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Friendship United Methodist Church
Aireys vicinity
c. 1866
Private

The Friendship United Methodist Church, located on Drawbridge Road south of the village of Aireys, is a third quarter of the nineteenth century Greek Revival frame structure erected around the founding of the congregation in 1866. A land transfer in September 1866 calls for the creation of an "Independent Methodist Episcopal Church" from its parent congregation in the village of Aireys, a schism in the local membership that repeated the 1844 breakup in the national Methodist Episcopal church. The divisive issue causing the schism was differences in opinion over slave ownership by Methodist ministers and its congregants.

The Airey's Chapel congregants supporting slave ownership moved to separate themselves and in the process created their own house of worship. A one-half acre lot of a tract known as "Ennall's Reserve" was sold by Lewis and George W. Clark to church trustees, Ezekial Jones, John W. Roberson, James T. Windsor, Thomas Meredith, Thomas H. Twilley, Thomas J. Cantwell, and Joseph H. Mann. Their new church building followed the prevailing taste for ecclesiastical church designs at mid century. A pedimented front elevation is enhanced with corner pilasters, and the window openings are trimmed with molded cornices. During the late nineteenth or early twentieth century a two-story Gothic Revival entrance and bell tower was erected on the front of church, and during the mid twentieth century the building was enlarged with a concrete block and frame church hall.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Airey's Methodist Episcopal Church, South
 other Friendship United Methodist Church

2. Location

street and number 4960 Airey's Road not for publication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 Friendship U. M. Church c/o Reverend Mary Ann Farnell
 street and number telephone 410-376-3178
 city, town Cambridge state MD zip code 21613

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber FJH 6 folio 421
 city, town Cambridge tax map 54 tax parcel 10 tax ID number 003408

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	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<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	
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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

Airey's Methodist Episcopal Church South, now known as the Friendship United Methodist Church is located at 4960 Airey's Road southeast of Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland. The single-story Green Revival frame structure, erected around 1866, is supported on a low brick and block foundation covered with a parging, and the exterior is sheathed with a combination of aluminum and vinyl artificial siding. Rising against the north gable end main elevation is a late nineteenth century entrance and bell tower capped by a pyramidal tower with a kicked eave that covers the belfry.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Airey's Methodist Episcopal Church South, commonly known for the past half century as Friendship Methodist Church, stands at 4960 Airey's Road south of the community of Airey, which is several miles southeast of the city of Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland. Built around 1866, the single-story Greek Revival frame church is a gable-front structure accented with corner pilasters and a pediment front. During the late nineteenth, or perhaps early twentieth century, a entrance and bell tower was added to the front of the structure. Attached to the east side of the church is a concrete block and frame church hall built during the mid twentieth century.

The north (main) elevation is a symmetrical front with the three tiered entrance and bell tower fronting the mid nineteenth century church. The double front doors are replacements, which is topped by a round colored glass transom. The sides of the entrance vestibule are pierced by narrow colored glass windows. Marking the second tier is a small, round, colored glass window. The tower steps in approximately two feet with a pent roof that visually supports the square belfry. Three sides of the belfry are pierced by a pointed arch Gothic vent. Capping the belfry is a pyramidal roofed spire finished with kicked eaves. To each side of the tower is the exposed section of the Greek Revival pediment, which is visually supported on each corner by pilasters covered with aluminum. There is no datestone evident in the foundation.

The west side elevation of the church is defined by three colored glass windows capped by molded cornices similar to the Chateau Church that stands along old US Route 50 east of Cambridge as well as the Wesley Methodist Church located north of Eldorado. Stretching across the wall surface above the window openings is a wide frieze covered in vinyl. The edge of the roof is trimmed with a boxed cornice, also covered with artificial materials.

The south (rear) elevation is dominated by a three-sided single story apse marked by colored glass windows on each side and a round window in the rear face. The gable end of the church is finished with a flush end with a covered over bargeboard.

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The east side elevation is largely covered by the concrete block and frame church hall addition dating to the mid twentieth century.

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
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<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

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¹ Dorchester County Land Record, FJH 6/421, 8 September 1866, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Md.

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4960 Drawbridge Road
Cambridge vicinity, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 54, Parcel 10

FJH 6/421

Lewis Clark and George W. Clark

to

9.8.1866

Ezekial Jones, John W. Roberson, James T. Windsor,
Thomas Meredith, Thomas H. Twilley, Thomas J. Cantwell, and
Joseph H. Mann

Whereas Ezekial Jones, Pritchard Meredith, John W. Roberson,
James T. Windsor, Thomas M. Meredith Thomas H. Twilley,
William A. Twilley and others have entered into an association for
the purpose of erecting and building a house wherein God's Holy Word
may be preached and expounded, to be known as an Independent
Episcopal Methodist (sic) Church, and are desirous of procuring a lot
or piece of land whereon to to (sic) build the said house or church.
Therefore for divers good causes, them thereunto moving and to the
Intent that the said house may be built Lewis Clark and George W.
Clark have agreed to convey all of their interest in the hereinafter
described land....Ennall's Reserve...one-half acre more or less

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Md.
E. C. Hallman, *The Garden of Methodism*, The Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, p. 303.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 43,560 square feet
Acreage of historical setting _____
Quadrangle name East New Market 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.

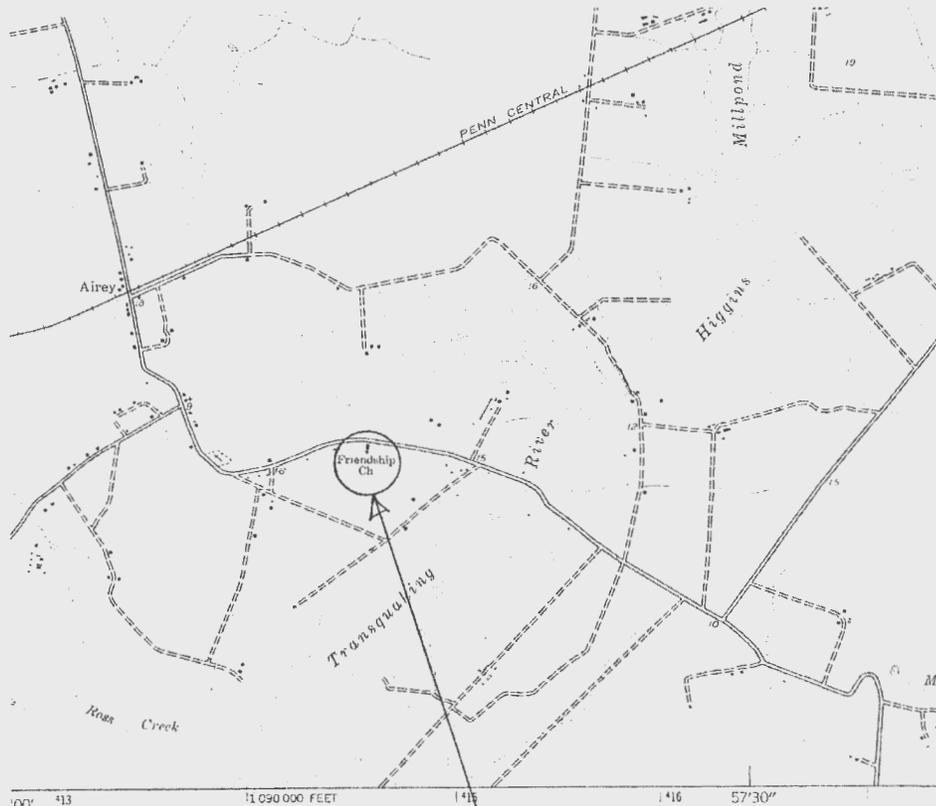
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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1938 and 1942 and planetable surveys 1944
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Maryland coordinate system
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 18 shown in blue

Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from aerial photographs taken 1974. This information not field checked



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Dist. No. 1
DORCHESTER

BUCKTOWN DISTRICT REFER:
JESSE E. WALL, Merchant and Dr
Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Ca
and General Merchandise, Store at Be
ry, Bucktown P. O.



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Lake, Griffing & Stevenson
1877

MILTON BUSINESS REFERENCES.
SAMUEL W. WOOLFORD & CO., Dealers
Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shi
Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, Drugs, Noti
Canned Fruits, Dye Stuffs, &c. All kinds of Co
try Produce taken in exchange at the highest c
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