

Nazarene Cemetery
CH-753
Pisgah
Public

1872-present

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-753

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Nazarene Cemetery
other

2. Location

street and number 4825 Bicknell Road not for publication
city, town Pisgah vicinity
county Charles

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

name Church of the Nazarene, Inc.
street and number Unknown telephone Unknown
city, town Indian Head state MD zip code 20640

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 30 p. 345
city, town La Plata liber 64 folio 469

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic		<input type="checkbox"/> social
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		<input type="checkbox"/> other:
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			0	

7. Description

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Condition

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

The Nazarene Cemetery is found on the north side of Bicknell Road in the western-central section of Charles County. The cemetery rests on top of a knoll approximately 100 yards from the roadside and contains approximately 50-75 stones. Three large wooden crosses serve as statues on the property. The stones date from 1919 to the present and most consist of simple marble tablets.

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 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 1872 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1872

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.)

Although little is known about this congregation land records research indicates that in 1872, William and Ann Simmons deeded six acres on the road from Pisgah to Grinder's Mill to Caroline and Henry DeLozier. The lot was described as being now occupied by J.A. Canon, being a part of a tract called "Williams Purchase", excepting 1/2 acre to be used as a graveyard. The property was officially surveyed in 1928 and in 1937, Catherine Milstead deeded to the Church of the Nazarene the surrounding 3 3/4 acres. The Church of the Nazarene was nationally established in 1907-8 when several similar religious associations merged including the Association of Pentecostal Churches of America and the Holiness Church of Christ all of whom trace their origins to the Wesleyan Movement of the 18th century and the Holiness Movement of the 19th century.

The Church of the Nazarene Chapel is located several miles from the cemetery site on Raymond Avenue in the village of Indian Head which developed as a result of the naval ordnance manufacturing plant built at Mattawoman Neck in 1890. The Naval Proving Ground was moved to Mattawoman Neck when transportation from the former Proving Ground at Annapolis to the Naval Gun Factory in Washington, DC became too dangerous. Nearly nine hundred acres of land was purchased for the proving ground, and later supplemented by an additional ten thousand acres on Stump Neck. In 1898, the Naval Powder Factory was constructed, and the first powder was manufactured in 1900. Although the Proving Ground was moved to Dahlgren, Virginia in 1921, the plant continued to operate and began tests that would lead to the development of jet propulsion and rocket testing at the naval station.

From the beginning, the plant and proving ground provided an important and stable center of employment for the county. During the war years the plant expanded, requiring more laborers. The town of Indian Head grew up just opposite the gates of the installation and the village of Marbury, located across Mattawoman Creek from Indian Head but connected by a foot bridge, also flourished. Today, evidence of the impact of Indian Head to the region is evident in the high number of late Victorian era dwellings to survive in the vicinity including those along Bicknell Road.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 2.086

Acreage of historical setting .5

Quadrangle name Indian Head

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The graveyard is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 30, Grid 17, Parcel 345.

11. Form Prepared By

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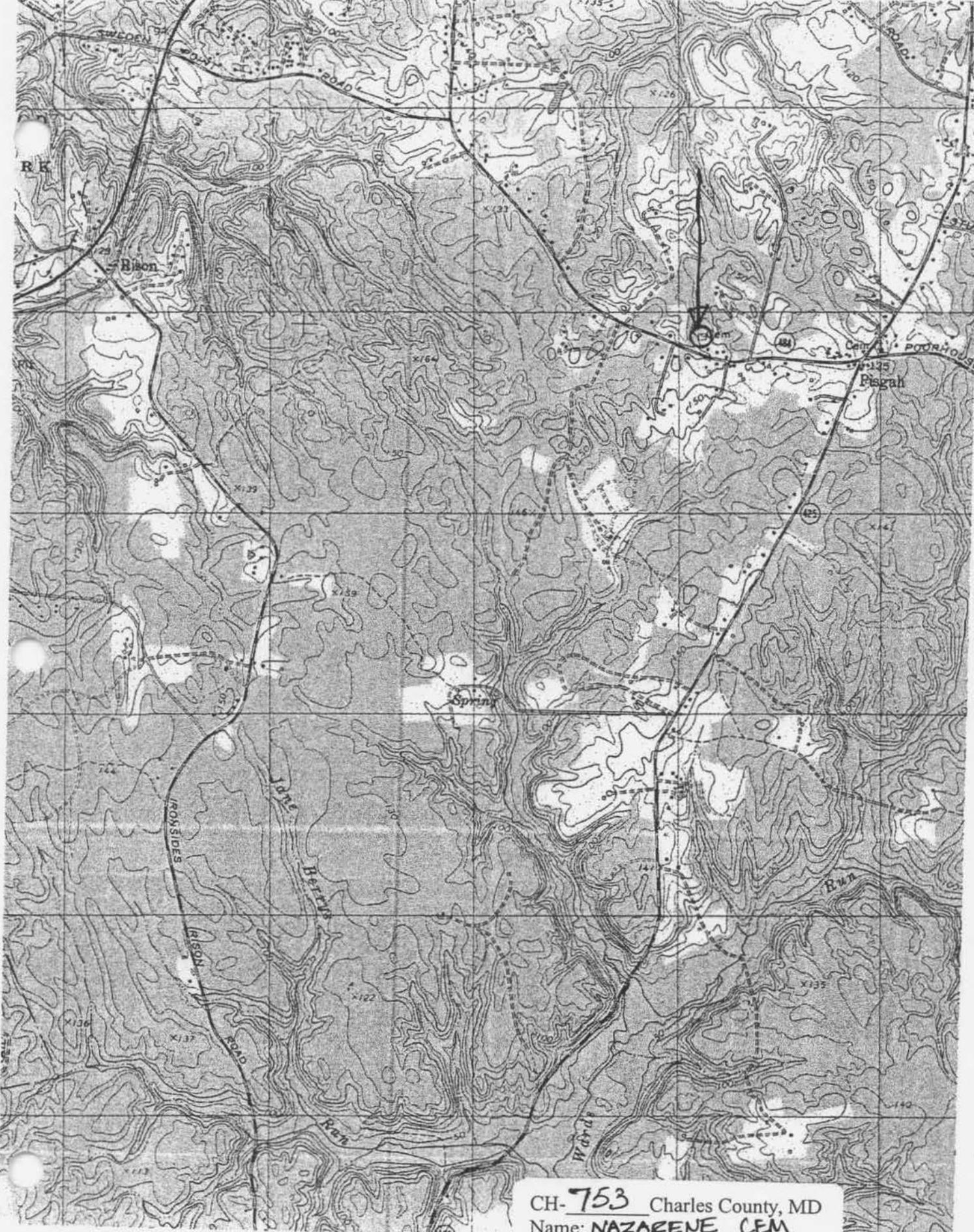
city or town La Plata

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.

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Name: NAZARENE CEM
Location: PISGAH VIC
Quad: INDIAN HEAD



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