

D-596  
Malone's Chapel  
Madison vicinity  
1895  
Private

The rural agrarian and timber related economy that developed across the river drainages of Blackwater River and the tributaries of the Little Choptank River sponsored the growth of distinct white and black residential communities, each with their own places of worship dating to the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Along rural White Marsh Road, north of the chanelized section of Stewart's Canal labeled Coursey's Creek on the 1877 Parson's Creek election district map, an African-American community developed to include a dozen houses, a school and the Malon(e)'s Chapel. The congregation was established the year following the Civil War. On September 7, 1866, Jerry Malon and his wife Roseann conveyed a small parcel of land to trustees Jerry Malon, John Jones, Andrew Opher, Vince Green, James Keene, James Brown, and John E. Opher. One condition of the transfer was that the church was to be known as "Malon(e)'s Chapel." Evidently the original congregation was associated with the A.M.E. conference, but in 1887, it was shifted to Methodist Episcopal denomination, and the property was conveyed between the two entities. The original chapel served the two congregations for nearly thirty years when this gable roofed frame church was erected in 1895. The church cemetery contains burials of two men who served in the Civil War. Sergeant David Kane was a member of Company K of the United States Infantry of Colored Troops, and Alfred Wheatley belonged to Company E. Some of the oldest members of the

congregation buried in the cemetery are Moses Tubman (1819-1891), and his wife  
Emeline Tubman.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-596

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

historic Malon's M. E. Church, Malon's Chapel

other

### 2. Location

street and number 4573 White Marsh Road not for publication

city, town Madison xvicinity

county Dorchester

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

name Harrisville Malone Cemetery Maintenance Fund

street and number c/o Renna McKinney 1122 Mace's Lane 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 1089 folio 49

city, town Cambridge tax map 50 tax parcel 170 tax ID number 16-004502

### 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	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>2</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	_____ structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	_____ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<u>2</u> Total
		<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:	
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>
			_____

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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

Malon's M. E. Church, also known as Malon's Chapel, stands at 4573 White Marsh Road south of the village of Madison, in the Madison Election District of Dorchester County, Maryland. The single-story, gable roofed frame church, built in 1895, is supported by a low brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with asphalt shingles over plain weatherboards. The medium pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the south side is a small wing that housed a side section for additional congregational seating. The church faces west with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

The interior has been covered with sheet paneling and a drop ceiling. A raised altar is defined by a later pulpit and an original turned baluster railing. An arched opening separates the pulpit from the choir loft that is housed in a gable roofed rear apse. Also standing on the property is a single-story shed roofed frame privy dating from the early twentieth century. An adjacent cemetery contains several hundred burials, several of which are marked by Federal-issue stones of individuals who served in the United States Infantry during the Civil War.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Malon's M. E. Church, standing at 4573 White Marsh Road, is a single-story late nineteenth century frame church supported on a low brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with asphalt shingles over plain weatherboards. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the front of the church is a two-level center entrance tower capped by a conical spire sheathed with wood shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a shorter single story wing that houses the choir loft. To the south is a shorter single-story wing that houses a side section of additional sanctuary seating. Standing in the back yard in the edge of a young woodland is a single-story, shed roofed frame privy. Fixed in the northwest corner pier is a marble datestone inscribed, "Malon's M. E. Church, 1895."

The west (main) elevation is symmetrical façade with a center entrance tower flanked by two-over-two sash windows. The double door entrance, with replacement doors, is topped by a three-light transom. Small single pane sash windows pierce each side of the tower on the first floor. Stretching across the mid section of the tower and coordinated with the main block is a pent eave that has an open soffitt and exposed rafter ends. The wall surface of the tower above the pent eave is sheathed with asbestos shingles. Three sides of the tower are pierced by rectangular louvered vents. The tower is capped by a modified broach spire with a conical tower rising from a pyramidal base.

The north side of the church is defined by two sets of windows; a tripartite set of sash to the left of an exterior concrete block stove chimney and a paired set of windows to the right. The edge of the gable roof is finished with an extended eave and exposed rafter ends. The south side of main block is partially covered by a shorter single story side wing, that is extended on its west side by a shed roofed section. There is a tripartite set of windows that light the sanctuary to the left of the wing.

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Attached to the back of the main block is a shorter single story gable roofed wing that houses the choir loft. The rear wing is very plain with small windows marking the sides. There is a side door on the north façade of the wing.

The interior has been remodeled with sheet paneling on the walls and a drop acoustical tile ceiling. The pew furniture and turned baluster altar rail date from the late nineteenth century. An arched opening behind the altar separates it from the choir loft.

The associated cemetery includes burials of two men, Sergeant David Kane and Alfred Wheatley, who fought during the Civil War. Sergeant Kane was a member of Company K, 39<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry, and Alfred Wheatley was in Company E of the 7<sup>th</sup> U.S. Colored Infantry. Also included in the cemetery are burials for Moses Tubman (1819-1891) and his wife Emeline Tubman.

## 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 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 1895

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

The rural agrarian and timber related economy that developed across the river drainages of Blackwater River and Coursey Creek in central Dorchester County sponsored the growth of white and black residential communities, each with their own places of worship by the mid to late nineteenth century. Along the rural White Marsh Road south of the village of Madison, previously called Tobaccostick, an African-American congregation was established the year following the end of the Civil War. On September 7, 1866, Jerry Malon and his wife Roseann conveyed a small parcel of land to trustees, Jerry Malon, John Jones, Andrew Opher, Vince Green, James Keene, James Brown, and John E. Opher.<sup>1</sup> One condition of the transfer was that the church was to be known as "Malon's Chapel." Evidently the original congregation was associated with the A.M.E. Conference but in 1887 it was shifted to the Methodist Episcopal denomination, and the property was conveyed between the two entities.<sup>2</sup> The original building served the two congregations for nearly thirty years when this gable roofed frame church was erected in 1895.

<sup>1</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, FJH 6/431, 7 September 1866, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

<sup>2</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, FJH 10/53, 13 July 1887, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

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Malon's Chapel  
4573 White Marsh Road  
Madison vicinity, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 50, Parcel 21

10/53 **Trustees of Malon's Chapel A. M. E. Church** (Vincent Green, Jeremiah Stanley,  
Josiah F. Keene, John E. Otho, Alfred Wheatley)

to

7.13.1887 **Trustees of Malon's Chapel M. E. Church** (Webster Brown, Curtis Lane,  
Vincent Green, Jeremiah Stanley, Josiah F. Keene, John E. Otho, Alfred  
Wheatley, James H. Keene and John W. Otho)

...all that lot or parcel of land situated in Dist. No. 4 of said county and more particularly described as follows; to wit, commencing for the out bounds of the same on the East side of county road running from Madison to the Black Water River, at a stone set in a ditch immediately and directly upon the Division line between the aldn upon which the said Malon's Chapel is situated And the lot of Public School No. 1, District 4 for colored children, thence... Containing three tenths of an acre of land, together with the improvements Thereon

FJH 6/431 Jerry Malon and wife Roseann Malon of Dorchester County

to

9.7.1866 Jerry Malon, John Jones, Andrew Opher, Vince Green, Jaems Keene, James Brown and John E. Opher,

All that lot or parcel of ground situated in Dorchester County, which is described as follows, Beginning for the same at a stone planted on the East side of the County Road leading from Tobacco stick down to Black Water River ...

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said premises shall be used and keep and maintain and dispose of as a place for divine worship for the use of ministers and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the Delaware A. Conf....The said church is Two (sic) be call (sic) Malon Chapel, subject to the discipline, usage, Ministerial appointments in fee simple

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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 2 acres

Acreage of historical setting 2 acres

Quadrangle name Golden Hill, MD 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	9.11.2012
street & number	Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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- Golden Hill, MD Quadrangle







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Marion's M. E. Church

MADISON VIC, DORCHESTER CO, MD

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

9/2012, Paul B. Tourant, PHOTO.

NEB 1 MD HISTORICAL TRUST

# 1 OF 1

Dorchester - 596  
Malone ME Church  
White Marsh Rd.  
Madison, MD 21648

1890

Access: Public

Malone ME Church was built in 1890. It stands 20' from the north side of White Marsh Rd. (2 miles from Rte. 16) near Madison. The church is 38' across the front facade and 60' in depth. The congregation dates from 1882. This church was originally supported by blacks engaged in the watering and seafood packing industries. There are two white churches in Madison (Methodist), and the Malone congregation grew out of the black membership of those congregations after the Civil War.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Malone M.E. Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

White Marsh Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Madison

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Trustees, Malone ME Church  
C/O Rev. Wallace L. Greene, Sr.

Telephone #: 673-7537

STREET & NUMBER

Rte. 1 Box 14

CITY, TOWN

Preston

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
MD, 21655

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Dorchester Co. Court House

Liber #: CL 2

Folio #: 59

STREET & NUMBER

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

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STATE

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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FOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Malone ME Church was built in 1890. The congregation dates from 1882. This church was originally supported by blacks engaged in watering. A packing plant was active at Madison (oysters, crabmeat, etc.) for over 100 years. The seafood industry is still vital to this waterfront town. There are two white Methodist churches in Madison (one abandoned), and the Malone congregation drew out of the black membership of these churches after the Civil War.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

FORM PREPARED BY

James W. Clark, Historic Sites Inventory

History & Culture

200-2003

50 Dean Street

Annapolis

Annapolis

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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

NAME / TITLE

James W. Clark, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Commission on Afro-American  
History & Culture

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

20 Dean Street

TELEPHONE

269-2893

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

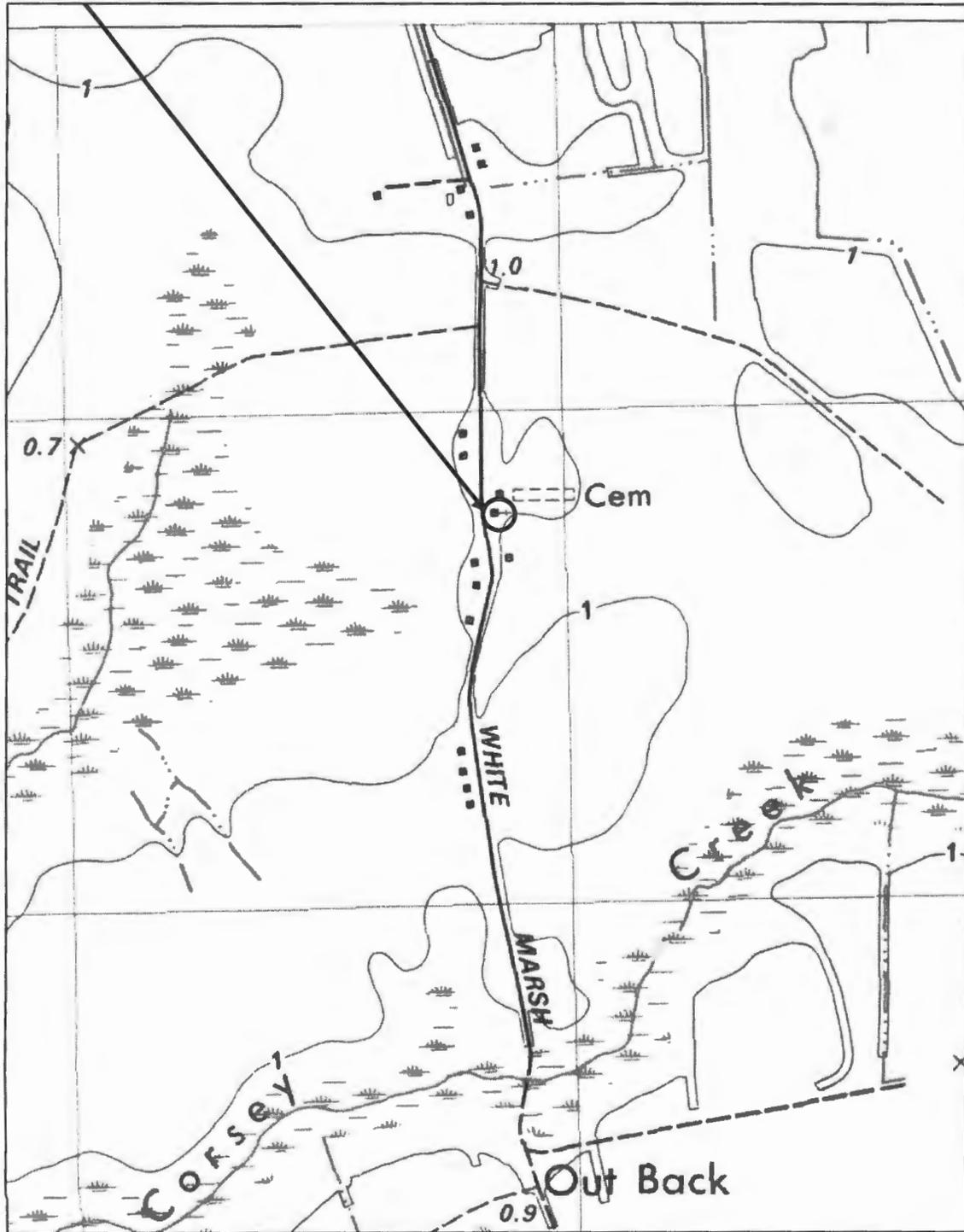
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Map 50; Parcel 170  
Madison  
Golden Hill Quad





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Madison, Dorchester County, MD  
Michael Hosford

Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD  
Northeast elevation  
2/81



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Malone Methodist Episcopal Church      D-596  
Madison, Dorchester County, MD  
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Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD  
Southeast elevation  
2/81