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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

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1. Name of Property
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historic name Cline's Church of the United Brethren in Christ
other names/site number Cline's United Methodist Church_____

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2. Location
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street & number Cline's Church Road 1/2 mile S. of PA Route 34_
Not for publication N/A
city or town Menallen Twp. vicinity N/A_____
state Pennsylvania_____ code PA__ county Adams_____ code 001_
zip code 17324_____

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification
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As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x nomination _____ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property x meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant _____ nationally _____ statewide x locally. (_____ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Brent D. Plang

June 30, 2002

Signature of certifying official

Date

PA Historical & Museum Commission

State or Federal agency and bureau

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Religion Sub: Religious Facility

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Religion Sub: Religious Facility

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Early Republic: Federal

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone: Limestone

roof Asphalt

walls Stone: Limestone

other Wood

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture _____

Period of Significance 1850_____

Significant Dates N/A

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Cline, Joseph; Cline, Jesse; Peters, George

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

- Previous documentation on file (NPS)
- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
 - previously listed in the National Register
 - previously determined eligible by the National Register
 - designated a National Historic Landmark
 - recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
 - recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

- Primary Location of Additional Data
- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University Lycoming College Library, Williamsport, PA
 - Other

Name of repository: See Continuation Sheet Sect. 9

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property 1.4 acres.

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	18	310440	4429960	3	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____
	_____ See continuation sheet.					

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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11. Form Prepared By
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name/title Gerald W. Bream / Director and contact person for Cline's Cemetery Association
organization Cline's Cemetery Association date Dec. 6, 2001

street & number 27 South Fourth Street
telephone (717) 567-3747

city or town Newport state PA zip code 17074

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Additional Documentation
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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

- A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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Property Owner

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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name _____

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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Cline's Church of the United Brethren in Christ
Adams County, PA

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:

Located in Adams County, Pennsylvania, Cline's Church of the United Brethren in Christ is a well-preserved example of a rural stone church in a very simple style without spires or steeple. Built in 1850, the building is of a rectangular design with a low gabled roof. The church building is basically unchanged from its mid-19th century construction. The only changes being removal of two coal stoves and the installation of central heating; the installation of electric lighting; the removal of the original low flat plastered ceiling with the change to the present high vaulted ceiling; and the addition of two restrooms attached to the outside of the original building. The original slate roof has been replaced, out of necessity, by a similar colored shingles. The church is surrounded on the north by Clines Church Road, on the east by apple orchards, and on the south and west by Cline's Cemetery. The cemetery also is surrounded on the east and south by apple orchards. Orchards also occupy the property across Clines Church Road from the church and cemetery. Cline's Cemetery with its rows of grave markers dating from the mid-1800's to the present, is a contributing site.

The church is located on the south side of Cline's Church Road approximately ½ mile south of the northern end of Cline's Church Road at PA Route 34. The church is set back from the road by approximately 40 feet of lawn shaded by large trees. Concrete steps and walk lead to the church's double entrances.

The Cline's Church of the United Brethren in Christ building is 35 feet wide across the front and 46 feet deep. It is a single story building, with an outside height to the top of the roof gable end of 24 feet. The gable ends of the building face north and south. The total foundation and building is of limestone construction with several cornerstones as massive as 10 to 12 inches thick and 6 feet long. It retains its original hand hewn roof support beams and floor joists. The doors, doorframes, window frames, and window sash are of painted wood construction. The doors and windows are all deep set due to the thick stone construction of the church walls. Nine double sash four-pane windows are spaced around the single interior room. Many of these windows retain the old bubbled and uneven glass. Two smaller, four-pane windows open into the loft area from the front gable end.

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The church has no tinted or stained glass windows. Several of the original window shutters have been restored and returned to place.

The church displays a tablet high on the front gable end that reads:
"CHURCH OF THE U. B. IN CHRIST 1850"

The Cline's Church of the United Brethren in Christ building interior is a single room on the ground level with white plastered walls and ceiling. A loft, accessible only by ladder, exists above the high vaulted ceiling. The original building of 1850 had its ceiling at approximately the 12 foot level. This ceiling was removed and the high vaulted ceiling installed in 1928. It is assumed that the six electric ceiling lights were added at that time. The ceiling lights are of the round globe type hanging on chains as was typical if the church and schoolroom use of the late 1920's period. In recent years, two electric ceiling fans have been added. A raised podium with a choir seating area and modern style dais is set against the south wall. It is 8 feet wide and 24 feet long.

Very plain wooden church pews accommodate approximately 100 people for services. They are arranged into eight double rows with a center aisle and an aisle at each end. Two shorter pews are located against the north wall of the church. The interior flooring is of yellow pine boards with a heavy pine sub-floor nearly two inches thick.

In 1988, a 12-foot square addition was made to the rear, south side, of the church to accommodate 2 restrooms. This area is only accessible from the outside of the church as no opening was made in the original stonewall retaining its integrity.

The Cline's Cemetery, located to the south and west of the church, dates to the mid 1800's also. Although some of the older grave markers are beyond repair, the cemetery is as well maintained as its age will allow. The surface is grass with several large boxwood shrubs. Several trees separate the cemetery from Cline's Church Road.

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The integrity of Cline's Church of the United Brethren in Christ building and site remain very much intact since its beginnings in 1850. It has been well maintained with only a few changes toward modernization. The original interior ceiling was flat and approximately 12 feet from the floor. This ceiling was removed and the high vaulted ceiling installed by Charles E. Group, a local plasterer, in 1928. It is assumed that the six electric ceiling lights were added at that time, the work thought to have been done by Wallace D. Bream, a local electrician. In later years, the original slate roof was removed, out of necessity, and replaced with a similar colored asphalt shingle roof. Also, two coal-fired stoves were replaced with a modern heating system. In 1988, a 12-foot square addition was made at the rear of the church to accommodate two rest rooms. This addition is accessible only from the exterior of the church and as such does not affect the integrity of the original stonewall. The surrounding area remains rural and in use as orchards. No residences are nearby.

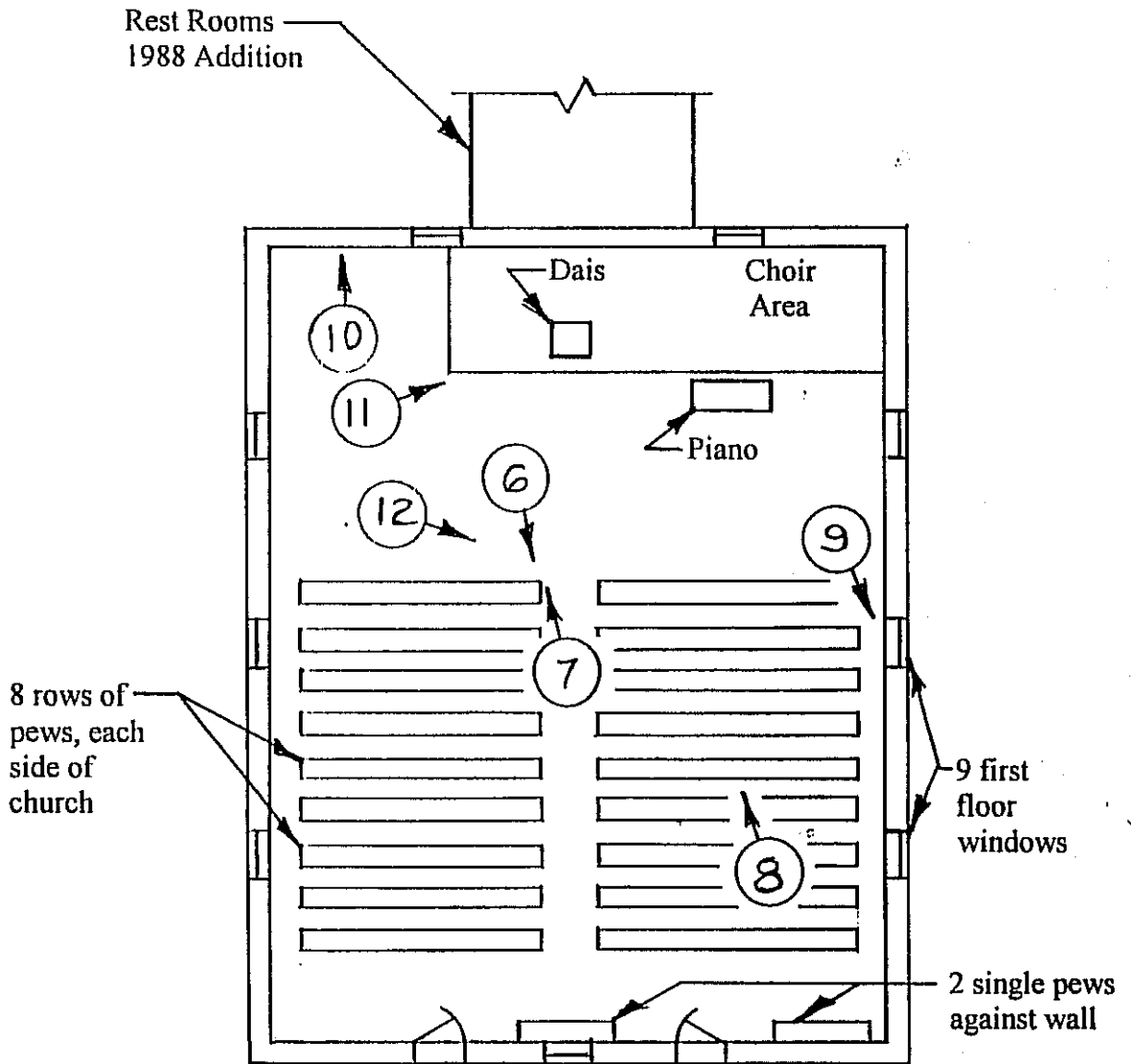
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FLOOR PLAN Not to scale.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Cline's Church of the United Brethren in Christ is significant under National Register Criterion C as a local example of a rural fieldstone church building. To meet the need of a developing congregation, the church was completed in 1850. In contrast to other Adams County churches of the period, mostly of brick or frame, Cline's Church was a simple rectangular structure of limestone and mortar with no spires, steeples, or bell. All windows are of clear glass with no stained glass. This façade remains basically intact at the present. National Registration Criterion Consideration A also applies as the building derives significance from its architecture.

History of Cline's Church of the United Brethren in Christ:

The founding congregation of The Cline's Church of the United Brethren in Christ consisted of five local families led by Rev. John Fohl, a circuit rider minister with the Franklin Mission. The Peters family who owned and operated local orchards donated the original land plot for Cline's Church and Cemetery. The families of Joseph Cline, the local sawmill operator, Jesse Cline and George Peters, local farmers and craftsmen, were instrumental in the completion of the church. Rev. Fohl also provided direction as the construction progressed. It is noted that Joseph and Jesse Cline are both buried in Cline's Cemetery directly behind the church.

The small congregation grew slowly to a membership of 55 to 60 in the late 1930's and then dwindled. In the mid 1950's the membership again reached 56. The current congregation consists of approximately 12 people.

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Cline's Cemetery located immediately to the south and west of the church, dates to the mid 1800's also. Along with the graves of many locals and church members, etc. there are numerous veterans' graves ranging from the Civil War to the Korean Conflict. No immediate casualties of the Gettysburg Campaign are known to be buried there. The Cline's Cemetery Association was formed in 1936 with the primary goal of providing perpetual care for the gravesites. In 1943, the association was incorporated and remains active today.

No written records can be located that indicate the Cline's Church had any direct participation in the Civil War battle at Gettysburg, PA. However with the near proximity of 13 miles to the Gettysburg battlefield area, it must be assumed that the battle's impact was felt. The local tales are of the Confederate troops consuming the entire cherry crop as they marched from Carlisle, PA to Gettysburg on July 1, 1863 and of the sound of the cannon fire on the day of Pickett's charge.

The church has remained in constant use since its construction and is currently used by the United Methodist Conference for regular Sunday services, funerals, meetings, fund raisers, etc.

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Architectural Significance:

The Cline's Church of the United Brethren in Christ building located in Menallen Township, Adams County, Pennsylvania derives its architectural distinction as being an example of the simple rural church architecture of the mid 1800's. The plain rectangular stone construction is depicted by the absence of stained windows, spires, steeple, church bell, etc.

The design of this building is very similar to that of the typical one-room schoolhouse of the period commonly constructed in rural Pennsylvania. Although the schoolhouses were usually of brick or frame construction with a cupola and bell, the resemblance remains obvious.

The local figures involved in the conception and construction of Cline's Church building were Joseph Cline, Jesse Cline, George Peters and farmers and craftsmen from the Gardners, PA area. Reverend John Fohl, a circuit rider of the Franklin Mission, was also instrumental in the conception and construction of the project. The Reverend Fohl had apparently felt the need for a place of worship for the United Brethren families in the Gardners/Bendersville area of Adams County and initiated the building of the church.

Regional Comparison:

Only one church could be located in the Adams County, PA area that would serve as a reasonable comparison. This church known as Rock Chapel, is located in Tyrone Township, Adams County, PA near the village of Good Intent Mills. The Rock Chapel building was completed in 1849 for an already established congregation. Rock Chapel is similar in size to Cline's Church of the United Brethren in Christ and is constructed of brownstone and mortar. Rock Chapel is also a simple rectangular design and has a small steeple. The church does not appear to have been electrified as many oil lamps are present. A small cemetery also surrounds Rock Chapel. Unfortunately, this church currently has no conference affiliation and is not in regular use.

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

Methodist Conference Meeting Minutes from 1849 & 1850

Located in the Office of the Archivist

Central PA Conference of the United Methodist Church
Lycoming College Library
Williamsport, PA 17701-5192

Cline's Church records

Located with the trustees of Cline's Church, Gardners, PA

Contact: Mrs. Nancy DeLong
335 Reservoir Road
Gardners, PA 17324

Autobiography of John Fohl

Written and Published by
Milton Loyer, 2000

Contact: Adams County Public Library
140 Baltimore St.
Gettysburg, PA 17325-2311

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Cline's Church of the United Brethren in Christ building and Cline's Cemetery are located on the south side of Cline's Church Road (T-394) approximately ½ mile from the northern intersection of Cline's Church Road and PA Route 34 just south of the village of Gardners, PA. The plot is basically triangular bounded on the north by Cline's Church Road and on the east and south by commercial apple orchards. See sketch on Section 10 continuation sheet, page 2. The property is identified as Adams County, PA, Menallen Township Tax Parcel No. 232-267-290/000 4. It is positioned at UTM zone 18, Easting 310440, Northing 4429960. The property deed is recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Adams County, PA, in Deed Book No. 98, page 423.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:

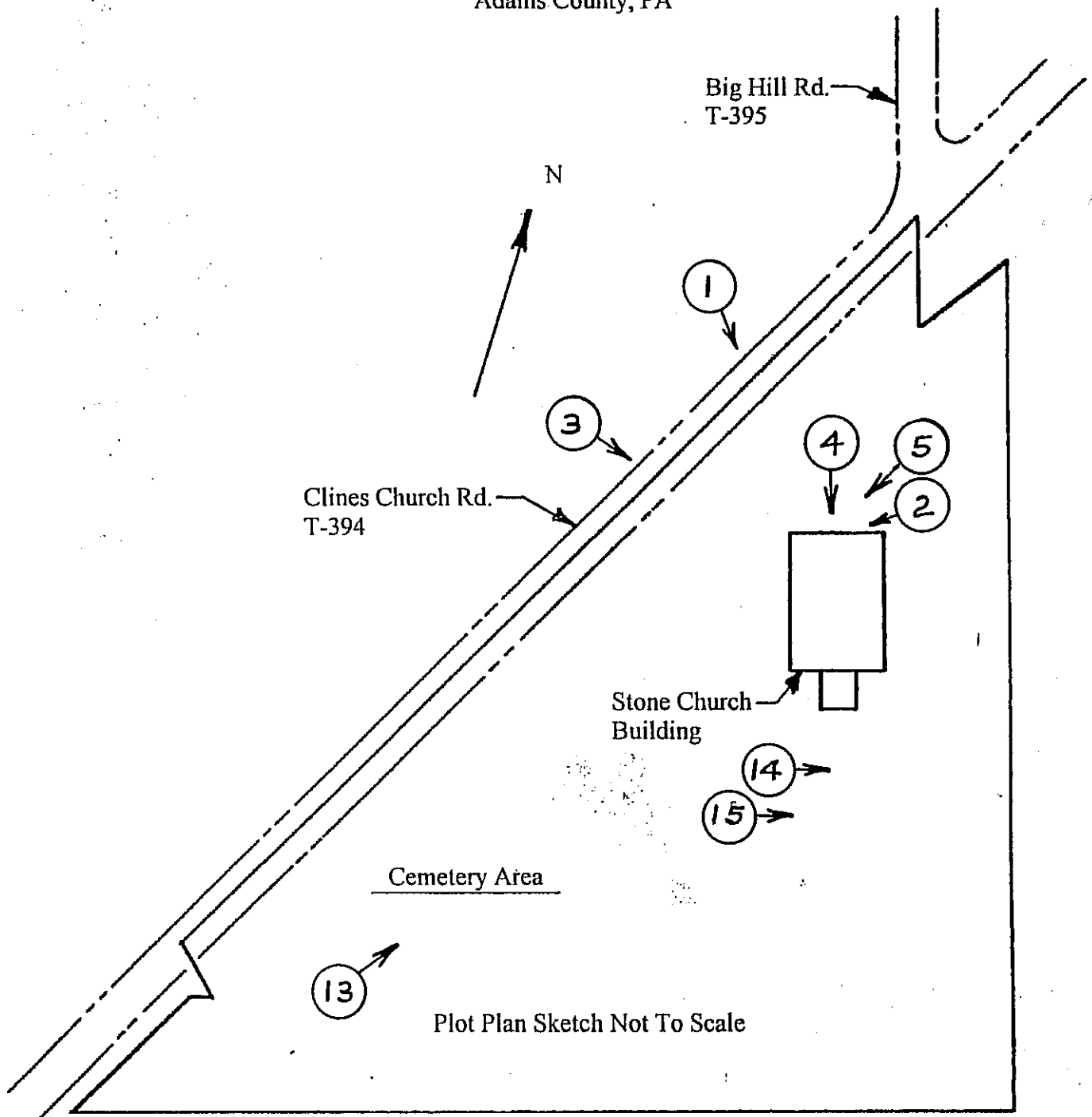
The boundary described includes the historic boundary of Cline's Church of the United Brethren in Christ and the historic property of Cline's Cemetery, also including 2 additional parcels of cemetery acreage acquired in 1944. These additions are 0.2 acres along the southern boundary and 0.2 acres along the eastern boundary. These areas are all included within the historic boundary of 1.4 acres due to their important contribution to the church function and to the setting of the church.

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LIST OF PHOTOGRAPHS INCLUDED WITH THESE FORMS:

NOTE:

15 Black and white photographs are included with this package. These photos were all taken by Susan K. Bream on November 18, 2001. The negatives are being held by Gerald W. Bream, 27 South Fourth Street, Newport, PA 17074. Camera locations and directions are references by circled numbers on Section 7 continuation sheet page 4 and on Section 10 continuation sheet page 2.

Photo No. 1 Building as seen from a northwest direction from Cline's Church Road showing front of church with apple orchards to the left and the cemetery to the right. Camera location: Opposite side of Cline's Church Road facing in a southeast direction.

Photo No. 2 Building as seen from the northeast corner showing deep set entry doors and front window with shutters. Camera location: East boundary of property facing in a west direction.

Photo No. 3 Building as seen from a northwest direction also showing the cemetery behind the church. Camera location: Opposite side of Cline's Church Road facing in a southeast direction.

Photo No. 4 Stone tablet in front gable of building as seen from directly in front of church.

Tablet reads:

CHURCH
OF THE
U. B. IN
CHRIST
1850

Camera location: Sidewalk directly in front of church facing in a south direction.

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Photo No. 5 Deepset front entry door showing stonewall thickness and deepset window with shutters.

Camera location: Several feet off northeast corner of church facing in a westerly direction.

Photo No. 6 View from front pulpit area looking toward two entry doors on northern wall, also showing pew style and arrangement.

Camera location: Inside church on raised pulpit area facing in a northerly direction.

Photo No. 7 View showing the raised pulpit area, modern style dais, etc.

Camera location: Inside church at northwest corner facing in a southeast direction.

Photo No. 8 View toward front of church showing vaulted, plastered ceiling, 4 of 6 electric lights hanging from chains, 1 of 2 ceiling fans etc.

Camera location: Inside church at northwest corner facing in a southeast direction at a high angle.

Photo No. 9 Interior view showing a typical deep-set window style.

Camera location: Inside church along west wall facing in a northwest direction.

Photo No.10 View of church attendance and offering boards reflecting the small congregation and church income on Sundays, November 11 & 18, 2001.

Camera location: Inside church along east wall facing in a southerly direction.

Photo No.11 View of pulpit area showing dais.

Camera location: Inside church along east wall facing in a southwest direction.

Photo No.12 View showing the plain style and arrangement of pews.

Camera location: Inside church along front east wall facing in a west direction.

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Photo No. 13 Southwest view of church building and cemetery also showing rest room addition at rear of church.

Camera location: Southwest corner of cemetery facing in a northeast direction.

Photo No. 14 Grave marker of Joseph Cline, one of the founders and builders of Cline's Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

Camera location: In cemetery immediately behind church facing in an easterly direction.

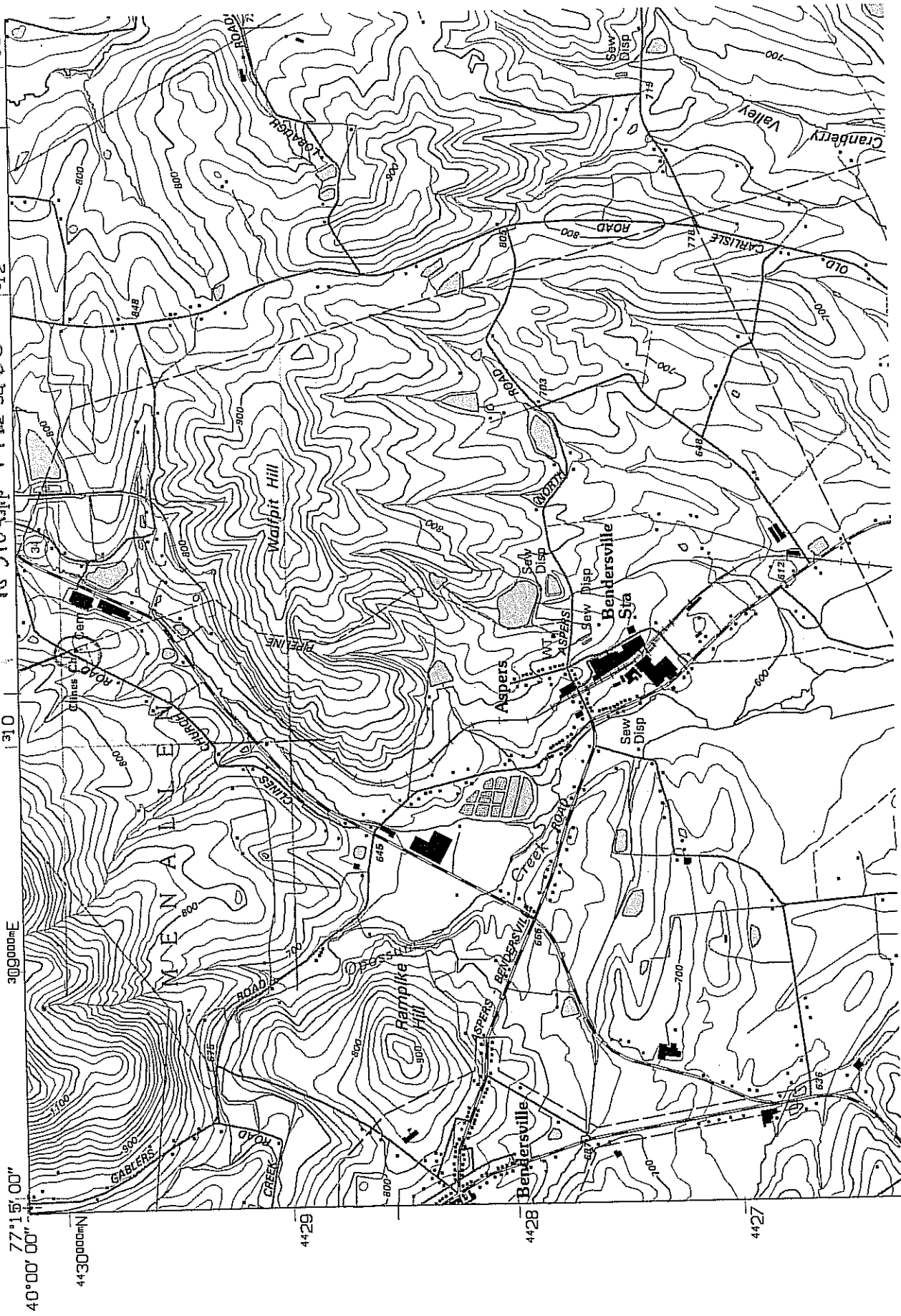
Photo No. 15 Grave marker of Jesse Cline, one of the founders and builders of Cline's Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

Camera location: In cemetery immediately behind church facing in an easterly direction.

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