

BA 1620
Green Spring United Methodist Church
Garrison, Maryland 21055
private - Church

The building is a small Gothic-revival country church with the date 1872 inscribed in the northeast corner of the foundation. It is the only church in the Valley to be erected for the Black residents of the area. The church continues to have an active congregation, some of whom are descendants of members of the original congregation.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC GREEN SPRING CHAPEL

AND/OR COMMON

Green Spring United Methodist Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Green Spring Valley Road and Railroad Avenue ²⁷³⁰

Second

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Garrison

— VICINITY OF

Baltimore

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 checked="" 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

Congregation of the Green Spring United Methodist Church

Telephone #: no phone

STREET & NUMBER

c/o Rev. Alfred Statesman, 1421 Bellona Avenue

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Lutherville

— VICINITY OF

Md. 21093

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 328

Folio #: 408

STREET & NUMBER

County Courts Building

CITY, TOWN

401 Bosley Avenue

STATE

Towson,

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

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 _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The GREENSPRING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH is a frame structure of the Gothic-revival style, three bays in length with a steep gabled roof. The south gable end is the principal entrance front. Tall paneled pilasters at the corners rise slightly above the roof to suggest miniature towers, perhaps intended as the bases for pinnacles. The very tall, narrow 9/9 windows have gothic-arched heads. The cornerstone in the northeast corner of the foundation is inscribed

A.D. ADONIRAM
1872 M.E. CHAPEL.

Walls are covered with German siding and hinges remain at the windows indicating original shutters, now all missing.

Three rear pews have plain ends with panels of applied Greek frets; other pews have jig-sawn scrolled ends. The former are probably much older than this structure, taken from another church dating from the Greek-revival period; the latter are probably original to, or contemporary with, this church. Two early electric chandeliers have multiple satin-glass shades, one over each incandescent bulb.

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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 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

The small Gothic-revival wooden country church is a building form becoming scarce with growing populations, expanding congregations, accidental destructions by fire and the desire to replace small frame buildings with more impressive ones of masonry construction.

The Green Spring United Methodist Church is the only church in the Valley to be erected for the Black residents of the area. Many of the original congregation were no doubt employed by local families.

This is the second site for this church, the original having been housed in a building (now gone) beside the Green Spring Valley Road, 300 feet east of the former site of the Chattolane Railroad Station. There are no existing records of the date of its origin or of the actions of its initial members.

The cornerstone of the present structure bears the date 1872. In that year Charles Morton Stewart leased .35 acres of land from a family friend, John Bowen.² On this property Stewart was said to have built a small one story frame church, 22 x 43 feet, completely furnished, at a cost of \$1,000.³ He presented the building and lot to the Black residents for their religious use.⁴ Years later, in 1908 Mrs. Stewart conveyed this property to Green Spring Chapel.⁴

A dedication service was held on August 28th, 1881.⁵ At that time the presiding elder was the Reverend E.W.S. Peck, and the preacher was the Reverend Alfred Young.⁶ Trustees for the church were: Isaiah Carrington, Jarrett Davis, Nelson Figg, M. Snowden, Daniel Wall, and Reverend Young.⁷

The present minister of Green Spring is the Reverend Alfred Statesman. Some 25 people,⁸ the majority of whom are still Valley residents, continue to attend this little church.

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GREEN SPRING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOOTNOTES

1

"History of the Greenspring United Methodist Church," a copy of which was made available by the church's minister, the Reverend Katherine B. Lockett in 1974.

2

Baltimore County Land Records (BCLR), Liber 77, fol. 147, Towson Court House, Towson, Maryland.

3

J. Thomas Scharf, History of Baltimore City and County, 2 vols. (1881; reprint ed., Baltimore: Regional Publishing Company, 1971), 2: 841.

4

Ibid

5

BCLR, Liber 328, fol. 408, Towson.

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See notes 1 and 3.

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See note 3.

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Conversation with Anna Scott, member of congregation.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .35

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Southeast corner of Greenspring Valley Rd. and Railroad Avenue

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION DATE

Valleys Planning Council 828-7808
STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN STATE

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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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CHATTOLANEE MAP

BA-1620

CHATTOLANEE HILL

2728 GSV. RD. BA#1692
 AMANDA MOORE
 2626 GSV. RD. Virginia White -
 BA#1616

ROAD

GREENSPRING VALLEY

Beverly Compton

Compton's BARN

BA#1618
 - NELLIE Diggs 411 GSV RD.

- JAMES Sterrett
 409 GSV. RD.

- Elizabeth HAMMOND
 (MELVIN J. BURNHAM)
 407 GSV. RD.

- THOMAS MOORE
 405 GSV. RD.

Chattolane School BA#1685

THOMAS
 SUPENSKY 2702
 BA#1686

MELVIN J.
 BURNHAM → 2710
 2708

BA#1620
 Greenspring
 Methodist
 Church
 2730

BA#1691
 Elizabeth PRICE
 2706 R.R. AV.

BURNHAM'S

BA#1690
 LOUISE SAUNDERS
 2716 R.R. AV.

BA#1689
 HAZEL CHARLES - 2712

BA#1688
 ALICE SMITH - 2706

BLANCHE - 2704
 JONES BA#1687

LAURENCE TYLER -

RAILROAD AVENUE

HOUSE NUMBERS

Diggs - 411 GSV. RD.

Sterrett - 409 GSV RD.

HAMMOND - 407 GSV RD.

MOORE - 405 GSV. RD.

G.S. Church - 2730 R.R. AV.

PRICE - GARRISON P.O.

SAUNDERS - 2716 R.R. AV.

CHARLES - 2712 RR. AV.

✓ SMITH - 2706 RR. AV.

✓ JONES - 2704 R.R. AV.

Tyler - P.O. Box 177

Supensky - 2702 R.R. AV.

① BURNHAM'S HOUSE - 2710 R.R. AVENUE

② BURNHAM'S HOUSE - 2708 RAILROAD AVENUE

MOALES LANE



BA#1620

G.S.Meth. Ch.

Railroad Ave.

L.Eaton

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Md. Hist Trust

fr. southeast

D. Church

2/80-