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## Mount Olivet United Brethren Church (Pleasant Walk United Methodist Church)

### **Architectural Survey File**

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Mt. Olive United Brethren Church  
Myersville vicinity  
Private

1867; 1902

The Mt. Olive United Brethren Church (now Pleasant Walk United Methodist Church) is a stone church with a projecting bell tower through which is the double-doored entrance. The tower has an open belfry and a pressed metal roof. The windows are 2/2 in the tower with a semi-circular window above the doorway. The south elevation has 9/6 windows in three bays. The north elevation is occupied by a one-story addition built in 1975. The church was originally built in 1867 and rebuilt in 1902, probably at the time of its transfer to the Methodist Church. The original part of the church is a good example of vernacular Gothic Revival architecture in the last half of the 19th century. The undecorated window and door openings reflect the strictly Protestant philosophy of the United Brethren, which eschewed any hint of Roman influence, even the use of the pointed arch, although the plan and form of the church is also an outgrowth of medieval Gothic churches.

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Mt. Olive United Brethren Church  
Myersville  
Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870  
Industrial Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:  
Religion/religious structure/church  
Funerary/cemetery/cemetery

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Mt. Olive United Brethren Church(preferred); Mt. Olivet Church, Pleasant Walk

and/or common Pleasant Walk United Methodist Church

## 2. Location

street & number 11200 block Pleasant Walk Road  not for publication

city, town Myersville  vicinity of congressional district 6th

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church

street & number Rt. 2 telephone no.:

city, town Myersville state and zip code Md. 21773

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 399

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 142

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. F-4-47

<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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 2

The Mt. Olive United Brethren Church and its associated cemetery are located on the west side of Pleasant Walk Road about 3/4 mile north of Baltimore National Pike (U.S. 40) near Myersville, Frederick County, Maryland. The one-story stone church was built in 1867, rebuilt in 1902, and a one-story frame extension with a stone exterior added in 1975. The cemetery is located west of the church and contains graves dated at least as early as 1867 through the present.

The original church has a three-bay east elevation with a projecting center bay containing the bell tower and entrance. The entry has double molded panel doors and a two-light transom. Above the doorway is a semi-circular window with fanned muntins. The sides of the projection have 2/2 windows on two levels. The belfry of the tower is open, with a spindle trim at the upper part of the opening and clapboard siding on the lower section. The roof of the belfry is pressed metal and terminates in a plain ball finial. The south elevation of the church has three bays with 9/6 sash. At the southeast corner of the church is a block of brownstone inscribed "Mt. Olive Church 1867". At the southeast corner of the center projecting is a marble stone inscribed "Rebuilt 1902". The west elevation has no openings, but an exterior brick chimney rises above the gable end. The roof is composition. The 1975 extension occupies the entire north elevation of the original church. The fieldstone walls of the original part have grapevine pointing which has been repaired, possibly during the 1975 construction. A cast iron fence along the eastern edge of the church property probably dates from about 1902. The interior of the church was inaccessible for this survey.

The cemetery located west of the church has slate and marble stones in varying degrees of weathering. The earliest dates legible are about 1867-1868, and continue to the present.

# 8. Significance

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
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<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 1867; 1902 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Mt. Olive United Brethren Church is a good example of rural church architecture in the second half of the 19th century. The style is a vernacular version of the Gothic Revival, although no arches are used on the exterior. The basic form is that of most country churches, with a simple hall form and an attached bell tower which contains the entrance. The undecorated window and door openings reflect the reform philosophy of the United Brethren Church, which eschewed any hint of Roman influence in its churches.

Williams and McKinsey's History of Frederick County (1910) refers to a log church built about 1800 for the Reformed and Evangelical Lutheran congregations in the vicinity and later purchased by the United Brethren. The historical sketch as given seems to refer to the church known as "Jerusalem Chapel" which was located on the present Easterday Road at Baltimore National Pike, its site now marked by a monument and a small cemetery. The connection, if any, with the Mt. Olive U.B. Church is unclear, but the church at Pleasant Walk may have been an offshoot of Mt. Zion U.B. Church at Myersville, built in 1852 to replace Jerusalem Chapel. The date of the Mt. Olive Church's transfer to the Methodist Church is unknown, but was probably about 1902 when the church was rebuilt.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-4-47

Land Records of Frederick County  
Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.  
Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, 1910. Reprinted  
Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979, p. 456

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Myersville, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date March 1992

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city or town Frederick state Md. 21701

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Pleasant Walk U.M. Church (Mt. Olive)

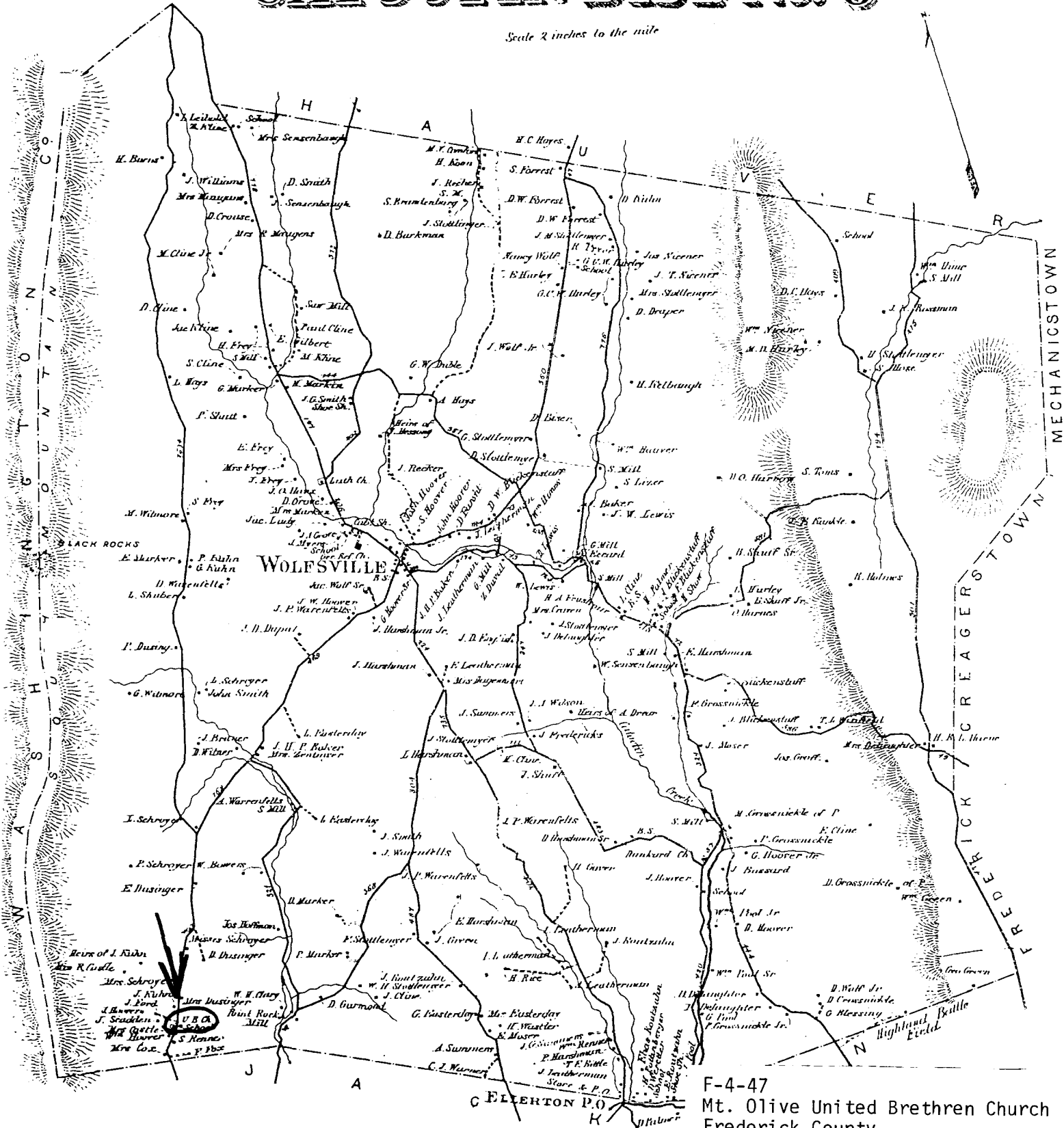
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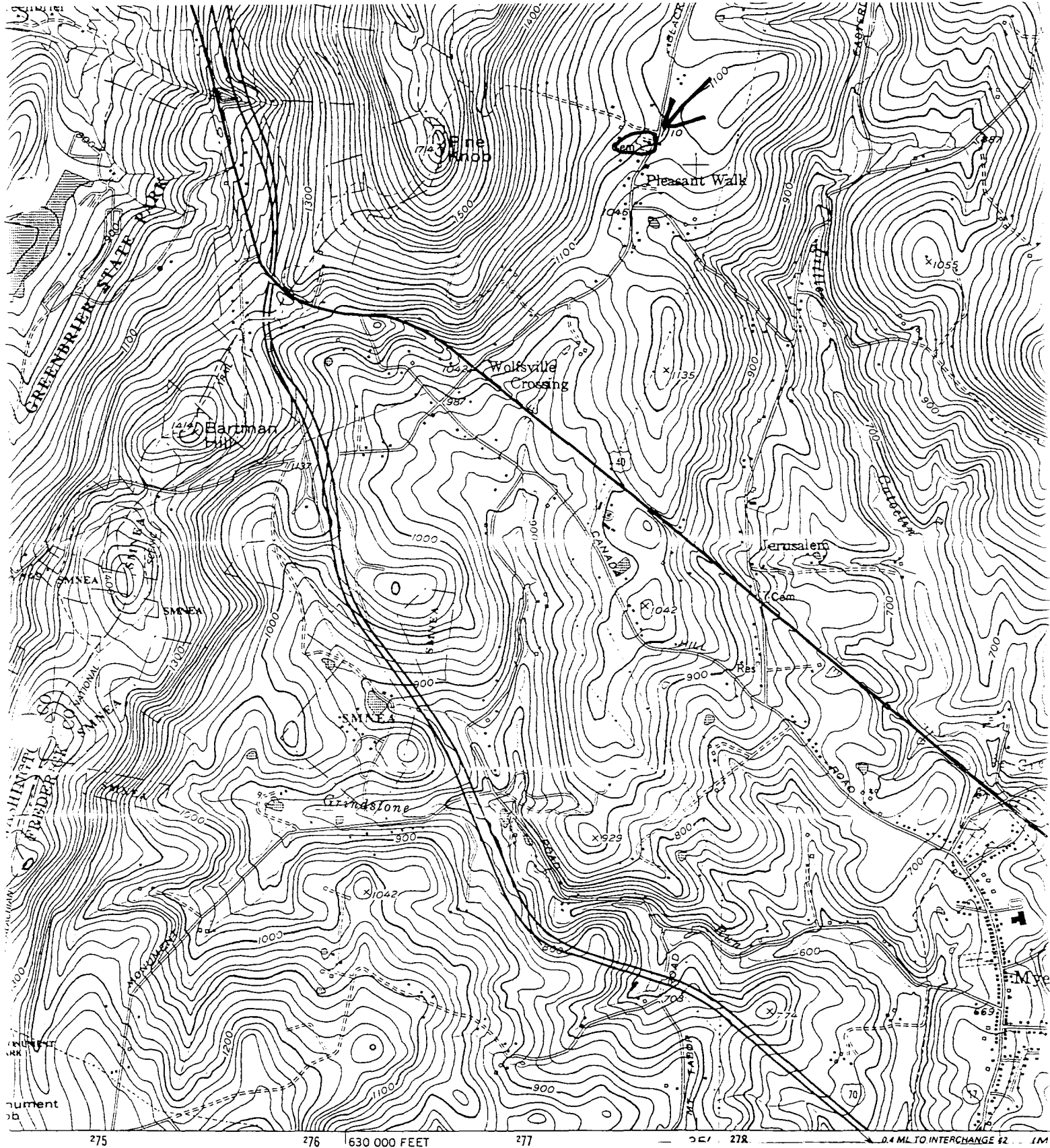


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Scale 2 inches to the mile



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 Mt. Olive United Brethren Church  
 Frederick County  
 C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick  
 County, 1873.



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 and published by the Geological Survey

USGS and NOS/NOAA

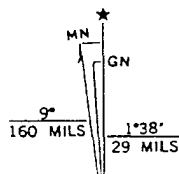
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 Frederick County  
 USGS Myersville, Md.

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Mt. Zion United Brethren in Christ  
Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

March 1972

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Mt. Olive United Firemen Club  
Frederick County

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Pro. Sec. Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md

Southwest corner view

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