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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Old Trinity Church				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Taylor's Island Road, Md. Rt. 16, 1 mile west of Md. Rt. 335				
CITY OR TOWN: Church Creek				
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	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<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"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Vestry of Trinity Church				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Church Creek		STATE: Maryland		21622
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: Historic American Buildings Survey				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1960 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Washington		STATE: D. C.		20201

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input 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

Old Trinity Church is reputed to have been built in the latter part of the 17th century. It is a one story brick structure measuring approximately 20 x 40 feet. The walls are laid entirely in Flemish bond with random glazing. In the entrance gable is a series of glazed chevrons. There is a large double batten door, above which is a double leaded casement with transom. The southwest side has another entrance flanked by two windows, whereas, the northeast side has only two windows. Each of the openings have segmental arches. At the base of the A roof, the rafter ends are exposed. There is a semicircular apse on the southeast gable similar to the structure at St. Paul's, Kent County, built in the second decade of the 18th century.

Of the exterior structure, the northeast wall and small portions of the other walls were relaid when the building was restored in the 1950's.

The interior is, with the exception of the eight inch square brick tiles, completely restored. "The pews in the church as well as exterior trim, are all made of heart pine which was salvaged from old homes in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Maryland... On entering the front door one finds on the left the Baptismal Font. It is a hand-rubbed reproduction of the original and is constructed of native black walnut. To the right is a winding stairway leading to the balcony. The three-decked pulpit on the north wall is a reproduction of those used during the time of Queen Anne. The railing and alter table are both native black walnut."

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<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

The building is important to Dorchester County as an early place of worship.

The land on which the church was erected was willed to the parish in 1749 by James Busick. Around that time, an addition was built onto the south wall, which was removed during the restoration and reconstructed as a utility building east of the church. Early photographs show the church with its addition as well as the nineteenth century Gothic windows.

The church was brought to its present state through the efforts of Col. and Mrs. Edgar W. Garbisch in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Chrysler.

The graveyard contains the remains of Governor Thomas King Carroll.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Forman, H. Chandlee, Old Buildings, Gardens, and Furniture in Tidewater Maryland, 1967, page 144-154.

Jones, Elias, New Revised History of Dorchester County, Tidewater Publishers, Cambridge, Maryland, 1966.

Maryland, A Guide to the Old Line State, Oxford University Press, New York, 1941, p. 406.

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	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

District 9, Tax Map 51, p. 246

#9 (continued)

Wilstach, Paul, Tidewater Maryland, Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis, 1931.

Earle, Swepson, The Chesapeake Bay Country, Remington-Putnam, Baltimore, 1938, p. 396.

Earle, Swepson, Maryland's Colonial Eastern Shore, Baltimore, 1916, p. 87.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust

DATE: May, 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

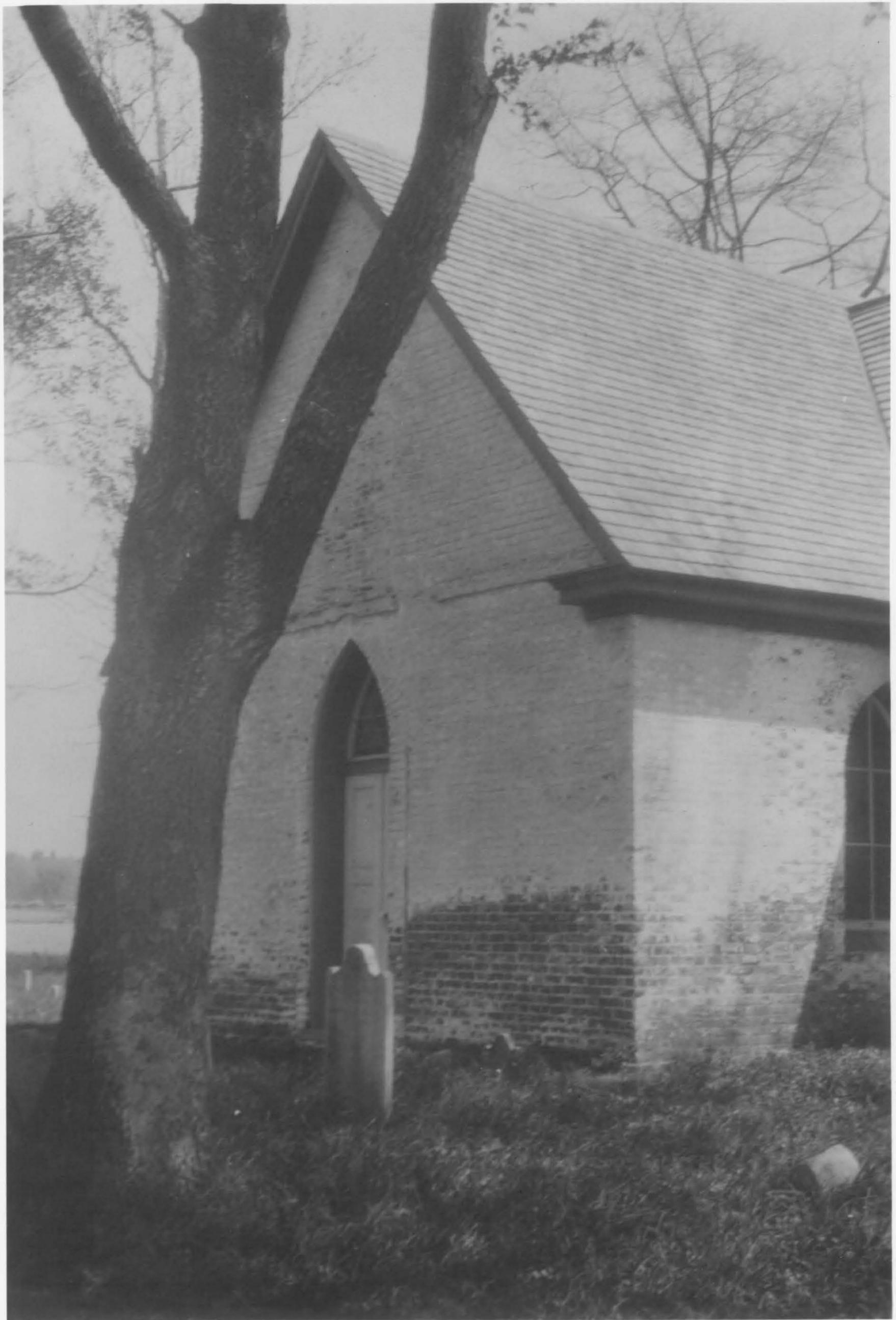
Signature _____



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