

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes no

Property Name: Spencerville Seventh Day Adventist Church Inventory Number: M: 28-89
 Address: 1615 Spencerville Road 15930 Good Hope Road Historic district: yes no
 City: Spencerville Zip Code: 20868 County: Montgomery
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Beltsville
 Property Owner: Chesapeake Conference Association of 7th Day Adventists Tax Account ID Number: 05-00255263
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): P245, P350 Tax Map Number: KS-12
 Project: MD 28-198 Agency: MD SHA
 Agency Prepared By: URS Group, Inc.
 Preparer's Name: Brian Clevon Date Prepared: 2/20/2015
 Documentation is presented in: N/A

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended
 Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes no Listed: yes no

Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Seventh Day Adventist Church (SDA) at 1700 Spencerville Road is located at the corner of Good Hope and Spencerville Roads (Figures 1-1 and 1-2). The church property contains several buildings including the 1954 church, a 1956 rectory, and the Spencerville Jr. Academy school campus (Figure 2-1). The boundary of the inventoried property is 6.57 acres, and consists of parcel number P245 and P350, as shown on Attachment 1, Figure 2. The school was originally constructed in 1948, and in 1956, a gymnasium was added, followed by classroom additions in 1965. The church and school face east towards Good Hope Road while the rectory faces north towards Spencerville Road.

The brick church has an intersecting gable roof and an L-shaped footprint with a raised basement or undercroft (Photos 1-5). The front entrance and narthex are located in the small leg of the "L" with the sanctuary in the remainder. The front entrance has a modern replacement metal double door located in a Gothic, or equilateral, arch. The entrance has a large concrete stoop with stairs on three sides. The brick walls have engaged buttresses with stone splayed copings located at the top and mid-point of the side walls. The windows are eight-light stained glass metal casement windows with four-light transom units on the first floor, three-light metal casement windows on the basement level, and round stained glass windows in the gable ends. The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. A brick chimney located at the juncture of the "L" and has a buttress that frames an arch. The buttress is topped

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by a small wood gable roof sheathed with shingles and has a gable end louvered vent. An exterior side entrance in the southwest gable end has a small gable canopy roof supported by knee-brace brackets leading to an elevated concrete and brick stoop accessed by side stairs with a metal handrail.

The one-story rectory is a Transitional Ranch house with a hipped roof that has louvered gablets (Photos 6-8). The wood-frame residence rests on a raised basement. The off-center front entrance has a modern vinyl door that opens onto a modern deck with stairs and an accessibility ramp. The north façade has a three picture window each containing a central fixed window, flanked by one-over-one-light, double-hung vinyl windows with decorative diamond patterned wood shutters. A stone sill runs the length of the façade and caps the random ashlar stone cladding below the window sill line. The rest of the first floor has one-over-one-light, double-hung windows, except for one paired window on the west (side) elevation and a fixed window flanked by double-hung windows with brick sills in the rear. A central rear entrance has a vinyl door that opens onto a brick stoop with concrete steps. The basement has a mix of one-by-one sliding and one-over-one-light, double-hung vinyl windows with brick sills. The roof has wide eaves and is clad with asphalt shingles. An exterior brick chimney runs up the west (side) elevation.

The Spencerville Jr. Academy is comprised of the original two-room school constructed in 1948, a 1956 gymnasium, and a 1965 classroom building (Photos 9-15). The original one-story, two-room school was constructed of concrete block with ten windows on the front facade. The building has been renovated with a partial brick veneer and now has only six, twelve-light, metal-sash windows with four being moveable (Poirer 2012). Each bank of windows has a concrete sill and white bricks between the windows, creating a pier and spandrel façade. The central front entrance has a modern galvanized aluminum double door and a canvas awning. The hipped roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles.

The 1965 concrete-block classroom building is three stories tall with a two-story stairwell and entrance connector to the two-room 1948 school building on the 1965 building's north (side) elevation. The walls of the flat roof building are clad with brick veneer on the east façade and north and south (side) elevations. The front and rear elevations have two sets of triple modern galvanized aluminum windows on each floor. White brick connect the windows vertically on the façade, again creating a pier and spandrel effect. Small glass block windows are located on the side elevations. The front entrance in the stairwell connector has a modern galvanized aluminum door flanked and topped with plate glass windows.

The concrete-block gymnasium is set to the west (rear) of the original 1948 two-room school building. Although it is one-story tall, each component - the front entrance, the gym, and the locker rooms - are at differing heights, with the gym and locker rooms being the highest and lowest, respectively. Each section has a flat roof. The one-bay by one-bay front entrance is to the north (side) of the 1948 two-room school. A brick veneer has been added. The off-center front entrance has a modern galvanized aluminum double front doors flanked with plate glass sidelights and topped with a plate glass transom window. The gym is four-bays-wide and seven-bays-deep defined by engaged buttresses with concrete copings on the north and south (sides) elevations and the west (rear) elevation. The glass block window openings with concrete sills were infilled on the north and south (side) elevations and two windows in the southwest corner were replaced with paired modern galvanized aluminum awning windows. The locker rooms are appended to the south elevation of the gym and it was extended to the east and west in 1964 (NETR Online 2014). Glass block windows remain on the rear elevation, but have been replaced with paired modern galvanized aluminum awning windows on the south elevation.

In 1940, members of the SDA were going door-to-door passing out literature. As a result of that visit, the Frank DeVilbiss family donated seven acres at the corner of Spencerville and Good Hope Roads for a church. Using lumber from the Chesapeake Conference camp meeting grounds in Catonsville, the congregation built a tabernacle in 1941. The group opened an elementary school in September 1943 with six students before building the two-room cinder-block building in 1948 (Poirier 2012).

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The tabernacle was destroyed by fire in 1950 and the congregation began construction of a new church. Although a Christmas program and a couple of services took place in the unfinished basement in 1950, regular services were not held in the building until the roof was completed the following summer. Services were held in the basement until the main part of the sanctuary was completed in early 1952. The church was dedicated on April 3, 1954 (Poirier 2012).

When the church was dedicated, the membership totaled 164. In 1966, it had grown to 354, necessitating two services each Sunday. By 1973, the church had grown to 433 and was still growing. Consequently, the congregation built a new church at 16325 New Hampshire Avenue and moved in 1980 (Poirier 2012). The old church is currently occupied by the Washington-Spencerville Korean SDA congregation.

The 1948 to 1965 construction dates indicates the church and school were built during the Modern Period of Suburbanization in Maryland, which extended from 1930 to 1960 (KCI 1999:B-16). The buildings were constructed following World War II, when returning soldiers were reentering the civilian work force, getting married and starting families, which increased the demand for single family housing. Following a brief period of contraction during demilitarization, the American economy began to grow rapidly as peace time demand continued to increase. The growing economy and government employment opportunities attracted more workers and increased the demand for housing in the suburban areas surrounding Baltimore and Washington D.C. The new suburbs resulted in new community assets, such as churches and schools. This church represents a simple Gothic Revival church and the Spencerville Jr. Academy is a vernacular school because they have simple or no ornamentation, mass-produced construction materials, and traditional forms (KCI 1999:D-62). This church and school campus were constructed in an unplanned suburban neighborhood with nearby dwellings featuring a variety of construction dates and building styles (KCI 1999:B-2).

The SDA Church at 1700 Spencerville Road and Spencerville Jr. Academy are not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). This property is not eligible for listing under Criterion A because it does not have an association with a historically significant event or broad patterns of events. Archival research does not indicate the property is associated with person(s) of historic significance and the property is not eligible under NRHP Criterion B. The property maintains integrity of location, but the commercialization of the nearby area and alterations to the buildings, including replacement of the doors on the church and academy, the replacement or infill of windows and the addition of the brick veneer on the school buildings have sacrificed integrity of design, setting, materials, and workmanship. The church and academy are not eligible under Criterion C for NRHP listing as important examples of architecturally significant building types, periods, or methods of construction. Criterion D was not investigated as part of this study.

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Cultural Resources Map



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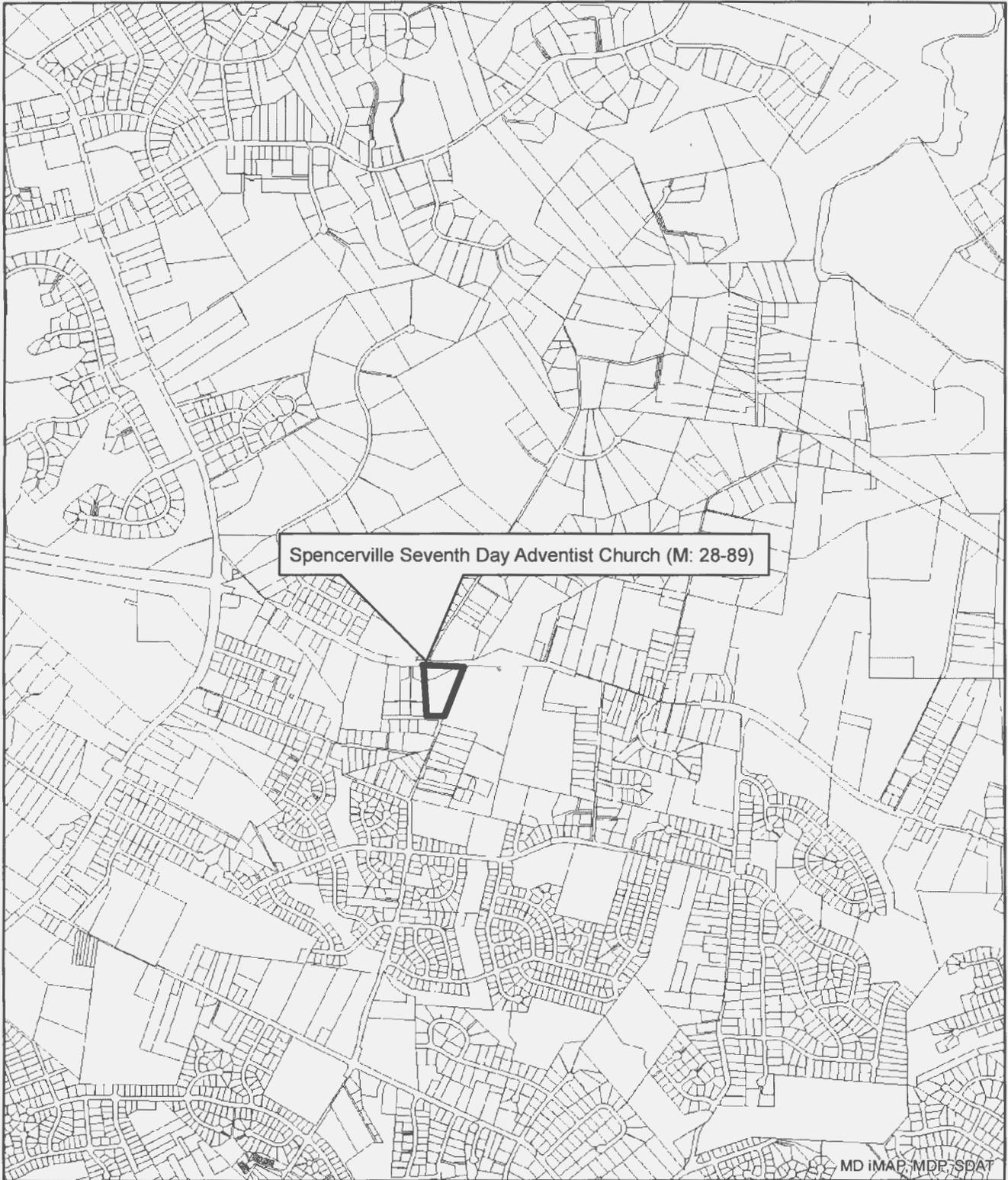
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USGS Beltsville Topo Quad



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Tax Map KS12, Parcels 245 and 350





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1. Spencerville Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1700 Spencerville Road, Looking Southwest
2. Spencerville Seventh Day Adventist Church, Looking West
3. Spencerville Seventh Day Adventist Church, Looking North-Northwest
4. Spencerville Seventh Day Adventist Church, Looking Northwest
5. Spencerville Seventh Day Adventist Church, Looking Northeast
6. Spencerville Seventh Day Adventist Church Rectory, 1615 Spencerville Road, Looking Southeast
7. Spencerville Seventh Day Adventist Church Rectory, Looking Southwest
8. Spencerville Seventh Day Adventist Church Rectory, Looking Northeast
9. Spencerville Jr. Academy, 15930 Spencerville Road, Looking Southwest
10. Spencerville Jr. Academy, Original Two-Room School, Looking West
11. Spencerville Jr. Academy, Classroom Building, Looking Northwest
12. Spencerville Jr. Academy, Classroom Building, Looking Northwest
13. Spencerville Jr. Academy, Classroom Building, Looking Southeast
14. Spencerville Jr. Academy, Gymnasium, Looking East
15. Spencerville Jr. Academy, Gymnasium, Looking South



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SPENCERVILLE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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CHURCH, 1700 SPENCERVILLE ROAD

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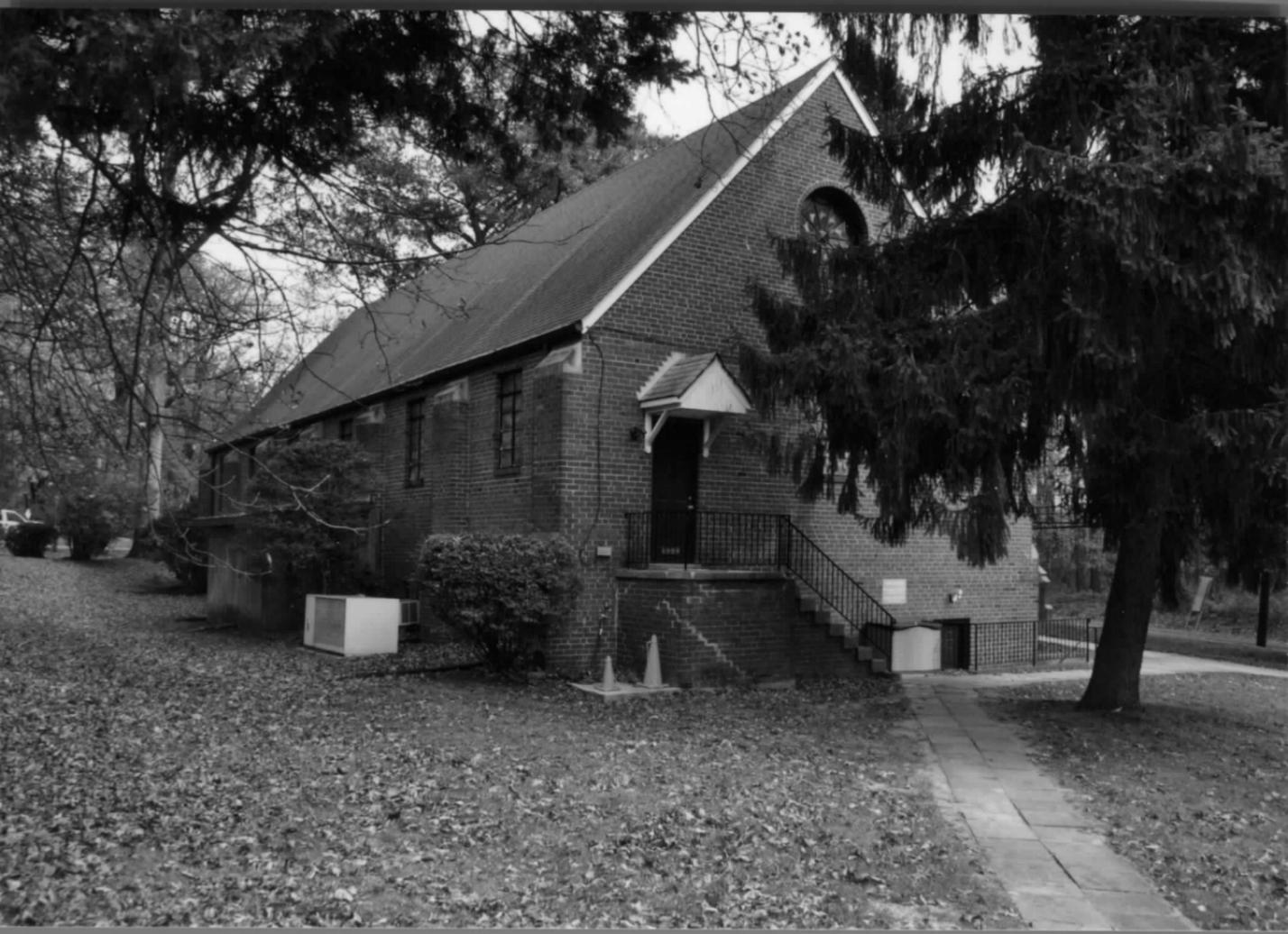
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ORIGINAL TWO-ROOM SCHOOL

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