

Anne Arundel - 772
Mt. Zion U.M. Church
612 2nd St.
Annapolis, MD 21401

1867, 1896, 1925

Mt. Zion U.M. Church stands on the west side of 2nd Street in that part of Annapolis known as Eastport. This building is not the original; it was built in 1896 and remodeled in 1927. This church was founded by Daniel Boston, Nathan Evans and Joseph Jenkins, et al. The property was formerly in the hands of James Cheston, Jr. There was an attempt to build a black primary school on this site as early as 1867; a school was built here in 1873. That building is now destroyed. Mt. Zion is the oldest black church on the Eastport peninsula.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Mt. Zion U.M. Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

612 2nd Street

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth

STATE

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Trustees, Mt. Zion U.M. Church
C/O Rev. Rufus S. Abernethy

Telephone #: 268-5798

STREET & NUMBER

612 2nd St.

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
MD., 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Anne Arundel Co. Court House

Liber #: SH 2

Folio #: 409

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

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE 1867

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Mt. Zion U.M. Church stands on the west side of Second St. in the part of Annapolis known as Eastport. This building is not the original--it was built in 1896 and remodeled in 1925. The L-shaped gabled building has a short tower in the junction of the "L" that is surmounted by an open arch belfry and topped by a short spire. This spire has asphalt-composite shingle as does the Church's roof. The building faces east; there are ten concrete steps that rise to the double four panel doors on the east face of the tower. This is the entrance. There is also a door on the south facade of the tower that is probably opened as an entrance on occasion. There are two 8' lancet windows on the south side of the church on the second level and two 4' rectangle two-over-two panes, clear glass rectangle windows on the bottom level. The front (east gable) facade has a twelve foot cathedral window on the second level with green and amber panes of glass (twelve in all). On the first level are two small 4' rectangle windows over a simple arc entrance to the first level. There are four 8' lance windows on the north side of the church at the second level and four more 4' rectangular two-over-two windows on the first level. The church has been stuccoed.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 1896(remodeled in 1925) BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This church was founded in the 1860's by Daniel Boston, Nathan Evans and Joseph Jenkins, et al. The property belonged to James Cheston, Jr., originally. There was an attempt to build a school for black primary education on this property as early as 1867; a school was built here in 1873. That building is now destroyed. Mt. Zion is the oldest black church on the Eastport

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

NAME / TITLE
James W. Clark, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION Maryland Commission on Afro-American History & Culture

DATE

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20 Dean Street

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CITY OR TOWN
Annapolis

STATE
Maryland

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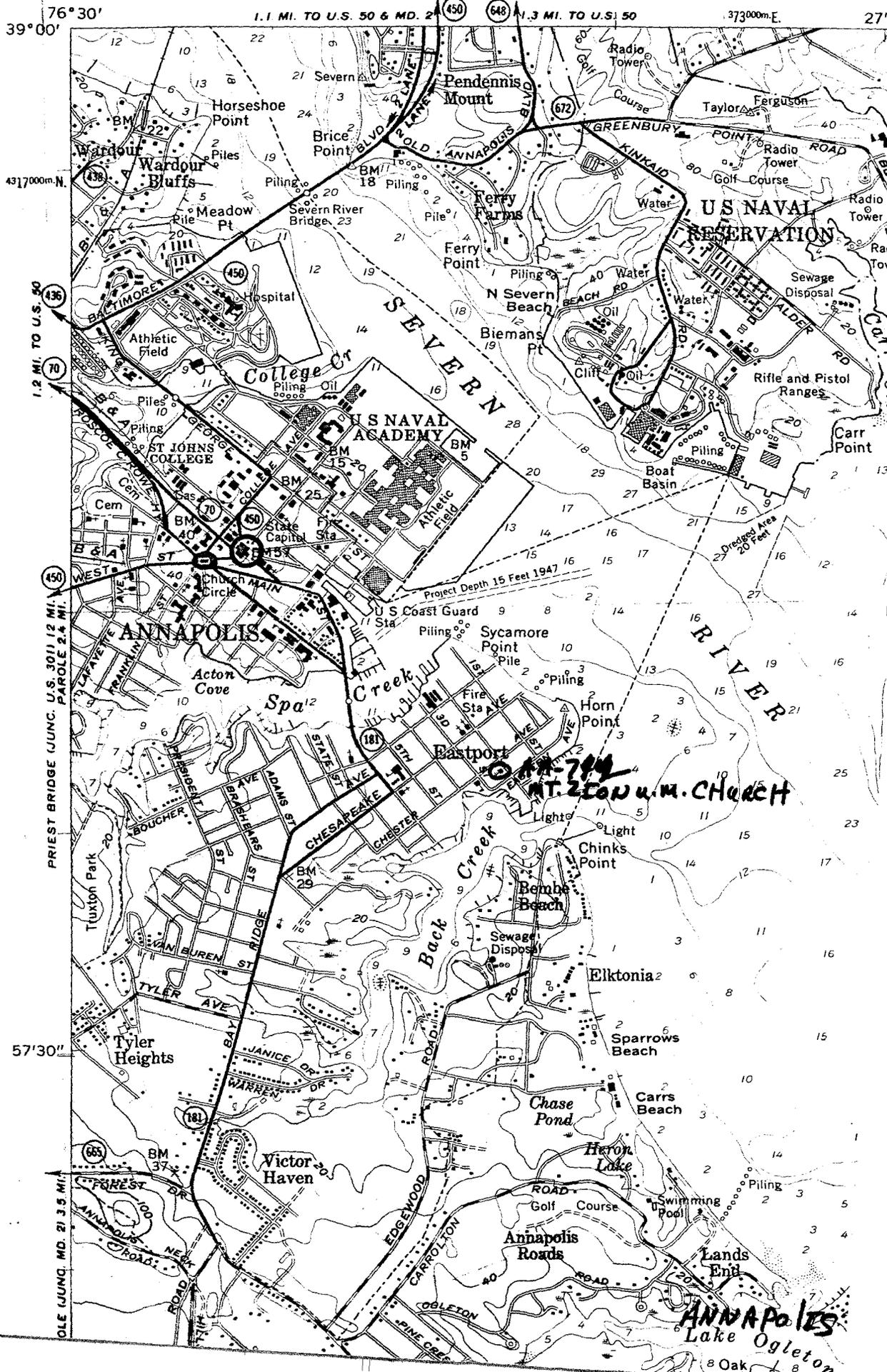
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, MD
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Southeast elevation
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Northeast elevation

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