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## Doubs United Methodist Church (Smith's Chapel)

### **Architectural Survey File**

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Doubs  
Private

1879

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC The Doubs United Methodist Church  
 (Smith's Chapel)  
 AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
 West Side Doubs Road (Main Street)  
 CITY, TOWN Doubs VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT E.D. 1 M 103B  
 STATE Maryland COUNTY Frederick

**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 Doubs United Methodist Church Telephone #:  
 STREET & NUMBER  
 Route 1  
 CITY, TOWN Adamstown VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Frederick County Courthouse Liber #: 470 Folio #: 521  
 STREET & NUMBER  
 North Court St.  
 CITY, TOWN Frederick STATE Maryland 21701

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
 DATE  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
 CITY, TOWN STATE  
 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

**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

The Doubs United Methodist Church is a gable roofed one and one-half story frame church which faces east from the west side of Doubs Road in Doubs. The building is a "T" shape with a two story bell tower. The principle facade, which is built in three sections, is five bays wide.

The main entrance, three paneled twin doors with a stained glass triangular transom, is located in the fourth bay which is the bell tower. Lettering in the transom indicates "Doubs Methodist Church".

The chapel bell is set in the tower through four Gothic openings with a short turned railing. Simple brackets support the slate pyramidal roof with decorative fishscale shingles.

A small shed roofed, one bay wide, frame addition extends south of the tower.

The north section of the building is one bay wide with a large Gothic stained glass window centered on the first level. A segmented semicircular window is located in the gable.

The south section of the church is two bays by three bays wide. Stationary stained glass Gothic casement windows with arched wood entablatures occupy each bay.

The entire structure is covered by a standing seam tin gable roof with a boxed cornice and return. A small brick chimney rises in the southwest corner of the building.

The south section of the building is constructed on a cinder block foundation; the north section is built on a low stuccoed random stone foundation.

# 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 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

### Doubs United Methodist Church

According to church records, the Doubs United Methodist Church originally named the Smith's Chapel, was built in 1879 on land donated by William Smith, a local entrepreneur. The church was incorporated on September 15, 1879 in the Frederick County Corporation Records and made the following entry.

"The members of the Smith's Chapel Congregation Buckeystown Circuit, Methodist Episcopal Church did in pursuance of a notice given on the preceding Sabbath by the Reverend Reuben Kolb, preacher in charge of . . . Smith's Chapel Congregation assemble at the Calico Rocks Public School House being the place ordinarily used for the meetings of said congregation and did then elect George W. Copeland, James D. Hood, Charles W. Myers and William Smith who . . . with the minister shall act as trustees . . ." <sup>1</sup>

The church will be celebrating its centennial this year.

<sup>1</sup>Frederick County Corporation Records, 1868-1883, p. 353.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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**

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NAME / TITLE

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DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

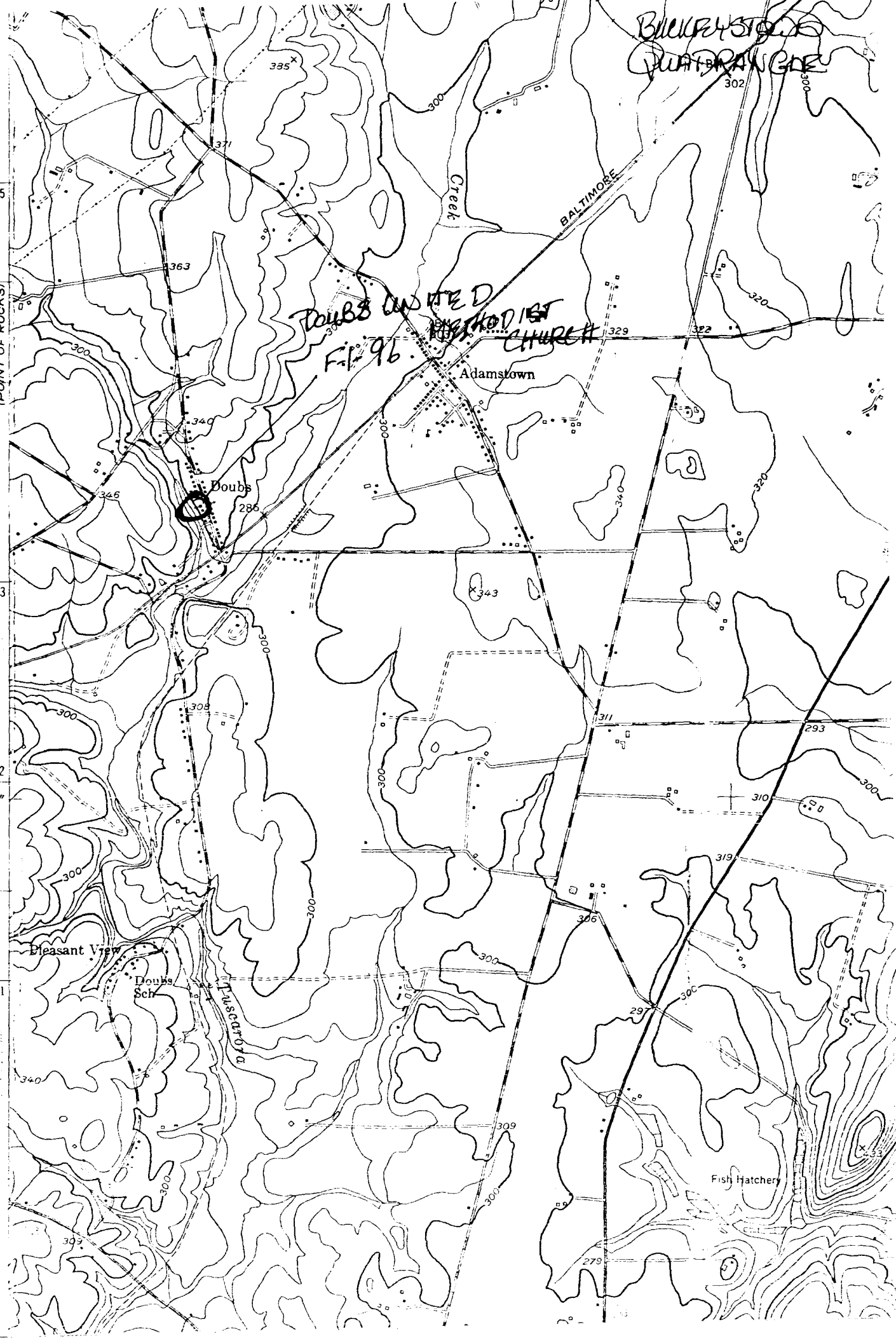
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BUFFY STONE  
QUADRANGLE

5462 / SE  
(POINT OF ROCKS)  
4355  
4353  
4352  
17'30"  
4351



Doubbs United Methodist Church  
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Adamstown

Doubbs

Pleasant View

Doubbs Sch

Fish Hatchery

BALTIMORE

Creek

W. S. C. ROAD





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CHURCH

W/S DOUBS RD

DOUBS

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CHURCH

E/S DOUBS RD

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EAST ELEVATION

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