

Anne Arundel - 733
St. Matthew's U.M. Church
Shady Side Rd.
Shady Side, MD 20867

Burned
4/13/2000

1879

St. Matthew's U.M. Church stands 20' from the northside of Shady Side Rd., 1/8 mile from the Avalon Shores Volunteer Fire Dept. The original building was destroyed and the present Church was erected in 1898. This Church was veneered with brick in the 1950's. A wing was added on the southside of of the Church (near the entrance) to house the Sunday School. This addition has impaired the beauty of the building.

This is the latter of two Methodist Churches founded by James Thompson. (The other is Franklin U.M. Church in Churchton founded in 1873.) Thompson was a freedman before the end of the Civil War. St. Matthew's U.M. Church was originally called Great Swamp M.E. Church. Shady Side and Deale are often designated on old maps of Anne Arundel county as "The Great Swamp".

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC St. Matthew's UM Church
AND/OR COMMON Centenary U.M. Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Shady Side Rd.
CITY, TOWN Shady Side VICINITY OF First CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE Maryland COUNTY Anne Arundel

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Trustees, St. Matthew's U.M. Church
C/O Rev. Richard T. Herbert Telephone #: 261-5620
STREET & NUMBER Deale-Churchton Rd.
CITY, TOWN Churchton VICINITY OF STATE, zip code MD 20733

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: SH 4
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Anne Arundel Co. Courthouse FOLIO #: 159
STREET & NUMBER Church Circle
CITY, TOWN Annapolis STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE N/A
DATE
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE

7 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
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>1879</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. Matthew's U.M. Church stands 20' from the North side of Shady Side Rd., 1/8 mile from the Avalon Shores Volunteer Fire Dept. The original building was destroyed and the Church was reconstructed in 1898. Unfortunately, that structure was veneered with bricks in the 1950's, and a wing was added on the south side of the Church to house the Sunday School. St. Matthew's faces South so the addition has impaired the beauty of the building.

St. Mathew's (before the brick facing) was a white weatherboard Church. Late Victorian in appearance. The front of the building measures 26' and the main body of the Church is 38'. The 12' lancet windows that graced the weatherboard structure have been replaced by conventional 4-over-1 square windows (three on each side). The short spire above the entrance is open. It retains the lattice and round opening of the Victorian period (I have attached a color slide of this belfry).

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1879-1898

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is the second Methodist Church that was founded in southern Anne Arundel County by James Thompson (the other is Franklin U.M. Church in Churchton). Thompson was a freedman before the conclusion of the Civil War. The land that St. Matthew's U.M. Church is located on was purchased by Thompson from the Weems family and was once part of Thompson's farm.

St. Matthew's was originally called Great Swamp M.E. Church. Shady Side and Deale are often designated on old maps of Anne Arundel county as "The Great Swamp". The name of the Church was changed in the present century. St. Matthew's is not as old a congregation as Franklin Memorial U.M. Church but they are only three years apart. It stands as a memorial to James Thompson who founded both churches. Thompson is supposedly buried in the cemetery on the northeast side of the Church, but, if he is, the grave is unmarked.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

James W. Clark, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Commission on Afro-American History & Culture

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

20 Dean Street

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

DEALE QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

5761 IV NEW
ANNAPOLIS

168 940 000 FEET 76° 30' 38° 52' 30"



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AA-733
ST. MATTHEWS U.M. CHURCH

DEALE



St. Matthew's U.M. Church
Shady Side, Anne Arundel
AA-733

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church AA-744
Shady Side, Anne ARUNDEL County, MD 733
Michael Hosford

Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD
Southwest elevation
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