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3 1/2 mi s. Manassas

sending history

History of Manassas ch of Brethren pamphlet.

1880-1970

organized

1899 decided to build

1901

~~now gone~~

see cemetery.

There was already a congregation Cannon Branch  
Church of the Brethren.

Bradley meeting House Dec. 1901  
2d + 4th surveys

road  
to  
big  
brick  
plants

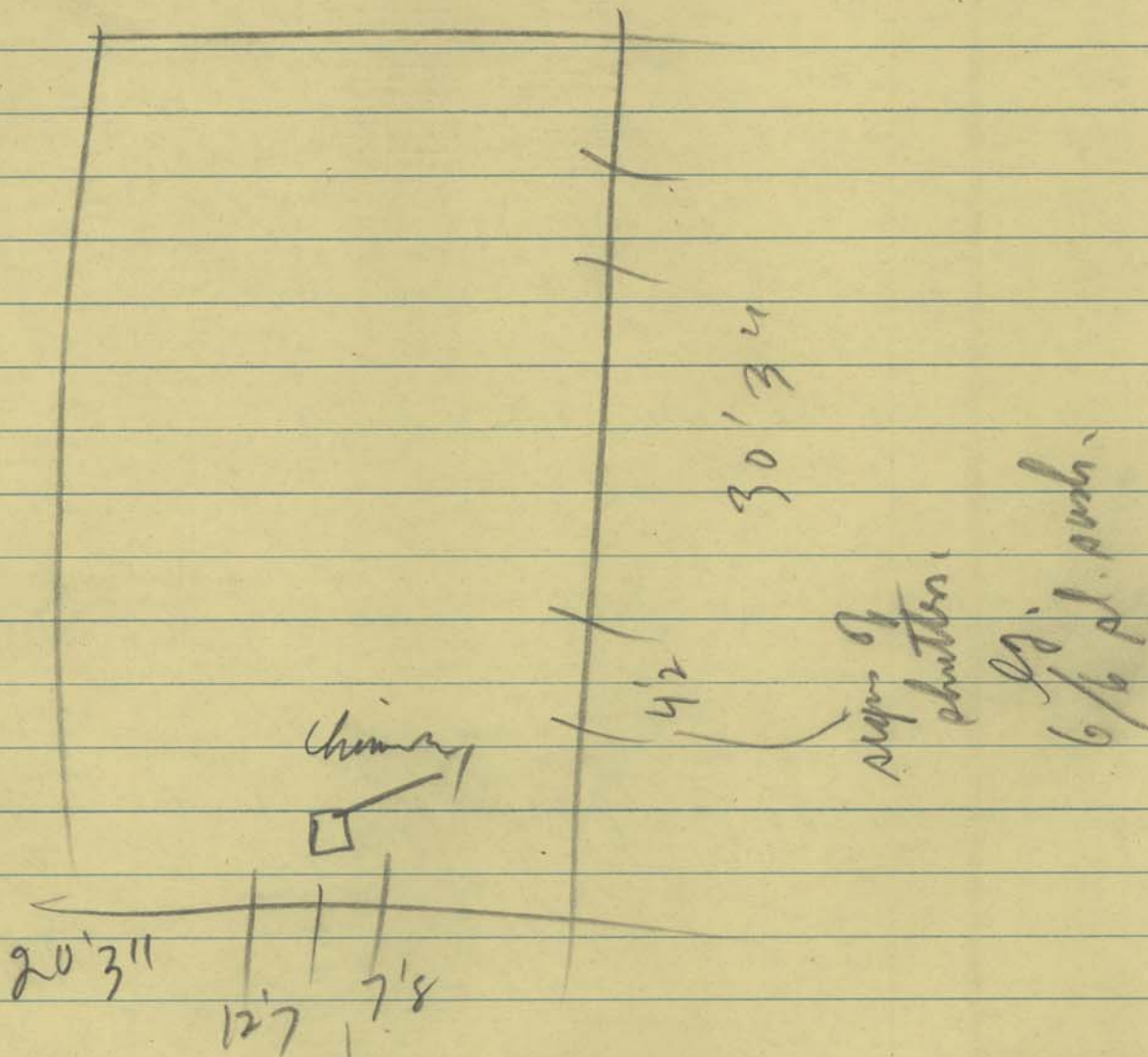
Rt. 28  
1/2 mile on a left  
hand road.  
church was acc. from  
cem.

Interior view ch. of

4-6-81

U.B.

church



red stone found.

gable wth.  
box cornice  
dbl. cor. bbs.

double door 2-pane plain  
w/ 2 light overhead  
replacement  
door.

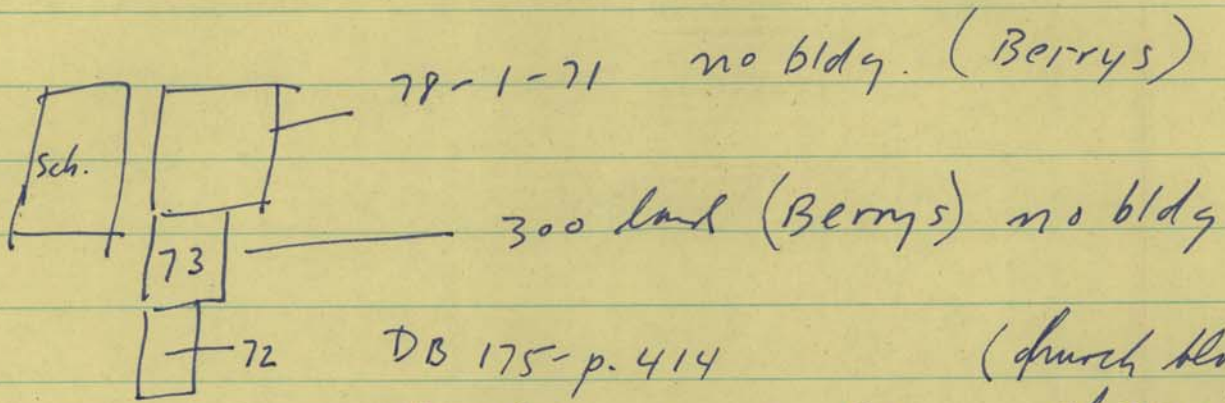
cement  
walk  
curb fl.  
steps.

super of  
shutters.

6 1/2 p. arch.



Tax maps show this arrangement



78-1-71 no bldg. (Berrys)

300 land (Berrys) no bldg.

DB 175-p. 414

Bradley M.E. Ch. lot.

Trustee M.E. Ch.

(church bldg. is shown on this)

← why??

This is .3 acre or  
90' x 150'

This lot has a  
cem. on it.

M.F. Ch. - Dunkard Ch.

appears that Meth Church is gone &  
cemetery is remaining around &  
behind the ch. site.

VB Ch. is the present church.

names of people in Cem =

Bell - d. 1911, 1909., 1920.

Cooper

Maphis

Dodd.

Mary

Brill

Randall.

Burke

Weeks.

Bean.

Waring.

Robinson 1911

Keys

McGrath

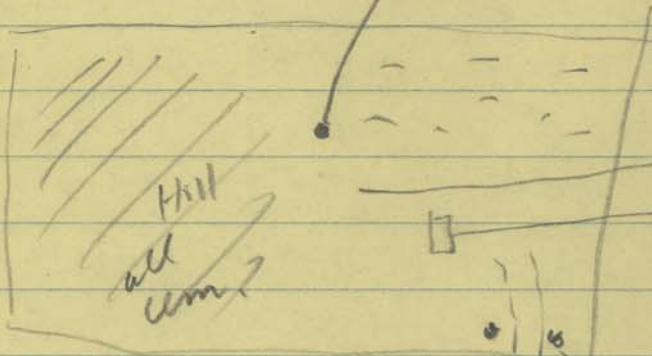
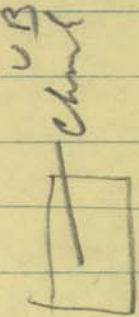
Cedar Tree c 12" d.

2 rows iron pipes.

former paving stone?

2 cedars.

Hill  
all  
cem?





uvch

This small frame-built church rests on a red sandstone foundation repaired in one place with cinder blocks.

The exterior is covered with weatherboards painted brown. There's plain white trim around the door and windows (large 6/8 sash).

~~Shutter pine~~ are present ~~on~~ but there are no shutters. Stylistic features include gable returns, a box cornice, ~~base~~ and double corner boards. The ~~front door~~, a double <sup>front</sup> door ~~is a~~ ~~containing~~ has ~~reproduction~~ ~~style~~ ~~two~~ two <sup>plain</sup> panels per ~~replacement~~

~~side~~ <sup>side</sup> is a reproduction replacement. There is a two-light overhead above the ~~double~~ door. The church was

previously painted white with dark trim. The <sup>front</sup> steps and sidewalk are of

the cinder block and cement. The ~~small~~ church yard ~~is~~ is not landscaped. There is a gravel parking lot north of the church.

South of and beside this church is a small cemetery which previously surrounded a Methodist Church which was destroyed by fire.

The cemetery contains about 50 markers, some dating to the late 19<sup>th</sup> century,



the last names of some of the



Hest

to J. J. Conner, J. J. Kane, and W. M. Kline,  
Trustees of the Church of the Brethren,  
Manassas, Va., also known as the  
German Baptist Brethren Church.

The church was dedicated in 1901, and  
~~meetings~~ were held there twice a month.

for many years. <sup>The church at Bradley was the</sup>  
~~second Brethren Church in Paddy William County,~~  
~~Sundays, meetings were held~~

1881  
1901  
80 Brethren church members  
came to the Manassas area in  
the 1880s, most of them coming  
having come from Pennsylvania  
and the Shenandoah Valley. By 1885,  
area Brethren were meeting in  
the Bradley and Buckhall schoolhouses, and  
later, <sup>in</sup> the Cannon Branch School.

The Manassas Church was formally  
organized in 1895, and the congregation's  
first undertaking ~~was the construction later that~~  
~~1895~~ church, the Cannon Branch  
Meeting House, <sup>2 1/2 mi. W. of Manassas</sup> was built during that  
year. In 1896, the church acquired  
1/2 acre across from the Cannon Branch  
Church for a cemetery. The Cannon Branch  
Meeting house was demolished in the 1950s.



when a new church was erected  
one mile close to Manassas on  
the Mokenville Road.

The congregation sold the  
Bradley Meeting House in 1946.  
~~Since~~ Then the building has continued to  
be used for church services.



Brother Ch,

DB 119 p. 351 22 Apr 1946

J. J. Conner, J. J. Kane, W. M. Kline,  
Trustees of the Ch. of the Brethren Manassas, Va.  
formerly known as the German Baptist  
Brethren Church. to J. Gilbert + Berry  
See Chancery order book #12 p. 33

ref. to place known as "Bradley"

Parcel had been conv. to cong. trustees by Tho. Jones  
+ wife by deed dated 7 Nov 1899 DB 48  
p. 271

Ref to road leading to Simlar's Mill. Begins <sup>270'</sup>~~270ft.~~ ??  
Bradley + Simlar Mill Rd. s. of Interex. of

Wets + Bounds same as earlier transfer. Ref. to

M.E. Church lot. 5329  $\frac{1}{4}$  = 73' x 73' sq.

Lot is also recorded in DB 63 p. 383, a  
subsequent conveyance made by  
Tho. H. Lion under last will + T. of  
Thomas Jones decd.

Note  
\*

There was erected upon said lot decd in DB 48  
p. 271 a house of worship prior to 7 Nov 1901



Brethren Ch.

DB 48 p. 271

Jones to Trustees of German Baptist Church,  
Brethren Church. 7 Nov 1899

Agreed that if ch. fails to build house of  
worship within 2 yrs., the land  
reverts to Joneses.

DB 63 p. 383

26 Aug 1905.

Trustee Thos H. Lion for Thos. Jones decd.  
conveying an additional amount of land for  
cemetery. Confirms the original deed.  
Begins 216.5 ft. south of Interex.  
about 150 ft. on a side

p. 384. specifies the adtd. amount

25 Apr. 1913

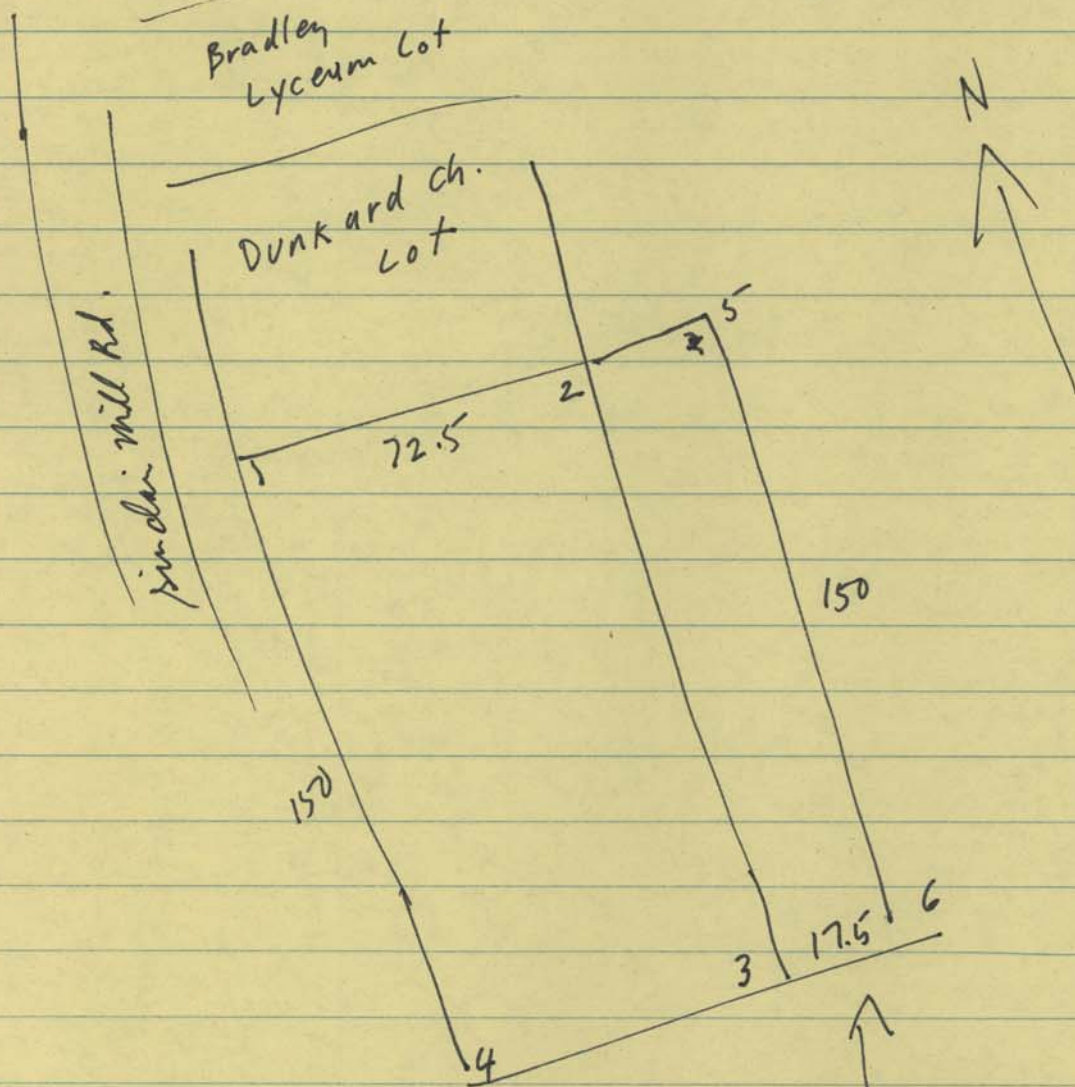
37 feet fronting on  
Simlain Mill Rd. &  
running back parallel to the  
existing lot.



Meth Ch. lot  
site or cen?

Bradley M.E. Church lot. D.B. 175 p. 414  
14 May 1954. Max W. Buell to Trustees of  
Bradley M.E. Ch.

"Whereas on 10 Apr. 1898 DB 52 p. 90 Thos.  
Jones convey. to Trustees of Bradley M.E. Ch.  
a parcel of land 72.5 ft. by 150 ft.  
Plat rec. on p. 415 by J. M. Nourse  
(dated 1898.)



Strip used for graves was never deeded. This deed  
records that use.



parcel 78-1-71 DB. 1049 - p. 349.

Francis O Berry to Joseph G. + Dallas Berry

15 Dec 1978

parcel loc. at interex of S.R. 649 (old Bradley Rd) +  
R. 695 (Sinclair Mill Rd.) and a portion of  
acq. prop. acq. by F.O.B. in deed of part.

1 sep 1970 DB 575, p. 80.

DB 575. p. 80.

Ref to tract No. 1. a parcel containing .5329  $\pm$   
and conveyed to J. Gilbert Berry by  
J. J. Connor + others as trustees  
of the Church of the Brethren

Manassas, Va. 22 Apr 1946.

DB 119 p. 351

which  
piece is  
this?

↘ parcel w/ no bldg. refers to M.E. Churchlot  
as a boundary

Tract #5 = 1.0985 a. com. To J.G. Berry ??  
DB 430 p. 252

Is this 78-1-73 ?? or 71 ??



meth church  
(gone)?

DB 52. p. 90

10 Apr 1898.

Thomas + Martha Jones to Thomas Jones,  
Wm Clark jr. John S Bell Robert Coffman,  
Ray Molair, Trust. of Bradley M.E. Ch.

At the s.w. cor. of a lot belonging to the Perman  
Baptist Brethren, 3,304 ft from the cor.  
of Thos. Jones farm at the interex of  
the Brentsville Rd + Sinclair Mill Rd;  
150 ft alongside Sinclair Mill Rd.

1/4 acre.

Trustees or successors must bld. ch.  
within 5 yrs thereon. or land reverts.

church.

photographed  
3-25  
# 5176

Bradley Forest Rd: + Brentsville Rd, SR 649  
vic 9200 Brentsville Rd.  
+ 11600 B. F. Rd.

sm. frame 2 bay long  
metal - cov. gable roof

sm. cem to the north. c 1/2 acre?

lg 6/6 windows.

gable ets. box cornice  
brown w/ white trim

foundation partly repaired w/ concrete blocks

plain white trim

2-light overhead



Old Bradley Meth?  
"Church" + Cem.

71 = ch,

73 = cem

72 = ??

78-1-71 = Joseph G. Berry, Jr +  
D. Berry Trustees  
2531 Chain Br. Rd.  
Vienna, Va. 22180

prem = 9205 Brentsville Rd.

1.0 98.5 A

no bldg. taxed

DB 1049-349 ?

72 =

Trustees of the Bradley ME Ch.

Sinclair Mill Rd.

Manassas, Va. 22110

.3 099 A

DB 175-p. 414

prem = 11505 Bradley For Rd.

bldg. 8,400

73 = Francis O. Berry

1122 Laurelwood Dr.

McLean Va. 22102

Berry says

church parcel.

prem = 11501 Bradle, For. Rd

WB 29 - p. 579

.1223 A

own 71+73

old German Brethren Ch.  
Comers Trustees

Dallas O.  
Real Estate  
938-5631

father

They own church bldg.  
purch 1946 from Comers  
The church lot.