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SURVEY FORM

Historic name Antioch Baptist Church	Common name
County/Town/City	
Street address or route number Rt. 601, Waterfall, Va.	
USGS Quad Thoroughfare Gap	Date or period 1901
Original owner	Architect/builder/craftsmen
Original use Church	
Present owner Trustees of Haymarket Baptist Church	Source of name
Present owner address Church, c/o Preston Smith, Haymarket Baptist Church, 14800	Source of date Church history, architectural evidence. Stories 1
Present use Church	Foundation and wall const'n Stone foundation, frame wall construction.
Acreage c5 acres	Roof type Metal-covered gable roof.
State condition of structure and environs Church and surrounding area in very good condition.	
State potential threats to structure None.	
Note any archaeological interest	
Should be investigated for possible register potential? yes ___ no ___	
Architectural description (Note significant features of plan, structural system and interior and exterior decoration. taking care to point out aspects not visible or clear from photographs. Explain nature and period of all alterations and additions. List any outbuildings and their approximate ages, cemeteries, etc.)	
<p>Interior: Matchboard wainscoting; beaded ceiling; door & window trim and floors stained dark & varnished; walls painted white. Heated by 2 stoves. Electric lights hang from ceiling and kerosene lamps attached on brackets along wall. Painted portraits of former pastors and other church members on rear wall. Painting over pulpit of Samaritan Woman at the Well, painted by Milton Gossom at age 15.</p> <p>Caretaker's house, thought to be constructed of logs, and log outbuilding, once a shoe-makers shop, are located on the church property and are described separately.</p> <p>Cemetery on the property contains c110 marked graves burials and many others marked with rough stones.</p>	
Interior inspected? Yes.	
Historical significance (Chain of title: individuals, families, events, etc., associated with the property.)	
<p>Antioch Baptist Church was organized in 1837. Services at that time were held in a log cabin, possibly the present caretaker's house to the left of the later church, which is said to have originally been a schoolhouse on Poplar Hill, the Foley plantation. Other sources say the log cabin/schoolhouse in which services were first held was moved to Sully Plantation in Fairfax County. Sully survey sheet, 2d paragraph, reads:</p> <p>"There is a log schoolhouse on the property which originally stood on Antioch Farm (sic.) in Prince William County. It was moved to Fairfax County in 1929 and moved again to the Sully property about 1962."</p> <p>The first church was built c1840, of stone. It was demolished in about 1900, and the present frame building was constructed in 1901.</p> <p>The church yard is surrounded by a stone wall which was erected in 1952. Inscribed on the gateposts, are the words, "Antioch Baptist Church" and, "In memory of William and Jennie Yeatman."</p> <p>Regular services have not been held at Antioch Baptist Church since the mid-1960s, however special events there include an annual homecoming in August and an occasional wedding or funeral.</p> <p>This church is monumental; it is actually quite massive, though it appears to be small in its present setting, against a stand of large old trees. It would be hard to find a more bucolic setting, or more pleasantly old-fashioned church than this church at Antioch, situated as it is at the foot of the Bull Run Mountains, beside Little Bull Run. The building and grounds are exceptionally well cared for by the church's members.</p>	

Sources and bibliography

Published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.)

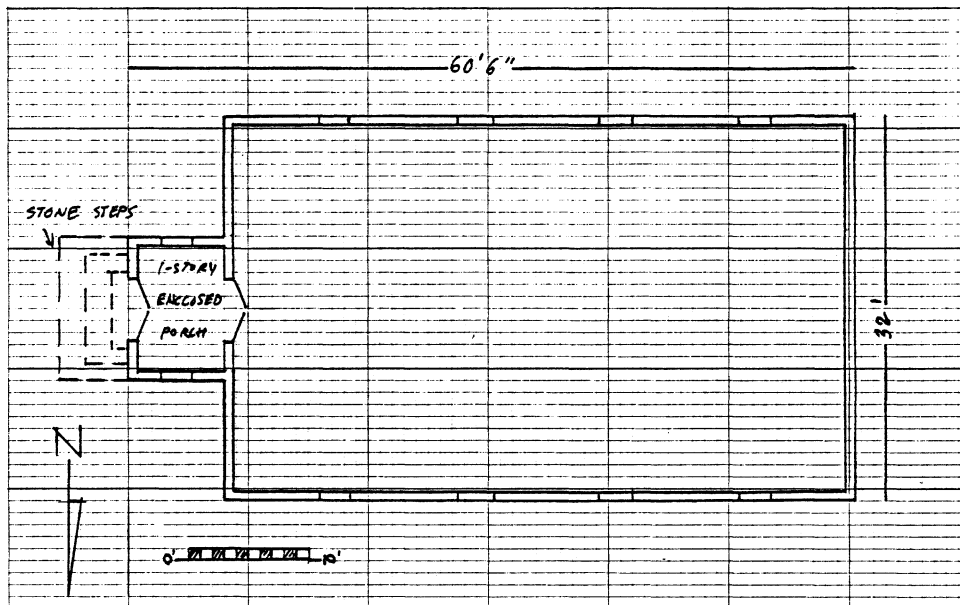
Writer's Project, W.P.A., Prince William, The Story of Its People and Its Places (1941, 1961) p. 187.

Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials: give location.)

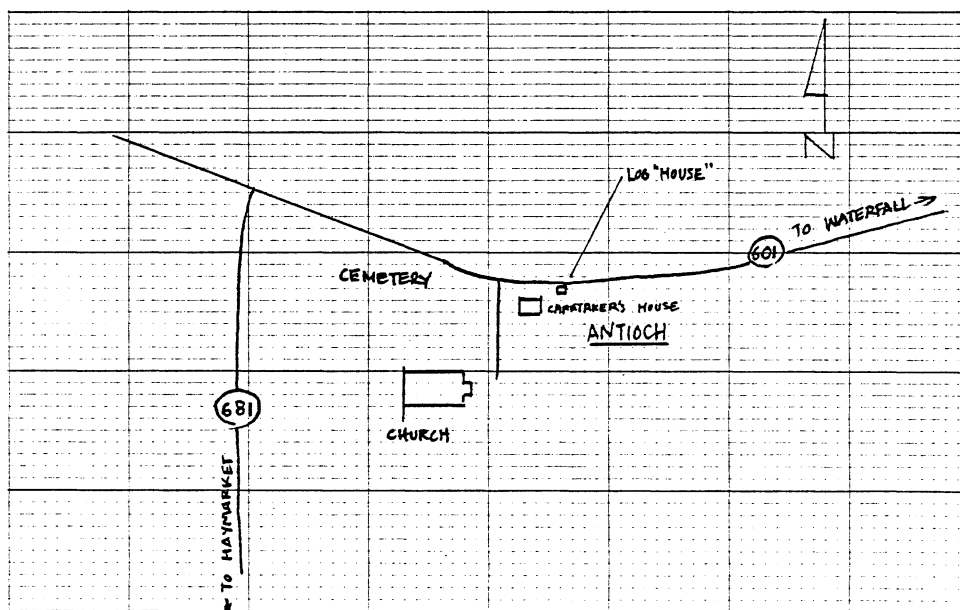
Church History written by John Harrison, updated by Benoni Harrison, available in manuscript.

Names and addresses of persons interviewed Mrs. Pauline Padgett, Mt. Atlas Lane, Haymarket, Va.
Mrs. Jean Barnes, Haymarket, Va. James Gossom, Haymarket, Va.

Plan (Indicate locations of rooms, doorways, windows, alterations, etc.)



Site plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, dependencies and significant topographical features.)



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