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Ebene~~X~~zer AME Church  
Galesville, MD 20765

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1871

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Ebene~~X~~zer AME Church stands 52' from the south side of Main Street in Galesville. The old weatherboard building has been veneered **NO!** with brick on all sides. The parsonage which stands on the east side of the church gives some indication as to what the church was built of. The parsonage could have been constructed at anytime from <sup>1880</sup>~~1870~~ to 1910. It is a two-story weatherboard structure with a gable in front. This <sup>kind</sup>~~king~~ of architecture is sometimes called American Gothic but in truth is late Victorian.

6/86 NOTE:

The Ebenezer AME Church was originally called "West River AME Church" (See Lease: SH 15/254, 1879).

The 1st church building was constructed 1879-1881. (Again, See Lease: SH 15/254.)

The 1st church was remodeled in 1931 and in 1951. It was demolished in 1970 following the construction of a new brick church in the space between the old church and the parsonage. (See photos of construction and demolition in Survey File # 769.)

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Ebenezer AME Church  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER Galesville Road  
CITY, TOWN Galesville VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Fourth  
STATE Maryland 20765 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 type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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 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, Ebenezer AME Church Telephone #: 867-9867  
STREET & NUMBER Main Street  
CITY, TOWN Galesville VICINITY OF STATE, zip code MD, 20765

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Anne Arundel Co. Court House Liber #: SH 15  
Folio #: 254  
STREET & NUMBER Church Circle  
CITY, TOWN Annapolis STATE MD 20765

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE N/A  
DATE  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
CITY, TOWN STATE  
\_FEDERAL \_STATE \_COUNTY \_LOCAL

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**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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>1871</u>

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

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**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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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In the nineteenth century there were at least four AME congregations in southern Anne Arundel County, Galilee, St. Paul's, Pautuxent and Ebenezer. Today, only Ebenezer remains.

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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

**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

269-2893

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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 Scale 1:24,000  
 1957; photo revised 1970

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 Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal  
 Church and Parsonage  
 956 Galesville Road  
 Galesville



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EBENEZER A.M.E. CHURCH, GAZESVILLE, MD.

Built 1869

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Ebenezer Church (right) and Parsonage (left)

A. A. Co., Md.

East corner



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EBENEZER A.M.E. PARSONAGE ca. 1880-1910

GALESVILLE, MD.

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A.A. Co., Md.

East Corner



EBENEZER A.M.E. CHURCH GAGESVILLE  
(background)

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PERSONAGE in foreground

~~NEW CHURCH (1969) behind~~

~~ROLL # 6~~

~~FRAME # 3~~

A. A. Co., Md.

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SE elevation



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Ebenezer A.M.E. Parsonage

A. A. Co., Ind.

~~Roll # 6~~

~~FRAME 4~~

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West corner



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Ebenezer A.M.E. Parsonage

A.A. Co., Md.

~~Row # 6~~

~~Frame 2~~

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South corner.



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North elevation  
7/80



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August 27, 1970

demolition of First Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, Fallsville, Md.  
(built 1880.)

A.A. Co., Md.

This copy photo made 3/85, courtesy of Harriett Hull, Trustee.

Facade, NE elevation



September 1968 (copy photo made 3/85, courtesy of  
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Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church

A.A. Co., Md.

East corner of old church, built 1880.

Construction of new church in foreground.