Form 10-300
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)

STATE:
COUNTY:

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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

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1. NAME

COMMON:

St. Matthew's Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:

Addison Parish

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Addison Road & 62nd Place

CITY OR TOWN:

Seat Pleasant

STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Maryland		Prince George's	

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District ☐ Building ☒	Public ☐	Public Acquisition:	Occupied ☒	Yes:	
Site ☐ Structure ☐	Private ☒	In Process ☐	Unoccupied ☐	Restricted ☒	
Object ☐	Both ☐	Being Considered ☐	Preservation work in progress ☐	Unrestricted ☐ No: ☐	

PRESENT USE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Agricultural ☐	Government ☐	Park ☐	Transportation ☐	Comments ☐
Commercial ☐	Industrial ☐	Private Residence ☐	Other *(Specify)* ☐	
Educational ☐	Military ☐	Religious ☒		
Entertainment ☐	Museum ☐	Scientific ☐		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

St. Matthew's Vestry, Addison Parish (Diocese of Washington)

STREET AND NUMBER:

Addison Road & 62nd Place

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
Seat Pleasant	Maryland	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: c5 w/ cemetery

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

MHT-HABS Inventory (M. Bourne)

DATE OF SURVEY: June 13, 1968   Federal ☐   State ☒   County ☐   Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER:

Box 1704

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
Annapolis, Maryland		

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	*(Check One)*					
	Excellent ☐	Good ☒	Fair ☐	Deteriorated ☐	Ruins ☐	Unexposed ☐

INTEGRITY	*(Check One)*		*(Check One)*	
	Altered ☒	Unaltered ☐	Moved ☐	Original Site ☒

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL *(If known)* PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A small rectangular building, approximately 28 x 40 feet (excluding recent lean to addition on the north side), built of brick laid in Flemish bond with occasional glazed headers on a stone foundation and a three course brick water table. The church is two bays by four bays; the south side has four windows with splayed brick lintels (flat arches), whereas two of the opposite north side windows have been obscured by the new addition. The north side windows, however, have segmental brick arches as do the two entrance doors on the east side. The two windows on the west side (behind the altar) have been bricked up. All glazed windows have recent iron grates. The gable roof (running east to west) has been sharply heightened (the old roof pitch is visible in the brick work) and a decorative tie beam has beed added on the east eave end. There is a circular vent over the entrance doors and a similar round window filled with stained glass is over the west end.

The church is set within a wooden cemetery of approximately 4-5 acres.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)*   1746

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Aboriginal		Education ☐	Political ☐	Urban Planning ☐
Prehistoric ☐	Engineering ☐	Religion/Phi-	Other *(Specify)* ☐
Historic ☐	Industry ☐	losophy ☒	Architecture
Agriculture ☐	Invention ☐	Science ☐	
Art ☐	Landscape	Sculpture ☐	
Commerce ☐	Architecture ☐	Social/Human-	
Communications ☐	Literature ☐	itarian ☐	
Conservation ☐	Military ☒	Theater ☐	
	Music ☐	Transportation ☐	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)*

St. Matthew's is an example of a simple Anglican church of the Colonial period — the simple rectangular plan sharing the meeting house tradition with other Protestant denominations and reflective of early Church of England settlers in this country (e.g. St. George's, Valley Lee, St. Mary's County and Durham Church, near Ironsides, Charles County) as opposed to the archeological and very English churches of the Gothic Revival a century later. Only somewhat altered, St. Matthew's is situated in a large graveyard containing some early stones, notably that of Benjamin Stoddert, (died 1813 or 1815), First Secretary of the Navy (D.A.R. plaque).

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY		O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE	

CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

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

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

NAME AND TITLE:
William Morgan

ORGANIZATION
University of Delaware

DATE
June 4, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:
Department of Art History

CITY OR TOWN:
Newark

STATE
Delaware

CODE

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 _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

_____
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

_____
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

Form 10-445
(5/62)

1. STATE Maryland	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
COUNTY Prince Georges	INVENTORY
TOWN Seat Pleasant VICINITY	
STREET NO Addison Road & 62nd Place	2. NAME St. Mathews Church
	DATE OR PERIOD 1746
ORIGINAL OWNER Addison Parish	STYLE Colonial
ORIGINAL USE church	ARCHITECT
PRESENT OWNER St. Matthews Vestry	BUILDER
PRESENT USE church Addison Parish Diocese of Wash.	3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE
WALL CONSTRUCTION Brick	
NO. OF STORIES 1	

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION   OPEN TO PUBLIC **yes**

St. Mathews Church is a brick building two bays wide and four bays deep, laid in Flemish bond upon a stone foundation with galleting. The pitch of the "A" roof has been increased in height since the chapel was constructed, leaving the ends of the rafters exposed. On the east gable are two doors having stone sills and transoms. Segmental arches are above the doors and windows on the north and east sides. A circular vent is in the gable above the two doors of the east side and the overhanging eave has a decorative exposed tie-beam. Flat arches support the window opening on the south and west sides of the chapel which have twelve over twelve sash covered with iron bars, of recent vintage. There is a stepped water table on each side of the building. The original windows have been bricked up on the west gable. A brick lean to laid in common bond has been attached in the northwest corner of the building, covering two windows on the north side.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE   Endangered **no**   Interior   Exterior **good**

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)	7. PHOTOGRAPH
3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.	9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Michael Bourne Maryland Historical Trust
	DATE OF RECORD June 13, 1968

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

HISTORY OF ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, ADDISON PARISH, SEAT PLEASANT, MD.

1696   Land given by Col. John Addison

1696   Log structure, then within Piscataway Parish, Charles County, erected
       by the private subscription of local residents for their own convenience.
       (page 119, W. P. A. Inventory of the Diocese of Washington, Vol. 1,1940)

1724/ Original structure repaired (Dr. Ethan Allan, sometime Historiographer
1725   of the Diocese of Maryland and Rector of St. Matthew's in 1819

1744   "Chapel of Ease" to King George's Parish (p. 243 W.P.A. Inv. D. of W.)

1744   mentioned in Acts of the Assembly of Md. (p. 244 W.P.A. Inv. D. of W.)
                       May-June

1746   Brick structure under Rectorship of Henry Addison, Mrs. Henry Addison
       being the chief contributor and the parish taking its name as a tribute
       to her. (Rt. Rev. Thomas John Claggett, First Bishop of Maryland and
       first bishop consecrated in America, 1792. See Bp. Claggett's "Notitiae"
       Journal 1810, page 12)

1760   Canon R. J. Ripley mentions "erection of a frame Building" and is
       apparently quoted by W.P.A. Inv. of D. of W. on pg. 244, but his
       authority cannot be found and neither Bp. Claggett nor Dr. Allen mention it.

1809   Present brick structure. Bp. Claggetts Journal 1810, page 12

1811   SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH DIVIDED FROM KING GEORGE'S PARISH

1815   "First Minister of its own", the Rev. Walter Dulaney Addison, first
       candidate for the Priesthood ordained by Bp. Claggett on May 26, 1793

1833   Present building consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Wm. Murray Stone, 3rd Bp. Md.
       (Journal 1833, page 11) "On Wednesday, May 8, I consecrated the Church
       commonly called Addison Chapel to the Service of Almighty God by the
       name of Saint Matthew's Church."

1811- "The present St. Matthew's Church was the first parish church of
1890   St. Matthew's Parish, created in 1811, and so remained, at least
       technically, until about 1890, when it was placed under the juris-
       diction of Epiphany Parish, Prince George's County." W.P.A. Inv. D. of W.
                                     page 245

1890- "Addison Chapel" under the jurisdiction of Epiphany Parish, Forestville, Md.
1902

1902- "Addison Chapel" under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of Washington,
1919   The Rt. Rev. Henry Yates Satterlee 1902-1908 First Bp. of W. 1896-1908
      The Rt. Rev. Alfred Harding   1909-1919 Second   1909-1923

1919   May 5, SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH, ADDISON PARISH CREATED BY DIOCESAN CONVENTION

1927 Major-General Lejeune, Commandant of U.S.MC
      inspired attempt to restore ancient building.

(Note: There is a dispute over the age of the present
      building. The WPA, Inv. of D.W. wrote ~~there~~ *THEIR*
      account from Father Ripley's history (attached).

      Bp. Claggett's "Notitiae" Journa 1810, said the
      frame structure was replaced by a brick church
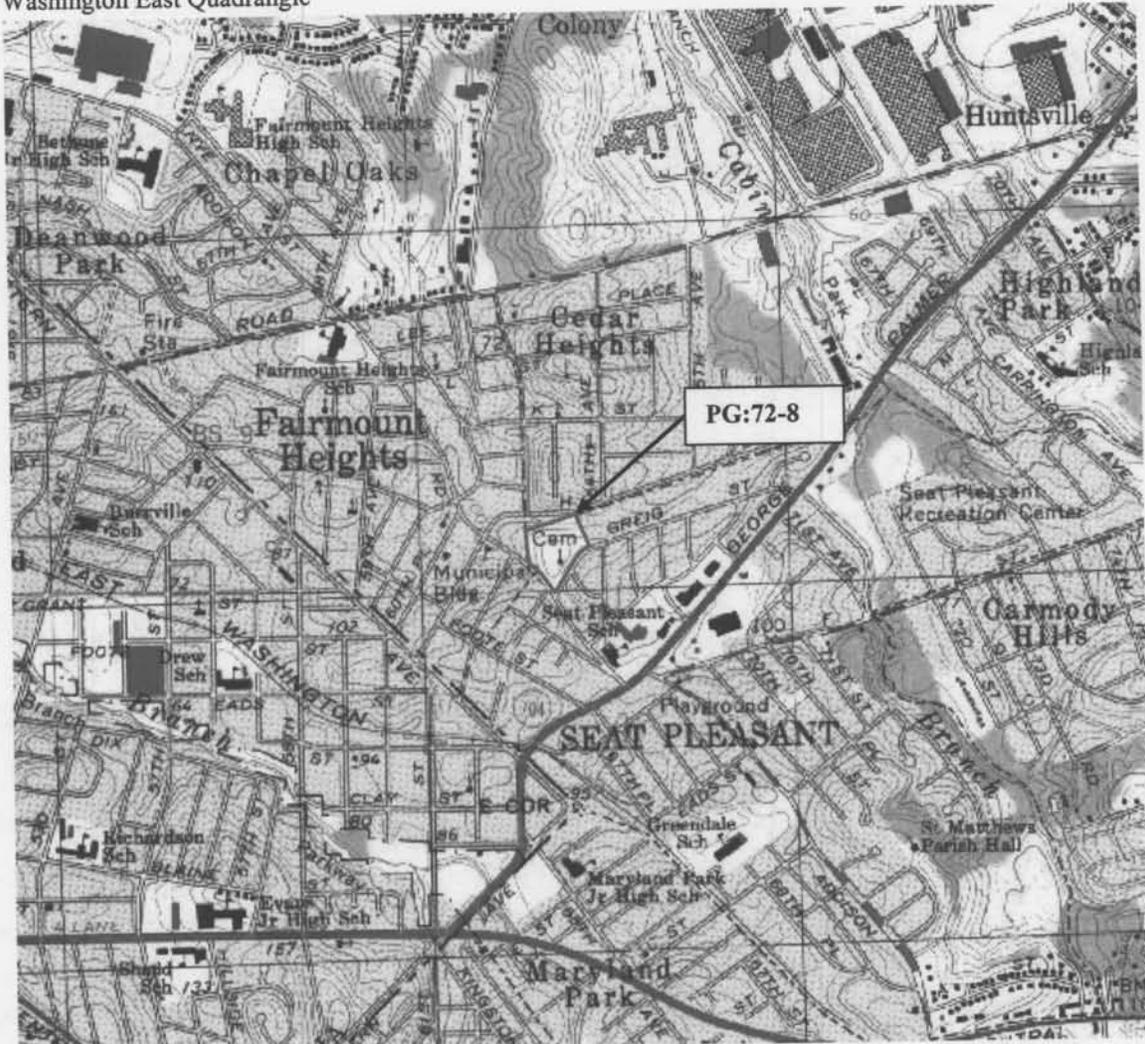   in 1746.

      1836 Dr. Pinkney referred to the church as a
      "substantial brick building".

      If the building had been rebuilt in 1809 with
      it's foot wide walls,would have been classifed
      as a solid brick and probably in excellent
      sound condition.)

1. STATE Maryland **COUNTY** Prince George's **TOWN** Seat Pleasant ~~VICINITY~~ **STREET NO.** Addison Rd & 62nd Place **ORIGINAL OWNER** John Addison **ORIGINAL USE** Church **PRESENT OWNER** St. Matthew's Church **PRESENT USE** Church **WALL CONSTRUCTION** Brick, FlemishBond **NO. OF STORIES** one	**HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY** **2. NAME** <u>St. Matthew's Church, Addison Parish</u> **DATE OR PERIOD** 1746 **STYLE** Georgian **ARCHITECT** Unknown **BUILDER** Unknown **3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE**

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION   OPEN TO PUBLIC

1694 Land grant by Col. John Addison, Uncle of English
     Essayist, Joseph Addison

1696   One of the original 30 parishes
       Log structure erected by private subscription

1742   Designated as King George's Parish under Henry
       Addison as Rector.

1744   Created "Chapel of Ease" or burial chapel to King
       George's Parish.

1746   Log structure replace by a brick church (See Bp. Claggett's
       "Notitiae" Journal 1810, page 12.

1809   Renovated

1812   Turned into temporary headquarters by British during
       capture of Bladensburg.

1813   Burial of Benjamin Stoddert, First Secretary of Navy.

1902   Church building tragically distorted. Square pews removed.
       Old barrel roof raised, recssed sancturary removed.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE   Endangered   Interior   Exterior

1968   Brick   No   good   good

(We would like to restore the building back to the 1746
          construction.)

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)   attached   **7. PHOTOGRAPH**   attached

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. Bp. Claggett's Journal Inv. of D. W. History of Md., Dr. Ethan Allen	**9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER** Doris F. Hoover, Vestry member 320 Mass. Ave., N.E. Washington, D. C. **DATE OF RECORD** 3/20/68

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St. Matthew's Church
(St. Matthew's Episcopal Chapel, Addison Chapel)
5610 Addison Road, Capitol Heights
Washington East Quadrangle

1998 Aerial Photo

Tax Map 66

ADDISON CHAPEL, SEAT PLEASANT, PR GEO CTY   PG. 72-8
    OR ST MATTHEW'S.

LATE 18TH C. NOTED FOR GRAVE OF BENJAMIN
STODDERT, FIRST SEC. OF THE NAVY.

LAND GIVEN BY JOHN ADDISON IS 1696. HE WAS A
NEPHEW OF ENGLISH ESSAYIST, JOSEPH ADDISON

J.C. WILFONG, JR.

ST MATTHEWS CHURCH,

5610 Addison Road, Capitol Heights

September, 1969

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NAME ADDISON CHAPEL / ST. MATTHEWS

LOCATION ADDISON Rd SEAT PLEASANT, Md

FACADE SW

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