

7. Local survey organization
 Historic Preservation Trust
 of Lancaster County

072262

8. property owners name and address

9. tax parcel number/other number
 tax map 12D8
 11. status (other surveys, lists etc.)

10. U.T.M. Zone easting
 usgs sheet: Columbia West
 northing

12. classification
 site () structure () object ()
 building (XX) district ()

13. date(s) (how determined)
 1817-1823
 14. period
 17

15. style, design or folk type
 meetinghouse

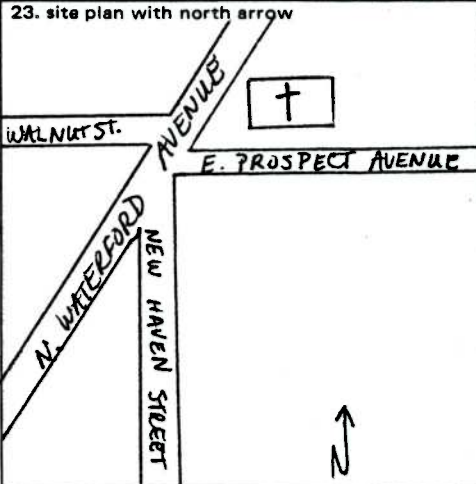
19. original use
 150300-P - church
 20. present use
 community uses

16. architect or engineer

17. contractor or builder

18. primary building mat./construc.
 03-brick

21. condition
 good
 22. integrity
 fair/good



24. photo notation
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25. file/location
 HPT of LC

26. brief description (note unusual features, integrity, environment, threats and associated buildings)
 2-1/2 stories; 3 bays on gable end, 4 bays on side facades
 gable roof covered with slate
 cupola on western end
 wooden cornice
 (continued) (continue on back if necessary)

27. history, significance and/or background
 In the process of a very extensive restoration for about five years, the Union Meeting House is the oldest surviving church-type building in Marietta. It was originally built for the cooperative use by all Protestant congregations in Marietta. The first subscription list was issued in July, 1817. The cornerstone was laid on August 23, 1818. On June 15, 1823, the building was consecrated. Most of the older
 (continued) (continue on back if necessary)

28. sources of information
 Ellis & Evans, History of Lancaster County, 1883, pp. 639-640.
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Computer Coding (BHP Survey Grantees Must Complete)

30. date
 12/82
 revision(s)

31. county 071 32. style _____
 33. construction material 03; _____ 34. roof 01; _____
 35. design type 04; _____
 36. historic function 1 5 0 3 0 0 P; _____
 37. construction feature _____ 38. ext. walls 03; _____ 39. plan 03
 40. facade width 3 41. roof material 17 42. stories D 43. depth 1
 44. ext. design _____
 45. int. design _____

1. County
 LANCASTER
 2. municipality
 MARIETTA BOROUGH
 3. street address or specific location
 North Waterford Street and
 East Prospect Avenue, Marietta
 4. survey code
 071-36-19A
 5. present name
 Union Meeting House
 6. other name (historic name if any)

26. DESCRIPTION (continued):

fanlight in gable end
6 over 6 sash
central entrance on gable end
 panelled double doors
 fanlights
 segmental brick arches over door
identical entrance on south (side) facade
small cemetery south of church

27. HISTORY (continued):

Protestant congregations in Marietta were founded at this house of worship.

The galleries of the interior are generally believed to have been an early---c. 1830's (?) addition to the structure.

With galleries, the interior is reported to have had a seating capacity of about 400. Its use for the original purposes declined in the third quarter of the nineteenth century as most Protestant denominations in the borough of Marietta built their own churches.

This is believed to have been the only meetinghouse type church ever erected in Marietta. It is among the later---but not the latest---of all meetinghouse type churches in Lancaster County. The four bay facade is probably unique for surviving meetinghouse type churches in Lancaster County. However, it was not the only instance in the County; the Lutheran Church in Elizabethtown, demolished in the 1880's, had a very similar four bay facade design.

RECOMMENDATION: The far-reaching restoration work on the church is, as of 1982, nearly complete on the exterior, and incomplete for the interior. The design of the newly constructed cupola or bell-tower might be reconsidered sometime in the future. If correct, it must be recognized as typical of, and unrelated to, all c. 1800-1850 cupolas known for Lancaster County.

28. SOURCES OF INFORMATION (continued):

Marietta Scrapbook, Lancaster County Historical Society.

EVALUATION

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