

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes ___
no ___

Property Name: Bazel's Chapel Inventory Number: D-274

Address: 4136 Bestpitch Ferry Road Historic district: ___ yes X no

City: Cambridge Zip Code: 21613 County: Dorchester

USGS Quadrangle(s): Blackwater River

Property Owner: M.E. Church Tax Account ID Number: 003785

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 18 Tax Map Number: 72

Project: Proposed Tower Site: Bucktown, Dorchester County, Maryland Agency: Maryland Dept. of Budget and Management

Agency Prepared By: A.D. Marble & Company

Preparer's Name: Stacey Streett and Stephanie Foell Date Prepared: 6/24/2005

Documentation is presented in: Proposed Tower Site: Bucktown, Dorchester County, Maryland

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: X Eligibility recommended ___ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: ___ A ___ B X C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ___ yes Listed: ___ yes

Site visit by MHT Staff ___ yes X no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Architectural Description:

Please refer to MIHP Form D-274 for prior survey information.

Bazel's Chapel (D-274) is located at 4136 Bestpitch Ferry Road, 100 feet from the west side of the road, and faces east. The property contains a chapel that was built in 1911. It stands on the site of the original chapel that was constructed in 1876. The one-story, rectangular chapel is a modest, gable-front, frame building. It is three bays wide by three rooms deep. The chapel features vernacular interpretations of the Gothic Revival style. The prior survey form indicates that the chapel was sheathed in clapboard. However, the building is currently clad in vinyl siding. Brick piers support the building. Poured-concrete steps reach the paneled-wood, double-door entrance, located on the symmetrical façade. The façade contains lancet windows located on either side of the entrance, a multi-pane, triangular transom above the entrance, and a smaller lancet window without shutters centered in the front gable. One-over-one, fixed-pane, lancet windows comprise all of the fenestration, with lancet-shaped shutters hinged to one side of each window. A symmetrical row of three lancet windows is located on the north and south elevations.

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MHT Comments:

Andrew Lewis
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

7/11/05
Date

[Signature]
Reviewer, National Register Program

7/11/05
Date

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An apse is located on the west elevation. It is a one-bay-wide, shed-roof projection, which contains single, lancet windows on the north and south elevations.

Composite shingles cover the roof. Interior, brick chimney stacks are located above the central lancet windows on the side elevations. They rise from the lower ends of the north and south slopes of the roof.

Until recently, the parcel contained a secondary, gable-front, frame building—a church hall or vestry—located southwest of the chapel. However, a fallen tree located south of the building has recently destroyed the building. It was three bays wide and contained a double-door entrance on the façade. It was sided in clapboard. Dense woods border the western and southern portions of the property. A marshland is located north of the property. The chapel is located in an open area of land surrounded by trees and is separated from the roadway, lending a sense of tranquility to the parcel.

Interior access was not granted as part of this survey.

Significance

General Project Area Description

Bucktown, Maryland, is located in Dorchester County, approximately ten miles south of Cambridge. Bucktown is primarily an agricultural area that is adjacent to the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. The terrain is relatively flat with the large majority of land used for agricultural purposes. The project area directly abuts the Little Blackwater River on the west, and much of the terrain is marshland in this area. The project area has a low level of elevation, approximately 5 feet above sea level.

Primary crops grown in Bucktown include corn and soybeans. Large industrial poultry houses of recent dates of construction are also present on several farms. Portions of the project area adjacent to the Blackwater Wildlife Refuge have a substantial tree canopy flanking the roadways.

History of Bucktown

Bucktown was formed from the land holdings of Bartholomew Ennalls. A native of York County, Virginia, Ennalls owned thousands of acres of land in southern Maryland in the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries. Virtually no scholarly information exists on the establishment or development of Bucktown. It is largely ignored in scholarly histories of Dorchester County, and few primary or secondary resources relating to the town are available. A detailed review of maps of Dorchester County indicates that the name Bucktown first appears on maps in the late eighteenth century.

It is described as "five miles from a railroad station. A fertile farming country surrounds it. . . . about forty people in ten or twelve dwellings measure the size of the quiet town where the ring of the hammer on the blacksmith's anvil is no more heard. No town growth."

Tobacco was the primary crop cultivated in the area. It was exported to England for sale, and provided a certain degree of wealth to many of the tobacco plantation owners. After the onset of the Revolutionary War, when trade with England was suspended, corn, wheat, and rye plantings replaced tobacco as the most prominent agricultural crops. Livestock were also raised in larger numbers. The crops and animals were used for both home consumption and to supply the army. These crops remained the primary products planted until after the Civil War. After that time, grain crops became less common.

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Bucktown is perhaps best known for its association with Harriet Tubman, a slave who was a critical figure in the Underground Railroad. Because Tubman was born into slavery, very little precise information about her early life is available. Consequently, much misinformation about Tubman has been disseminated throughout time. Reliable sources indicate that she was born circa 1820, possibly in or near Bucktown.

She spent her earliest years at the Brodess plantation, which was located just outside of Bucktown. Later, she moved with her owner to other locations within a ten-mile radius of Bucktown. Tubman gained her freedom in 1849, when she escaped to Philadelphia. She eventually settled in Auburn, New York, where she established a home for elderly former slaves. Three buildings in Auburn with associations to Tubman have been designated National Historic Landmarks by the Secretary of the Interior. These include her own residence, the Harriet Tubman House, and the Harriet Tubman Home for the Aged. The church where she worshiped in Auburn, Thompson AME Zion Church is also designated.

Historic Resources in Bucktown

Relatively few built resources are present within the Bucktown vicinity. This is due to the prevalence of large swaths of agricultural land in cultivation. The majority of buildings in Bucktown are residences. Almost all of the buildings more than 50 years of age are farmhouses from the late nineteenth or early twentieth centuries. Most of the residences retain their basic forms, which include I-houses and smaller cottages. Many of the residences have side or rear additions. Most have been re-sided in either aluminum siding or asbestos shingles. Replacement windows and enclosed porches are other common alterations. The conditions of the residences range from excellent to poor, with several near collapse.

Few historic agricultural buildings associated with the farmhouses remain (although several of the properties were inaccessible and only farmhouses were visible from the right-of-way). New agricultural buildings consist primarily of large-scale poultry houses sheathed in metal.

An abundance of houses dating from the late 1950s through the present are found in Bucktown. Most are modest, single-story houses with minimal architectural detail. These newer houses are located on small plots of land in linear patterns, unlike the houses of earlier eras, which were located on large plots of farmland.

Several modest frame chapels are located in the vicinity of Bucktown. They are associated with African-American congregations in the area.

The Bucktown Store is the sole resource associated with commerce in the area. As with other general stores in small towns, it likely served the town with basic supplies. However, Bucktown's proximity to Cambridge allowed for a reasonable commute into the larger city for commercial goods.

The historic and cultural landscape within Bucktown conveys the historic agricultural use of the land. Although historic crops in Dorchester County included tobacco and grains and not the currently omnipresent soybeans, the land has remained cleared and used for agricultural purposes. Other components of the landscape are used as part of the Blackwater Wildlife Refuge and appear to be in their pristine natural condition. Substantial sections of the region, most notably in the area surrounding the wildlife refuge, are covered with thick stands of tall trees.

Methodist Chapels in Maryland

The Methodist religion is historically most concentrated in the Eastern Shore region of Delaware and Maryland (Williams

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1997:59). The first rural, African-American Methodist Church was established in 1847 by free African-American slaves in Cumberland, Maryland (Chiat 1997:223). Rural Methodist chapels were not architecturally ostentatious, but modest gable-end structures, similar to early meetinghouses. During the nineteenth century, Methodist congregations traditionally worshipped in modest, symmetrical, frame buildings. Bazel's Methodist Episcopal Church is contemporary with a group of Methodist churches that experienced a distinctive pattern of architecture in the lower Eastern Shore region. Harriet Tubman's family members reportedly worshipped at Bazel's Chapel. The original building associated with Tubman's extended family burned and the present chapel was constructed in 1911. Bazel's Chapel, otherwise known as Bazel's Methodist Episcopal Church, is an example of a vernacular religious architecture. It resembles the more sophisticated Scott's Chapel (D-270), located north of Bucktown. The chapel is similar to other churches in date of construction, building form, and architectural detail. No information on the builder or architect was uncovered during research. The 1877 Illustrated Atlas of Dorchester County shows a church and a school at the location of Bazel's Chapel. Today, Bazel's Chapel opens periodically throughout the year for religious services, and summer celebrations in honor of Harriet Tubman are held at Bazel's Chapel (Clinton 2004:218). Reports that the building was moved from another location could not be substantiated.

Determination of Eligibility

The property was evaluated for eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. According to the National Register:

The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and:

- A. that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
- B. that are associated with the lives of significant persons in our past; or
- C. that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- D. that have yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.

Bazel's Chapel is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. It is not associated with any significant historic events and is not eligible under Criterion A. Despite the claims to ties with Harriet Tubman, the present building dates to 1911, and is not associated with her. It is not associated with any significant people that would make it eligible under Criterion B. It is eligible under Criterion C as an excellent example of a nineteenth-century, African-American chapel. These types of buildings were constructed in the years following Emancipation and are commonly modest chapels. The Bazel Chapel continues to display the common gable-front configuration that was common, and is typically devoid of ornamentation.

A fallen tree recently destroyed the related church hall, which appeared to be of a more recent construction date. The chapel retains integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, association and feeling, and it continues to convey its original function as a modest house of worship. The property was not evaluated under Criterion D.

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Bazel's Methodist Episcopal Chapel (D-274), 4136 Bestpitch Ferry Road
Proposed Tower
Bucktown, Dorchester County, Maryland
Blackwater River USGS Quadrangle

0 0.125 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 Miles



NO
TRESPASSING

BAZZLE
Church

4136

D-274

Bazel's Methodist Episcopal Chapel

Dorchester County, MD

S. Streett

4/2005

MD SHPO

View to the west from w. side of Bastpitch Ferry Rd

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Bazel's Methodist Episcopal Chapel
Dorchester County, MD

S. Streett

4/2005

MD SHPO

Southeast elevation and collapsed church hall

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Bazel's Methodist Episcopal Chapel
Dorchester County, MD

S. Streett

4/2005

MD SHPO

South elevation

3/5

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2011 APR 1



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Bazel's Methodist Episcopal Chapel
Dorchester County, MD

S. Street

4/2005

MD SHPO

Northwest elevation

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Bazel's Methodist Episcopal Chapel

Dorchester County, MD

S. Foell

9/2004

MD SHPO

View to the west, prior to collapse of hall
(facade)

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Bazel's M. E. Church
Bucktown vicinity
c. 1910-11
Private

Bazel's Methodist Episcopal Church, standing in a small clearing framed by woodlands and field, is an early twentieth century frame structure that stands on the site of an earlier building erected during the fourth quarter of the nineteenth century. Similar to many rural churches for black and white congregations in Dorchester County, the rectangular frame meeting house style building is relatively plain but it does reflect a modest influence of the widely popular Gothic Revival style. A pointed arch double door opening is flanked by narrow pointed arch lancet windows. The heavily molded arched panel doors, stylistically dating to the mid to late nineteenth century, quite possibly were reused when this building was erected around 1910-11. A marble datestone fixed in the corner of the southeast brick pier is inscribed, Bazel's M. E. Church, 1876-1911, reflecting the formation date of the congregation and the date of construction for the replacement church. A deed for the property was conveyed within a few years after the formation of the congregation. For \$1, Thomas M. and Susan A. Meredith sold eighty-one square perches of land to the Trustees of the Bucktown Mission Church of the Methodist Episcopal denomination. While the church membership did not officially form until the post Civil War period, this was the organization in which descendants and relatives of Harriet Tubman worshipped. She was born around 1822 a short distance to the northwest of this site on land owned at the time by planter Edward Brodess.

7. Description

Inventory No. D-274

Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

Bazel's Chapel, also known as Bazel's Methodist Episcopal Church, stands in a small clearing surrounded by woods and field on the west side of Bestpitch Ferry Road in central Bucktown Election District in Dorchester County, Maryland. Built around 1911, the single-story, gable-front, Gothic Revival frame structure is the second chapel to occupy this site. Supported on a brick pier foundation, the weatherboard frame chapel is covered with vinyl siding, and the steeply pitched gable roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. The church faces southwest with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis. Fixed in the southeast corner of the brick pier is a marble datestone inscribed "Bazel's M. E. Church, 1876-1911."

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Bazel's Chapel, built around 1911, is a small, gable-front frame structure influenced by the Gothic Revival style with a simple pointed arch entrance and pointed arch lancet windows. Located in a small clearing surrounded by field and forest, the rectangular frame church is supported on a brick pier foundation and it is sheathed with vinyl siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Fixed in the corner of the southeast brick pier is a marble datestone inscribed, "Bazel's M. E. Church, 1876-1911."

The southwest (main) elevation is a three-bay façade with a center double-door entrance and flanking pointed arch, colored glass lancet windows. The double door entrance is fitted with heavily molded arched panel doors characteristic of the third quarter of the nineteenth century. These doors may have been reused from a previous chapel on the site. Fixed atop the double door entrance is a pointed arch, three-pane, colored glass transom. The upper gable is defined by a small pointed arch single-pane sash window. The edge of the roof is finished with a slightly extended eave.

The northeast side elevation is three bays across with an interior side brick stove stack piercing the roof. Each bay is marked by a pointed arch window. The southwest side is three bays across as well, and each bay is defined by a pointed arch lancet window.

The northeast (rear) elevation is extended by a small shed roofed, three-sided apse pierced by pointed arch windows on each side. There is a rear door to the left (south) of the apse. The interior was not open for inspection.

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Bazel's Chapel
4201 Bestpitch Ferry Road
Bucktown vicinity, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 72, Parcel 19

CL 2/200

Thomas M. Meredith and Elizabeth A. Meredith

to

6.30.1880

Trustees of Bucktown Mission Church of Bucktown of the
Methodist Episcopal Church

\$1 all that lot or parcel of land lying, and being in Bucktown Election District of said county and adjoining the lot of the colored Public School, the same being conveyed bounded as follows; Beginning for the outbounds of the said lot now being conveyed at the corner of the said School House lot, and thence running with the third line of the said lotthenceperches to another stake, thence.....to another stake along the side of a cart road, and thence with said road.....to the place of beginning containing eighty one square perches of land more or less....Provided, however, that the said property shall revert to the aid Thomas M. Meredith his heirs assigns if the same shall cease to be used for a church, or a place of public worship...

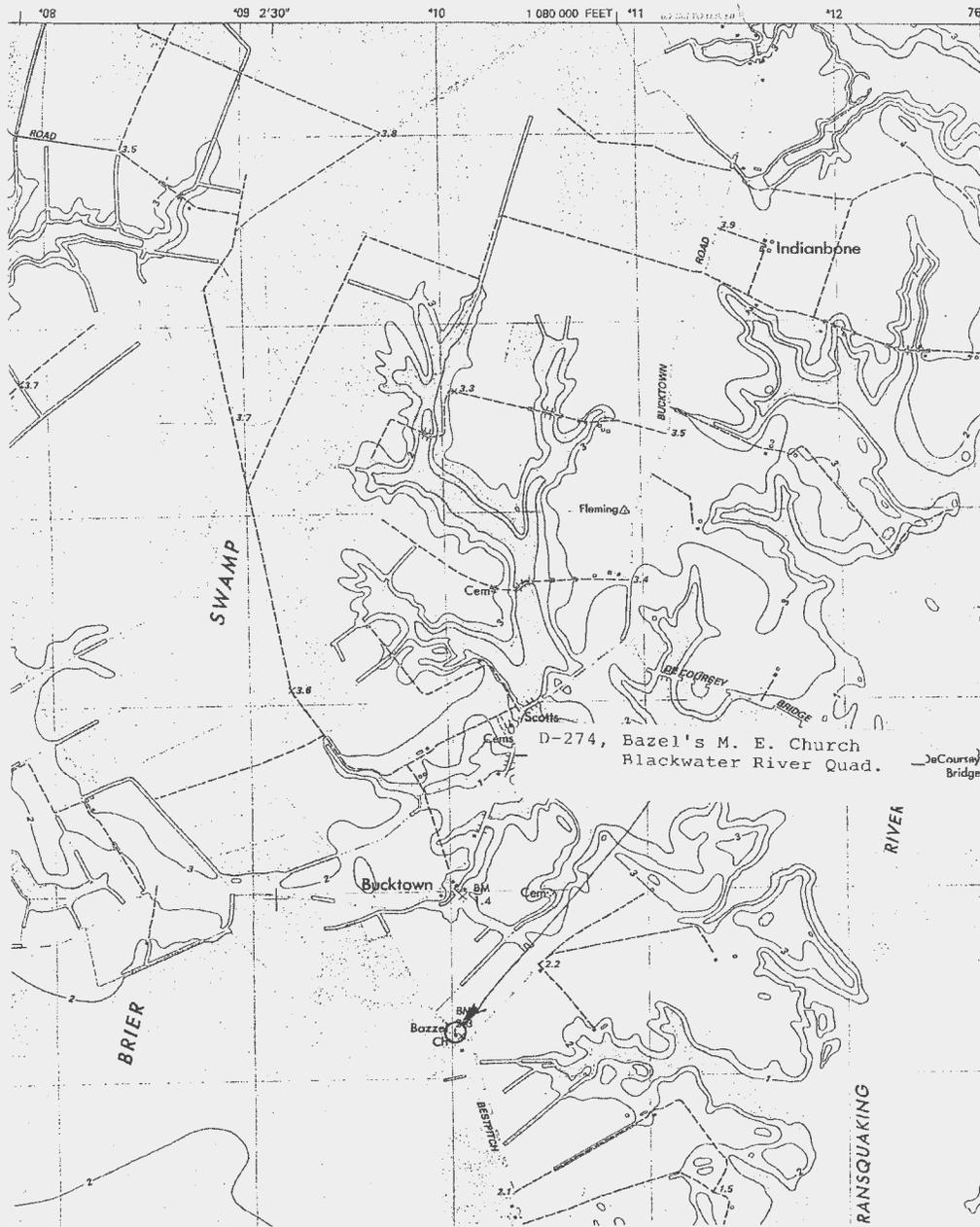
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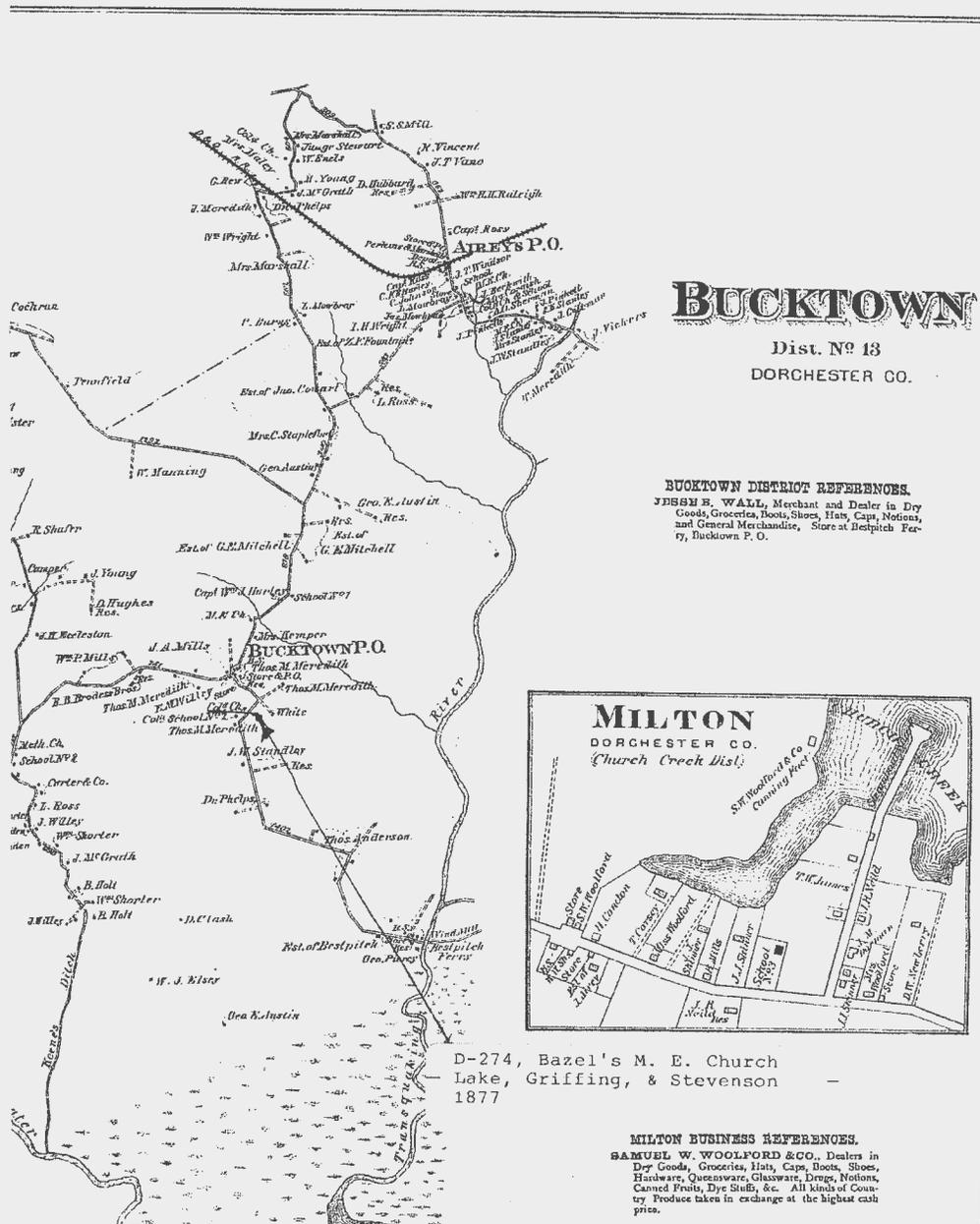
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property _____

Acreage of historical setting _____

Quadrangle name Blackwater River, MD Quadrangle Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	8.2.2012
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.

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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600



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Bazel's M. E. Citrus

Buckhorn vic, Dorchester Co. Md.

South Elevation

8/2012, Paul Touant, PITOTO.

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Baker's M. E. Church

Bucktown vic., Dorchester Co., Md.

NORTHEAST ELEVATION

8/2012, Paul B. Touart, PHOTO.

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Dorchester - 274
Bazel's ME Church
Bucktown Rd.
Bucktown, MD

1876, 1911

Access:Public

Bazel's Chapel is situated in an historic black area known as Bucktown. Harriet Tubman was born near this site and members of her family belonged to this church. The region once had many black farmers but in recent years these farms have been sold to whites. Monroe Lake, a trustee of the church has been responsible for the church's preservation . The church is open for services once or twice a year.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
Bucktown Colored Church				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
South of Bucktown .5 mile, Bestpitch Ferry Road				
CITY OR TOWN:				
Cambridge				
STATE			COUNTY:	
Maryland			Dorchester	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY <i>(Check One)</i>		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<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
		Public Acquisition:		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
		<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE <i>(Check One or More as Appropriate)</i>				
<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 <i>(Specify)</i>	_____
<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:				
Bucktown Colored Church				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
RFD				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Cambridge			Maryland	
			21613	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:				
Dorchester County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
High Street				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Cambridge			Maryland	
			21613	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:				
STATE:				

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

South of Bucktown stands a small frame chapel on the edge of the woods. It is a three bay long and three bay wide building constructed on brick piers. The walls are covered with plain weatherboards and the windows have 1/1 sash with miter arches and plywood shutters. It's entrance has a double door with transom. Above the door is a small window.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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 | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In the 1877 Atlas, a church is indicated in this location with a school. The building is of interest since it was constructed by the black community for religious worship, and resembles the more sophisticated Scott's Chapel, north of Bucktown.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. 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		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "	°	' "	° ' "	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "	°	' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "	°	' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE:	COUNTY:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust

DATE: Nov, 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 _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Bazel's Chapel

AND/OR COMMON

Bazel's ME Church (Bazzel Church, Bucktown Colored Church, Harriet Tubman Church)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Bucktown Rd. (Now on Bestpitch Ferry Road)

CITY, TOWN

Bucktown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
First

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY
Dorchester

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Trustees, Bazel's ME Church
C/O Monroe Lake

Telephone #: N/A

STREET & NUMBER

Bucktown Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Md, 21613

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Dorchester Co. Court House

Liber #: FJH 1

Folio #: 35

STREET & NUMBER

High Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

N/A

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE 1876-1911

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Bazel's Chapel stands 100' from the west side of Bucktown Road. The building faces east. It is gabled (East-West). The church is built of weatherboard. It was erected in 1876 and rebuilt in 1911. The church is 36' across the front facade and 48' in depth. There are two concrete steps that lead to the double wooden front doors (6 paneled). There is a triangular transom atop the door (3 panes-clear-glass). There is a 2½' lancet (clear-glass... one over one) window in the east gable. There are two lancet windows (one over one...clear-glass) 4½' in the front facade (one at each side of the door). There are 3 identical lancet windows in the north side of the building and again on the south side of the building. There is a 4' bay sacristy on the west end of the church.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" 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
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<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 1876-1911

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Bazel's Chapel is situated in an historic black area known as Bucktown in rural Dorchester County. Harriet Tubman was born near this site and members of her family belonged to this church. The region once had many black farmers but in recent years (with the exception of the Lake Family) these farms have been sold to whites. Monroe Lake, a trustee of the church, has been responsible the church's preservation. The church is opened for religious services once or twice a year.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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

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ORGANIZATION Maryland Commission on Afro-American
History & Culture

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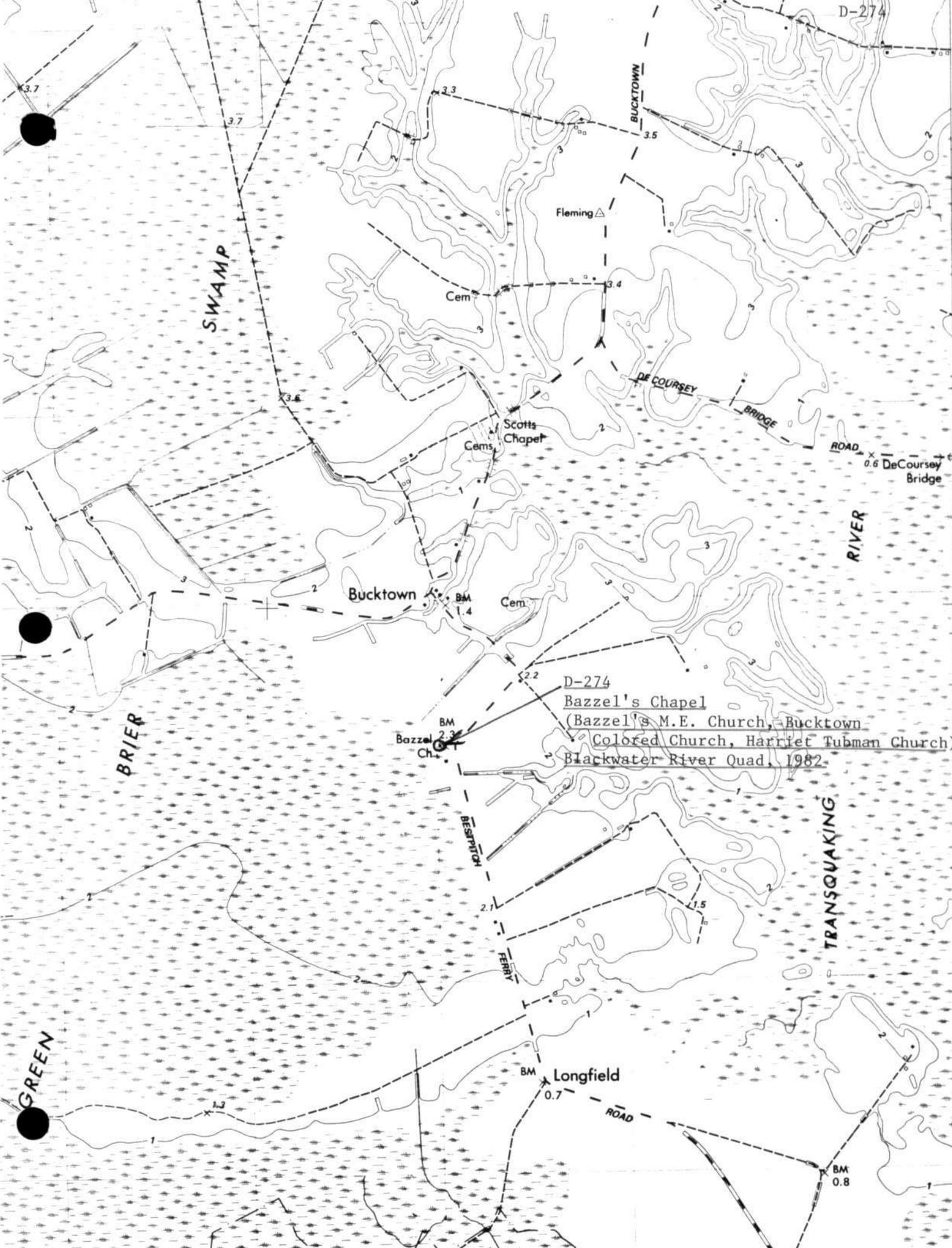
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20 Dean StreetTELEPHONE
269-2893CITY OR TOWN
AnnapolisSTATE
Maryland

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 (Bazzel's M.E. Church, Bucktown
 Colored Church, Harriet Tubman Church)
 Blackwater River Quad, 1982.

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Bucktown Colored Church

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