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Milton United Methodist Church  
Woolford  
1881  
Private

Standing in the center of the village of Woolford is the Milton United Methodist Church, a single-story, gable-roofed Gothic Revival frame structure erected in 1881. The rectangular frame sanctuary is fronted by a three-level entrance and bell tower capped by a pyramidal roof. Original double doors with diagonal beaded board panels survive along with a pointed arch colored glass transom. To each side of the entrance tower are Gothic arched lancet windows also fitted with colored glass. Typical of late nineteenth century buildings, the gable roof has extended eaves with cornice returns. The interior has survived largely unaltered with original oak grained vestibule doors, and vertical beaded board wainscoting around the perimeter of the sanctuary. Also distinctive to the interior is an original pressed metal ceiling and cove cornice. The recessed and raised pulpit platform is fronted by a low turned baluster railing. The sanctuary also retains yellow pine pews with scrolled shaped ends.

The history of the current Milton United Methodist Church dates to the late nineteenth century with its construction in 1881 on land owned at the time by the School Commissioners of Dorchester County. At the time of the printing of the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas with an inset detail map of the village of Milton, the school was standing on the lot but a church was not. In some sort of verbal agreement with the school commissioners, the congregation was able to erect a church on the school lot in 1881. The membership of the congregation was originally aligned with the Methodist

Episcopal Church South. In the deed of transfer for the school lot, acquired from Thomas W. Jones in 1874, the property, consisting of ninety-two square perches, was located in the village of Milton, which according to the deed had been known as "Loom Town." The Board of School Commissioners for Dorchester County transferred ownership of the school lot to the church trustees in August 1966.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-236

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

historic Milton Methodist Episcopal Church South

other Milton United Methodist Church

## 2. Location

street and number 1628 Taylor's Island Road not for publication

city, town Woolford vicinity

county Dorchester

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

name Trustees of Milton United Methodist Church.

street and number Box 106 telephone

city, town Cambridge state MD zip code 21613

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber 148 folio 506

city, town Cambridge tax map 51 tax parcel 242 tax ID number 9-200053

## 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	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	1	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	_____	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____	_____ structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	1	_____ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	_____	_____ Total
		<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**

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               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.

### DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The Milton M. E. Church South, also the Milton United Methodist Church, stands at 1628 Taylor's Island Road in the village of Woolford, formerly Milton or Loomtown, in the Madison Election District of Dorchester County, Maryland. The single-story Gothic Revival frame church, built in 1881, stands on the north side of Taylor's Island Road a short distance west of Steamboat Landing Road. The church faces south with the gable roof oriented on north/south axis. Supported on a continuous brick foundation, the exterior is sheathed with vinyl siding, and the medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the northwest corner of the Victorian church is a single-story concrete block church hall built during the mid twentieth century.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Milton M. E. Church South, currently known as the Milton United Methodist Church, is located at 1628 Taylor's Island Road in the village of Woolford, formerly Milton, in the Church Creek Election District, Dorchester County, Maryland. The single-story, gable-roofed Gothic Revival church was built in 1881. The rectangular frame sanctuary is fronted by a three level entrance and bell tower capped by a short pyramidal roofed spire. The church is extended off its northwest corner by a single-story concrete block church hall wing.

The south (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay façade with the entrance and bell tower extending forward of the main block several feet. The entrance is fitted with original double doors featuring diagonal beaded board paneled doors, and a colored glass transom is fixed overhead. To each side of the entrance tower is a narrow pointed arch colored glass window. The second level of the tower is smaller in dimension than the first with a narrowing marked by a small shed roofed section that wraps the tower on three sides. The second level of the tower is pierced on its south face by a round arched two-over-two sash window. The third level, the belfry, is marked by louvered openings on three sides. The edge of the gable roof of the main block is finished with an extended eave with returns at its base.

The east side elevation is three-bay across with each bay defined by a pointed arch colored glass lancet window. Fixed between the first and second bay from the south is an exterior single flue brick stove chimney that pierces the boxed cornice of the roof. The west side is virtually the same with another single flue brick stack rising between the first and second bays.

The rear (north) wall of the sanctuary is extended by a gable roofed apse with narrow lancet windows in the sides.

The interior of the church has retained its late nineteenth century appearance with a pressed metal ceiling and pressed metal cove cornice. The double door entrance vestibule doors retain their original layer of oak graining. Vertical beaded board wainscoting wraps the perimeter of the sanctuary, which is

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filled with yellow pine pews. At the north end of the sanctuary is a low turned baluster altar rail, which fronts a raised pulpit platform.

There is no cemetery associated with this church on this property since it was originally owned by the Board of School Commissioners and not deeded to the church trustees until 1966.

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	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

### Architect/Builder

Construction dates 1881

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.)

### SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

Standing in the center of the village of Woolford is the Milton United Methodist Church, a single-story gable roofed Gothic Revival structure erected in 1881. The rectangular frame sanctuary is fronted by a three-level entrance and bell tower capped by a pyramidal roof. Original double doors with diagonal beaded board panels survive in the door frame, which is topped by a pointed arch, colored glass transom. To each side of the entrance tower are Gothic arched lancet windows also fitted with colored glass. Typical of late nineteenth century buildings, the gable roof has extended eaves with cornice returns. The interior has survived largely unaltered with original oak grained vestibule doors, and vertical beaded board wainscoting around the sanctuary. Also distinctive to the interior is an original pressed metal ceiling and cove cornice. The recessed and raised pulpit platform is fronted by a low turned baluster railing. The sanctuary also retains yellow pine pews with scroll-shaped ends.

### HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The history of the current Milton United Methodist Church dates to the late nineteenth century with its construction in 1881 on land owned at the time by the School Commissioners of Dorchester County. At the time the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson map published an inset map of the village of Milton in their 1877 atlas the school was standing on the lot but not the church.<sup>1</sup> In some verbal agreement with the school commissioners the congregation was able to erect a church on the school lot. The membership of the congregation was originally aligned with the Methodist Episcopal Church South. In the deed of transfer for the school lot, acquired from Thomas W. Jones in 1874, the property, consisting of ninety-two square perches, was located in the village of Milton, which according to the deed had been named

<sup>1</sup> John L. Graham, ed. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*. Wicomico Bicentennial Committee, 1976, p. 83.

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“Loom Town.”<sup>2</sup> The Board of School Commissioners for Dorchester County transferred ownership of the school lot to the church trustees in August 1966.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, FJH 9/518, 22 September 1874, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

<sup>3</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, PLC 148/506, 19 August 1966, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

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Milton M. E. Church South  
1628 Taylor's Island Road  
Woolford, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 51, Parcel 242

148/506 Board of Education of Dorchester County, Maryland

to

8.19.1966 Trustees of Milton Methodist Church

Whereas by deed dated September 22, 1874, FJH 9/518, Thomas W. Jones did grant and convey unto the Board of School Commissioners of Dorchester County, in fee simple, all the hereinafter described property; and

Whereas, the ownership and title in said land has remained and continued in the various Boards handling the ownership and title to the school property in Dorchester County, down to and including the present site, and said owning body Corporate is now the hereinbefore named Grantor; and

Whereas, the Grantor by virtue of the power and authority contained in Article 77 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland has determined that it is for the benefit of the school system that the land and property hereinafter described be sold.

All that lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Church Creek Election District of said Dorchester County, in the town of Woolford, formerly known as Milton or Loomtown, which was conveyed to the Board of County School Commissioners from Thomas W. Jones

Containing 92 square perches of land, more or less

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FJH 9/518

Thomas W. Jones

to

9.22.1874

Board of County School Commissioners

\$177.00 ...All that lot or parcel of land situate in the town of Milton, or Loomtown, which is contained...Beginning at a Cedar post standing at the corner of John J. Skinner's lot...

Containing ninety-two square perches

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property \_\_\_\_\_  
Acreage of historical setting \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name Church Creek Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	10.16.2012
street & number	Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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.

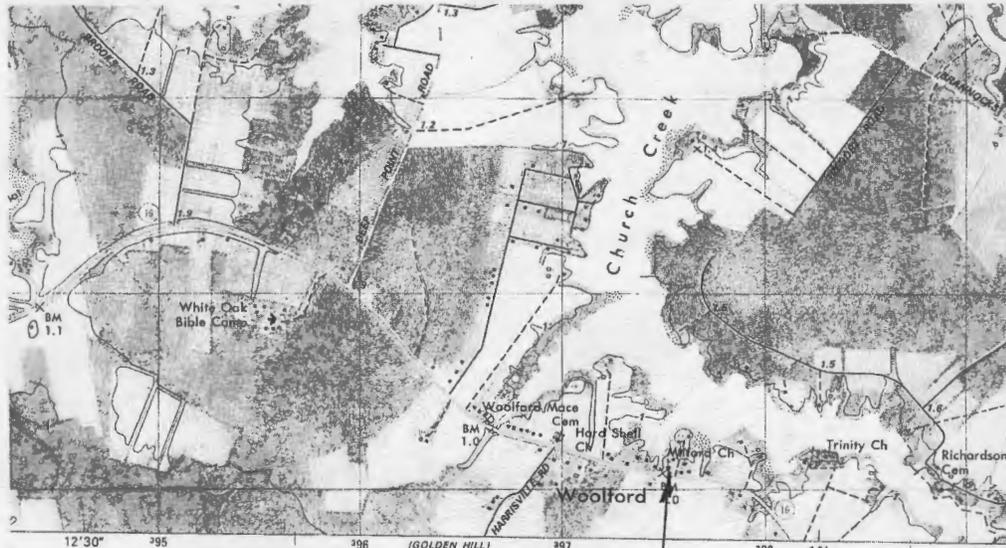
return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

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SCALE 1:24 000



1C NORTH  
F SHEET

CONTOUR INTERVAL 1 METER  
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929  
CONTROL AND OTHER ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE NEAREST 0.1 METER  
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN METERS—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE  
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 0.4 METERS



QUADRANGLE LOCATI

HORIZONTAL AND ELEV.  
IN METERS

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

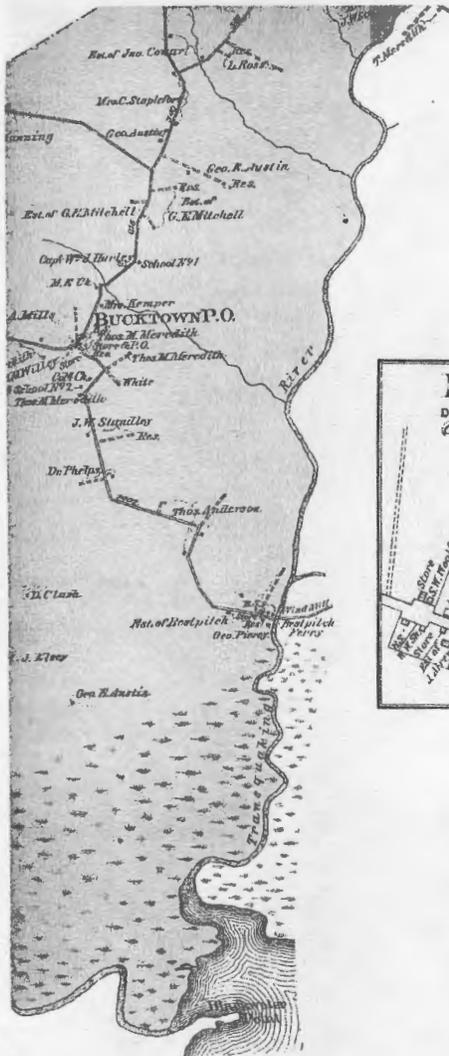
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Church Creek Quadrangle

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Dist. No 18  
DORCHESTER CO.

**BUCKTOWN DISTRICT REFERENCES.**  
JESSE B. WALL, Merchant and Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Notions, and General Merchandise, Store at Dispatch Ferry, Bucktown P. O.



**MILTON BUSINESS REFERENCES.**  
SAMUEL W. WOOLFORD & CO., Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, Druggs, Notions, Canned Fruits, Dye Stuffs, &c. All kinds of Country Produce taken in exchange at the highest cash price.

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— Lake, Griffing & Stevenson Atlas  
1877



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MILTON M. E. STANLEY SOURCE  
WOOLFORD, DONNICKSON Co.  
MD.

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

10.2012, PAUL B. TOWART,

PHOTO.

NEZ. / MD. HISTORICAL TRANS.

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Woolford, Dorchester Co., MD.  
Southwest Elevation

10. 2012, Paul B. Towant Photo.  
NEH/MD Historical Trust

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Woolford, Dorchester Co., MD.  
INTERIOR - STRUCTURE  
10.2012, PAUL B. TOWERS, PITTSV.  
NEI./MD. HISTORICAL TRUST

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Milton United Methodist Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Rt. 16 Taylor's Island Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Woolford

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Dorchester

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Milton United Methodist Church

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Woolford STATE: Maryland 21677

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Dorchester County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
High Street

CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge STATE: Maryland 21613

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Uncolored <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The Milton United Methodist Church is a small frame late country Gothic church built near the old wharf at the present town of Woolford, formerly called Milton, and before that, Loom Town. The building stands on brick piers and is rectangular with "A" roof and has a tower entrance in the center of its gable facade. All the windows and the entrance have lancet arches with stain glass. The tower is composed of three units, the lower part having the door with transom, above which, is a small roofed set-back where the tower becomes smaller. This section has a semicircular headed window with 2/2 sash. Above the apex of the roof is the louvered bellfry with pyramid roof. There is a wide overhang to the eaves with cornice returns. On each side of the building is a brick chimney. Later extensions have been added on both sides.</p>	

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SIGNIFICANCE			
<b>PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	
<b>SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)</b>			
<b>AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	losophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<b>STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE</b>			
<p>The church is a small church which adds considerable charm and variation to the village of Woolford. It is also important because Methodism was one of the great forces which enabled the people of Dorchester to work together toward a common goal.</p>			

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Blank area for Major Bibliographical References.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

Blank area for Acreage Justification.

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant		
ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust	DATE April, 1975	
STREET AND NUMBER: Shaw House, 21 State Circle		
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE Maryland	21401

**12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)**

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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M. Bourne April 1975