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Warren M.E. Church  
Martinsburg, Maryland 20753  
Private

1903

This handsome one story frame church consists of a principal block of three bays in depth, each one containing gothic arch windows. To the gable-end facade was added a vestibule with gothic motifs in the 1930's. The church stands on a tract, purchased in 187<sup>6</sup>, <sup>a</sup> tract that <sup>is</sup> probably among the oldest Black church properties still in use in the state.

Montgomery 19

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Warren M.E. Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER North Side of White's Ferry Road

CITY, TOWN Martinsburg VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8

STATE Maryland COUNTY Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY OWNERSHIP STATUS PRESENT USE
-DISTRICT PUBLIC X OCCUPIED -AGRICULTURE -MUSEUM
-BUILDING(S) X PRIVATE -UNOCCUPIED -COMMERCIAL -PARK
X STRUCTURE -BOTH -WORK IN PROGRESS -EDUCATIONAL -PRIVATE RESIDENCE
-SITE PUBLIC ACQUISITION X ACCESSIBLE -ENTERTAINMENT X RELIGIOUS
-OBJECT -IN PROCESS X YES: RESTRICTED -GOVERNMENT -SCIENTIFIC
-BEING CONSIDERED -YES: UNRESTRICTED -INDUSTRIAL -TRANSPORTATION
-NO -MILITARY -OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Colored Methodist Episcopal Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER 22625 Whites Ferry Road

CITY, TOWN Dickerson VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 20753

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Court House

Liber #: EBP 15
Folio #: 10

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE MHCPPC

DATE -FEDERAL XSTATE XCOUNTY -LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS M.H.T.

CITY, TOWN STATE ANNAPOLIS, MD.

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

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

This handsome church stands at the heart of the Martinsburg community. In front of it (south) runs White's Ferry Road. About fifteen yards west stands the Martinsburg school, and behind that is the Love and Charity Hall. These are the only non-residential buildings that remain of old Martinsburg, and they were the heart of the historical community.

The church is one story in height with a tall gable roof and is three bays in length. The line of the roof runs north-south. The facade is the southern gable end. To it has been added a handsome vestibule with tower in the 1930's, according to Lemuel Graham, (who was born in 1894 in Martinsburg, and who has been a life long member of the church). The vestibule contains double doors that have been brightly painted red, and gothic arch windows form the transom above. Into the tower was set a smaller gothic window of similar design. This gothic motif was continued in each of the windows along the length, which were added about twenty five or thirty years ago, replacing large windows with double hung sashes containing four over four panes.

The structure is frame, and the timbers are sheathed with weatherboards that have been painted white. The tin roof is painted silver. The gothic windows are colored in pastel patterns, and the result is a modest, well-kept and attractive church.

Inside, the walls are plastered and painted tan. They contain beaded tongue and groove wainscoting topped with molded chair rails. The ceiling is sheathed with plain tongue and groove siding, popular to the turn of the 19th century. In the nave are aisles of handsome oak pews, which date from the 1920's, according to Lemuel Graham. The older ones were removed at the time and used in the Love and Charity Hall. Some of these are outside in the church yard and were photographed as part of the survey.

According to Graham, a carpenter, Scott Bell, was hired by the congregation to build this church. Apparently the community was pleased with his workmanship, since they hired him to build the Love and Charity Hall about a decade later. He also built the St. Paul's Community Church in Sugarland, which has been recorded also as part of this survey. Compare the two structures in the photographs.

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

Black History

SPECIFIC DATES	1903	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Scott Bell
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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This church stands on historic grounds in the Martinsburg community. The deed, L/F: E.B.P. 15/10, shows that this tract of one acre was purchased in 1876 by William Grandison, Isaac P. Warren, and Gilmore Green as Trustees of the Colored M.E. Church from John Peter Bowie and his wife Susan for fifty dollars.

The church was not built on the site at that time. Oral informant, Lemuel Graham, recalls that the first building was situated on the hill by the church cemetery in Martinsburg, which is still in use. He knows that the church was "very old", but did not hear when it was built. Probably in the 1890's, it was moved from that hilltop site to this one. However, in 1903 this early church (which had resembled the original design of the present one) was torn down and this one built. This date is confirmed by the cornerstone. This church was not shown on the Hopkins' Atlas of 1879 either at the current site or by the cemetery.

The church was named after Isaac P. Warren, one of the Trustees who purchased the site. It stands on a tract that is among the very old Black church properties still in use in the state. The church has a rich oral history, which ought to be recorded, along with any written documents that could list, date or identify, past members of the historical church for future genealogical or community history studies.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land Records: Montgomery County Courthouse  
 Hopkins Atlas, Montgomery County, G.M. Hopkins. 1879

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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

George W. McDaniel

6/78

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

926-4510

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland

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.

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

SUGARLOAF REGIONAL TRAILS  
 Box 87, Stronghold  
 Dickerson, Md. 20753  
 (301) 926-4510



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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The church building is 2-1/2 stories, with a center double doorway on the main (south) facade and round-arched windows on the upper level of this facade. Along the flanks are three square-headed openings on each floor. A rectangular window fills the gable end.

A second and newer church building sits to the east. It has a central tower surmounting a porch with pointed arched doorway. Along the sides are three pointed arched windows. Similar windows flank the porch. The cornerstone date is 1903. Both buildings have stone foundations.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input 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/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Art	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: Md.-Nat. Capital Park and Planning Comm.      DATE: 30 May 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:  
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring      STATE: Maryland

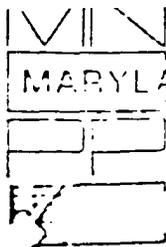
12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated April 25, 1989

ACTION TAKEN

This document contains the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission's recommendations on the designation of twenty-two (22) historic resources throughout Montgomery County. Twenty-one resources are recommended for historic designation and protection under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. One resource is not recommended for designation.

SITES RECOMMENDED

M: 10/52	Charles Browning Farm
M: 10/57	Zeigler Log House
M: 12/11	Frederick Hayes House
M: 12/36	Oak Ridge/Eleven Brothers
M: 14/51	Woodburn/Blunt House
M: 16/1	Trundle Farm
M: 16/12-19	Warren E.M. Church and associated bldgs.
M: 16/26	Nathan Dickerson Poole House/River View
M: 23/41	Musgrove/Hobbs/Gaither House
M: 23/47	Pleasant View
M: 23/84-1	Ellicott Mine
M: 25/8	Mount Prospect
M: 25/10-1	Travilah Town Hall
M: 28/34	Mount Pleasant II/Esther Scott House
M: 29/9	Dr. Willett House
M: 29/19	Joseph Magruder House
M: 33/1	Drumeldra
M: 34/10	Conley House
M: 36/03	Rock Creek Stables/Old Callahan Estate
M: 37/01	Waterworks Site/Sligo Creek
M: 37/02	The President's Tree

NOT RECOMMENDED

M: 25/19 Semmes Farm

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated August 15, 1989

ACTION TAKEN

This amendment recommends 18 historic resources throughout Montgomery County for historic designation and protection under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. It also recommends that 4 other resources be found not to warrant historic designation and that they be removed from the Locational Atlas and from further protection under the Ordinance.

18 historic resources recommended for historic designation and protection:

- M: 10-52 Charles Browning Farm
- M: 10-57 Zeigler Log House
- M: 12-11 Frederick Hayes House
- M: 12-36 Oak Ridge/Eleven Brothers
- M: 14-51 Woodburn/Blunt House
- M: 16-1 Trundle Farm
- M: 16-12/19 Warren M.E. Church and Martinsburg Negro School
- M: 16/26 Nathan Dickerson Poole House/River View
- M: 23-41 Musgrove/Hobbs/Gaither House
- M: 23-47 Pleasant View
- M: 23-84/1 Ellicott Mine
- M: 25-8 Mt. Prospect
- M: 25-10/1 Travilah Town Hall
- M: 29/9 Dr. Willett House
- M: 29-19 Joseph Magruder House (Offutt House)
- M: 33-1 Drumeldra
- M: 34-10 Conley House/Green Ridge
- M: 36-3 Rock Creek Stables/Old Callahan Estate

4 resources to be removed from Locational Atlas.

- M: 25-19 Semmes Farm
- M: 37-1 Waterworks Site/Sligo Creek
- M: 37-2 Presidents' Tree
- M: 28-34 Mt. Pleasant II



M: 16-17-19

Warren M.E. Church

22625 White's Ferry Rd (MD 107) Dickerson

c. 2000

Warren Historic Site

Church + school

(social hall seen between)

Montgomery Co.



M: 16-12-19

Warren M.E. Church

27625 White's Ferry Rd (MD 107)

Dickerson Warren Historic Site

C. 2000

Church

front

Montgomery Co.



M:16-12-19

Warren M.E. Church

22625 White's Ferry Rd (MD107), Dickerson

c. 2000

Warren Historic Site



Church  
west facade

Montgomery Co.



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Warren M. E. Ch

22625 White's Ferry Rd (MD107), Dickerson

C. 2020

Warren Historic Site

Church  
rear

Montgomery Co.



Warren M.E. Church

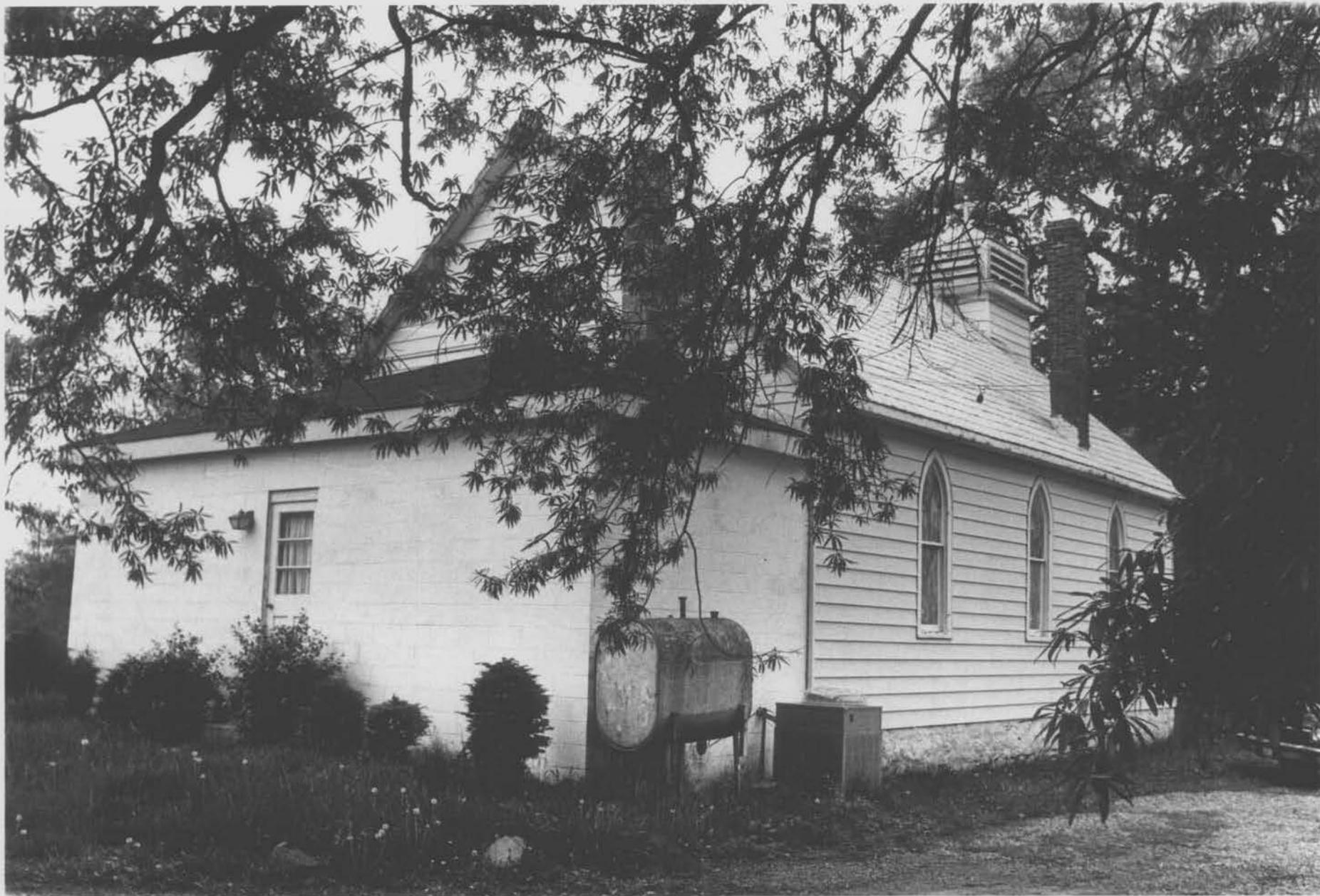
facade: south, and school  
with love & charity Hall in  
background

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Martinsburg, Md.

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Warren M. E. Church

N. W. elevation

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Martinsburg, Md.

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