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### INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

#### NAME

**NAME**

Warren M.E. Church

**HISTORIC**

AND/OR COMMON

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#### LOCATION

**STREET & NUMBER**

North Side of White's Ferry Road

**CITY, TOWN**

Martinsburg

**STATE**

Maryland

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

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**STREET & NUMBER**

22625 Whites Ferry Road

**CITY, TOWN**

Dickerson

**STATE, ZIP CODE**

Maryland 20753

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#### CLASSIFICATION

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**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

8

**COUNTY**

Montgomery

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#### OWNER OF PROPERTY

**NAME**

Colored Methodist Episcopal

**Telephone #**

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#### LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

**COURTHOUSE**

Montgomery County Court House

**REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC**

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#### REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS**

M.H.T.

**CITY, TOWN**

Annapolis

**STATE**

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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.
This church stands on historic grounds in the Martinsburg community. The deed, L/T: E.B.P. 15/10, shows that this tract of one acre was purchased in 1876 by Hilliard 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
MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

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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

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

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

SUGARLOAF REGIONAL TRAILS
Box 87, Stroudville
Dickerson, Md. 20763
(301) 926-4510
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET
NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME
   COMMON: __________
   AND/or HISTORIC: Warren M. E. Church

2. LOCATION
   STREET AND NUMBER: Route 107
   CITY OR TOWN: Martinsburg
   STATE: Maryland
   COUNTY: Montgomery

3. CLASSIFICATION
   CATEGORY (Check One)
   ☐ District ☑ Building ☑ Site ☑ Structure ☐ Object
   OWNER'S NAME: __________
   ACCESSED TO THE PUBLIC
   STATUS
   ☐ Occupied ☑ Unoccupied ☑ Preservation work in progress
   ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
   ☐ Yes: ☐ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
   OWNER'S NAME: __________
   STREET AND NUMBER: __________
   CITY OR TOWN: __________
   STATE: __________

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
   COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
   Montgomery County Courthouse
   STREET AND NUMBER: __________
   CITY OR TOWN: Rockville
   STATE: Maryland
   TITLE Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
   TITLE OF SURVEY: None
   DATE OF SURVEY: __________
   ☐ Federal ☑ State ☐ County ☐ Local
   DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
   STREET AND NUMBER: __________
   CITY OR TOWN: __________
   STATE: __________
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.
### 8. SIGNIFICANCE

**PERIOD** (Check One or More as Appropriate)
- Pre-Columbian
- 16th Century
- 15th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**
- Aboriginal
- Prehistoric
- Historic
- Agriculture
- Architecture
- Art
- Commerce
- Communications
- Conservation
- Education
- Engineering
- Industry
- Invention
- Landscape
- Architecture
- Literature
- Military
- Music
- Political
- Religion/Philosophy
- Science
- Sculpture
- Social/Humanitarian
- Theater
- Transportation
- Urban Planning
- Other (Specify)

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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**SEE INSTRUCTIONS**
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE:  
COUNTY:

STATE:  
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COUNTY:

STATE:  
COUNTY:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian


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
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: 16/12-1q 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     Drumeltra
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
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: 16-17/9 Warren M.E. Church and Martinsburg Negro School
M: 16/26  Nathan Dickerson Poole House/River View
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M: 25-10/1 Travilah Town Hall
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M: 29-19  Joseph Magruder House (Offutt House)
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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.C. 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
22625 White's Ferry Rd (MD 67)
Dickerson, Warren Historic Site

Church

front

Montgomery Co.
Mi: 16.12.19
Warren M.E. Church
22625 White’s Ferry Rd (MD 107), Dickerson
3, 2000

Warren Historic Site

Church
west facade

Montgomery Co.
M. 16. 12-19
Warren M. e. ch
22625 White's Ferry Rd (MD 107), Dickerson
C. 2000

Warren Historic Site
Church rear

Montgomery Co.
Warren M.E. Church
Facade: church and school
with home & Charity Hall in background
M: 16/12/49
Martinsburg, Md.
6/26 GWH
2-1953 #90
Warren M.E. Church
N. W. elevation
M-16-12-19
Martinsburg, W. Va.
6/28 WM