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Salem German Evangelical and Reformed Church
East New Market
private

The Salem German Evangelical and Reformed Church is a distinctive architectural and historical site located on the eastern edge of East New Market along Railroad Avenue. Built in that part of the town that was divided into building lots during the last decades of the nineteenth century, the Gothic Revival frame church was shared by the members of the German Evangelical and Reformed congregations living in Dorchester County. The worship services, usually held in German, continued until around 1922 when part of the membership consolidated with the Cambridge church. Since the last worship service was held in the building around 1932, the structure has been used for storage.

The exterior Gothic Revival design of the church is highlighted by a three-story pyramidal roofed bell tower that dominates the south, center bay. Pointed arch colored glass windows mark the sides of the weatherboarded frame structure. Perhaps most noteworthy, however, is the interior with its pressed metal walls and beaded board wainscoting. The raised, circular altar with a domed ceiling is covered with pressed metal as well.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic SALEM GERMAN EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH

and/or common

2. Location

street & number North side of Railroad Avenue (MD Rte 14) not for publication

city, town East New Market vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Dorchester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: STORAGE

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

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Dorchester County Courthouse folio

city, town Cambridge state MD 21613

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date 1980 federal state county local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD 21401

7. Description

Survey No. D-638

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

The Salem German Evangelical and Reformed Church stands on the north side of Railroad Avenue (MD Route 14) on the eastern edge of East New Market, Dorchester County, Maryland. The single-story frame church faces south with the gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built ~~around 1800-1850~~ ^{in 1899}, the frame church is supported by a brick pier foundation and sheathed with plain weatherboard siding. The steeply pitched roof with extended eaves is covered with asphalt shingles.

The south (main) facade is dominated by a three-story entrance and bell tower. A double-door Victorian entrance is topped by a triangular, multi-pane colored glass transom. To each side are pointed arch colored glass windows. The middle level of the tower is marked by a single pointed arch opening. The belfry has pairs of louvered openings on each side. the pyramidal tower roof, still covered by a layer of wood shingles, is topped by the fragments of a Celtic cross.

The east and west sides of the church are simply finished with three pointed arch, colored glass windows. A brick stove stack rises through the east side. The north (back) side of the church is treated in a straightforward manner with a weatherboard wall.

Inside the vestibule the walls are finished with beaded board wainscoting, and double two-panel doors open into the sanctuary. The walls and ceiling of the sanctuary are covered by pressed metal sheathing above the beaded board wainscoting. A fleur-de-lis pattern embellishes the walls, while the ceiling is executed in a square pattern with raised borders. The almost circular altar with a raised floor and domed ceiling is also covered with pressed metal. The church furniture has been removed from the building since the structure has been used for storage. To each side of the altar are small rooms. On the opposite (south) wall a four-panel door fixed in the upper portion of the wall provides access to the bell tower.

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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates / 0 9 9 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

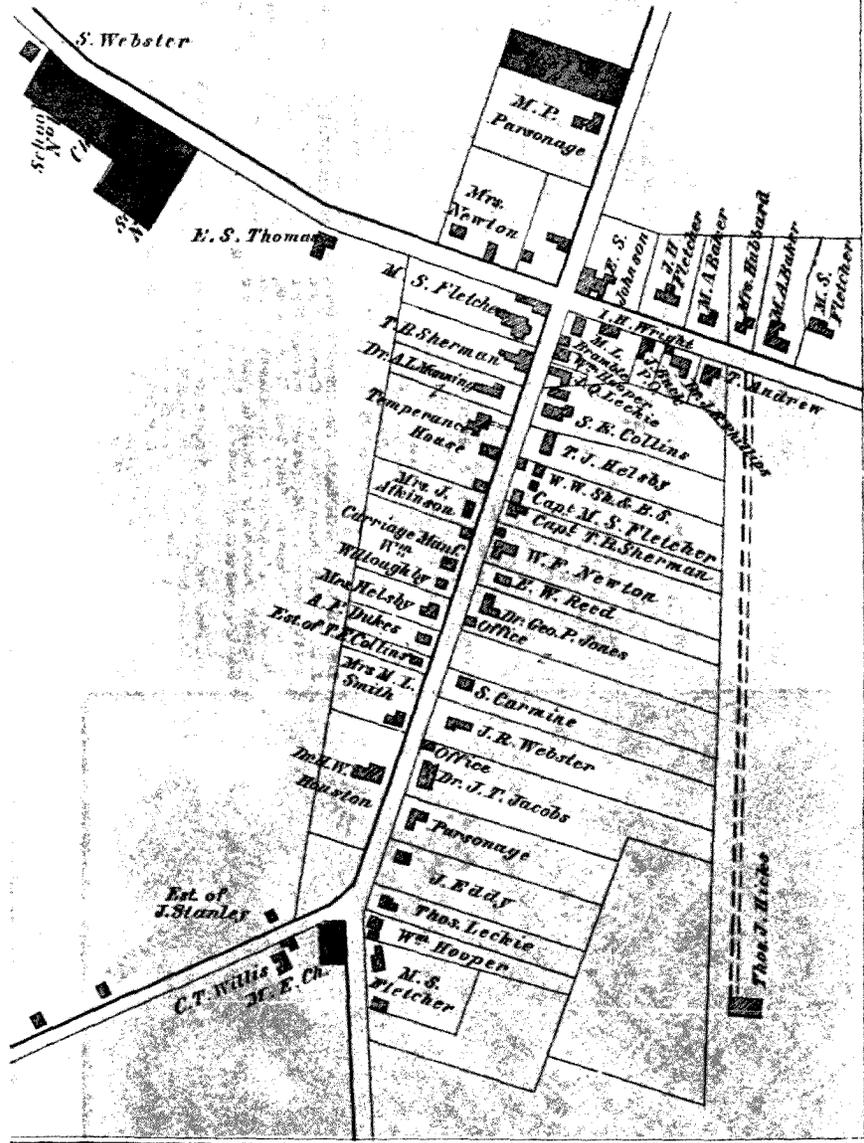
Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support. The Salem German Evangelical and Reformed Church is a distinctive architectural and historical site for the east end of East New Market. Built during the last decades of the nineteenth century, the church stands on land that was divided into small lots on the edge of town in anticipation for additional development. The church was erected by the German Evangelical and Reformed congregations as a shared church in which to worship. Both denominations held worship services, many spoken in German, until around 1922 when the congregations were consolidated with the Cambridge church. The structure continued to be used as a church until 1932 by a Lutheran congregation. Since that time the building has been used largely for storage.

Architecturally, the Salem Church is a distinctive frame building executed in Gothic Revival taste. The three-story entrance and bell tower is decorative with straightforward Victorian sawnwork. Perhaps most notable is the pressed metal church interior and the circular altar.

EAST NEW MARKET

DORCHESTER CO.

(East New Market Dist.)



EAST NEW MARKET BUSINESS REFERENCES.

- J. W. ANDREWS**, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Cutlery, Tinware, Ready Made Clothing, Harness, Notions, and all other articles usually kept in a country store. Residence and Store, Cabin Creek, Md.
- K. B. FLETCHER**, Proprietor of the "Upper Cabin Creek" Flouring Mill. Merchant and Custom work done. Wheat and Corn bought at all times. Cabin Creek.
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- JAMES H. KELLY**, Proprietor of "Little Brick Mill." Custom work done at all times and in a satis-

- WILLIAM R. HOOPER**, Manufacturer of Boots and Shoes. I keep a fine assortment on hand, and for sale at all times. All kinds of work done from finest Calf to "Plough Brogans." Orders solicited. Repairing neatly done. Shop, East New Market.
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- H. W. HOUSTON**, Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Oils, Varnishes, Dye Stuffs, Fancy and

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SALEM GERMAN EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED
CHURCH, EAST NEW MARKET, MD
CHURCH TOWER-EAST ELEVATION
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Small, weathered wooden building, possibly a church or chapel, partially obscured by large trees and dense foliage. A car is visible in the background to the left.

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SALEM GERMAN EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED
CHURCH--SOUTH ELEVATION
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SALEM GERMAN EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED
CHURCH

FRONT DOOR--SOUTH ELEVATION

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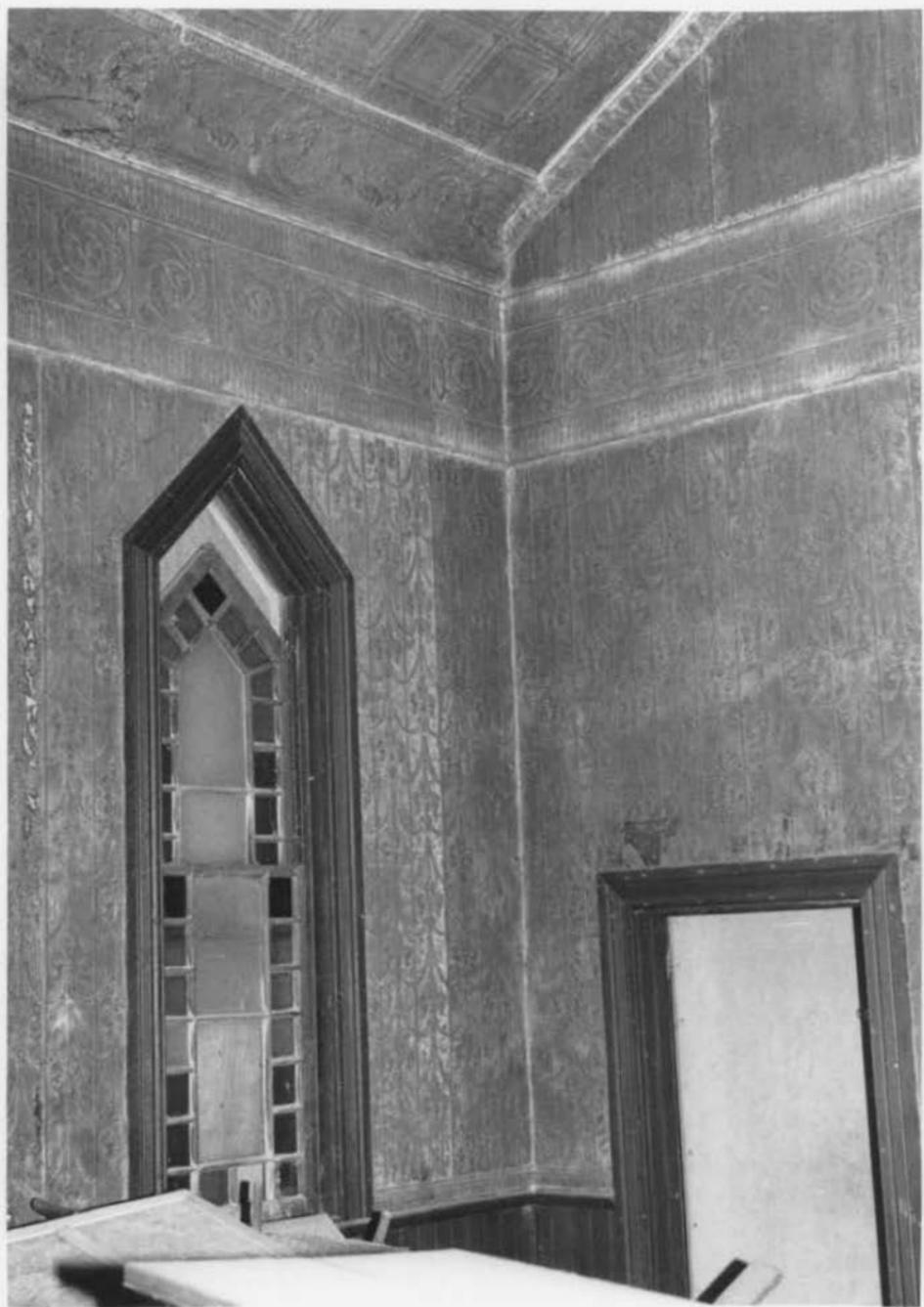
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SALEM GERMAN EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED
CHURCH, EAST NEW MARKET, MD
METAL SHEATHING ON ALTAR

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SALEM GERMAN EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED
CHURCH, EAST NEW MARKET, MD
CHURCH WINDOW AND WALL COVERING
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