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ST. PETERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (SITE)
(1857 rebuilt 1909)
Chaney
Public

Although this building was largely rebuilt in 1909, there has been a church on this site since 1857. It serves a small but steady black congregation and is somewhat typical of the late 19th and early 20th century churches found in rural areas of Maryland.

The pointed-arch windows, clapboard siding and tongue and groove interior paneling are the products of an age in which even the simplest of buildings possessed richness through its materials.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC St. Peters United Methodist Church (Site)
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Chaney Road
CITY, TOWN Chaney VICINITY OF Lyons Creek CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE Maryland COUNTY Calvert

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY OWNERSHIP STATUS PRESENT USE
-DISTRICT -PUBLIC X OCCUPIED -AGRICULTURE -MUSEUM
-BUILDING(S) -PRIVATE -UNOCCUPIED -COMMERCIAL -PARK
X STRUCTURE -BOTH -WORK IN PROGRESS -EDUCATIONAL -PRIVATE RESIDENCE
-SITE PUBLIC ACQUISITION ACCESSIBLE -ENTERTAINMENT X RELIGIOUS
-OBJECT -IN PROCESS -YES: RESTRICTED -GOVERNMENT -SCIENTIFIC
-BEING CONSIDERED -YES: UNRESTRICTED -INDUSTRIAL -TRANSPORTATION
-NO -MILITARY -OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Peters United Methodist Church Telephone #:
STREET & NUMBER Chaney Road Maryland 20688
CITY, TOWN VICINITY OF Lyons Creek STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: GWD7 JLB41
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. FOLIO #: 352 & 30
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE -FEDERAL -STATE -COUNTY -LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1909</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | 45° |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Mrs. Lee Holt is 81 yrs old. She is in good health and has an excellent memory as does her 87 year old brother, Spriggs. Their father was James Spriggs who was a trustee of St. Peters at the time of the extensive remodeling of 1909.

The remodeling destroyed most of the 1865 structure, since the new building was so much wider as well as deeper all new materials were used. Some were "store bought" others were milled especially for the project.

The original building faced Chaney Road but was turned 45° to its present position. Part of the original structure appears to survive in the hand hewn log joists of the W. end but most of what we see dates from 1909. Later changes have occurred, for instance in the late 1950's a new ceiling was put in. The octagonal projection in the rear is also a later addition and is said to have been built by George Hawkins.

The church is three bays wide and three deep plus the polyginal projection on the W. end and the entrance is on the E. end and is in the middle of the facade. A small rounded arched window occupies the front gable, pointed arched windows, typical of the area churches and the gothic rev. are placed three on each side and one on either side of the entrance door. Two such windows light the sanctuary through the polyginal projection.

The roof is A-framed and has a metal covering of the sides is made of plain horizontal overlapping clapboards, 8" in width except in the front (E.) where they are narrower and beveled.

The building rests on brick pillars and underneath one can see a summerbeam and joists which has been hand hewn and measures 11" square by 25' in length. It spans the width of the building at a point approximately 2/3 of the total length. Varying joists both hand hewn and mill sawed indicate additions.

A cornerstone in the SE corner reads "St. Peters M.E. Church. Built 1857, Rebuilt 1909".

The interior is neither lavish nor totally void of decoration. Vertical 3 1/4" tongue and groove paneling, 42" in height from the floor runs along the walls and pointed arch. Molding trims the windows.

The pews are a simple construction and are on either side of the center aisle. Large paper posters of religious scenes adorn the walls. An unusual wooden cabinet containing prayerbooks, etc. occupies the N.E. corner.

There are two oil stoves on opposite sides of the room and halfway down the aisle.

This old church is in need of repairs and much work is needed, particularly around the window frames and sills where deterioration is evident.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
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| <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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 1857, 1909

BUILDER/ARCHITECT 1909 - Jos' Spriggs

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Peters M.E. Church is in many ways typical of the small country church fullfilling the needs of the Black community. There has been a church on this site since before Emancipation and the present structure has been relatively unchanged since 1909. The congregation has always been local and at present services are attended by about forty or fifty people. The little building can not accomodate many more.

From an architectural point of view both the design and materials are of a type which once flourished but has since declined. Wood clapboards and tongue and grove paneling were once common enough but have given way to aluminum and other materials. The pointed arches are decendents of the American gothic popular in the middle and late 19th Cent.

Conversations with the older members of St. Peters undicate that this little building has played a large role in their lives. Perched on its hilltop site it is a daily and weekly reminder of the faith which appears to be strong among its members.

DEMOLISHED IN 1977

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 ac.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE

COUNTY

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COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

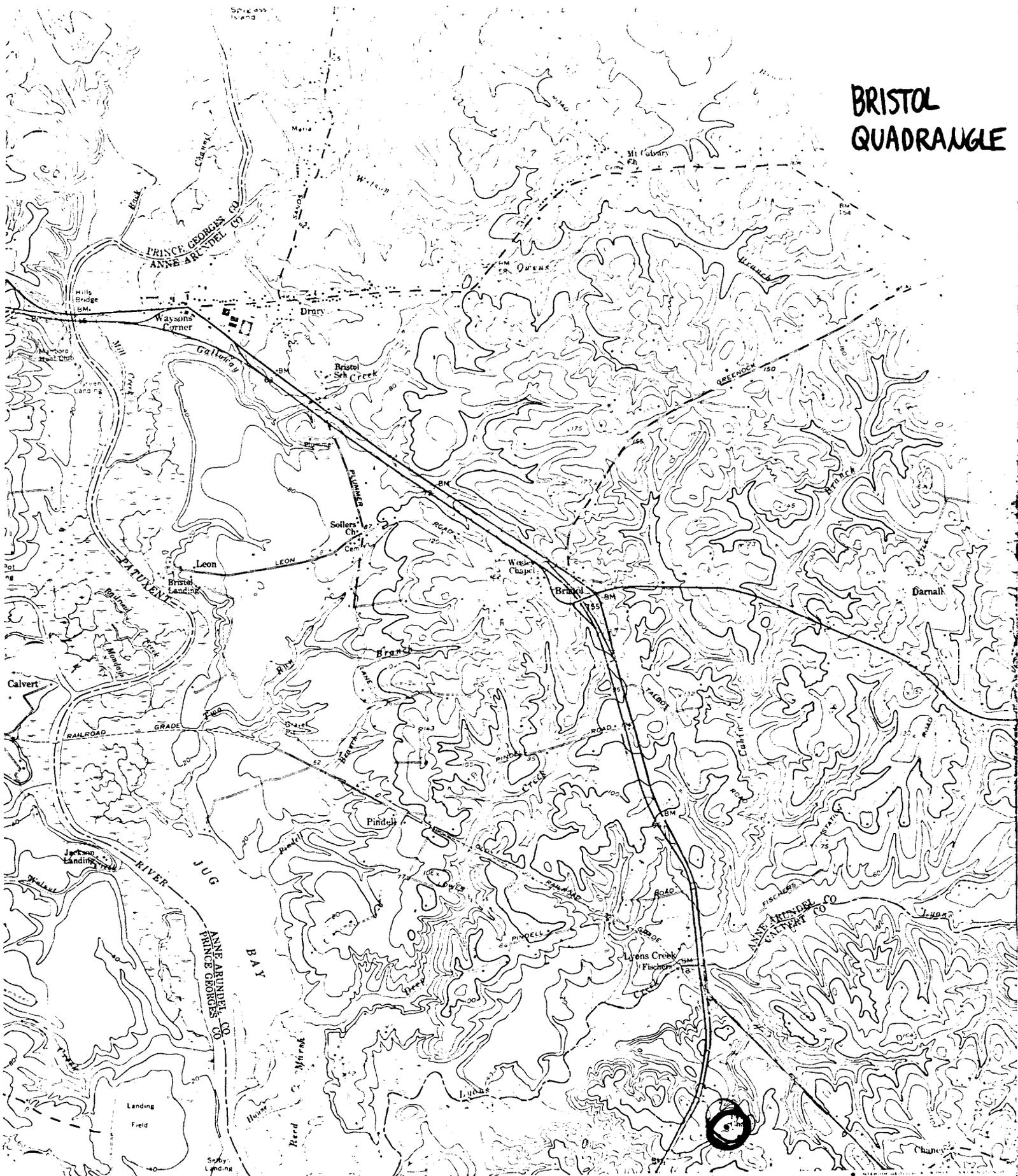
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

BRISTOL QUADRANGLE



42°30' 952 153 (LOWER MAPLEBORO) 5661 11 NW 354 355 40' 3570000 E

SCALE 1:24000

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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| Heavy duty | ————— | Light duty | - - - - - |
| Medium duty | - - - - - | Unimproved | |
| U S Route | | State | |

1 1/2 MILES 1500 FT

1 KILOMETER

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