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Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries complete applicable sections)

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| STATE | Maryland |
| COUNTY | Baltimore |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY | |
| ENTRY DATE | |

1. NAME

COMMON:
St. James' Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: and Manor Roads.
North side Manor Road, one half mile northwest of intersection of Hess/
CITY OR TOWN: Monkton CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Second

STATE: Maryland CODE: 24 COUNTY: Baltimore CODE: 005

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure | <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress | Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No |

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | | |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Vestry of St. James' Church

STREET AND NUMBER: Manor Road

CITY OR TOWN: Monkton STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Baltimore County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Towson STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

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| 7 DESCRIPTION | |
| CONDITION | (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
| | (Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. James Church, My Lady's Manor, is located northwest of the intersection of Hess and Manor Roads, near Monkton. The brick church (1755) originally consisted of a rectangular structure with a semi-circular apse in the east end. Less than a decade later (1759-1762) the congregation enlarged it to "T" shape with the addition of what is now the nave to the south facade of the original structure. A narrow rectangular addition to the center of the north facade was made in 1905 to accomodate the alter. The bell tower at the southern end of the stem of the "T" dates from 1884. Each of the semi-circular headed windows contains religious scenes executed in stained glass.

The transept which measures 60 feet by 30 feet was constructed of brick laid in Flemish bond. Dark headers appear regularly beneath the ogee shaped water table. Flanking the door on the western end are two decorative diamond patterns worked into the wall in dark headers. The pattern, although smaller in size, is repeated on the south elevation flanking the two windows. The semi-circular apse at the east end, now the sacristy, covers the central half of the east elevation the two round headed windows, in contrast to the rest of the structure, do not have stained glass. The windowless west end contains a door with a plaque above which gives the dates of the transept (1755) and the nave (1759-1762). The 1905 extension in the central bay of the south facade, was constructed in all stretcher bond. A round headed window shorter than the others is located in the center under the gable roof.

The nave which extends to the south follows the construction of the transept although no dark headers appear in the brickwork. A three story tower in common bond terminates the nave. The principal entrance on the south elevation consists of a double door under a semi-circular fanlight. The three exposed faces each contain one round headed window at the second story. The third story is an open belfry defined by one brick arch on each face which extends down through the second floor. The tower has a low pitched pyramidal roof with a cross finial.

On the interior, the church has a vaulted ceiling, box pews, and a herring bone patterned floor. Iron tie-bars extend across the interior in several places. A cemetery enclosed by a stone wall surrounds the church.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATES (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | | <u>local history</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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St. James' Church is a vernacular interpretation of Georgian ecclesiastical architecture. The rationalist, preaching-oriented trend in the 18th century Anglican church encouraged an open, well lighted, meeting room approach to ecclesiastical building as illustrated in St. James' Church. This contrast with the mysterious, dark, High Church approach in Gothic architecture. Architectural elements found at St. James' - round headed windows, box pews, lack of ornamentation, valuted ceiling - typify the architecture of the established church in the colonies. Two hundred years later St. James retains the 18th century feeling and fabric.

This building, specifically the 1755 transept, is one of the oldest ecclesiastical structures in Baltimore County. It was as a chapel of ease for St. John's Church in the former town of Joppa. In 1752 the Maryland legislature (who held the responsibility for the established church) empowered the county to levy a tax to purchase land and to erect a chapel. The 1755 structure soon proved inadequate; within four years an addition (the present nave) was under construction. The congregation continued to grow until it reached such a size that in 1770 St. James' became an independent parish.

During the Revolution, a question arose as to the title of the property. St. James' land was originally included on My Lady's Manor. Because the manor belonged to a Loyalist the State confiscated it along with all British owned property. The question was settled in 1791 when the General Assembly affirmed the parish's title.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Baltimore City and County from the Earliest Period to the Present Day.... Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1881.

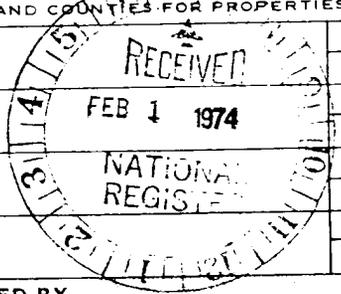
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|---------|---------|
| CORNER | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | | | |
| | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees | Minutes | Seconds |
| NW | ° ' " | ° ' " | 39° | 33' | 40" |
| NE | ° ' " | ° ' " | 76° | 34' | 11.5" |
| SE | ° ' " | ° ' " | | | |
| SW | ° ' " | ° ' " | | | |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than one acre

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

| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Nancy Miller, Historian

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: 1972

STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Orlando Ridout IV
Orlando Ridout, IV

Title State Historic Preservation Officer for Maryland

Date January 14, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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ST. JAMES CHURCH