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Madison M. E. Church
Madison
1890-91
Private

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When the 1890-91 church was erected the old Joppa Methodist Episcopal membership had shifted in alignment to the Methodist Episcopal Church South, a shift in denomination that was recorded that was recorded in 1890 as the new church was being

erected. The congregation of Madison M. E. Church merged with the Madison Methodist Protestant Gethsemane congregation in 1959, an action that was also recorded in the Dorchester County land records.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Madison M. E. Church

other Joppa Chapel

2. Location

street and number 1213 Old Madison Road not for publication

city, town Cambridge vicinity

county Dorchester

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

name Madison Methodist Church.

street and number 4669 White Marsh Road 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 117 folio 251

city, town Cambridge tax map 50 tax parcel 172 tax ID number 16-004480

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>	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____	_____ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>1</u>	_____ 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

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

Madison Methodist Episcopal Church, historically known as Joppa Chapel, is a single-story, gable-front frame structure supported on a raised concrete block foundation and sheathed with vinyl siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Standing at 1213 Old Madison Road, the Gothic Revival church with its entrance and bell tower and steeple, was erected in 1891. The interior survives with beaded board wainscoting around the perimeter walls with sheet paneling above. Two large octagonal yellow pine columns rise in the northern end of the sanctuary to support the tower. The sanctuary ceiling is sheathed with diagonal beaded boards. Colored glass windows mark each side as well as the chancel. Joining the church on the lot is a cemetery with several dozen grave markers.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Madison M. E. Church, also known historically as Joppa Chapel, stands at 1213 Old Madison Road in the Church Creek Election District of Dorchester County, Maryland. The single-story, Gothic Revival frame church, built in 1891, is located in the village of Madison, formerly Tobacco Stick. Supported on a raised and recently built concrete block foundation, the exterior is clad with vinyl siding, and the gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The church faces north with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

The north (main) façade is a symmetrical three-bay façade with a center entrance tower and vestibule defined by a pointed arch Gothic door opening. The outer door has glass and aluminum replacement doors, and fixed above the doors is a pointed arch transom fitted with pointed arch panes. The entrance vestibule is covered by a steeply pitched gable roof, and each side is defined by projecting buttresses covered with vinyl. To each side of the entrance vestibule are Gothic arched, colored glass lancet windows flanked by vinyl shutters. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave. The upper section of the entrance tower is pierced by a pointed arch lancet window. The size of the tower reduces in size above the second story level with a shed roof wrapping the top of the main body of the tower. Fixed above the tower shaft is a smaller belfry with vented sides. Fixed atop the belfry is an octagonal broach spire topped by a wooden arrow weathervane.

The sides of the church are largely alike with a four-bay length to the wall, and the outer corners are marked by sheathed buttresses. Four pointed arch colored glass windows are evenly spaced across the wall surfaces. There is slight projection in the wall surface within the third bay from the north corner.

The south (rear) wall is marked by a small three-sided apse pierced by narrow lancet windows filled with colored glass on each side and a round colored glass window in the rear face. Fixed above the apse is another round colored glass window.

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The interior of the church has survived largely unchanged since the late nineteenth century. Two octagonal shaped yellow pine columns rise through the roof in the front (north) portion of the sanctuary to support the tower. The perimeter of the sanctuary is trimmed with vertical beaded board wainscoting, and the walls are covered with sheet paneling. The sanctuary ceiling is distinguished by a diagonal beaded board sheathing. Victorian sanctuary pews are divided in two section on either side of a center aisle. There is a turned baluster altar rail, raised pulpit platform and Victorian altar furniture.

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 1891	

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, ER 6/438, 12 December 1820, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge.
² Dorchester County Land Record, CL 14/501, 9 October 1890, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge.
³ Dorchester County Land Record, 117/251, 16 November 1959, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge.

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1213 Old Madison Road
Madison, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 50, Parcel 172

117/251

C. A. Bromwell, Frances Jones Keenan, D'Arcy Moore, Ira Sanders,
Hamilton Travers, Trustees of Joppa Methodist Church and John
Brannock, Louise Bromwell, Robert Bromwell, Elwood
Cheeseman, Velma Delahay, Trustees of Gethesemane Methodist
Church

to

11.16.1959

The Madison Methodist Church

Parcel No. 1 "All and singular that part of parcel of land included
in the following meets and bounds called by the name of
Woolfords Purchase...."

CL 14/501

James W. Craig, W. H. H. Jones, William Trego, John W. Trego,
L. M. Tall, Thomas W. Jones, George Lee Sanders, of Dorchester
County

to

10.9.1890

Trustees of Joppa Chapel

All that lot of land situate in what was long known as Tobacco
Stick, but now known as the Village of Madison, being the
aforesaid Joppa Chapel lot of ground

110 square perches of land more or less upon which is being
erected a new church Edifice by the M. E. Church South, the old

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chapel having been disposed of and removed from the said Lot of ground upon the aid lot also is situated a Church cemetery

ER 6/438

John Jones, Westmoreland County, Virginia

to

12.12.1820

Trustees of Joppy (sic) Chappel at Tobacco Stick

\$10.00 "Woolford's Purchase" ...where the meeting house stands at the County road containing and laid out for one hundred and ten square perches of land more or less

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.

E. C. Hallman, The Garden of Methodism, Peninsula Annual Conference, 1948, p. 308.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 30,356 square feet

Acreage of historical setting 110 square perches

Quadrangle name Church Creek Quadrangle

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	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	10.6.2012
street & number	Cedar Hill, 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.

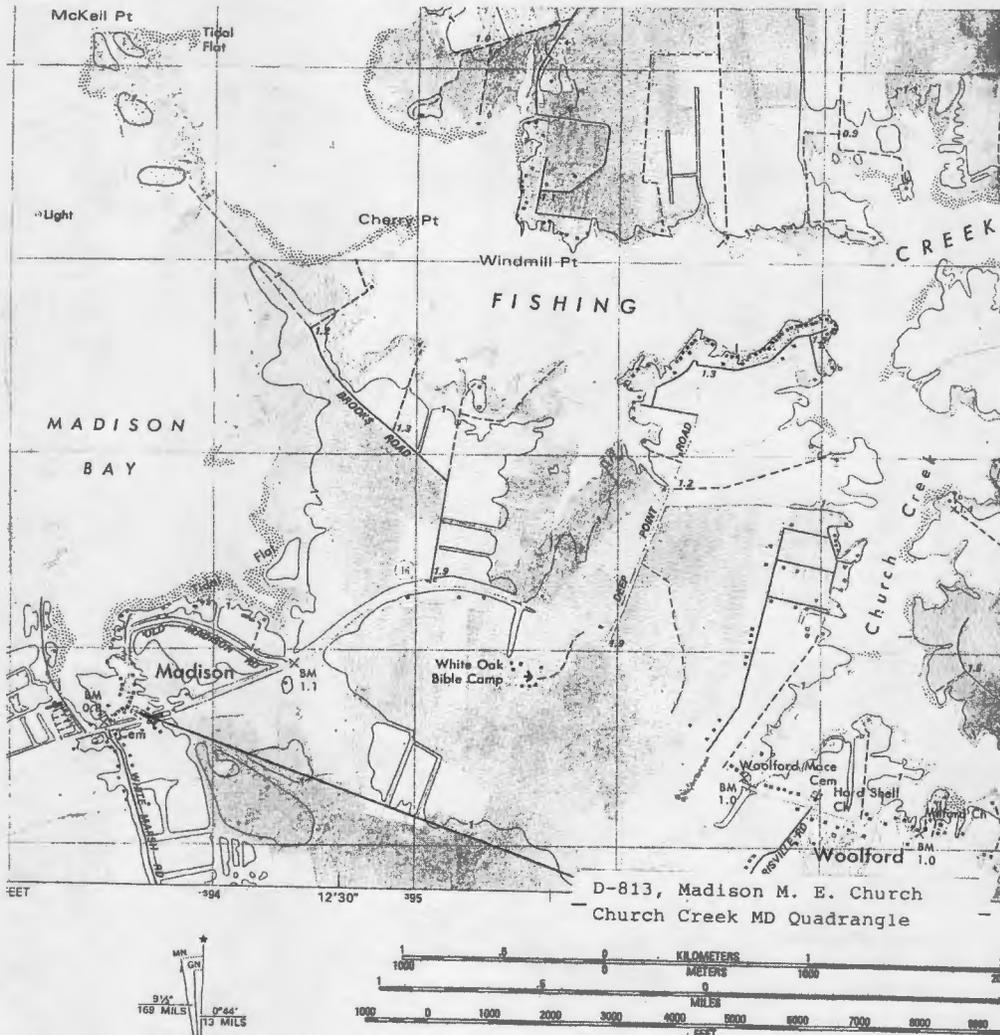
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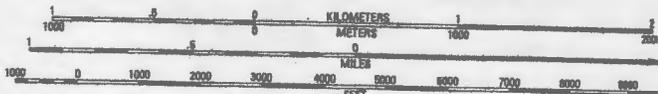
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Church Creek MD Quadrangle

(1980)

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 DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



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 NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
 CONTROL AND OTHER ELEVATIONS SHOWN TO THE NEAREST 0.1 METER
 DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN METERS—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
 THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE
 THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 0.4 METERS

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
 FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
 A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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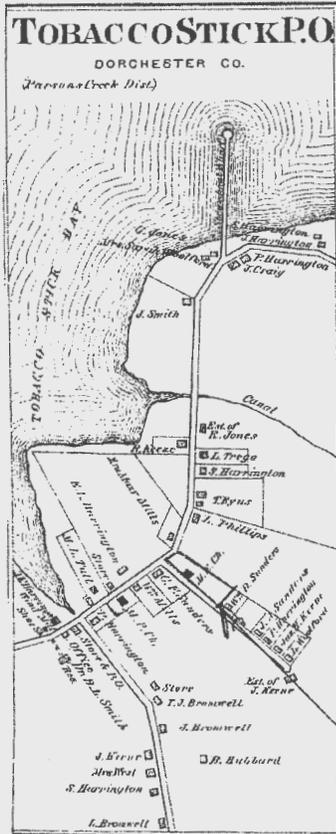
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 1877

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 DORCHESTER CO.



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MADISON, DOHCITESTER Co.
MD.

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MADISON M. E. CATHEDRAL

MADISON, DOHERTESTER
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SOUTH ELEVATION

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