

MT. ZION CHURCH  
Still Pond, Maryland  
(1886)

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC MT. ZION CHURCH

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER North side of Route 292 at the western edge of Still Pond

CITY, TOWN Still Pond CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1st Kent
STATE Maryland COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

Table with 4 columns: CATEGORY, OWNERSHIP, STATUS, PRESENT USE. Includes checkboxes for various site types and uses.

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mt. Zion Church Telephone #: 301-778-5285
STREET & NUMBER c/o Rev. Cordella Brown
CITY, TOWN Colemans Corner STATE, zip code Maryland 21678

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Liber #: no deed reference
Folio #:
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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| 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 type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED slightly | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |  |   |

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Mt. Zion Methodist Church is located on the north side of Route 292 about 1/2 mile west of Still Pond. The building faces south overlooking rolling hills and fields. The church is surrounded by flat lawns, part of which is a graveyard. East of the church is a school. A lane, bordered by maples connects the two buildings.

The church building is frame; it has one principal floor and a steep gable roof. Three bays wide and three long, there is a square steeple engaged in the east-entrance-end. Symmetrical shed-roofed additions flank the tower. The church is covered with German shiplap siding painted white and the roof with black asphalt shingles. There is no roof cornice, simple exposed curved rafter ends.

The belfry has a pyramidal roof with flaring eaves and arch-shaped openings in the louvered sides. Beneath the belfry is a kind of pent roof which makes the connection with the steeple walls. At the second floor level of the tower is a round window--in the east facade--and lancet arch windows in the side walls. The entry has a Gothic arch transom and two flanking lancet windows. Lancet arch windows are also used along the sides of the sanctuary. Most windows are filled with plain colored glass.

The school building is a one-story gable roofed structure with the main entry in the east gable. One room wide, it is 4 bays deep. The exterior sheathing is plain weatherboard and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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| 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 checked="" 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 1886

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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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**

NAME / TITLE  
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ORGANIZATION  
Kent County Planning Commission

DATE  
778-4600, ext.67

STREET & NUMBER  
Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN  
Chestertown, Maryland

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.

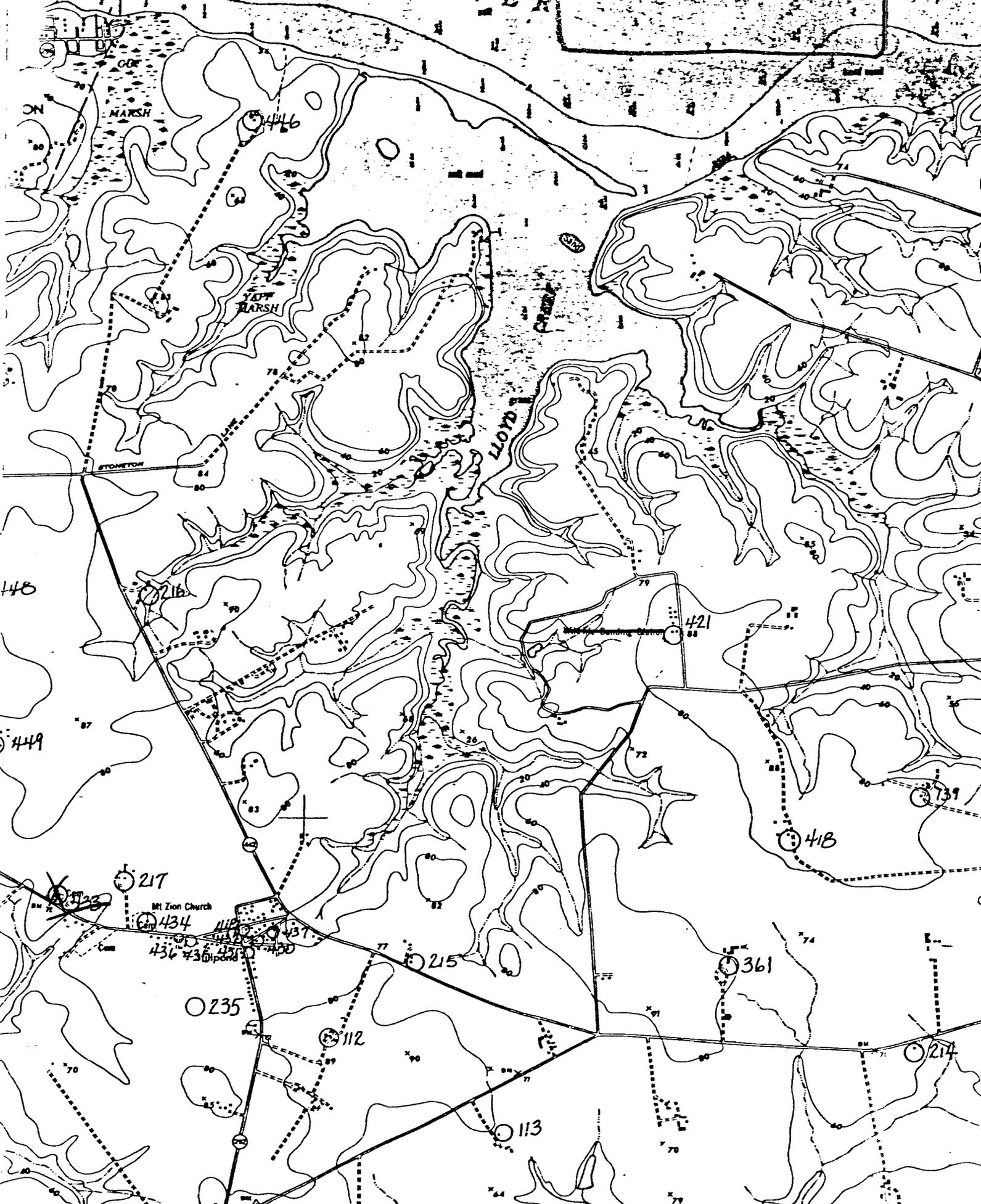
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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Mt. Zion Church

View to Northeast

Still Pond

Kent County

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