

Anne Arundel-780  
Wilson Memorial ME Church (Site)  
Rt. 3  
Gambrills, MD 21054

1900, 1954

Access: Public

Wilson Memorial ME Church is an example of the determination of a small black congregation to survive. This church was originally a mission of Mt. Tabor ME Church. Mt. Tabor's congregation dates from 1848. Wilson's congregation was formed at the turn of the century. They met in a black school that was located behind the present location. They were forced to abandon that site and meet in Thomas Dawson's store in the 1940's. They finally built the present church in 1954. Although, this church is too recent to be included on this survey, I believe it's existence is a testament to the small black community that has nurtured it for 81 years.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**  
 HISTORIC Wilson Memorial ME Church (Site)  
 AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**  
 STREET & NUMBER Rt. 3  
 CITY, TOWN Gambrills VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Fourth  
 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 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, Wilson Memorial ME Church Telephone #: 721-1182  
 STREET & NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY, TOWN Gambrills VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ STATE, zip code MD, 21054

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION** Liber #: JHH 407  
 COURT HOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Anne Arundel Co. Court House Folio #: 429  
 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

- ORIGINAL SITE
  - MOVED
- DATE 1900

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

The church was built in 1954. It is constructed of stucco. It is 60' from Rt.3 (301), 1 mile north of Rt.424. It is located on the east side of the road and faces south. Pictures are included.

**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 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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 1900-1954

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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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
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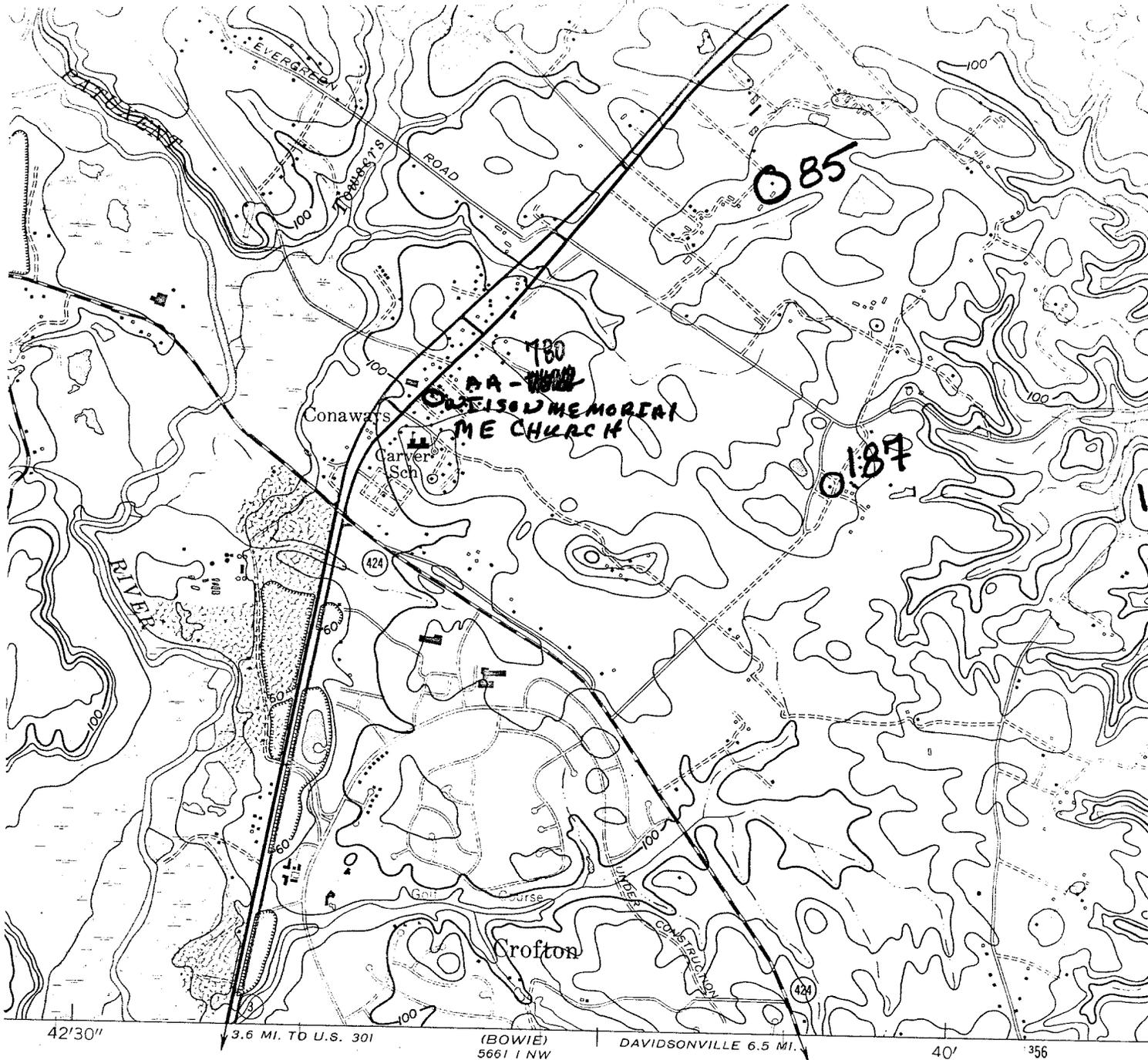
**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	James W. Clark, Historic Sites Surveyor	DATE
ORGANIZATION	Maryland Commission on Afro-American History & Culture	TELEPHONE
STREET & NUMBER	20 Dean Street	269-2893
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.

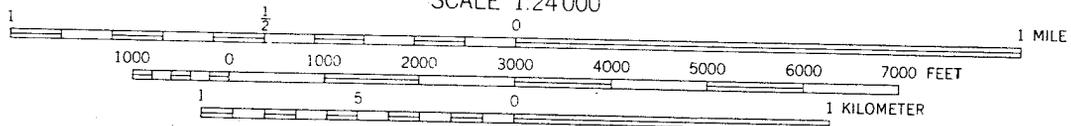
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



42°30' 3.6 MI. TO U.S. 301 (BOWIE) 5661 NW DAVIDSONVILLE 6.5 MI. 40' 356

SCALE 1:24 000

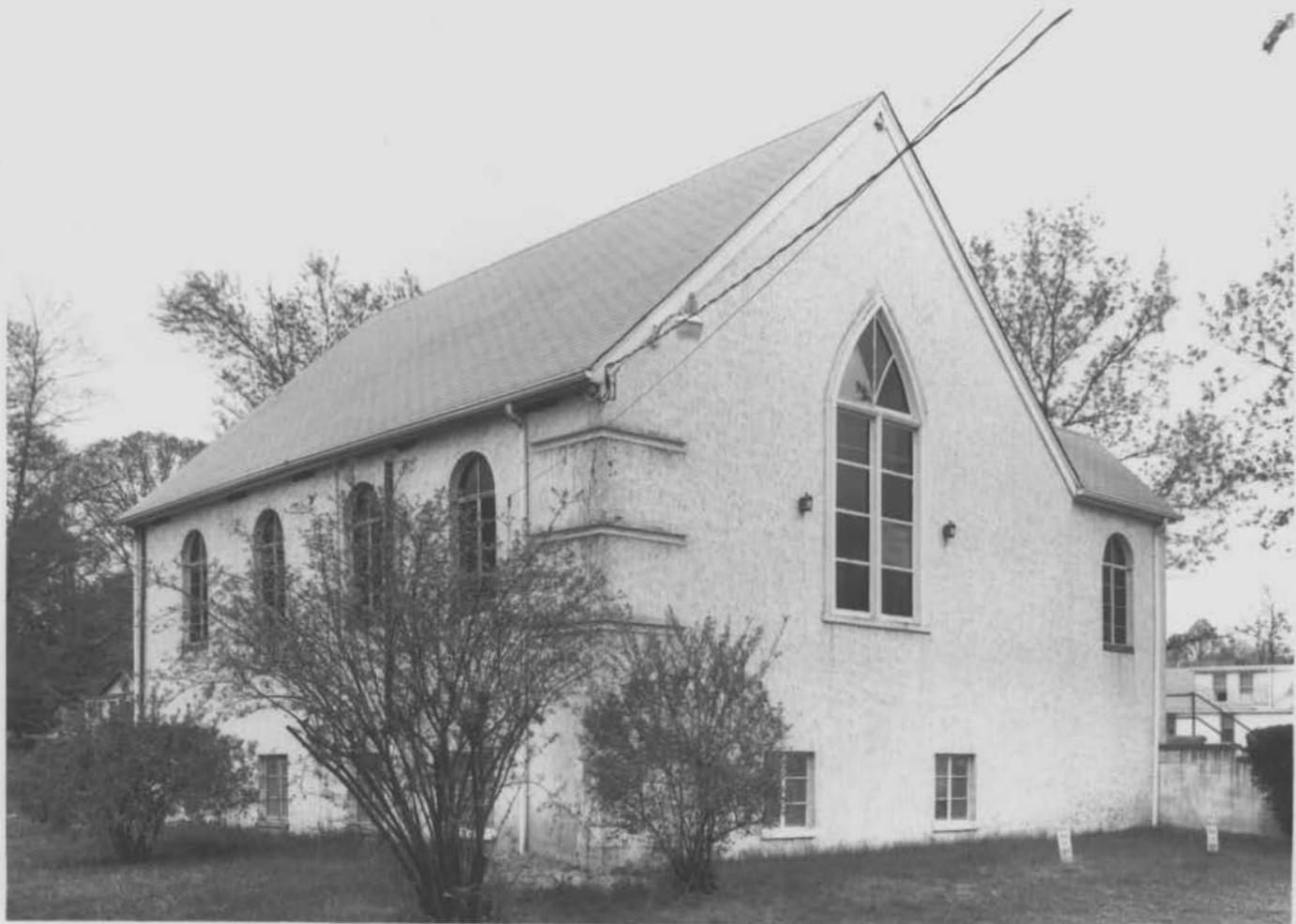


CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

NORTH  
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MARYLAND  
QUADRANGLE

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



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West Elevation  
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Wilson Memorial Methodist Episcopal AA-786  
Gambrills, Anne Arundel County, MD  
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Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD  
South elevation  
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