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Wesley M. E. Church
Wingate vicinity
c. 1890

Wesley Chapel, known formally as Wesley M. E. Church, is located along the road between the Andrews crossroads and Wingate in the Lake District, and it is a distinctive architectural and historical landmark in the area. It is a relatively unaltered late nineteenth century Gothic Revival influenced church. The rectangular main block, similar to many county churches, is lighted by pointed arch lancet windows. In contrast to the Toddville and Crapo churches nearby with their asymmetrical entrance and bell towers, Wesley is defined by a center entrance tower distinguished on its upper level by a flared eave and belfry sheathed with fishscale shingles. Small sawn brackets enrich the eave of the pyramidal roof. Along the sides of the chapel, decorated rafter tails and lancet windows constitute the decorative finishes. Rising through each side are interior, single flue brick stove stacks that stabilized by a cross-gable roof and angle-iron braces.

The early history of Wesley Chapel south of the Andrew's crossroads is somewhat clouded, but a conference records indicate that a church was erected for this congregation in the late 1880s with subsequent buildings following during the early twentieth century. There was a church at this location on the Lake District map of the 1877 Lake, Griffing and Stevenson atlas. During the early twentieth century, trustees for the congregation included R. Burk Hayward, James A. Stewart, Howard Hughes, George Guy Slacum, Richard Andrews, and Emory Moore. In 2000, the congregation trustees transferred ownership of the property to the Nausu-Waiwash Band of Indians.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Wesley Chapel, Wesley M. E. Church
other

2. Location

street and number Wesley Church Road not for publication
city, town Wingate vicinity
county Dorchester

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

name Nausu-Waiwash Band of Indians
street and number 2363 Elliott's Island Road telephone
city, town Vienna state MD zip code 21869

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber MLB 425 folio 53
city, town Cambridge tax map 95 tax parcel 100 tax ID number 5-076528

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	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic		<input type="checkbox"/> objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	1	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary		
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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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

The Wesley Chapel, also known as the Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, stands on the southeast corner of the intersection of Wesley Church Road, Andrews Road and Willeys Neck Road in the community of Wesley, Dorchester County, Maryland. The church faces west with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis. Built around 1890-1900, the single-story, Gothic Revival style church is supported on an infilled brick pier foundation and the exterior is clad with plain weatherboard siding on the first story and fishscale shingles within the front and side gables. Centered on the west (front) elevation is a three-story entrance tower that is capped by a low pitched pyramidal roof. The church is joined on the site by a cemetery of several dozen grave markers.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Wesley Chapel, historically identified as the Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Andrews Road, Wesley Church Road and Willeys Neck Road in the vicinity of the crossroads community of Andrews, Dorchester County, Maryland. The single-story gable-front frame church, built around 1890-1900, is supported on an infilled brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with plain weatherboard siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The west (main) façade is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance tower projecting slightly from the front wall plain of the sanctuary. A double-door entrance, with replacement doors, is topped by a three-light pointed arch transom. The second level of the tower is pierced by a diamond shaped window, and just above the diamond shaped window the tower roof has a bracketed eave under a flared third level section. The tower wall surface around the diamond shaped window and above is covered with fishscale shingles. The third level of the tower is pierced by a narrow pointed arch louvered vent. Capping the tower is a low pitched pyramidal roof accented with a bracketed eave. To each side of the entrance and bell tower are pairs of pointed arch, colored glass windows. The gable end above the first story is sheathed with fishscale shingles, and the edge of the roof is finished with an open soffit eave. The tail of the bargeboard is decorated.

The north side elevation is four bays across with single, pointed arch, colored glass windows marking each bay. Centered on the roof is a small gable through which a single-flue brick stove chimney rises. The face of the gable is covered with fishscale shingles, and the eave has an open soffit. The chimney stack is braced to the roof by long section of angle iron.

The south side elevation is a four-bay façade with pointed arch colored glass windows marking each bay, and the an identical gable to the north side is pierced by a single flue brick stove chimney, which is braced as well by sections of angle iron.

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The east (rear) wall is defined by a small gable roofed apse with pointed arch colored glass windows piercing each side. The edge of the apse roof has extended eaves and open soffits. Piercing the wall directly above the apse is a diamond shaped colored glass window.

The interior was not open for inspection on the day of field survey.

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	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input 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

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.)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Wesley Chapel, located along the road between Andrews crossroads and Wingate in the Lake District, is a distinctive architectural and historical landmark in the area since it is a relatively unchanged late nineteenth-century Gothic Revival influenced church. The rectangular main block, similar to many area churches is lighted by pointed arch lancet windows. In contrast to the Toddville and Crapo churches with their asymmetrical entrance and bell towers, Wesley is defined by a center entrance tower distinguished on its upper level by a flared eave and belfry sheathed with fishscale shingles. Small sawn brackets enrich the eave of the pyramidal roof. Along the sides of the chapel, decorated rafter tails and lancet windows constitute the decorative finishes. Rising through each side are interior single flue brick stove stacks that are stabilized by a cross gable roof angle-iron braces.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The early history of Wesley Chapel south of the Andrew's crossroads is somewhat clouded, but conference records indicate that a church was erected for this congregation in the late 1880s with subsequent buildings following during the early twentieth century. The historic fabric of this church point to a construction date during the late nineteenth or early twentieth century. During the early twentieth century, trustees for the congregation included R. Burk Hayward, James A. Stewart, Howard Hughes, George Guy Slacum, Richard Andrews, and Emory Moore.¹ In 2000, the congregation transferred ownership of the church and grounds to the Nausu-Waiwash Band of Indians.²

¹ Dorchester County Land Record, JFD 14/11, 7 December 1923, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

² Dorchester County Land Record, 425/53, 27 April 2000, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

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Wesley Church Road
Wingate vicinity, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 95, Parcel 100

425/53 Board and Trustees of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference, Inc.

to

4.27.2000 Nausu-Waiwash Band of Indians, Inc.

Parcel 2

All that lot or parcel of land situate, lying, and being in the Lakes Election District of Dorchester County, Maryland, on which is located the Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church; being the same property conveyed unto the unto R. Burk Hayward, et al. in trust for the Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church from George Guy Slacum and Marie Slacum, his wife by deed dated December 7, 1923 and recorded in Liber 14/11.

JFD 14/11 George Guy Slacum and wife Manie Slacum

to

12.7.1923 Trustees of Wesley M. E. Church, in Lakes Election District, R. Burk Hayward, James A. Stewart, Howard Hughes, George Guy Slacum, Richard Andrews, and Emory Moore, all of Dorchester County, Maryland

All that lot or parcel of land situate lying and being in Lakes Election District, of Dorchester County, on which is located the which is located the Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church

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Edward C. Insley and Gertie E. Insley

to

4.30.1904

George Guy Slacum

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Lake, Griffing and Stevenson Atlas
1877

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7.2013

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.
E. C. Hallman, The Garden of Methodism, 1948, p. 311.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of surveyed property 16,117 square feet
Acreeage of historical setting 1 +/- acre
Quadrangle name Wingate, 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.

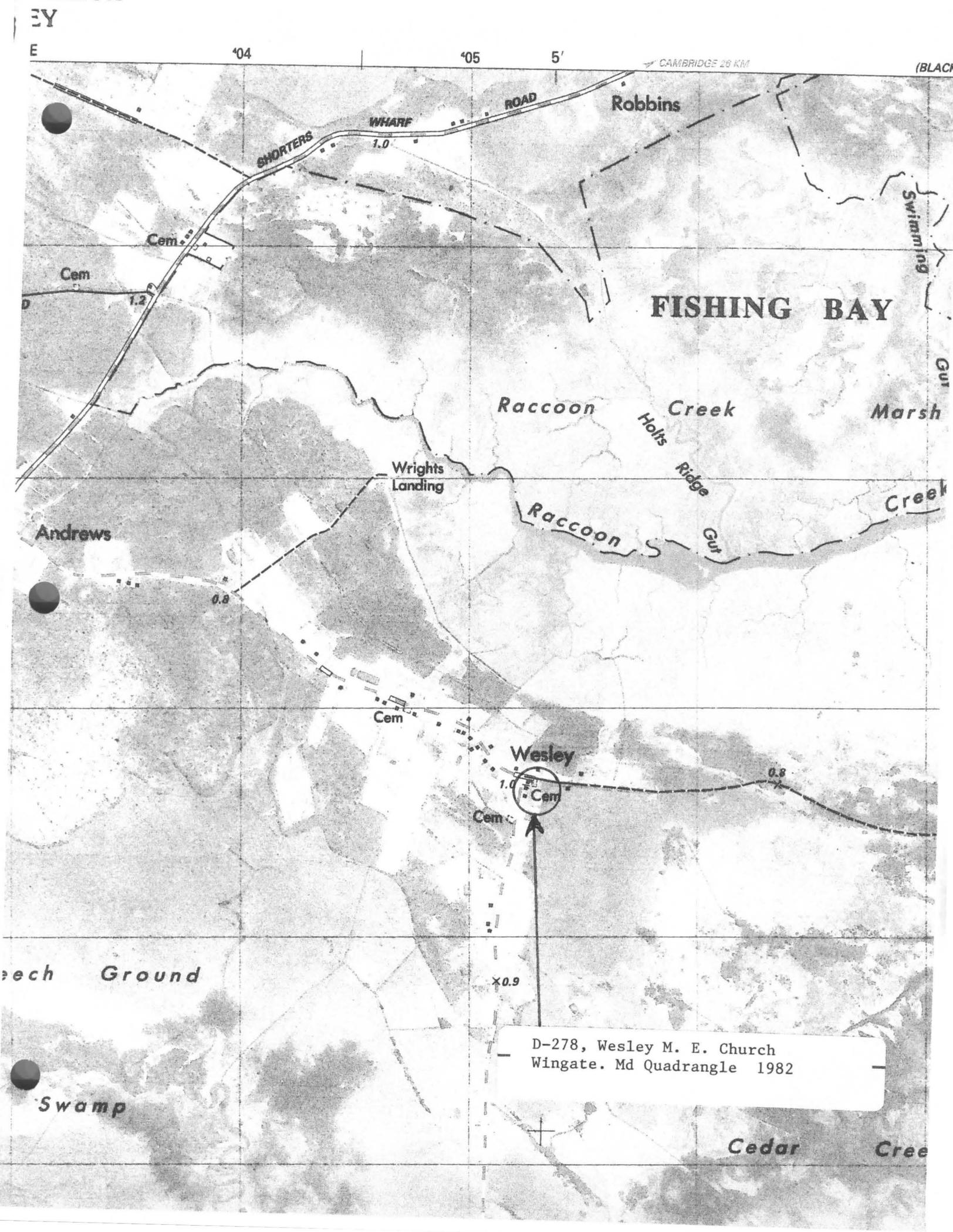
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	7.26.2013
street & number	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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 100 Community Place
 Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
 410-514-7600



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FISHING BAY

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Wingate. Md Quadrangle 1982



WESLEY
CHAPEL
1888

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Wesley M. E. Church

Wesley, Dorchester Co., MD.

West Elevation

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WESLEY
CHAPEL
BUILT
1855

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Wesley M. E. Church

Wesley, DORCHESTER Co. MD

WEST EVERTON MD

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Wesley M. E. Church

Wesley, Dorchester Co., Md.

Southwest Elevation

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Wesley M. E. Church

Wesley, Dorchester Co, MD

NORTHEAST ELEVATION

9. 2013, Paul Towant, PHOTOGRAPHER

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Wesley Chapel
Wesley
Private

3rd quarter 19th century

This chapel, midway between Andrews and Wingate, is similar to St. Thomas's Church in Bishop's Head (D-320), particularly in its use of fish-scale shingles above the first-story level. It is altogether more traditional in its appearance, however, with its steeple and entrance placed squarely in the center of the gable end.

It is interesting to notice that on those churches where the steeple tower was placed off center or on a corner a delightfully picturesque quality was the usual result. The churches in Hoopersville (D-318), Robbins (D-277), and Crapo (D-279) possess an animated and highly imaginative skyline lacking in their counterpart at Wesley.

17x1.9

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M. Bourne Nov 1975