

Calvert - 781
St. John's ME Church - Site 2
Soller's Wharf Road
Lusby, MD 26057

1880, 1906, 1953

Access: Public

St. John M.E. Church stands 20' from the west side of Soller's Wharf Road; it faces east. The building is 36' across the front facade and 30' in depth. St. John is the oldest black Methodist congregation in this region of Calvert County. This congregation once occupied a white Methodist church that now is in ruins on this property. They built their own church in 1880. This building was rebuilt in 1906 and remodeled in 1953. St. John once had a school for black youths on their property. This is the mother church of Eastern Methodist Church which was once called Clivet Mission.

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
(Early 20th Century)
Sollers
Public

St. John's church is a one story, three bay renovated frame building resting on concrete foundations and covered with aluminum siding. At the front or east elevation there is a projecting bell and entrance tower with a gable roof. Windows have modern single pane sashes.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

St. John's Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Sollers Road

CITY, TOWN

Sollers

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Calvert

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input 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 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 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

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Calvert County

Liber #: AWR 10

Folio #: 499

STREET & NUMBER

Route 765

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

MD

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

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Merry Stinson

ORGANIZATION

Historic Sites Survey

DATE

March, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

Box 107

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Dunkirk

STATE

MD

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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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC St. John's U.M. Church - Site 2
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Soller's Wharf Road
CITY, TOWN Lusby VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT First
STATE Maryland COUNTY Calvert

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
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	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input 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 Trustees, St. John U.M. Church Telephone #: 326-4328
STREET & NUMBER Sollers Warf Rd.
CITY, TOWN Lusby VICINITY OF STATE, zip code MD, 26957

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: Unable to
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Folio #: locate
STREET & NUMBER Calvert Co. Court House
CITY, TOWN Main Street (MD 765) STATE Maryland
Prince Frederick

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE N/A
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE

_FEDERAL _STATE _COUNTY _LOCAL

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>1880</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. John M.E. Church stands 20' from the west side of Sollers Harf Rd.; it faces east. The building is 36' across the front facade and 80' in depth. It is covered with aluminium siding and rests on a concrete foundation (this building has a basement). It was built in 1880, rebuilt in 1906 and remodeled in 1953. The entrance is reached by 5 concrete steps. It has wooden 4-panel double doors. The entrance tower rises to meet the east gable. There are (modern) decorative colored glass (6 rectangular) panes in the top of the tower. There is a cupola atop the gable which houses the bell. This cupola has a very brief spire with a cross atop. There are two 4' lancet windows 1-over-one (clear glass) in the tower, one on the north side and one on the south. There is a 4' rectangular clear glass window on the right of the entrance and another on the left (1-over-1). There are 4 of these rectangular 4' clear glass one-over-one windows on the south side of the building and four more on the northside. At the west end of the structure an addition joins the building to form an el.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input 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 1880-1906-1953

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. John M.E. Church is the oldest black Methodist congregation in this area of Calvert County. This congregation once occupied a old white church which now is in ruins on this property. They built their own church in 1880. St. John M.E. once had a school on their property for the education of black youths. There are cemeteries on the north and south sides of the church, and I was told by elderly members of the congregation that some of the graves are now beneath Sollers Wharf Road. St. John M.E. Church is the mother church of Eastern M.E. Church which was once Olivet Mission.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

James W. Clark, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Commission on Afro-American History & Culture

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

20 Dean Street

TELEPHONE

269-2000

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

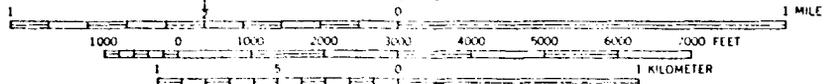
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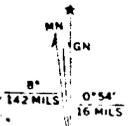
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 SCALE 1:24,000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
 NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
 SHORELINE REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
 THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 1 FOOT



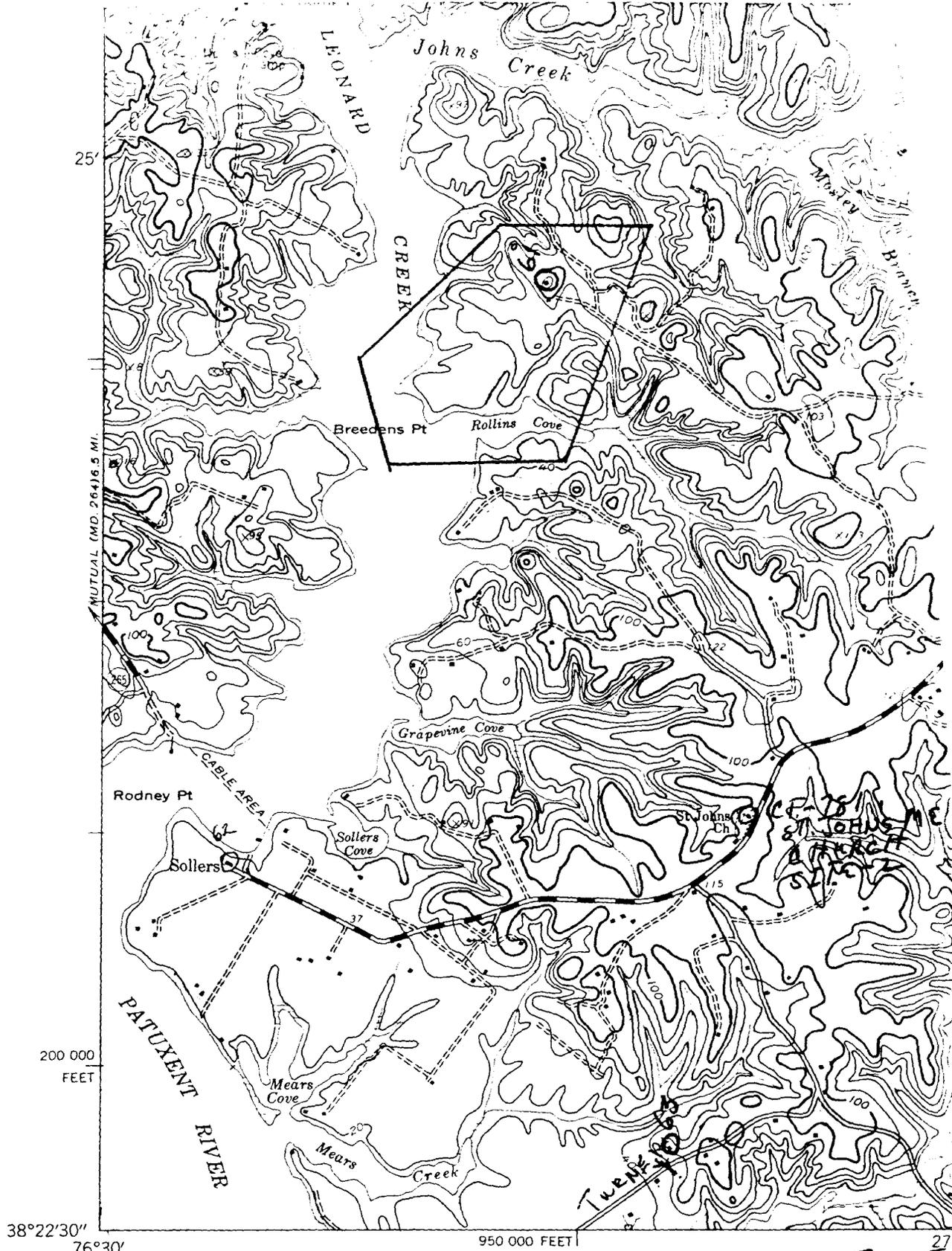
UTM GRID AND 1924 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON VIRGINIA 22092 A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Cove Point
 Quadrangle

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 St. John's Church



25'

MUTUAL (MD. 264) 6.5 MI.

200 000
FEET

38°22'30"
76°30'

950 000 FEET

27

(LEONARD TOWN)
1:62,500

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Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods
and by planetable surveys 1943. Aerial photographs taken 1942

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Maryland coordinate system
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue

COVE-POINT
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TRUE NORTH
MAGNETIC NORTH



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St. John's Church
Sollers Road, Sollers
Calvert County, MD
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Merry Stinson
March, 1980



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St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church, Site 2
Lusby, Calvert County, MD CT-781
Michael Hosford

Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD
Southeast elevation
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St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church, Site 2
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Northeast elevation
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