



**VIRGINIA
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

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SURVEY FORM

Historic name Buckhall United Methodist	Common name AKA Oak Hill Church?
County/Town/City Prince Wm. Co./Church and Buckhall Cemetery	
Street address or route number 10251 Moore Drive, Manassas, VA (church). 7516 Old David Ford Rd. (cem)	
USGS Quad Independent Hill	Date or period 1905; enlarged 1940, c1950
Original owner Hensleys owned the property.	Architect/builder/craftsmen
Original use Church, cemetery	
Present owner Evangelical United Bretheran	Source of name
Present owner address 10251 Moore Dr. Church* Manassas, VA 22110	Source of date Architectural evidence; church history. Stories 1 story on a high basement.
Present use Church, cemetery	Foundation and wall const'n Cinder block foundation; frame wall construction.
Acreage 1 acre+	Roof type Metal-covered gable roof.

State condition of structure and environs Structure is in good condition; grounds are in fair condition.

State potential threats to structure
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.)

Buckhall Church is a typical, one-story, rural weatherboarded church having the entrance in the gable end, in a small, gable-roofed addition which forms the foyer. Early 1900's decorative features include a box cornice, plain, wide frieze, gable returns, and cornerboards. Three bays long, each side contains three large, multiple-pane, tinted glass, sliding sash windows having rounded arches. Larger than one might expect in a church of this size, the windows, including the whole sash, may have been installed in the 1950's.

The interior has a center aisle plan with two rows of old wooden pews seating about 60 persons. The walls are covered in matchboard, or vertical tongue and groove wainscoting to about 3 feet, and the exposed walls are plastered. The floor is medium-width pine. There is a platform at the altar end with a pulpit and enclosed by a rail. The church is centrally heated.

Interior inspected?

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

This church was built in 1904-05 on land donated by the Hensley family, early settlers in the Buckhall area. The congregation had been meeting earlier in a church which was superseded by the present church. Located near the Buckhall Church, the earlier building served other denominations as well as Methodists, and may have been known as the Oak Hill Church. The Buckhall Church was on the Buckhall-Midland-Hazelwood circuit.

The church, originally built on a stone foundation, cost \$830. In 1940, the church was raised and a new cinder block foundation was laid. In the 1950's, a Sunday School wing was added, and the colored glass windows installed.

The estimated 2-acre cemetery parcel, located in the same triangle as the Church, bounded by Davis Ford Road and Old Davis Ford Road, may belong to the Methodist Church. This cemetery was vandalized in March 1979, but it was restored by volunteers and Kline Memorials, who donated both time and materials. The earliest marker dates to 1806.

* Evangelical United Brethren Trustees are listed as Theodore Ritter, Clayton Kline, Garland Moore and William Hensley.

Sources and bibliography

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

Manassas Journal, 11 December 1971, (photo feature).

Byrne, Gregory, "A Violated Cemetery Disturbs Community," in Washington Post, 21 March 1979.

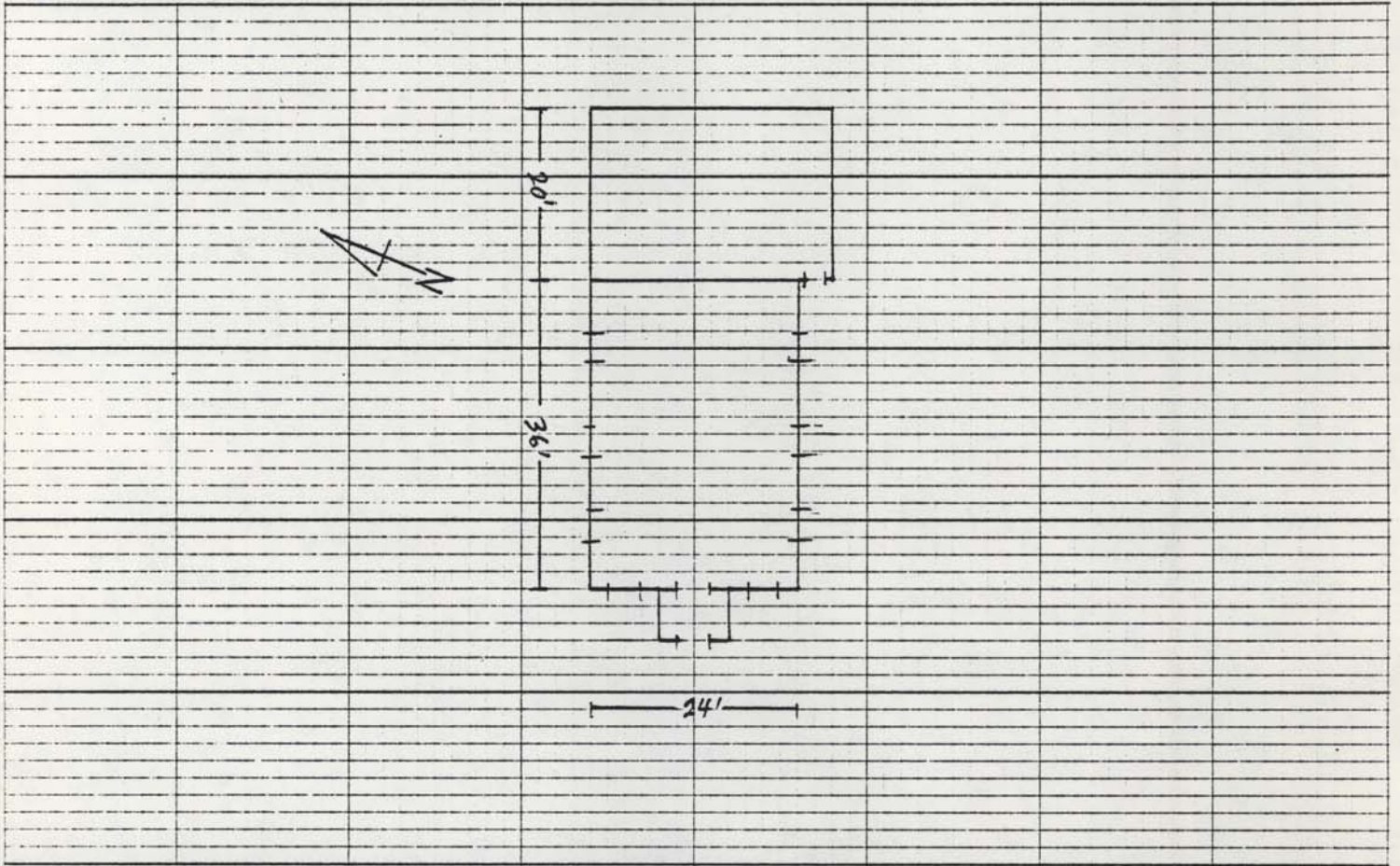
Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)

Ms. Simmons is writing a church history, due out in Oct. 1980, the church's 75th anniversary.

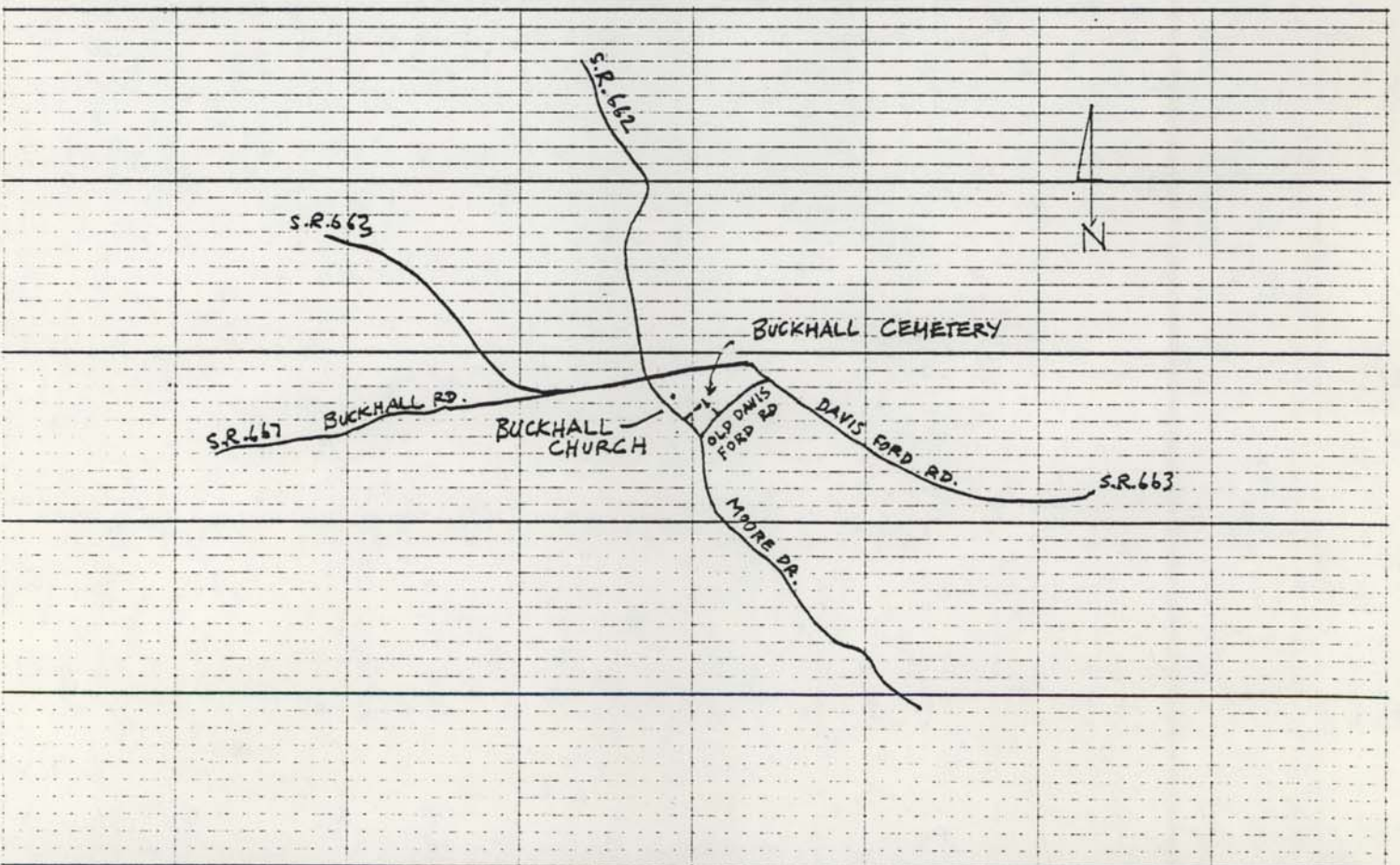
William H. Brown map of Prince William County (1901).

Names and addresses of persons interviewed- Ms. Catherine Simmons, 10350 Lake Jackson Drive, Manassas, VA 22110.

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



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



Name, address and title of recorder

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