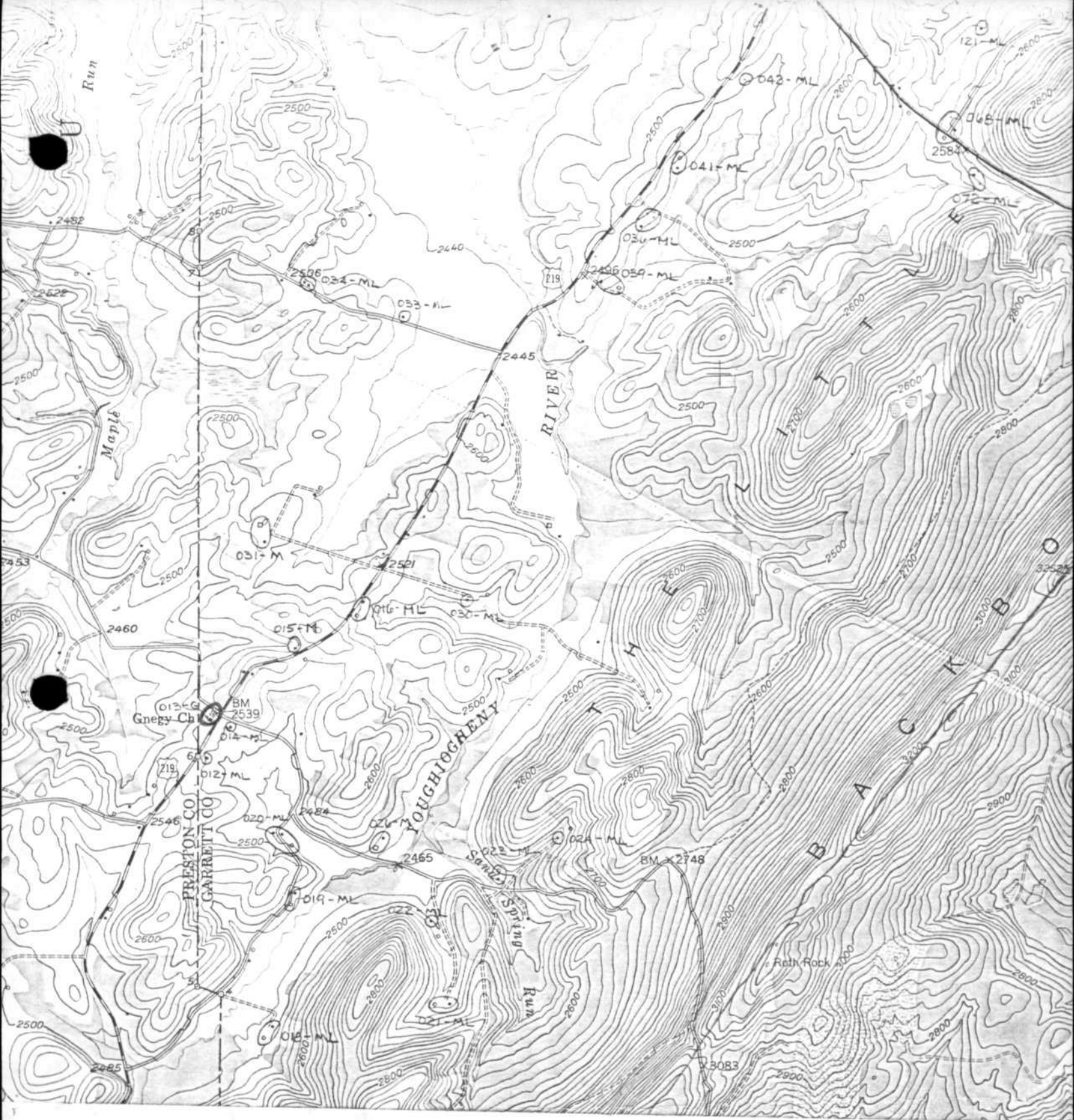


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 USGS 7.5 Minute Series
 Scale 1;24,000
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 Gnegy Church and cemetery
 Route 219, 1 mile NE of WV State
 line,



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GNEBY CHURCH, near Redhouse



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Gnegy Church
Garrett Co., MD
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NW elev.

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Gnegy Church

Garrett Co., MD

A. Burns 8/18/80

NE elev.

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