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St. Pauls'
Poplar Springs
Private

1883

Constructed in 1751 as a church of log forty feet long and twenty-four feet wide, St. Pauls' served western Howard County as a Chapel of Ease for Christ Church, Queen Caroline Parish.

In 1883 the present one story frame church was constructed in the simple Gothic style. Its high pitched gable roof and bell tower raising from a pyramidal base and springing from the gabled roof entrance porch lends interest as well as a vertical element to an otherwise simple frame structure.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
 for the
 NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: St. Paul's Episcopal Church				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Old Frederick Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Poplar Springs,				
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Howard	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY <i>(Check One)</i>	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE <i>(Check One or More as Appropriate)</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(Specify)</i> _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Howard County				
STREET AND NUMBER: Old Frederick Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Poplar Springs			STATE: Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Hall of Records				
STREET AND NUMBER: Howard County Court House				
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City			STATE: Maryland	
			21043	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Map Z, Blk 22, /P. 85 50/351 2.44 A				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Howard County Historic Sites Inventory				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1976 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle				
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis			STATE: Maryland	
			21401	

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. Paul's is located 3/10 of a mile west of the intersection of Old Frederick Road and Watersville Road west of Route 40.

It is a one bay wide, four bays long high pitched gable roofed Gothic white frame church very similar in character to St. Marks with its green shutters decorating the Gothic windows of the nave.

A gabled roof covers the enclosed entrance porch located on the north. It holds a rectangular double entrance door with Gothic arched transom holding three lites.

A double-hung Gothic window with one-over-one lites is located on the east and west walls of the north porch, which is approached by a cement stoop with two stairs flanked by a wrought iron railing. A gambrel roof is placed flush with the apex of the steeply pitched gable of the porch and forms the base for a square frame bell tower whose north wall contains a double-hung Gothic window with four-over-four lights, surmounted by a quatre foil enclosed in a frame circle.

A wooden framed cupola consisting of an open Roman arch decorated with pilasters and keystone on each of four sides enclosed by a wooden ballustrade is supported by four square columns.

A shag tent roof decorated with a wooden cross crowns the cupola.

The nave consists of four bays holding leaden paned windows.

An east wing of four bays wide and two bays deep is used as a Sunday School. Its north wall holds a rectangular entrance in the second east bay.

A south wing has been added a bit lower in height than the original nave and used for the sacristy. Its steeply pitched gable broaches and fits into the south wall of the nave.

Its west wall holds a double-hung Gothic window with two-over-two lites decorated with a south green shutter. A cinder block chimney is located on the south wall east of center. A stone foundation is clearly discernible from this elevation.

The gabled roof cinder block east wing Sunday School addition intersects with the high pitched gable roof of the sacristy and the first south bay of the east wall of the nave.

Its south wall holds three casement windows with three-three lites separated and surmounted by three lites. A rectangular entrance door is located on the west bay of this south wall and has a plastic shed roof cover and a wrought iron railing. Three concrete steps on the west ascend to a cement stoop.

A rectangular basement door with four lites covered by a plastic gambrel roof is located in the second west bay and approached by nine descending cement steps flanked by a cinder block wall decorated with stretcher bricks and wrought iron railing.

Header brick sills are at all the windows of the east wing.

Three four lite rectangular cellar windows are located east of the basement door and have deep cinder block wells decorated with stretcher bricks.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Paul's Episcopal Church at Poplar Springs is significant both for its history and its architecture. It has roots in an earlier church constructed in 1751. The western members of the newly organized Queen Caroline Parish found the Old Brick Church a good ways to go. A vestry meeting at Christ Church on May 1st, 1750 found the following members present: Reverend James Macgill, Mr. John Dorsey, son of Edward, Mr. Basil Dorsey, Mr. Cornell Howard, Mr. Henry Howard, Mr. Philemon Dorsey, Mr. Robert Davis, vestry men and Mr. John Hood, Church Warden. The following entry is noted:

"The vestry having been applied to by the inhabitants of the upper part of the Parish, requesting that, as they lived too great a distance from the church, a Chappel of Ease may be built in some place convenient to them, the vestry, thinking the proposal reasonable, agreed to go and look out for a place fit for it, and, after viewing several places, it was this day put to vote where it should be built, and, by a majority of voices, it was determined, to be at a place known by the name of Poplar Springs, on a tract of land belonging to Levin Lawrence, upon which the vestry agreed to prefer a petition to his Excellency and the Assembly for a law to levy a tax of twelve pence per poll on each taxable inhabitant in the Parish yearly for the next ensuing three years."¹

On April 20th the vestry met at Poplar Springs and "agreed to give Mr. Levin Lawrence fifty shillings for one acre, including the spring, on a part of which acre they proposed to build a chapel forty feet long and twenty-four feet wide."²

Architecturally St. Paul's is representative of the small Gothic wood frame country church. Its high pitched gable roof and its bell tower raising from a partially pyramidal base and springing from the central gabled roof entrance porch lends interest as well as a vertical element to an otherwise simple gothic structure. Originally a church of log, the present building is constructed of clapboard and dates from 1883.

¹Warfield, pp 432-3.
²Ibid.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Warfield, J. D. Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties.
Baltimore, 1973 p. 433

Interview with the Rev. Sivley, Rector of St. James and
St. Paul's. 829-0746 or 829-0325

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

2.44 acres and Imp

Please see Tax Map 2, Blk 22, P. 85 50-351

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Cleora Barnes Thompson

ORGANIZATION: Office of Planning & Zoning - Comprehensive Planning Section DATE:

STREET AND NUMBER:
3450 Court House Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City STATE: Maryland ZIP: 21043

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature

St. Paul's Episcopal Church - Description (Continued)

The east elevation of the east wing contains a cinder block central chimney with a casement window on either side consisting of three-three lites surmounted by a two lite transom and decorated with a header brick flat projective sill.

Two, two lite basement windows with stretcher brick sills are located on the south side of the east wall chimney. A rectangular vent is located on either side of the chimney near the apex of the roof which runs east-west.

The east wall of the nave holds three Gothic windows similar to those four located on the west wall.

A wrought iron light is located over the north doors of the nave and Sunday School entrances.

Trees and shrubs decorate the grounds. A small playground is located south of the church.

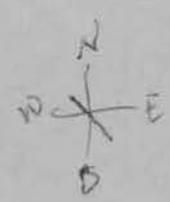
1. STATE <i>md</i> COUNTY <i>hto</i> TOWN <i>Poplar Springs</i> VICINITY <i>vic.</i> STREET NO. <i>Old Ford Rd.</i> ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE <i>church</i> PRESENT OWNER <i>Epis. Dio. of Md. - Balto.</i> PRESENT USE <i>church</i> WALL CONSTRUCTION <i>frame</i> NO. OF STORIES <i>1</i>	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
	2. NAME <i>St. Paul's Epis.</i> DATE OR PERIOD <i>late 19th.</i> STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER	
	3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

faces NW -
facade - ext. tower sur. asyrc. ^{apex} ret. at gables
Cent. dr. S lancet ar. - foliated transoms -
ors. dbl. late. vict.
lancet window 1/4 sash - lancet
quatrefoil window pr. caps. open belfry
single Norman's keystone arch. pan. sides
rail - pyz. rf. 5 kicks.
4 w. at side ee. - leaded glass - lancet
shutters.
Rear ext. d w. length
"A" frame roof - returns at gables - boxed eave
Underblock wing to NE rear side

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior *Good*

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)



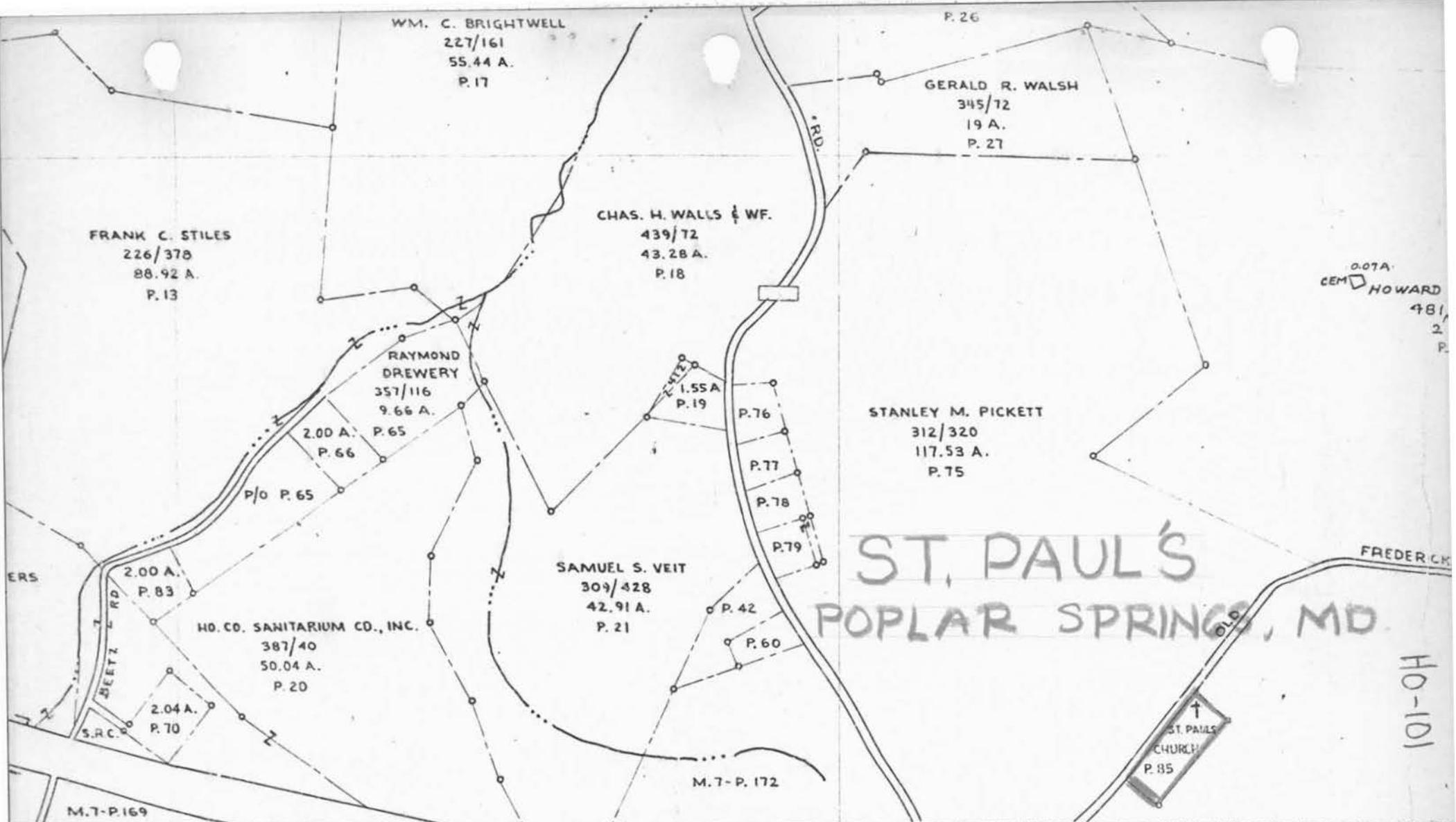
7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
 INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

DATE OF RECORD

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