

Bond Chapel Parsonage

Chestertown

Occupying the most visually prominent site in the village of Pomona, this house for 100 years has served as the parsonage for the Methodist congregation of Bond Chapel. This Victorian parsonage is a 2-1/2 story central gable house with a main section 3 bays wide and 1 bay deep; there is a 2 story rear ell. Its most prominent decorative features are the 1 story bay windows in the west gable end and the spine type finials on the roof ridges at the gable ends and the central gable.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Bond Chapel Parsonage

and/or common Bond Chapel Parsonage

2. Location

street & number RD #3 -Quaker Neck Rd. & Pomona/Langford Rd. not for publicationcity, town Chestertown vicinity of congressional district FIRST

state Maryland county Kent

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input 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 type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Bond Chapel, Inc.

street & number RD #3 telephone no.:

city, town Chestertown state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kent County Court House liber WHG30

street & number folio 469

city, town Chestertown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. K-458

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This Victorian parsonage is a 2½ story central gable house with a main section 3 bays wide and 1 bay deep; there is a 2-story rear ell. Its most prominent decorative features are the 1 story bay window in the west gable end and the spire-type finials on the roof ridges at the gable ends and central gable.

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 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

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Although there has been considerable interior remodeling, the original front porch was replaced, and asbestos siding covers the original weatherboard, the parsonage retains its essential features as a typical Kent County central-gable Victorian house. The roof finials and dining room bay window are design details not commonly found in houses of this type. Occupying the site most prominent visually in the cross-roads village of Pomona, the house for 100 years has served as parsonage for the Methodist congregation of Bond Chapel, located about 3/4 mile to the southwest on Quaker Neck Road.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION (continued)

Building Form and Material

1. Size - Main Section: 2½ stories, 3 bays wide, 1 bay deep (attic unfinished)
 Wing A: 2 stories, 1 bay wide, 2 bays long
 Wing B: 1 story, 1 bay wide, 1 bay deep(attached shed)
2. Plan type - Central Hall, one room deep, with rear ell.
3. Roof type - Main Section: Gable
 Wing A: Gable
 Wing B: Shed
4. Chimney(s) - Location: Main section - thru roof ridge each side of central gable. Wing A - thru roof ridge near intersection with main section roof. Wing chimney - appears not original to house - is for hot water burner now.
 Materials: Brick (untooled/repared joints)
 Decorative elements: Main section - caps; Wing A - corbelled cap
5. Material/Walls - Main Section: Frame - asbestos shingles overlapped weatherboard; plain cornerboards
 Wing A: Same as main section
 Wing B: Frame - asbestos shingles
6. Material/Roofs - Main Section: Asphalt shingles over wood shingles
 Wing A: Asphalt shingles over wood shingles
 Wing B: Asphalt shingles
7. Material/Foundation - Main Section: Brick
 Wing A: Brick
 Wing B: Brick piers with some brick infill. (all crawl spaces)
8. Age - Field stone set into center of front lawn is roughly incised: "Parsonage 1881 M". The meaning of the M is not known. Church records also state that 1881 was the year of dedication.
9. Style - Vernacular central gable Victorian with rear ell.

Building Elements and Details

1. Doors - Main Entry: Main section - central bay; 3-light transom; 2-light sidelights with single raised panel below with ogee and bevel panel molding; overall frame is (from outside) ¼" quarter-round, ¾" fillet and ¼" bead; door jambs - 2½" and chamfered; modern aluminum storm door.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION (continued)

Door exterior - 2/2 raised panels with bold bolection moldings. Upper panels are roundheaded. Box lock; marbelized knob.

Secondary Entry: ¹⁾ Door at rear of central hall leading to rear porch but now not used because furnace is in first floor of central hall ^{at back of hall} behind furnace was added to connect living room and dining room. Door is visible only on exterior, covered on interior. ²⁾ Kitchen in Wing A to rear porch - mid 20th century door with 3 lights over 3 panels.

2. Windows - Main section: type - double-hung
 - lights - 2/2; upper sash of central gable window and attic gable end windows are segmentally arched (nearly round headed)
 - details - Appear to be same as for main entry; plain wood sills. A 3-sided bay window (1st floor) is on the west gable end. Each side has a 2/2 window, with the 2 side windows slightly narrower than the center. A raised and beveled panel is beneath each window with large (2½") ogee and bevel panel molding. Bay window - originally for dining room.
 - shutters-~~Throughout~~ originally; fixed aluminum louvered shutters now on north and west sides.

Wings: type - double-hung; Wing B has one small shuttered opening

 - lights - 2/2; Wing A rear gable attic window upper sash is nearly roundheaded
 - details - Same as main section
 - shutters - Originally hinged shutters 1st 2 floors - now fixed aluminum louvered on most windows.
3. Dormers - Main Section: One each side of central gable; double-hung with 2/2 lights (upper sash nearly roundheaded but segmentally arched); ~~checks~~ of asbestos shingles; eaves and gable end overhang of about 6"; ogee crown molding; framing is visible, with rafter end slightly shaped. Applied "button" medallion centered above window; plain pilasters flared at bottom; no returns.
4. Roof Details - 10-12" overhang at eaves and gable ends with no returns; cornice not boxed; shaped rafter ends/lookouts visible every 36-40"; large (4-5") cyma recta crown molding; ogee and bevel bed molding; turned spire -type finials on ridge of central gable roof and on ridge at both gable ends; including base (with drops) total height is about 30". Same finial is at rear gable end of Wing A.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.3 DESCRIPTION (continued)

5. Porches - Main Entry: 1 bay wide, 1 bay deep with asphalt shingled gable roof with mid 20th century decorative metal supports at front edge; concrete floor measures about 6 x 8 feet; applied fascia at base of tympanum to give pedimented effect. Porch is probably a replacement for original, wider frame porch.

Wing A: Main section intersection - there is a 3 bay wide, 1 bay deep, shed-roofed porch within the L. Floor is concrete with brick edging. There is access to Wing B (shed) and to kitchen of Wing A from porch. Spaced board ceiling on underside of rafters. The posts have chamfered edges with upper lambs' tongues.

6. Color - Current: Light olive green with white trim

Interior Description

1. Plan type - Central Hall, one room deep, with rear ell.
2. Major stair - Dog-leg type with open string; 2 simple turned balusters per tread; painted pine treads; massive newel; continuous handrail; spandrel of narrow beaded boards with door-less closet.
Other stairs - Back stairs in Wing A - steep enclosed straight run; some modern plywood paneling on the wall; beaded narrow boards below.
3. Major mantles - 3 mantles are in attic; 2 have raised applied panels on pilasters and frieze, curved shelf, rectangular openings, plain pilaster bases and simple capitals. The third is similar (part is missing, however) but frieze panels are broken by round center medallion. Mantle remains in original dining room (with bay window) though fireplace is closed and filled. It is similar to the others.
4. Major Trim - Windows/doors: 3" fillet with ½" inside bead
Baseboards: Most removed when modern plywood paneling applied; what remains is 5½" board
Cornices: None except added paneling trim
5. Major doors - 4 raised panel doors, some with replacement hardware.
6. Floors - Painted random medium-width pine.
7. Walls/ceiling finishes - Walls-much plywood sheet paneling;
Ceilings - plaster and accoustical tile.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.4 DESCRIPTION (continued)

Site Description

1. Site Description - The parsonage is on a $\frac{1}{2}$ acre site at the nearly 90° turn of Quaker Neck Road at Pomona. It therefore has 2 road frontages. The house is surrounded by lawns planted with trees and shrubs. The driveway is to the east.
2. Views - To the north, east, and south other buildings are visible. Across the public road to the west there is one house near the site of the now-removed public school. Farmlands are to the northwest.

Use of Building

1. Current - Parsonage
2. Historic - Parsonage; the building was built by the congregation for this use, but there are no unusual features in the plan to indicate anything other than residential use was intended for the house.

History of Building/Past Ownership

In 1880 the Methodist Episcopal circuit of which Bond Chapel had been a part was divided. Thereafter one minister served only Bond Chapel, Hynson's Chapel (at Bakers Lane & Langford-Ricaud's Branch Road), Walton Chapel (later called Mowbray Chapel - K-247), and after 1882 Salem Church. Work on the parsonage began in 1880; the building was dedicated in 1881. This parsonage replaced another at a location unknown to this surveyor. (It was at Ree's Corner)

At the time of the building of the parsonage the cross-roads village now called Pomona was called . . . after the numerous Bakers living in and near the village. The 1877 Kent County atlas shows a building on the parsonage site, but without designation of owner or occupant. Serving the nearby farming community, the village consisted of a store, blacksmith shop and several residences. It is said that later there was a second store, second blacksmith shop, and a post office. A one-room school, called Pomona School, was located across Quaker Neck Road from the parsonage (a building is shown on the approximate site but is not designated in the atlas) and was in use until about 1940. It has been removed, but the concrete steps up the bank from the road can still be seen.



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View to Southeast

BOND CHAPEL PARSONAGE (K-458)

Quaker Neck, Chestertown, Kent County

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View to north

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