



VIRGINIA
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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SURVEY FORM
Cemetery

Historic name	Asbury Methodist Church & Cemetery	Common name	Asbury United Methodist Church; Aden
County/Town/City	Prince William County		United Methodist Church
Street address or route number	14110 Fleetwood Drive, Nokesville, Va.		
USGS Quad	Nokesville Quad.	Date or period	1893
Original owner	Trustees of Asbury Meth. Ch.	Architect/builder/craftsmen	Newton Sayers (builder)
Original use	Church		
Present owner	Aden United Methodist Church	Source of name	
Present owner address	14110 Fleetwood Drive Nokesville, Va.	Source of date church history; architectural evidence.	Stories 1 story
Present use	Storage	Foundation and wall const'n	Stone foundation; frame wall construction.
Acreage	5 acres.	Roof type	Metal-covered gable roof.
State condition of structure and environs Church & environs are in good condition.			

State potential threats to structure Disuse, vandalism, lack of maintenance.
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.)

This small, one-story, rural frame church is covered with weatherboards painted white and rests on a red sandstone foundation. Three bays long, the church has a double front door with overhead lights, a box cornice with gable returns, and 6/6 sliding sash windows with plain, wide, single-beaded trim and louvered shutters. There is a small (18'x24') frame addition on the rear, resting on a cinder block foundation.

The cemetery is located south of the church on this 5-acre parcel which is surrounded by farm fields.

This congregation's present church is a 1933-constructed former E.U.B. church which has been moved to its present site across from the old church.

Interior inspected? ☒

Historical significance (Chain of title; individuals, families, events, etc., associated with the property.)

Civil War veteran Newton Sayers and his wife, Annie, donated the land for the Asbury Methodist Church and Cemetery. Sayers and other Civil War veterans built the church in 1893 with materials they donated. They built the pews and pulpit out of local black walnut.

This church was closed when the Asbury Methodists united with the Calvary E.U.B. Church and thereafter held services in the 1933-built Calvary Church, which was located one mile away. In 1968, the methodists moved that church to its present site across Fleetwood Drive from the old Asbury Church. The old E.U.B. church was then renamed the Asbury United Methodist Church.

In 1970, the old Asbury Church was used as a voting place for area residents.

This is one of the two remaining 19th century churches in its section of Prince William County.

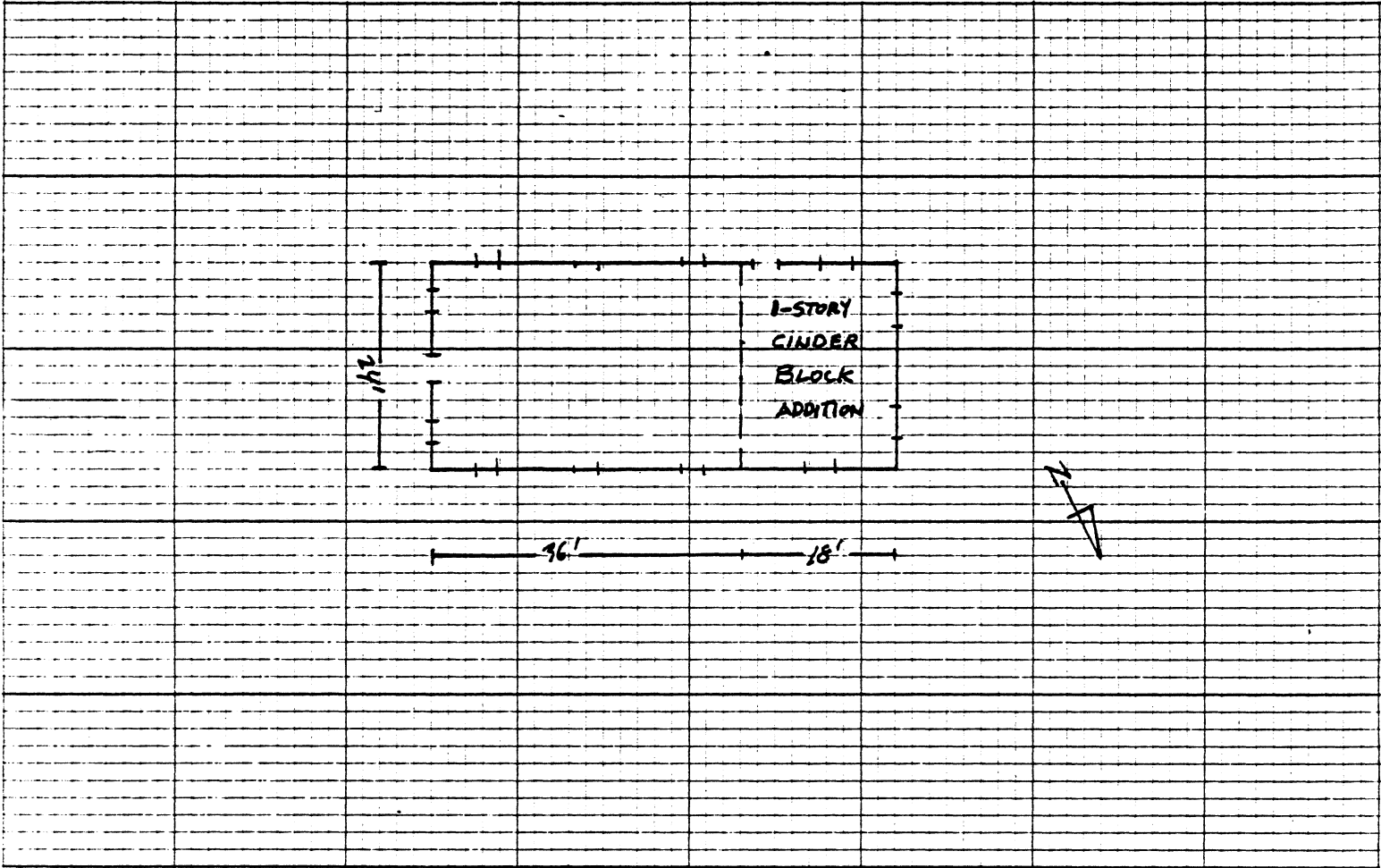
Sources and bibliography

Published sources (Books, articles, etc., with bibliographic data.) Bennie Scarton, Jr., "Aden Church Has Colorful History," Manassas Journal-Messenger, 20 Aug 1970.

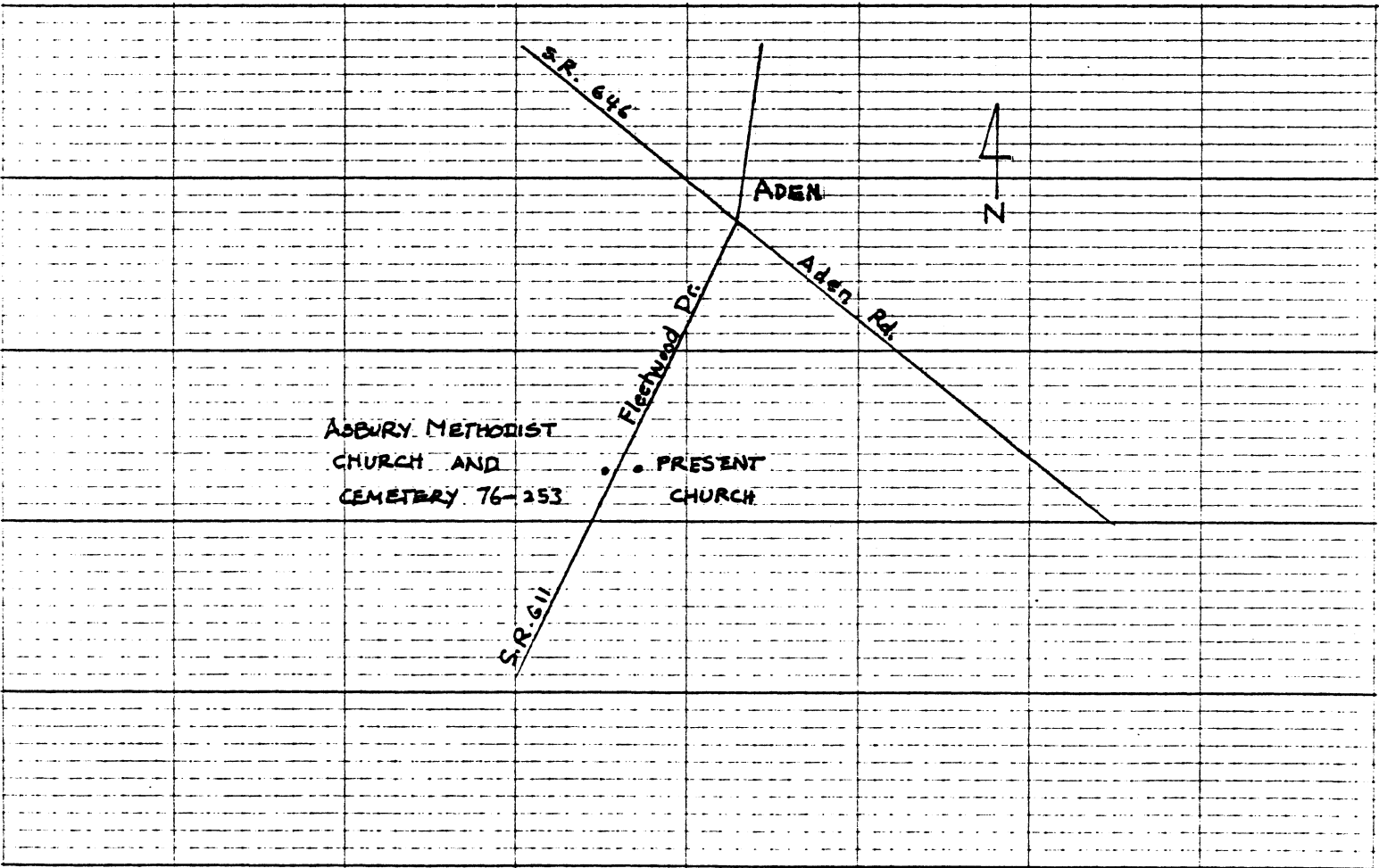
Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.) Church has an unpublished history.

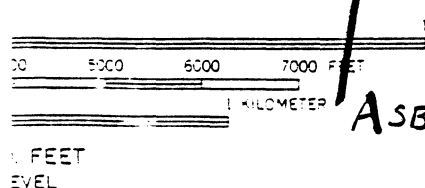
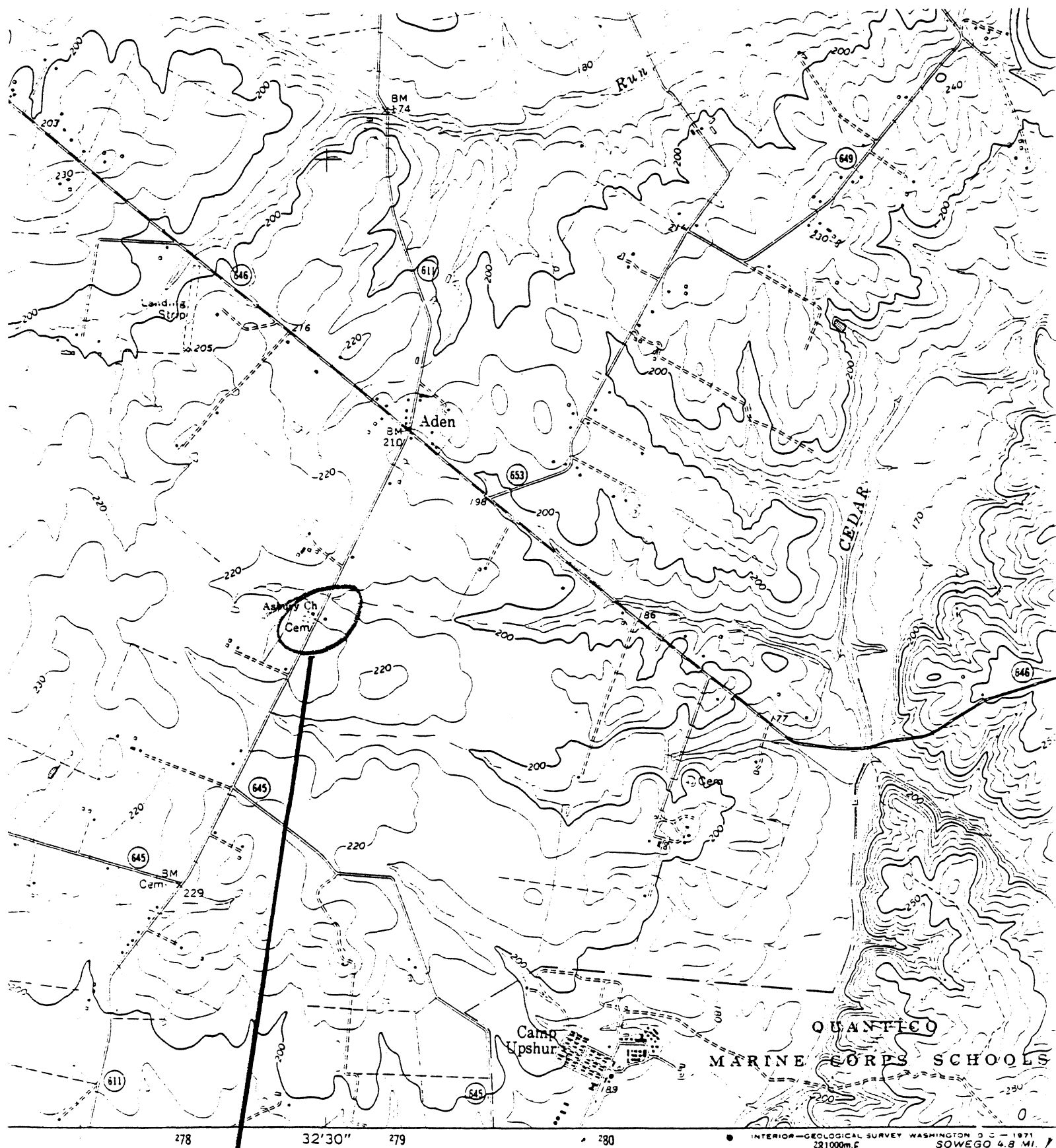
Names and addresses of persons interviewed Mr. & Mrs. John Earhart, 13309 Old Church Rd., Nokesville, Va.; E. R. Conner, Manassas Museum, Manassas, Va.

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

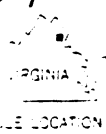


Site plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, dependencies and significant topographical features.)





**ASBURY METHODIST CHURCH
+ CEMETERY 76-253**



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved road
	State Route

QUAD. :

NOKESVILLE
NE 1/4 CATLETT 15' QUAD
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