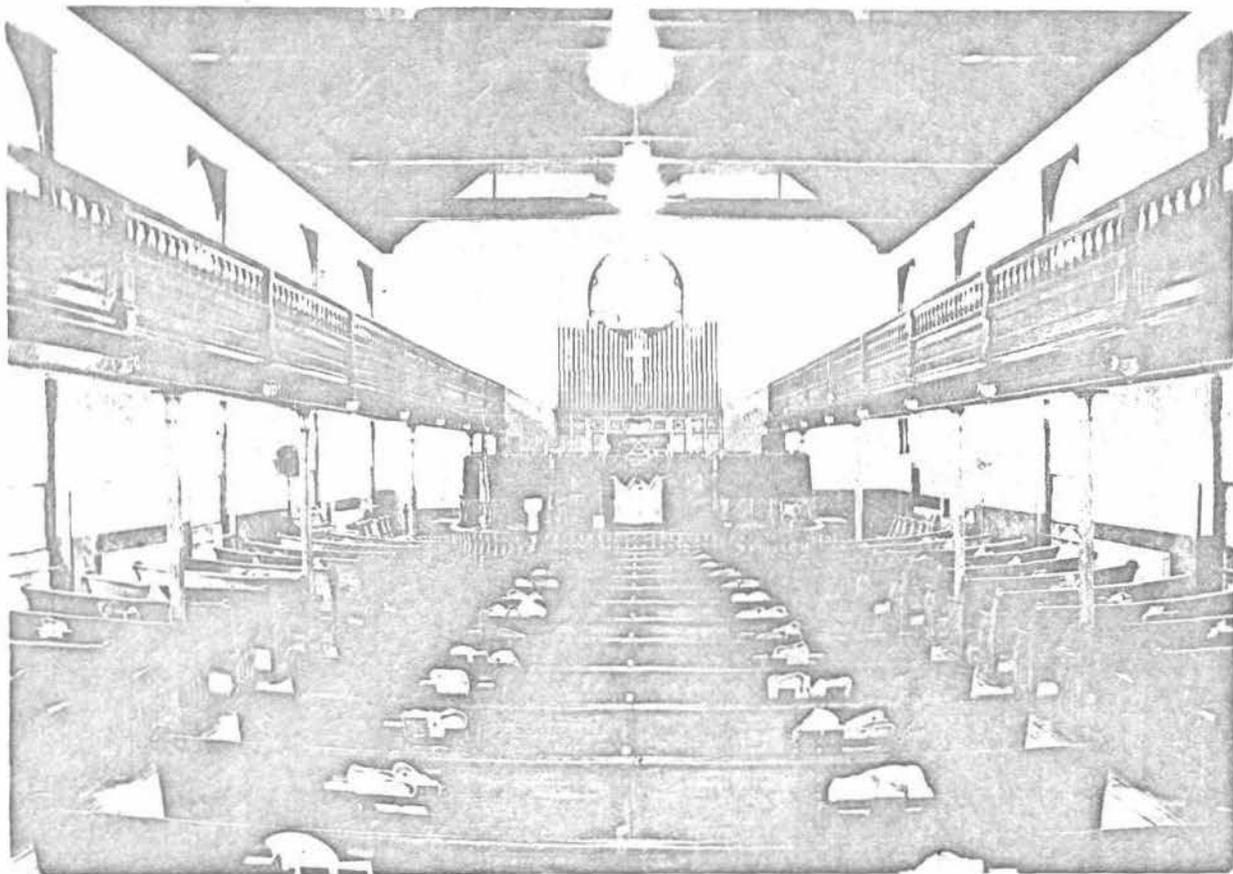


CHAP proposed to City Council as landmark Nov. 1970

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EBENEZER A. M. E. CHURCH



18, 20-30 W. Montgomery Street

1865

Builder: B. F. Bennett

Ebenezer A. M. E. Church is a Baltimore landmark chiefly because of its importance in Negro history. This is the oldest standing church built by a Negro congregation, most Negro churches having been purchased from white congregations. It stands on the site of an earlier church building, erected in 1848 by the same congregation, which had been formed possibly as early as 1816. Several outstanding clergymen served the church, including Bishop Daniel A. Payne who was a founder of Wilberforce University, the oldest Negro University in the country.

The present church was erected in 1865. The architect is not known, and the exterior of the building has been altered. The interior, however, is notable for its massive ceiling beams of Georgia pine and its side balconies, supported by narrow columns.

Deed ref: JB 1389/169

Wd: 22 .Sec: 9

Blk: 895 Lots: 26 & 27

Lot size: 52' x 91'

Owner: Ebenezer A. M. E. Church

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