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Chateau M. P. Church
Cambridge vicinity
1866
Private

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Chateau M. P. Church Chateau Community Church
other _____

2. Location

street and number 3510 Chateau Road not for publication
city, town Cambridge vicinity
county Dorchester

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

name Trustees of Chateau Community Church c/o Pastor D. P. Bramble
street and number Box 67 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 _____ folio _____
city, town Cambridge tax map 43 tax parcel 131 tax ID number 008675

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"/> landscape	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<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 Chateau Methodist Protestant Church, now know as the Chateau Community Church, stands at 3510 Chateau Road, east of the city of Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland. The single-story, mid nineteenth century frame structure is located at the corner of an intersection of Chateau Road and old US Route 50. The single-story Greek Revival frame church is reported to have been built in 1866, and its mid nineteenth century exterior features support that date. The church faces south with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Chateau Methodist Protestant Church, commonly known as the Chateau Community Church, stands on the north side of old US Route 50 at the intersection with Chateau Road east of Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland. Reported to have been erected in 1866, the single-story, Greek Revival frame church is supported on a low brick pier foundation infilled with concrete block. The exterior is sheathed with vinyl siding, and the medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the west side of the mid nineteenth century church is a modern single story church hall wing built during the last few decades.

The south (main) elevation is a symmetrical façade with a center entrance sheltered by a modern gable roofed portico. The double door entrance retains double-leaf two-panel doors. Fixed above the portico is a vinyl sheathed cornice that highlights the top of the blind transom above the front doors, similar to the slightly later Wesley M. E. Church (1874) located north of Eldorado. Trimming the corners of the building are aluminum clad pilasters. The gable end elevation is distinguished by an enclosed pediment, and the tympanum is covered with vertical vinyl sheathing.

The east side elevation is marked by four evenly spaced colored glass memorial windows, which were most likely introduced during the early twentieth century. Each of the window openings have a molded cornice. The wall surface above the windows has a horizontal frieze board covered with vinyl siding as well and the cornice is covered with artificial materials as well. Covering a large portion of the west wall is the single-story church hall wing.

The rear (north) façade is defined by a small three-sided apse featuring narrow colored glass windows in each side. The rear face is blind. The edge of the roof is finished flush with the bargeboard covered with vinyl.

The interior was not open for inspection on the initial visit.

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 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 1866

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

Marking the rural intersection of Old US Route 50 and Chateau Road is a Greek Revival frame church built the year following the close of the Civil War. The temple-front structure repeats an architectural form popular throughout the peninsula during the second quarter of the nineteenth century. In Dorchester County it surfaces most prominently during the early to mid 1850s with the construction of nearby Salem Methodist Church (D-202) in 1855-56 and the more elaborate Bethlehem M. E. Church (1857-58) on Taylor's Island (D-24). Smaller in overall dimension than these earlier examples, the Chateau M. P. Church has a similar temple-front main elevation that is visually supported by corner pilasters. The double-door entrance has a blind transom overhead that is accented with molded cornice, and the side windows are enhanced with the same molded cornices. During the early twentieth century the four openings were fitted with colored glass memorial glass.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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E. C. Hallman, *The Garden of Methodism*, The Peninsula Annual Conference, 1948, p. 304.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 43,560 square feet

Acreage of historical setting _____

Quadrangle name East New Market, Md Quad

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	12.30.2011
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.

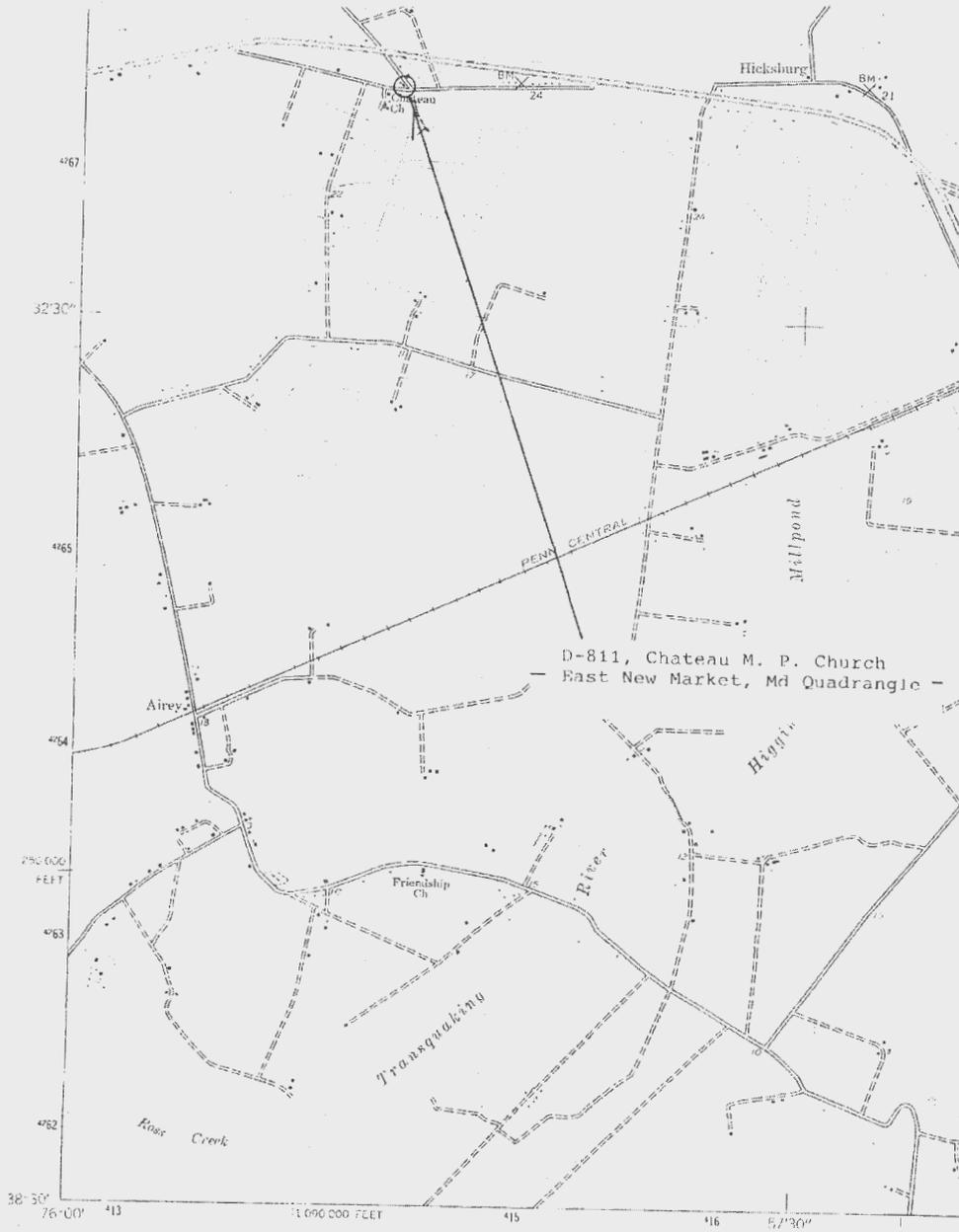
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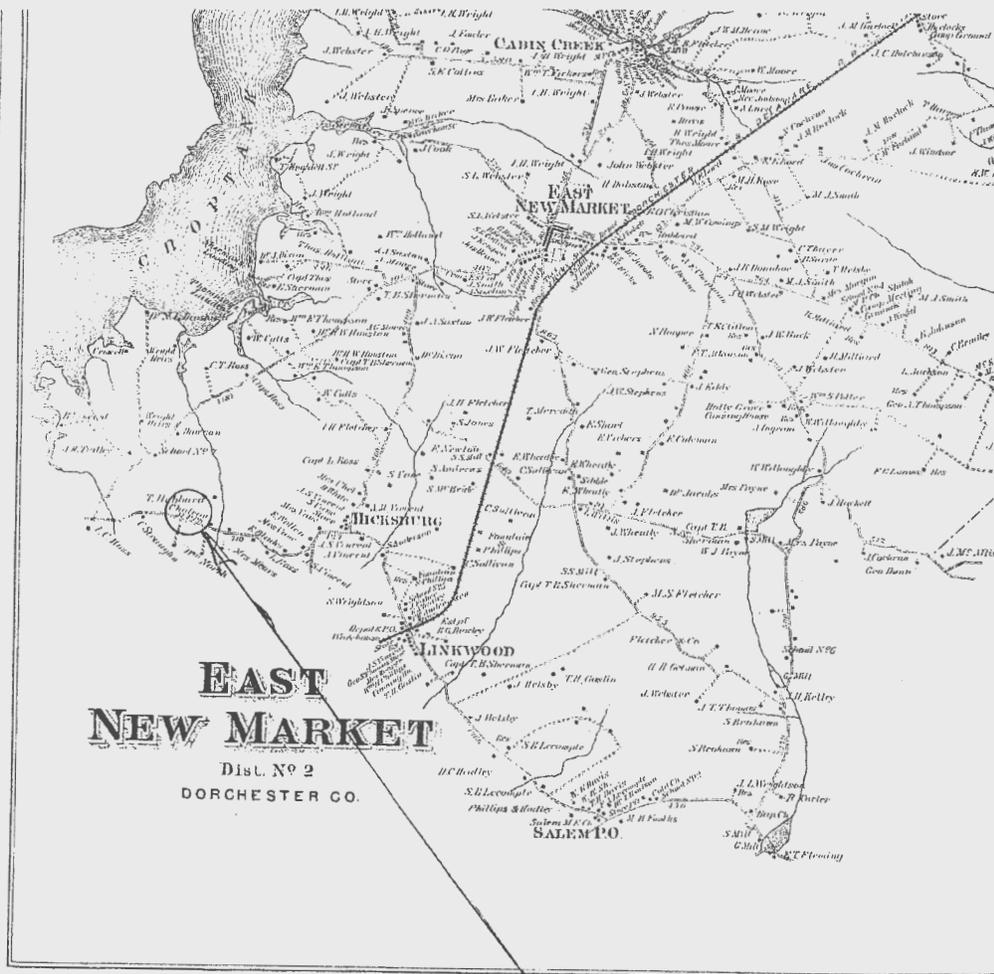


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Lake, Griffing & Stevenson Atlas
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CITIZEN M. P. CARROLL

CAMBRIDGE VIC., DORCHESTER Co., MD.

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

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CHATEAU M. P. CHATEAU

CAMBRIDGE VIC, DORCHESTER CO. MD.

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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