

**Good Hope Baptist Church Site and Cemetery**  
**CH-722**  
**Mt. Victoria vic.**  
**Private**

**1832-1954**

The Good Hope Baptist Church site and cemetery is found near Newburg on the southwest corner of Mt. Victoria Road and Penny-Burch Place. Consisting of over 44 graves dating from 1877 to as late as 1991, the graveyard is currently abandoned and overgrown. Good Hope Baptist Church was organized in 1832 by Rev. Thomas Conduit and Rev. Samuel L. Straughan. Closely affiliated with the older and larger Nanjemoy Baptist Church(CH-355), the two parishes shared a pastor until 1954. Good Hope Baptist Church had a large congregation until the Civil War, when many of its male members died. The congregation had dwindled to only a few members when the church was officially closed in 1954. The Baptist faith arrived in Charles County in 1790 when a small group of men began preaching in the Nanjemoy area.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. Ch-722

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Good Hope Baptist Church Site and Cemetery  
other

### 2. Location

street and number SW corner Mt. Victoria and Penny-Burch Pl.  not for publication  
city, town Mt. Victoria  vicinity  
county Charles

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

name John R. & Marjorie Earnshaw et al  
street and number 11090 Mt. Victoria Road telephone 301-259-0531  
city, town Newburg state MD zip code 20664-0777

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 80 p. 3  
city, town LaPlata liber 2431 folio 374

### 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
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade		<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic		<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
			0	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

- |                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good      | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair      | <input type="checkbox"/> altered                 |

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

The Good Hope Baptist Church site and cemetery is found near Newburg on the southwest corner of Mt. Victoria Road and Penny-Burch Place. Consisting of over 44 graves dating from 1877 to as late as 1991, the graveyard is currently abandoned and overgrown. A thick cover of periwinkle and ivy exists throughout much of the cemetery. Traces of a wire fence that once surrounded the cemetery is visible in several areas. An access road is found on the west side of Penny-Burch Place.

## 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 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 industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** c.1850-1930 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** c. 1850-1930

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 reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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The Baptist faith arrived in Charles County in 1790 when a small group of men from Virginia crossed the Potomac and began preaching in the Nanjemoy area. In the next year an acre of ground was given for the construction of a Baptist church. The Nanjemoy Baptist Church was organized in 1793, becoming the mother of Charles County Baptist churches.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 1  
Acreage of historical setting 1  
Quadrangle name Colonial Beach North Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Good Hope Baptist Church site and cemetery is now part of the larger tract identified on Charles County Property Tax Map 80, parcel 3.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title	Cathy Currey/Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	Charles County Planning Dept,	date	10/11/01
street and number	200 Baltimore Street	telephone	301-396-5815
city or town	LaPlata	state MD	zip code 20646

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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
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CONTINUATION SHEET

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name of property  
Charles County, MD  
county and state

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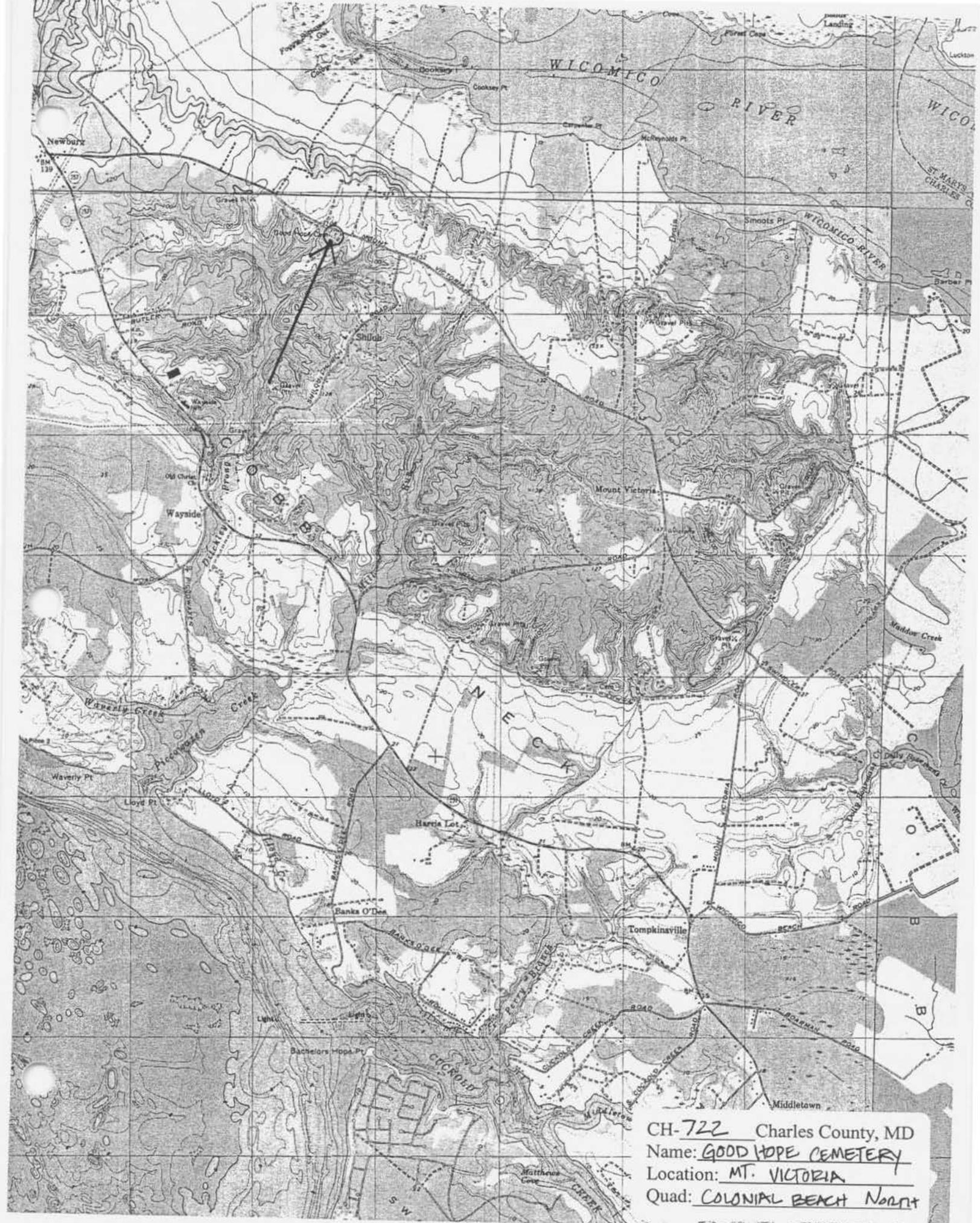
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CH-722 Charles County, MD  
Name: GOOD HOPE CEMETERY  
Location: MT. VICTORIA  
Quad: COLONIAL BEACH North



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GOOD HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH SITE ? CEMETERY

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