

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Zion Episcopal Church and Cemetery

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER West side of Main Street Sixth E.D. 7
 CITY, TOWN Urbana VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Frederick
 STATE Maryland COUNTY Map 96 P 163

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER 105 West Monument Street
 CITY, TOWN Baltimore VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21201

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Frederick County Court House Liber #: JS 40
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Folio #: 114

STREET & NUMBER Court Street
 CITY, TOWN Frederick STATE Maryland 21701

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

F-7-64

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The remains of the Zion Church face east from the west side of Main Street in Urbana. Part of the east, west, and north walls are standing, but most of the structure is broken down and overgrown with vegetation. The cemetery which surrounds the building on each side is in relatively good repair.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1802

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Zion Episcopal Church was organized and built around 1802 as an extension of the All Saint's Parrish in Frederick, and was one of only two buildings in existence in Urbana in 1822. ¹ On April 2, 1804, the limits of the parish were set as follows "beginning with the mouth of the Monocacy and running with Frederick City to the plantation of the late William Meloy from there to Clarksburg thence with the Georgetown Road to Little Seneca thence up the Little Seneca to its source thence to the head of the three runs, th the waters of the Liganore and with the waters of said creek to the mouth and from thence down the Monocacy to its mouth." ²

The first vestrymen were William Brashear, Elisha Beall, Thomas Sprigg, John Montgomery, Roger Johnson, John Simmons, Adam Kramer and George Kesler and the building was consecrated by Bishop Clagett.

Between 1831 and 1840 the church conducted a parochial school and purchased additional ground for this purpose. ³

The Zion Church functioned as one of the main churches in the community until November 18, 1961, when it burned to the ground by an undetermined cause. ⁴

A cemetery surrounds the overgrown ruins of the building and contains the graves of many of the early settlers of the area and some of the soldiers who fought in the Battle of the Monocacy.

- 1 History of Western Maryland, Scharf, p. 596
- 2 Ibid.
- 3 Frederick County Land Records, Liber JS40, Folio 114.
- 4 Frederick News-Post, November 20, 1961, p. 1.

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 Frederick News, November 20, 1961, P. 1.

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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

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ORGANIZATION Frederick County Department Historic Preservation DATE 663-8300

STREET & NUMBER Winchester Hall TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN Frederick, Maryland 21701 STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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1030/162
267.15A.
P.67

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COMMISSIONERS
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P.226

URBANA VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.
10.76 A. P.198

BOARD OF
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1030/162
49.71 A
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Jackson Place
Proposed
Boundary
URBANA (TAX
PARCEL) 8

HISTORIC DISTRICT

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F7-3
Stancoff
P.189 House

Center
Garage
Complex
Commercial
Complex

Crabclaw Restaurant
F7-73
PETER LTD. PA
1403/383
18.83 A.
P.59

GEORGIA-CONN INC.
817/972
52.75 A.
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Turning
Point
Inn.
4/2/73
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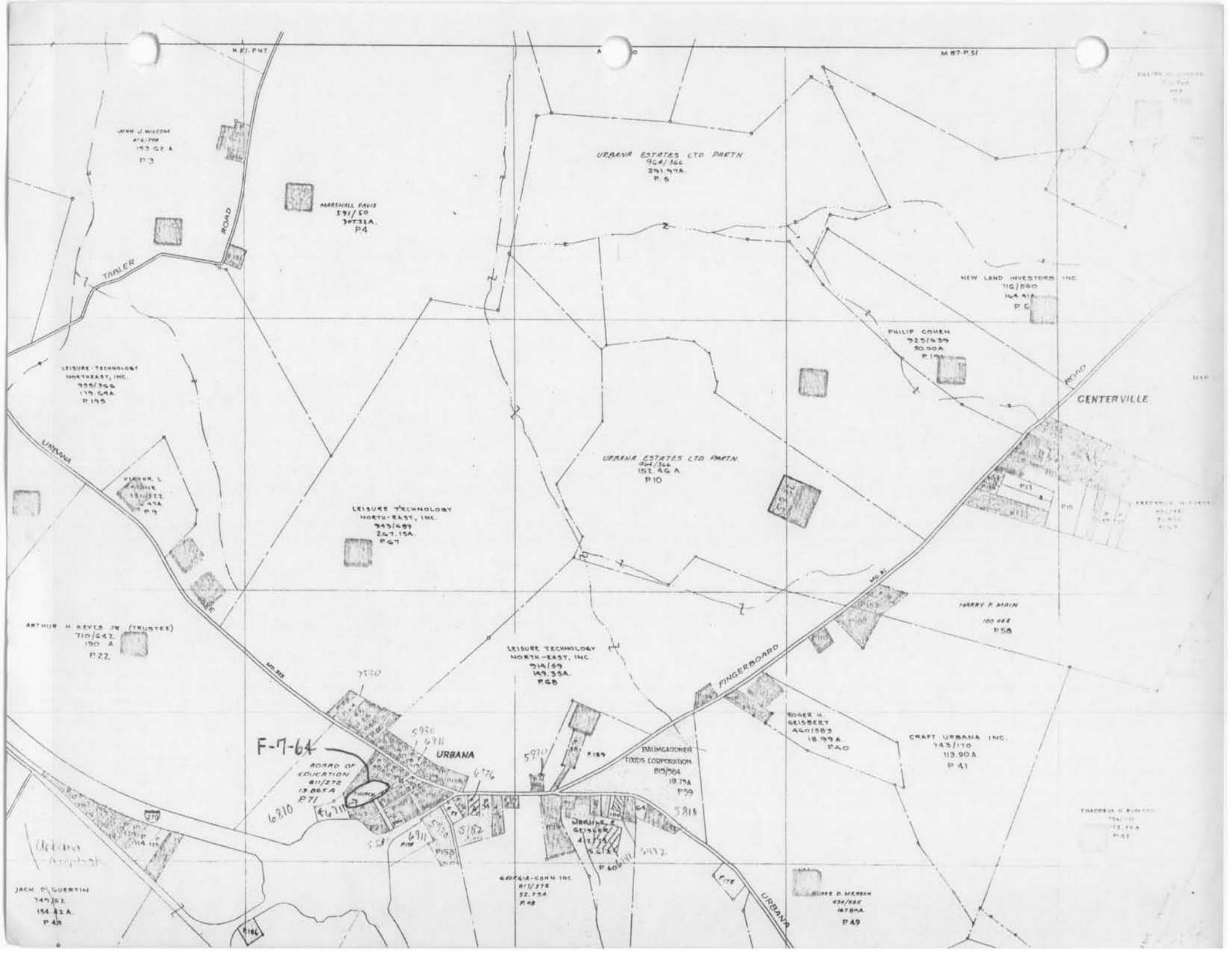
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MARSHALL DAVIS
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VICTOR L
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GEORGE A. COHN INC
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Zion Episcopal Church Ruins

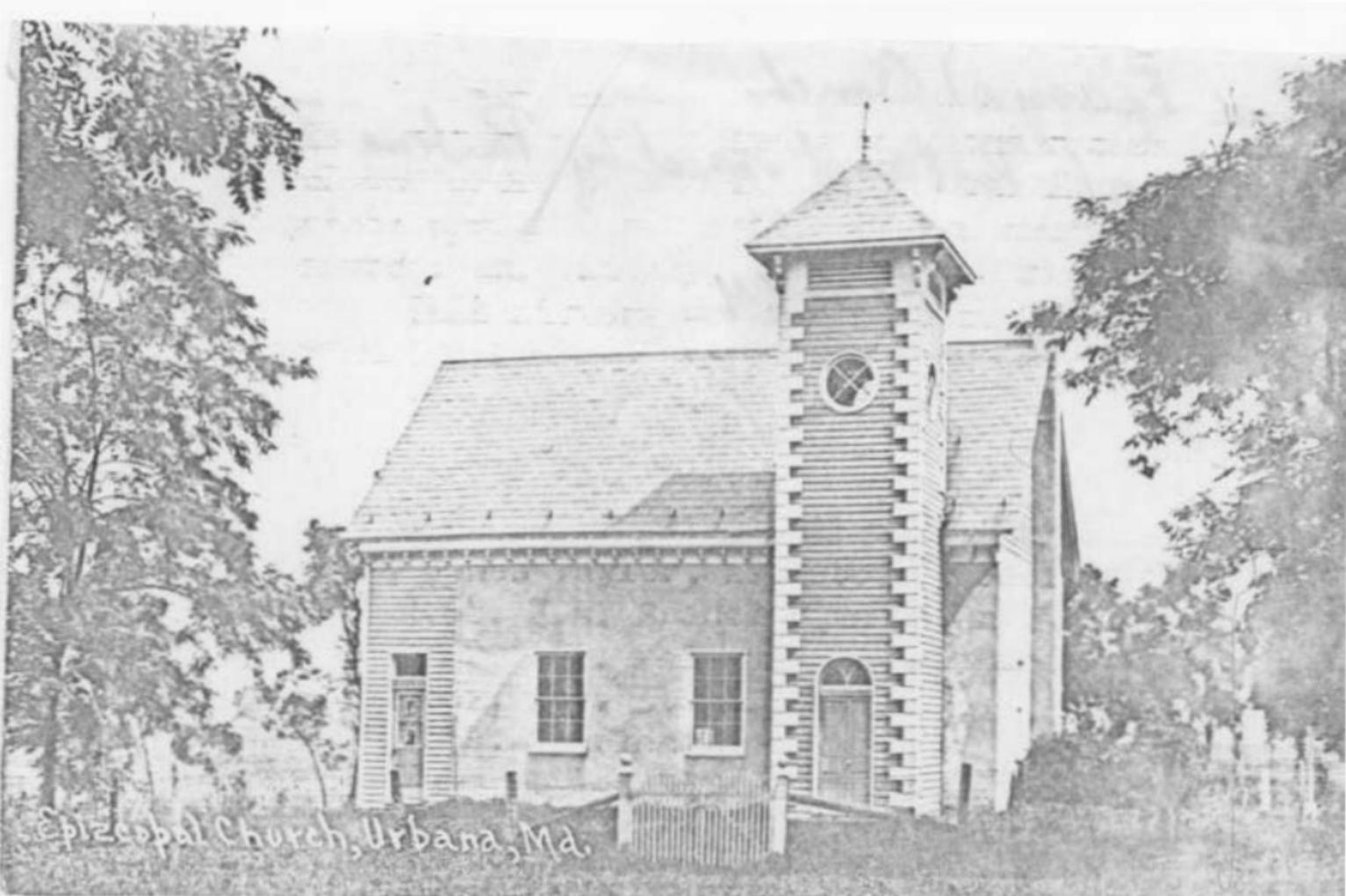
West side Main Street

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URBANA

East exposure





Episcopal Church, Urbana, Md.

Zion Episcopal Church

Original Postcard owned by Pauline Runkles

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Zion Episcopal Church, Urbana.

c. 1910

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