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 NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
 INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

 SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
 TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

 NAME

HISTORIC

Allegheny Baptist Church

AND/OR COMMON

Free Methodist Church of Pleasantville
 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 27, Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Pleasantville

STATE

Pennsylvania

VICINITY OF

CODE

42

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

23

COUNTY

Venango

CODE

121
 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Free Methodist Church of Pleasantville

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Pleasantville

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pennsylvania
 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.*Venango County Courthouse*

STREET & NUMBER

Liberty at 12th Street

CITY, TOWN

Franklin

STATE

Pennsylvania
 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania inventory of Historic Places

DATE

1973
 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS*Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission*

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Allegheny Baptist Church is a one story frame structure, rectangular in form with a square tower. Its clean lines follow the classical revival style and the pleasing tower adds a sense of harmony. The front of this church faces south and is approached by four steps of cut stone to the wide central entranceway. On each side of this wide entrance is a flat pilaster 12'6" in height, 1'10" in width with a plain moulding cap 8 3/8 high. Each corner of the church is ornamented by plain pilasters 14'6" height matching those on the entrance. The opening of the entrance is 12'6" wide and 10'8" high.

The exterior of the church is covered with white pine lap siding. The foundation is cut sandstone. The church is three bays by four with windows of four over four.

The entrance is surmounted by a plain molding and the entire front of the church is surmounted by a plain wooden frieze. On each side of the double doors in the recess is a vertical panel, being of about 2/3 height of the doors. To the east and west of the recess in the doorway is placed a small door.

The belfry is placed near the front of the roof and rises about 22' above it. It has a wooden base which is 3' high, surmounted by plain moulding which in turn is surmounted by the body of the tower. Each corner of the tower has plain pilasters. These enclose louvered rectangular windows topped by circular mouldings. The peaked roof is topped by a lightning rod.

The interior is simple being only one large room. The pulpit platform in the front of the church is 8' wide and 12' long.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

PREHISTORIC
 1400-1499
 1500-1599
 1600-1699
 1700-1799
 1800-1899
 1900-

ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
 ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
 AGRICULTURE
 ARCHITECTURE
 ART
 COMMERCE
 COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

COMMUNITY PLANNING
 CONSERVATION
 ECONOMICS
 EDUCATION
 ENGINEERING
 EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
 INDUSTRY
 INVENTION

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
 LAW
 LITERATURE
 MILITARY
 MUSIC
 PHILOSOPHY
 POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

RELIGION
 SCIENCE
 SCULPTURE
 SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
 THEATER
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

1847 - 49

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Aaron Benedict, from Stockbridge, Massachusetts, was a zealous adherent of the Allegheny Baptist Church and started an organization of the society in the village of Pleasantville. John Tenant and wife, Mrs. David Copeland, Aaron Benedict and wife and Mrs. Ira B. West were first members in the new congregation. The building was constructed between August 21, 1847 and January 6, 1849 when the church was dedicated.

The Baptist organization continued until 1890 although their last pastor retired in 1879. Following 1890 the building was obtained by the Free Methodist congregation.

The architect for the church was Mamley Colton Beebe.

The Allegheny Baptist Church of Pleasantville is an excellent example of a simple Greek Revival structure little altered since its construction in 1847-49.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Historic American Building Survey. Pennsylvania Pa. 52 1937

Historical Album of Venango County, 1805-1955, p. 40.

Statz, Charles M. The Architectural Heritage of Western Pennsylvania. Pittsburgh: Univ. of Pgh. Press, 1936, p. 217, 246.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .2

QUADRANGLE NAME Pleasantville, Pa.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,7 6 1,8 2,8,0 4,6 0,5 8,1,0

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susan M. Zacher

ORGANIZATION

PHMC

DATE

7-17-78

STREET & NUMBER

Box 1026

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE

Pennsylvania

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL x

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE ED WEINTRAUB, Director
Office of Historic Preservation

DATE 10-17-78

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

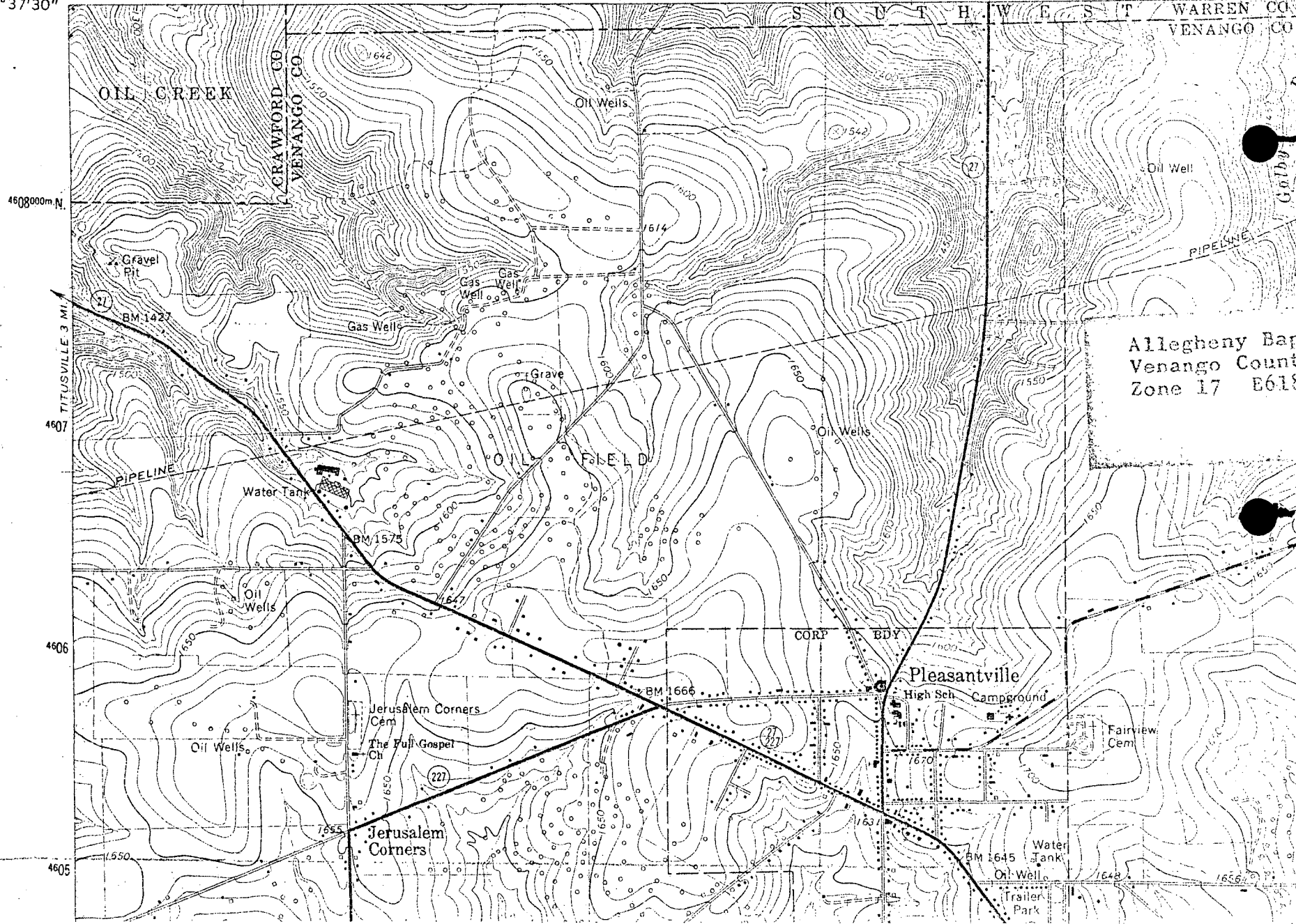
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5067 II NW
TITUSVILLE NORTH

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

COMMONWEALTH OF PENN
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT
TOPOGRAPHIC AND GEOLOG

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41°37'30" 5067 II NE (GRAND VALLEY)



Allegheeny Bar
Venango Count
Zone 17 E618