

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-2195
Ames Methodist Church
9 Walker Avenue
Baltimore, Baltimore County
1875
Private

Constructed in 1875, the Ames Methodist Church is representative of the many Gothic Revival style stone churches constructed in small towns throughout Baltimore County in the late 19th century. The church, which was twice enlarged in the first half of the 20th century, belonged to a congregation that merged with the Sudbrook Methodist Episcopal Church congregation in the 20th century. These two groups then formed the Ames-Sudbrook United Methodist Church congregation, which is centered at the Sudbrook Methodist Episcopal Church.

Located near the intersection of Walker Avenue and Reisterstown Road, the Gothic Revival style Ames Methodist Church is a one-and-a-half-story, three-bay-wide, random rubble stone. The building, which features an asphalt shingle-clad front gable roof and a one-story, one-bay square projecting entrance bay with a gabled roof, was augmented in 1917 by the addition of a seven-bay-deep addition with a random rubble stone foundation and slate tile-clad gabled roof on the back of the main block. The resulting building was later significantly enlarged in 1930 by the construction of a two-story addition parged in stucco on the rear of the building. The main block of the church is roughly rectangular in plan, is four bays deep. The façade, or northwest elevation, is pierced by a lancet-arched doorway with a flush-vertical-board single-leaf wood door, molded wood surround, and pointed arch lintel of stone voussoirs. Two sets of paired multi-light stained glass lancet windows with molded wood mullion, shared molded wood surround and pointed arch of stone voussoirs flank the projecting entry bay. One pair of lancet-arched louvered wood ventilators with a shared wood surround and voussoir arch is located in the gable peak.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2195

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Ames Methodist Church

other Mar Thoma Church of Baltimore

2. Location

street and number 9 Walker Avenue __ not for publication

city, town Baltimore __ vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mar Thoma Church of Baltimore, Inc.

street and number 9 Walker Avenue telephone Not Available

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21208

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 11277 folio 656

city, town Towson tax map 78 tax parcel 628 tax ID number 0301050050

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
				1

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1875 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1875, 1917, 1930

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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The town of Pikesville, located along the Baltimore and Reisterstown Turnpike, dates to the early 19th century and was established at that time as a military post. The town was already a commercial center in 1877, and it featured a wide array of businesses and other services, including a butcher, carpenter, auctioneer, blacksmith, machinist and four merchants. Additionally, there were two physicians and one hotel listed in the 1877 county atlas.² By the late 19th century, the town was densely developed and had a population of 175 inhabitants. In 1881, the town included four churches, public and parochial schools, one private academy, and several fraternal and benevolent orders.³ The town continued to expand through the early 20th century, and is now suburb on the northwest side of the City of Baltimore.

¹ This extant church, located nearby at 501 Reisterstown Road, is listed in the Baltimore County Historic Inventory as BA-2198.

² *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

³ J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), pg. 834.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Sidney, J. C. *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys*. Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .50 Acre

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Cockeysville

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction in 1875, the Ames Methodist Church has been associated with the 22,500 square feet known as tax parcel 628 of map 78 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

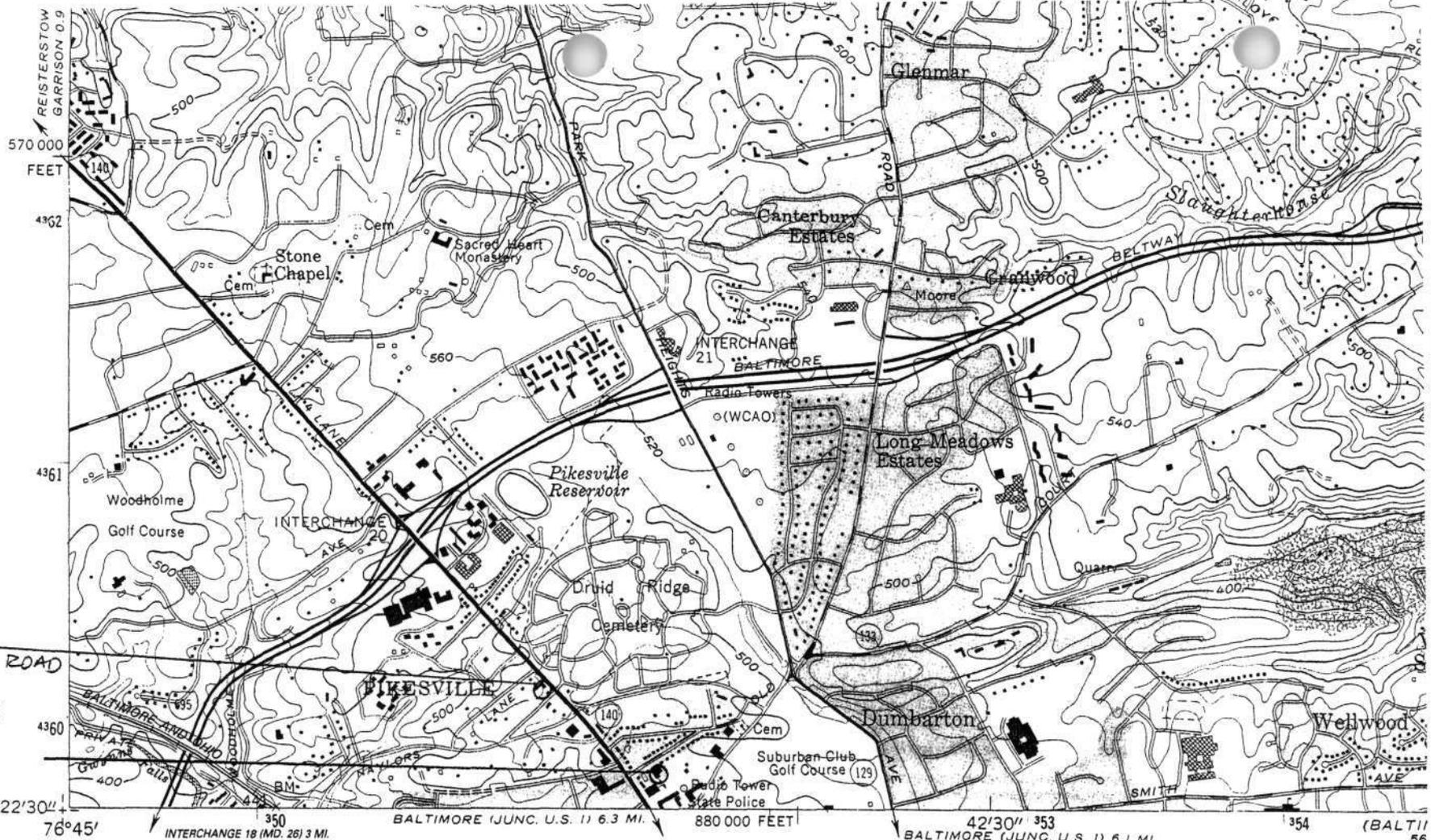
11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington	state	DC

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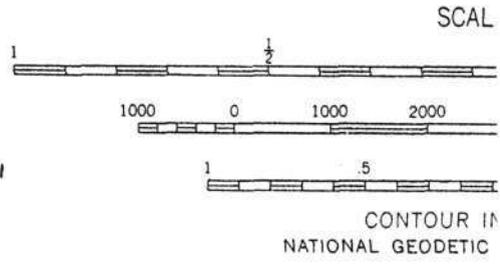
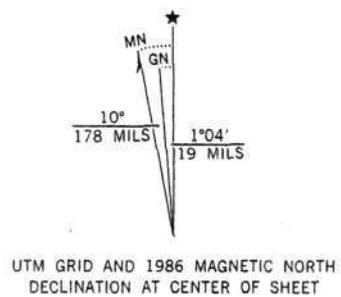
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Polyconic projection. 10,000-foot grid ticks based on
 Maryland coordinate system
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 landmark buildings are shown



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AMES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 1875 - 9 Walker Avenue, Pikesville.
Small, fieldstone church in Gothic Revival style. Rectangular
plan; small entrance vestibule. Named for Bishop Edward
Raymond Ames. Philip Watts of Pikesville was contractor.
Renovated in 1917 and 1930.