

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-2198

Sudbrook Methodist Episcopal Church

501 Reisterstown Road

Baltimore, Baltimore County

1894

Private

Sudbrook Methodist Episcopal Church, constructed in 1894, is representative of many high-style Gothic Revival churches constructed in towns throughout Baltimore County during the late 19th century. The church, which was erected on land deeded to the congregation in 1894 by Charles F. and Camille Diggs, was constructed by building contractors Philip and Albert Watts. The church, which was enlarged in the first half of the 20th century, belonged to a congregation that merged with the Ames Methodist 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.

The Gothic Revival style Sudbrook Methodist Episcopal Church is a one-and-a-half-story, L-shaped building of wood frame construction on a solid random rubble stone foundation. The façade, or southwest elevation, is enhanced by the placement of a three-story, one-bay-square wood frame bell tower with spires rising from its four corners. The cross-gabled roof of the main block of the building are clad in asphalt shingles. The church, which is primarily clad in aluminum siding, features fishscale wood shingles in the gable peaks. Two paneled single-leaf wood doors pierce the first story of the bell tower's northwest and southwest elevations. The front-gabled portion of the church's main block is centrally pierced by one large, lancet-arched multi-light stained glass window flanked by two smaller lancet-arched multi-light stained glass windows. Directly above the central window is a multi-light fixed round stained glass window in the gable peak. The side-gabled wing of the church features two 1/1 lancet-arched windows. All openings on the main block have aluminum surrounds and sills. The church was significantly enlarged in 1934 by the construction of a two-story addition parged with concrete stucco. Also located on the property are a 1941 Colonial Revival style rectory and a circa 1985 prefabricated metal shed.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2198

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Sudbrook Methodist Episcopal Church
other Ames-Sudbrook United Methodist Church

2. Location

street and number 501 Reisterstown Road not for publication
city, town Baltimore vicinity
county Baltimore County

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

name Ames-Sudbrook United Methodist Church
street and number 501 Reisterstown Road 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 N/A folio N/A
city, town Towson tax map 78 tax parcel 268 tax ID number 0319085175

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	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	Contributing <u>2</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	Noncontributing <u>1</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	Contributing _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	Noncontributing _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	Contributing <u>2</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	Noncontributing <u>1</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	Contributing _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Contributing _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	Noncontributing _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	Contributing _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	Noncontributing _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	Contributing <u>2</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	Noncontributing <u>1</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	Contributing _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	Noncontributing _____
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			<u>1</u>

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.

Constructed in 1894, the original, Gothic Revival style portion of the Sudbrook Methodist Episcopal Church is a one-and-a-half-story, L-shaped building of wood frame construction on a solid random rubble stone foundation. The façade, or southwest elevation, is enhanced by the placement of a three-story, one-bay-square wood frame bell tower with spires rising from its four corners. The steeply-pitched pyramidal roof of the tower and the cross-gabled roof of the main block of the building are clad in asphalt shingles. The church, which is primarily clad in aluminum siding, features fishscale wood shingles in the gable peaks. Two paneled single-leaf wood doors pierce the first story of the bell tower's northwest and southwest elevations. Four paired 1/1 lancet windows with shared surrounds and sills pierce the second story of the bell tower. The bell tower's third story features openings with molded wood tracery and spindlework balustrades. The front-gabled portion of the church's main block is centrally pierced by one large, lancet-arched multi-light stained glass window flanked by two smaller lancet-arched multi-light stained glass windows. Directly above the central window is a multi-light fixed round stained glass window in the gable peak. The side-gabled wing of the church features two 1/1 lancet-arched windows. All openings on the main block have aluminum surrounds and sills. The church was significantly enlarged in 1934 by the construction of a two-story addition parged with concrete stucco. The addition features little ornamentation with the exception of a pedimented, Colonial Revival style door surround of molded wood on the southeast elevation.

To the northwest of the church is a 1941 Colonial Revival style rectory that is one-and-a-half stories tall and three bays wide with concrete stucco cladding. The symmetrical façade, or southwest elevation, features a central entry with a paneled single-leaf wood door with four-light sidelights over paneled dado flanked by two tripartite windows composed of a central 8/8 window flanked by two 4/4 windows. A one-bay-square portico with a gable roof supported by Tuscan columns shelters the entry. The side gable roof, which is clad in asphalt shingles, is pierced by two vinyl-sided gabled-roof dormers, each of which features a single 6/6 window.

Also located on the property is one circa 1985 prefabricated shed clad in metal with a gambrel roof clad in standing seam metal. The building, which sits on a concrete block pier foundation, features a flush single-leaf plywood door.

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 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 1894-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1894, 1934

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.³ 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.⁴ The town continued to expand through the early 20th century, and is now suburb on the northwest side of the City of Baltimore.

¹ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

² The extant Ames Methodist Church, located nearby at 9 Walker Avenue, is listed in the Baltimore County Historic Inventory as BA-2195.

³ *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

⁴ 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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Map of Baltimore County. Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915.
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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.
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .10 Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Cockeysville Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction in 1894, the Sudbrook Methodist Episcopal Church has been associated with tax parcel 268 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

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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(REISTERSTOWN)

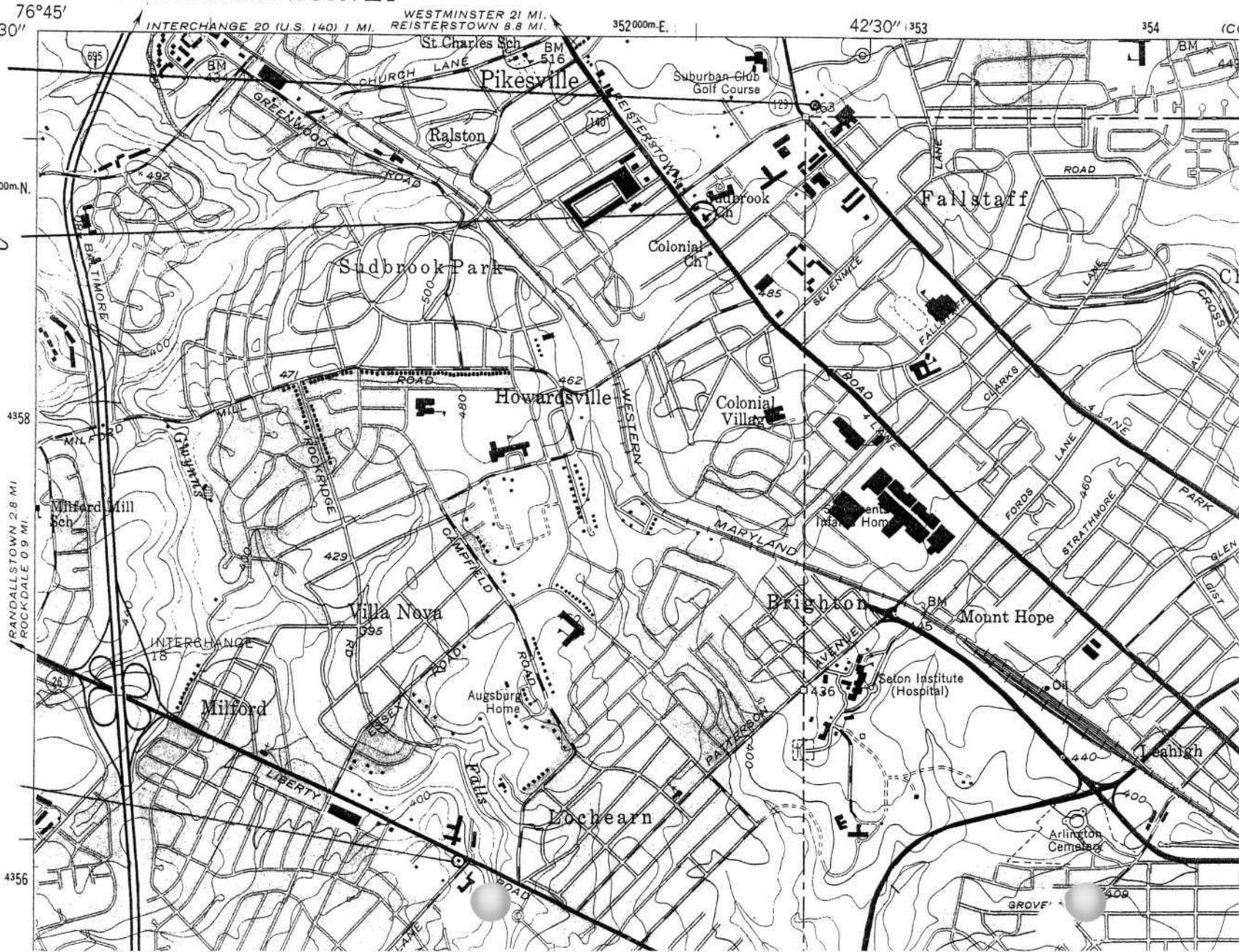
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7501 PARK HEIGHTS AVE
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2198
501 REISTERSTOWN ROAD
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2243
3320 ST. LUKE'S LANE
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2420
2200 ST. LUKE'S LANE



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BA- 2198 SUDBROOK METHODIST CHURCH - 1894 -¹ Reisterstown Road at Milford Mill Road. Lot was deeded by Charles F. and Camille Diggs in 1894. Contractors were Philip Watts and his son Albert of Pikesville. Improvements added in 1934. The parsonage was acquired in 1941. The church is frame and clapboard with imbricated shingle infill in the gables. Gothic revival style, lancet windows. There is an open bell tower 100 feet high.