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## Shaft United Methodist Church

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SHAFT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Shaft, Maryland  
1875

The Shaft United Methodist Church consists of a single story, three bay wide, rectangular block with church tower. The church was built in 1875 out of the development of the mining town of Shaft. Services were held in private homes or outdoors prior to building of the church as it was a part of worship circuit including Woodland, Carlos, Allegany and Shaft.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Shaft United Methodist Church  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER Intersection Shaft Road  
CITY, TOWN Shaft CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Sixth  
STATE Maryland VICINITY OF Sixth  
COUNTY Allegany

**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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Trustees Shaft Methodist Congregation Telephone #:  
STREET & NUMBER Shaft  
CITY, TOWN Shaft STATE, zip code Maryland  
VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: 273  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Allegany County Courthouse FOLIO #: 96  
STREET & NUMBER 30 Washington Street  
CITY, TOWN Cumberland, STATE Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
DATE  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
CITY, TOWN STATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

**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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

The Shaft United Methodist Church is located on the west side of the intersection of Shaft Road in Shaft, Allegany County.

The Shaft United Methodist Church is a single story, three bay wide, rectangular block which rests on a low stone foundation. The church is a frame structure that has been covered with novelty siding. The roof is gabled with a soffit and frieze and covered with replaced asphalt shingles. The main facade is dominated by an enclosed, gable-roofed entranced porch. The porch is flanked by two lancet windows. Four stained glass windows with cornices ornament the building's north and south sides. The main facade is further emphasized by a small louvered belfry. A single, original, corbeled brick chimney is located at the outside end on the west side.

A substantial rear addition abuts the church on its west side. The building is covered in novelty siding and rests on a high stone foundation. It is topped by a hipped roof covered with asphalt roofing material. Windows in the structure are a combination of six over six lights and six over one lights.

Both the church and its rear addition are in fair condition and retain much of their original fabric and appearance.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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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 checked="" 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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      1875

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Shaft United Methodist Church was obtained by deed and built in 1875. Prior to this time the site and all of Shaft was part of a large estate farmed by slaves. By 1850 coal mining became important in the area and the small settlement of Shaft grew and developed directly from the production of the nearby mine. The settlement was first served by circuit riders consisting mostly of the Methodist faith. In the early service of the circuit riders, the meetings were held in private homes or out doors, evidenced by writings in an old Bible donated for use by Christian A. Robb 1867. By 1875, the congregation had built a meeting place and continued to be a part of the rural circuit including Woodland, Carlos, Allegany and Shaft. The church continues to be part of the Midland charge and is a reminder of a way of faith once found in Allegany County.

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"Highlights in the History of the Shaft, Methodist Church" dedicated to William Walker

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# MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .66 acre

### 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

John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Surveyors

DATE

1/5/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. A1-U-A-054

273/96

DATE: 12/15/76

.66 Acre

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Shaft United Methodist Church

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Intercession Shaft Rd

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: East

NAME OF OWNER: Trustees Shaft Meth Congregation

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Shaft M.D.

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Front Entrance gable - Rear School Add. Sq. Hip roof

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular) Louvered Tower

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- ( ) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- ( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- ( ) LOG
- ( ) Other: Coverings Novelty Siding

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS Plain

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, Moulded BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( ) Stained glass  
Lancet's Regular pegged ( ) nailed ( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: East

HARDWARE: original( ) replaced()  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
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 original( ) replaced()

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

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK() STONE() CORBELLED( ) original() replaced( )  
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end() Central( ) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

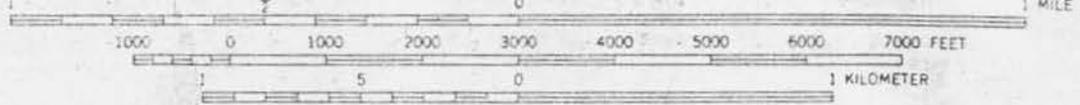
Use - Church  
Significance - Arch  
Date Constructed - 1875  
Condition - Good

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 Shaft United Methodist Church  
 Shaft, M.D.  
 USGS - Frostburg Quad  
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 1949



# HISTORIC SITES DISTRIBUTION

SCALE 1:24,000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



MAGNETIC NORTH  
 GN  
 6°  
 107 MILES  
 1° 19'  
 23 MILES

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