

Hopewell Friends Meeting House  
S of Va. Rte 672, approx. 1 mi.  
W of Interstate Rte. 81  
Clearbrook vicinity  
Frederick County  
Virginia

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Virginia	COUNTY Frederick	TOWN OR VICINITY Clearbrook vicinity
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Hopewell Friends Meeting House		HABS NO. VA-693
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) W of Interstate Rte 81. South side of Va. Rte 672, approx. 1 mi.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1759-61 - original portion ( 33' x 44') 1788-94 - western portion ( 30' x 44')	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Thomas McClun - builder of original portion.	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The oldest surviving building for religious assembly in Frederick County, Hopewell Friends Meeting House is also significant as a notable early example of the austere stone architecture introduced into the Valley of Virginia by Quaker settlers from Pennsylvania.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Exterior bearing walls of gray limestone laid in random rubble. Interior wooden columns support the balcony. Balcony, roof framing, and floor are of wood.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) See accompanying HABS drawings.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Stone voussoirs above first floor windows and doors. Stone quoins at corners. Three large chimneys on south facade. One-story porch (not original) wraps around NW corner, providing covered access to lavatory built against north wall. Wooden box cornice extends along both longitudinal elevations and returns at corners.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Originally there were four fireplaces along the south wall, first floor. The central two have been filled in. L-shaped balcony contains original, fixed seating. Some of the movable benches on the first floor are also original. Hardware on original exterior doors also appears original.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Western addition (1788-94) almost exactly doubled the size of the meeting house. White sheet metal siding now covers the original wooden siding of the gable end walls. Porch dates from 1910. Glazed transoms on exterior doors are not original. Slate roof replaces wooden shingles. Int. stairways not original.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Still (1972) regularly used by the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). The size of the meeting has decreased in recent years, and the balcony is not used.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Around 1827-28, a schism that developed in the Quakers resulted in the meeting house at Hopewell being partitioned in two; one faction using the original portion, the other the addition. The existing stairways to the balcony were probably built at this time. The factions reunited in 1910, and the building was restored and partly rebuilt at that time.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register, Frederick Co., Va., Deed Books 2 and 23. Joint Committee, Hopewell Friends History, 1734-1934 (Strasburg, Va., 1936.		
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