MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

Property Name: Damascus Methodist Cemetery and Boyer Chapel
Inventory Number: M:11-6-3

Address: Main Street and Woodfield Road
City: Damascus
Zip Code: 20872

County: Montgomery
USGS Topographic Map: Damascus

Owner: Damascus Methodist Church

Is the property being evaluated a district? yes

Tax Parcel Number: 42
Tax Map Number: FY
Project: Woodfield Road (CR 124) Extension

Is the property located within a historic district? yes

If the property is within a district
NR-listed district yes
Eligible district yes
District Name:
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes
Non-contributing but eligible in another context no

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)
Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible

Criteria: A B C D

Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Historic Resources Determination of Eligibility Report-Woodfield Rd.

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination:
The Damascus Methodist Cemetery and Boyer Chapel are located on the west side of Woodfield Road. The headstones are laid in rows and number approximately 180. The stones consist of granite, marble and sandstone. The headstones date from 1869 to the present. Common names are Moxley, Duvalls, Watkins, Poole, Clodfelter, Mullineaux, Beall, and Offutt. The Boyer Chapel (built in 1952) is a one-story, three-bay-wide and three-bay-long stone-faced building with a gable end façade. The Damascus Methodist Church congregation was established circa 1822. The original structure was irreparably damaged in 1899. The second structure was constructed behind the location of the first church in 1900. This building was replaced by the current church building located on the opposite site of Woodfield Road. In 1960 the church Education Center was constructed on the site of the original church building. The Damascus Methodist Cemetery and Boyer Chapel are not associated with an event or pattern of events significant on the national, state, or local level and are not eligible under Criterion A. They are not associated with a significant person and are not eligible under Criterion B. The cemetery and chapel do not embody the distinctive characteristics of a significant style or method of construction and are not eligible under Criterion C.

Prepared by: Geoffrey B. Henry Date Prepared: February 2003

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW
Eligibility recommended
Eligibility not recommended X
Criteria: A B C D
Considerations: A B C D E F G None
Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Reviewer, NR Program

200304643
Damascus Methodist Cemetery
Woodfield Road
Damascus Methodist Cemetery and Boyer Chapel
Woodfield Road, west side, south of Main Street
Damascus
1870s-Present
Private

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

1. Name of Property  (indicate preferred name)
   historic  Damascus Methodist Church Cemetery and Boyer Chapel
   other

2. Location
   street and number  Main Street and Woodfield Road
   city, town  Damascus
   county  Montgomery

3. Owner of Property  (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)
   name  Damascus Methodist Church
   street and number  Damascus
   telephone
   state  MD  zip code  20872

4. Location of Legal Description
   courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.  Montgomery County Courthouse
   liber  214 folio 119
   city, town  Rockville  tax map FY  tax parcel  42  tax ID number

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

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Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory 0
7. Description

Condition

- excellent
- good
- fair
- deteriorated
- ruins
- altered

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

Summary
The Damascus Methodist Church Cemetery and Boyer Chapel are located on the west side of Woodfield Road. The headstones are laid in rows and number approximately 217. The stones consist of granite, marble and sandstone. The headstones date from 1869 to the present. Common names are Moxley, Duvalls, Watkins, Poole, Clodfelter, Mullineaux, Beall, and Offutt. The Boyer Chapel, located at the northwest corner of the cemetery, is a one-story, three-bay-wide and three-bay-long stone-faced building with a gable end façade. The cemetery and chapel are in good condition.

Architectural Description
The Damascus Methodist Church Cemetery is located on the west side of Woodfield Road (Route 124), just south of its intersection with Main Street (Route 108) in downtown Damascus. The cemetery consists of 2.87 acres and is partially fenced. The property is planted with small clumps of cedar trees at scattered locations. The headstones are laid in rows and number approximately 217. The stones consist of granite, marble and sandstone. The headstones date from 1869 to the present, with most dating from after 1920. Common names are Moxley, Duvalls, Watkins, Poole, Clodfelter, Mullineaux, Beall, and Offutt. Most headstones feature no decorative carving, although older headstones from the 1870s and 1880s feature carved willow, angel, or praying hand designs. There are no mausoleums or large multiple markers present. The cemetery is in good condition and is well maintained.

The Boyer Chapel is located at the northwest corner of the cemetery property. Built in 1952, it is a one-story, three-bay-wide and three-bay-long building with a gable end façade. There is a rounded bay with metal roof and clustered 8/8 sash windows on the south gable end. The building is faced with stone laid in irregular courses. The central entrance has a batten door with iron strap hinges. Above this is a round window. The other windows have 1/1 double-hung sash. There is a stone cross atop the chapel on the north. The date plaque is inscribed: “This chapel is built to memorialize the life of George Milton Boyer for his diligent and faithful service to God and his fellow man. Presented in 1954 to Damascus Methodist Church by his son Milton McKendree Boyer, M.D.”
8. Significance

**Inventory No. M:11-6-3**

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Specific dates

**Construction dates** 1952 (Chapel)

Evaluation for:

___ X ___ National Register  ___ X ___ 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.)

**History**

The Damascus Methodist Church congregation was established circa 1822. It met outside Damascus until 1870, when the first church building in town was constructed on a lot adjoining the present cemetery. The original structure was irreparably damaged in a hail storm in 1899. The second structure was constructed behind the location of the first church in 1900. Additions followed in 1932 and 1948. This building was replaced by the current church building located on the opposite side of Woodfield Road. In 1960 the church Education Center was constructed on the site of the original church building.
9. Major Bibliographical References

Montgomery County Deed Records: Liber 214, folio 259 and Liber 242, folio 229

10. Geographical Data

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The cemetery boundaries are shown on Montgomery County tax map FY, parcel 42. The boundaries enclose the area historically associated with burials by the Methodist church congregation.

11. Form Prepared by

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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.

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600
M: 11-6-3
DAMASCUS METHODIST CHURCH CEMETERY
MONTGOMERY
G. HENRY 11/02
MD-SHPO
LOOKING NW, BOYER CHAPEL IN BACKGROUND
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Boyer Chapel, Damascus Methodist Cemetery
Montgomery
G. Henry 11/62
Md. State
Looking South
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