

P. G. 66-12

Embry African Methodist Episcopal Church
5101 Lakeland Road, College Park, Md.
Priv/Occ/Relig/Excellent

1920/1980

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The community of Lakeland was subdivided and developed in the early 1890's. Blacks began to move into Lakeland around the turn of the century, and by 1903, an African Methodist Episcopal Church was established there, with meetings held in private homes. In 1905, with the encouragement of Bishop J. C. Embry, a small chapel was built and named in honor of the Bishop. The size and support of the membership increased, and the present lot was purchased in 1918; the nucleus of the present sanctuary was erected in 1920. Embry Chapel, although expanded and renovated in recent years, is significant because it represents a religious focal point for 80 years in a stable Black community.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Embry African Methodist Episcopal Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 5101 Lakeland Road _____ not for publication

city, town College Park _____ vicinity of/ Lakeland _____ congressional district 5

state Maryland _____ county P. G.

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	___ not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Embry A.M.E. Chapel

street & number 5101 Lakeland Road _____ telephone no.:

city, town College Park _____ state and zip code Md.

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P. G. Co. Courthouse _____ liber 138

street & number Main Street _____ folio 191

city, town Upper Marlboro _____ state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date _____ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state

7. Description

Survey No.P.G. #66-12

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Extending to the west at right angles is a long parish-hall addition, also one story high. There have been recent (since 1978) renovations to the sanctuary, extending the length of the building twenty feet to the south, and adding a pastor's study, business office and furnace room.

8. Significance

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Black History

Specific dates 1920, c. 1980 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

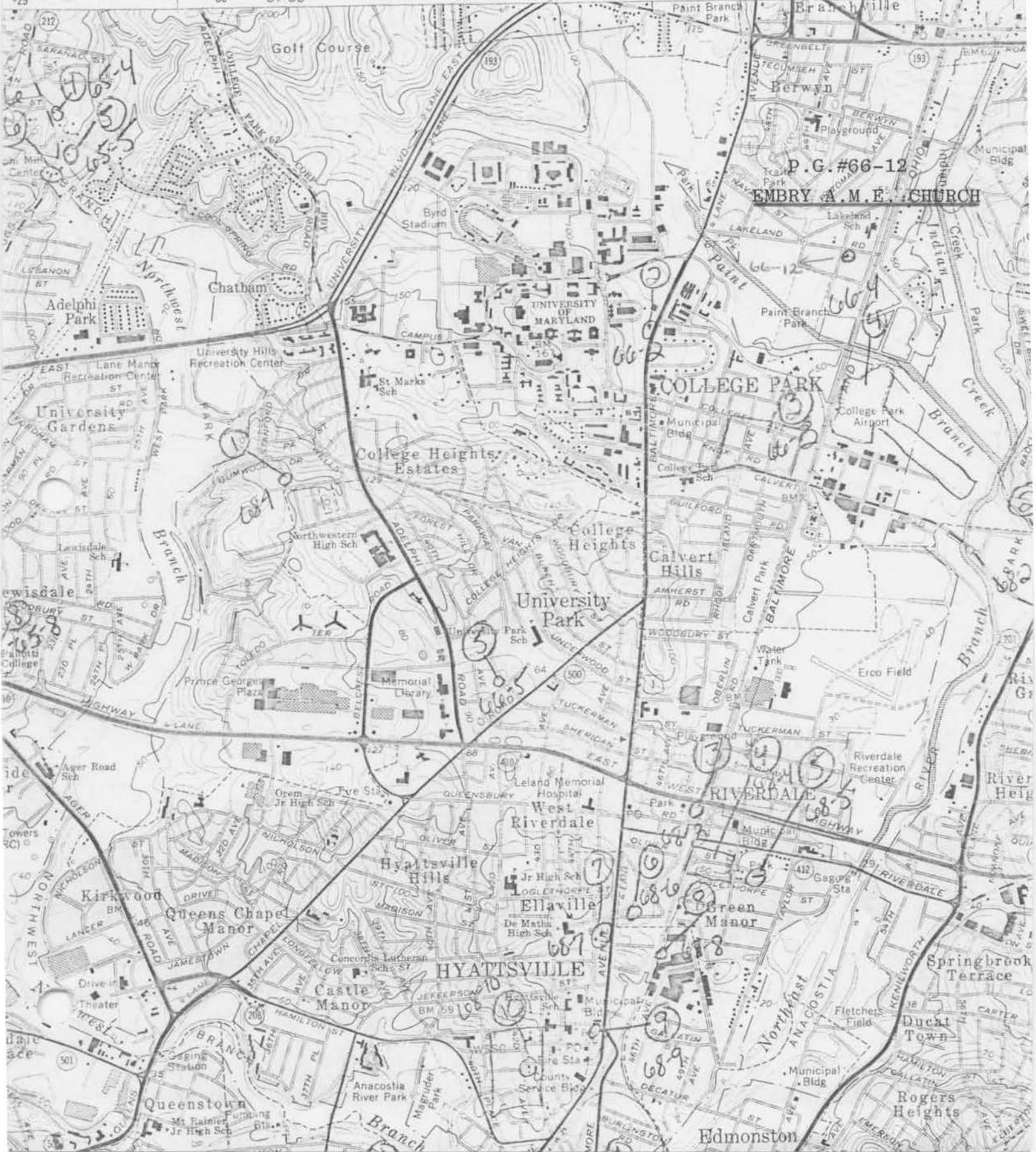
Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Embry A.M.E Church was established in 1903, and the first meetings were held in the home of Samuel Stewart. By 1905, with the encouragement of Bishop J. C. Embry, a small chapel was built on lot #6, block 12 of Lakeland. It was named in honor of Bishop Embry.

In the Baltimore Conference (of the A.M.E. Church) Minutes of 1906, Embry Chapel was noted as being in prosperous condition, and even though the church was very new, improvements had already been made. The membership at that point was still very small, but 35 members contributed to the Church, which was at that time under the leadership of Reverend Edward E. Tyler. The membership increased over the years, and a new (the present) lot was acquired in 1918. The nucleus of the present sanctuary was erected in 1920. In more recent years, a parish hall has been constructed, and the sanctuary has been enlarged and renovated.



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Susan G. Pearl
March 1983
Northwest 3/4 Elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.



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