

Arne Arundel - 734  
Adams M.E. Church  
Lothian, MD 20820

1883

Adams M.E. Church was built in 1883. It stands 20' from the south side of Bayard Road in a totally agrarian area of southern Arne Arundel County. A new brick church has been built next to the old structure and it houses a large and active congregation. At the rear of the old church is a graveyard that contains the remains of J. Harrison Holt. Holt, a wealthy farmer, was one of the members most responsible for the building of the new church and the preservation of the old building. Holt died in 1971, he had donated land to the Methodist Church for use as a camp and had allowed his farm to be used as the site for a number of fund raising activities.

The old church is a weatherboard building that measures 18' across the front. The building has a simple two-step entrance with double doors with a small clear-glass palladin arc top. There are two eight foot (8') lancet windows in the front facade, one at each side of the doors. Three of these windows are on each side of the main body of the church. The windows contain a combination of colored and clear glass.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Adams M.E Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER Bayard Rd.

CITY, TOWN Lothian VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Fourth

STATE Maryland, 20820 COUNTY Anne Arundel

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" 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, Adams M.E. Church

Telephone #: N/A

STREET & NUMBER Bayard Rd.

CITY, TOWN Lothian VICINITY OF STATE, zip code MD, 20820

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Anne Arundel

Liber #: SH 15  
Folio #: 343

STREET & NUMBER Church Circle

CITY, TOWN Annapolis STATE Maryland, 21401

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE N/A  
DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

AA-734

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1883</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Adams M.E. Church is a simple weatherboard sided late Victorian structure that stands 20' from the south side of Bayard Road in a totally agrarian area of souther Anne Arundel county. The old church measures only 18' across the front and is 32' long. The entrance is merely two fold-down wooden steps rising to double doors with a small clear glass palladin arc atop. There are two eight-foot lancet windows in the front facade, one at each side of the double doors. Three of these windows are on each side of the body of the church (six in all). The windows contain a combination of colored and clear glass.

A new brick church has been built on the east side of the old structure. Luckily, there is a drive and some 15' of lawn separating the two buildings. At the rear of the old church is the graveyard.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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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 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  
1883BUILDER/ARCHITECT  
N/A

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Adams M.E. Church is located in an area of southern Anne Arundel County that is still virtually all tobacco land. The landscape is dotted with tobacco barns and the old farm houses stand well back from the road surrounded by the farm land. This Church was built and used by black farmers and farm laborers. It is an extremely active parish and the new church has a large congregation. At the rear of the old Church is the graveyard that contains the remains of J.Harrison Holt, a wealthy farmer, who was one of the members most responsible for the building of the new church and the preservation of the old church. Holt, who died in 1971, had donated land to the Methodist Church for use as a camp and had allowed his farm to be used as the site for a number of fund raising activities.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**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**

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DATE

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CITY OR TOWN  
Annapolis

STATE  
MD

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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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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5661 (NW)  
(DAVIDSONVILLE) 154

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140'

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Adams Methodist Episcopal Church  
Lothian, Anne Arundel County, MD  
Michael Hosford

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Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD  
Northeast elevation  
5/79



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Window detail  
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