

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-0998

Saint James Episcopal Church

19200 York Road

Parkton, Baltimore County

Ca. 1906

Private

Saint James Episcopal Church is located at 19200 York Road in Election District Seven in Baltimore County. The vernacular stone church was constructed circa 1906 with Gothic Revival-style influences. The church is set on a rise on the west side of York Road, near Parkton. Much of the surrounding land originally belonged to a larger 7,000-acre tract of land owned by area settler James Calder, who emigrated from Scotland after the 1745 Highland defeat at Culloden. Although it is not certain whether this particular tract was included in the Calder holdings, the property is tied to the Calder family. In 1811, James Turner married the daughter of Captain James Calder. Descendents of both families are buried on the property.

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-0998

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Saint James Episcopal Church
 other

2. Location

street and number 19200 York Road ___ not for publication
 city, town Parkton X vicinity
 county Baltimore County

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

name Saint James Episcopal Church
 street and number 19200 York Road telephone 410-357-4473
 city, town Parkton state Maryland zip code 21120

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber Unknown folio Unknown
 city, town Towson tax map 12 tax parcel Unknown tax ID number NA

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	
___ district	___ public	___ agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	___ commerce/trade	<u>1</u> _____	___ buildings
___ structure	___ both	___ defense	___	___ sites
___ site		___ domestic	___	___ structures
___ object		___ education	___	___ objects
		<u>X</u> funerary	<u>1</u> _____	___ Total
		___ government		
		___ health care		
		___ industry		
		___ landscape		
		___ recreation/culture		
		<u>x</u> religion		
		___ social		
		___ transportation		
		___ work in progress		
		___ unknown		
		___ vacant/not in use		
		___ other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			<u>1</u>	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> 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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EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The primary façade of Saint James Chapel faces southeast, parallel to York Road, and measures three bays wide. The central entry, located in a gabled vestibule that appears to have been constructed at a later date, features a double-leaf vertical-board wooden door with iron strap hinges and thin wooden surround. The entry vestibule is capped by a wood-shingled roof with exposed rafters and a raking wood cornice. The vestibule also features vertically oriented four-light casement windows on the northeast and southwest elevations. The façade is further detailed with overhanging flared eaves and a raking cornice. Shallow eight-light casement lancet-arch windows with molded wood surrounds and square-edged sills flank the entry vestibule. A metal cross caps the roof above the façade. Poured concrete steps provide access to the central entry.

The northeast elevation measures four bays wide. The elevation is composed of three symmetrically placed shallow lancet-arched sixteen-light fixed casement-like windows. Gothic in style, the windows display molded wood surrounds and square-edged wood sills. A one-story square projecting bay extends from the northernmost end of the elevation. It features a wood-shingled shed roof with exposed rafters, stucco cladding, and eight-light wooden single-leaf door. The elevation also features slightly overhanging eaves with exposed rafters and an exterior square buttress.

The northwest, or rear, elevation features a central three-light, stained glass, fixed window with mosaic pattern. The window is detailed with a molded wood surround and rowlock brick sill. The elevation also reveals overhanging flared eaves and a raking cornice.

The southwestern elevation nearly mirrors the northeastern elevation. It measures four bays wide and is composed of three symmetrically placed shallow lancet-arched openings holding sixteen-light fixed casement-like sash. The Gothic-styled openings have molded wood surrounds and square-edged wood sills. A single-leaf six-panel wood door and slightly projecting square bay with a pair of six-light wooden casement windows also defines the elevation. The projection is capped by a small gable-roofed stucco-clad bell tower with flared eaves and wooden cornice.

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INTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The interior of the building was not accessed during this phase of the survey.

OUTBUILDINGS

A circa 1980 stucco-clad wood-frame parish hall/educational building supports the church. The front-gabled building faces southeast and features an asphalt-shingled roof with wooden cornice. The southeast elevation is clad in pressed vertical board and features a small, central, gabled, entry vestibule with a Colonial Revival style surround, including raking closed pediment and Tuscan pilaster supports. It is accessed by a double-leaf paneled wood door. The vestibule also features vertically oriented four-light metal casement windows on the northeast and southwest elevations. The northeast and southwest elevations of the main block are pierced with four nine-light windows. The southwest elevation also features two single-leaf wooden doors.

A small family cemetery is located behind the chapel to the west. The headstones reveal the names of Philip Calder Turner (1878-1952), Marion Humes Turner (1878-1960), and Marion Turner Emack, wife of Charles Emack (circa 1850-1929).

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 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 1906 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1906

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.)

Saint James Episcopal Church is located at 19200 York Road in Election District Seven in Baltimore County. The vernacular stone church was constructed circa 1906 in the Gothic Revival style. Reflective of this style is the steeply pitched center gable and shallow multi-light lancet-arched windows. Although introduced to the United States from England in the 1830s by architect Alexander Jackson Davis, Andrew Jackson Downing (1815-1852), a landscape architect and promoter of the also popular cottage residence and Carpenter Gothic style, popularized the Gothic Revival during the last half of the 19th century as a reaction against Classicism. Downing's *Victorian Cottage Residences*, published numerous times between 1842 and 1873, touted the advantages of the inexpensive, detached dwelling. He claimed that the English cottage style was "so generally admired for the picturesqueness evinced in its tall gables ornamented by handsome verge-boards and finials...showing how the genius of pointed or Gothic architecture may be chastened or moulded into forms for domestic habitations."¹ Wood frame dwellings with horizontal cladding dominated the Carpenter Gothic Revival style, while stone construction remained popular in the vernacular buildings and high style dwellings. According to Downing, the setting for cottage residences was particularly important. In keeping with this aspect of the style, the church is set on a hill above York Road, near Parkton.

Much of the surrounding land originally belonged to a larger 7,000-acre tract of land owned by area settler James Calder, who emigrated from Scotland after the 1745 Highland defeat at Culloden. Although it is not certain whether this particular tract was included in the Calder holdings, the property is tied to the Calder family. In 1811, James Turner married the daughter of Captain James Calder. Descendents of both families are buried on the property.

The church is located near the late-19th-century trade and shipping center known as Parkton, which appears on maps as early as 1850. This community proved instrumental for the development of the rich agricultural region. The town was laid out just to the west of York Road, which featured many popular travelers' stops. Prior to the organization of turnpikes in Baltimore County, many of the county's roads were considered unfit for use. Earlier efforts to incorporate turnpike companies originated from the county government, yet, by the turn of the 19th century, efforts to create better roads emanated from the state government's efforts to better serve the

¹ Andrew Jackson Downing, *Victorian Cottage Residences*, (New York, NY: Dover Publications, Inc., 1981), p. 42.

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growing rural population. This action resulted in the laying of a road from Baltimore, Maryland to York, Pennsylvania that would replace the winding, indirect Old York Road.² The privately organized York Turnpike Company was incorporated in 1805. Work on the new road ceased in 1810, when the thirty-five miles of road from Baltimore to the Pennsylvania Line was completed. This route soon became one of the primary north/south corridors in Baltimore County.

Parkton is located in the Seventh Election District in the northern part of Baltimore County. The district was one of the largest and most populated regions of the county in the latter part of the 19th century, which had an area of 59.93 square miles and a population of 3,074 by 1870. It is bounded on the north by Pennsylvania, the south by the Eighth District, the east by Harford County, and the west by the Fifth and Sixth Districts. Arable fields for plantings of wheat, corn, oats, and fruits supported the district. It was known for its dairy production and the breeding of cattle. In addition, the waterpower of the Gunpowder Falls and its tributaries supported numerous farms and mills throughout the district.

² Sherry H. Olson, *Baltimore: The Building of an American City* (Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1997), p.172; see also S. B. Clemens and C. E. Clemens, *From Marble Hill to Maryland Line: An Informal History of Northern Baltimore County* (np: C. E. and S. B. Clemens, 1976), p.10.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .2 acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name New Freedom Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Saint James Chapel in Baltimore County, near Parkton, has been historically associated with the property at 19200 York Road, as noted on Tax Map 12, since its construction circa 1906.

11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington, DC	state	

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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TRACEY HOUSE
1919 CAMERON MILL ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0403
WITHERS-MORRIS HOUSE
19635 EAGLE MILL ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0998
ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
19200 YORK ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1153
CASTLE CALDER
1912 YORK ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2897
BURNS-BOND HOUSE
18619 GRAYSTONE ROAD
WHITE HALL
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2740
BURNS HOUSE
18404 GRAYSTONE ROAD
WHITE HALL
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0911
OLD COOPER HOUSE
1003 OLD BARN ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY

HEREFORD 2.6 MI.
NORTH AVE) 22 MI. 2 310 000 FEET (PA.)

INTERIOR GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA-1984
3590000m.E. WHITE HALL 0.3 MI. 39°37'30" 76°37'30"

BA-1142
COOPER SCHOOL #6
1012 ARMAGOST ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty _____ Light-duty _____
Medium-duty _____ Unimproved dirt _____

U.S. Route State Route

(PHOENIX)
5663 II SE



NEW FREEDOM, MD.-PA.

N3937.5-W7637.5/7.5

Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from aerial photographs taken 1974. This information not field checked.

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Church, East corner view looking West

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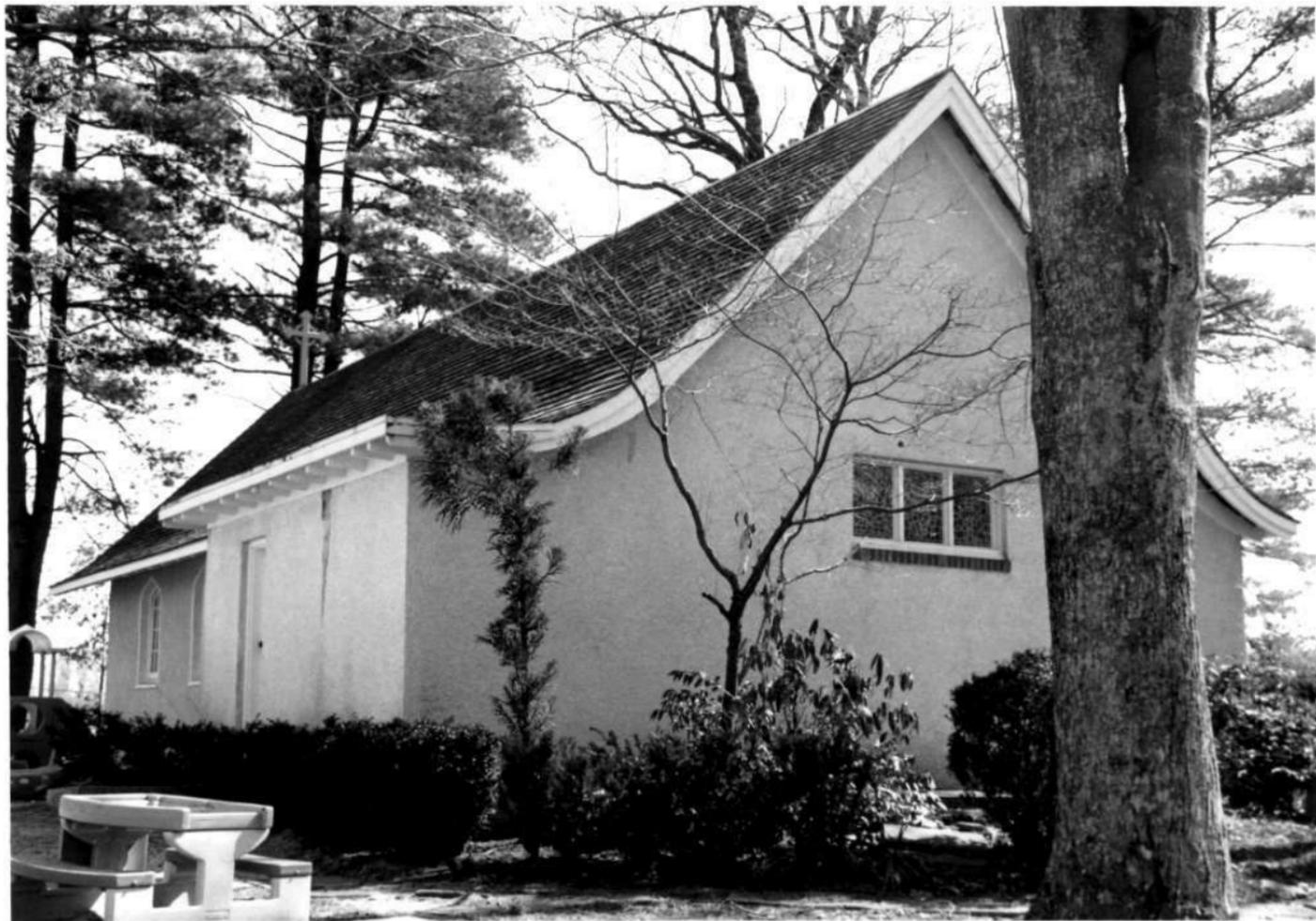
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MD SHPO

church, south corner, view looking North

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church, north corner, view looking south
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Educational Building, south corner, view looking North

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ST. JAMES CHAPEL - 1906 - West side of York Road, 0.3 mile north of Stablersville Road, Parkton vicinity. Small chapel covered with stucco; gable roof; Victorian style; Gothic-motif windows; entrance vestibule; small belfry. An Episcopal church.