

Circa 1925

P. G. #74B-10

Mt. Nebo African Methodist Episcopal Church  
17214 Queen Anne Road, Upper Marlboro, Md.  
Priv/Occ/Relig/Good

Mt. Nebo Church is a one-story frame gable-roofed structure, built in several sections. The oldest section is three bays wide with entrance through a windowless tower (with pyramidal roof) built onto the south gable end; the tower is flanked by 2/2 double-sash windows. At the north gable end is a newer one-bay extension, onto which is attached an ell which turns to the west.

The present church was constructed in 1925 to replace the original church (1877). In June 1877, one acre out of William Plummer's "Poplar Ridge" tract was sold to three black trustees for the purpose of establishing an African Methodist Church and burial ground for colored persons. This one-acre lot adjoined the recently completed (1875) "colored" schoolhouse. Together the church and school became a focal point for the black community of Queen Anne on the Patuxent River, and remains so today.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Mt. Nebo African Methodist Episcopal Church

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 17214 Queen Anne Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Upper Marlboro \_\_\_ vicinity of 5th congressional district (Queen Anne)

state Maryland county P. G.

## 3. Classification

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

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

name Trustees of Mt. Nebo A.M.E. Church

street & number Queen Anne Road telephone no.:

city, town Upper Marlboro state and zip code Md.

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P. G. Co. Courthouse liber H.B. #12

street & number Main Street folio #359

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title P. G. County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state  county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale state Md. 20715

# 7. Description

Survey No P.G. 74B-10

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mt. Nebo Church is a one-story frame gable-roofed structure, built in several sections. The original section is three bays wide, with a tall brick chimney rising from the west slope of the roof between the second and third bays. Entrance is through a windowless tower (with pyramidal roof) built onto the south gable end; the tower is flanked by 2/2 double-sash windows.

At the north gable end is a newer addition, which extends the length of the building by one additional bay. To this has been attached a one-bay addition, which turns to the west, forming an ell.

# 8. Significance

Survey No.P.G. #74B-10

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

**Specific dates** 1925 **Builder/Architect**

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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.

The present church was constructed in 1925 to replace the original church which had been built soon after 1877. In June of 1877, one acre out of William Plummer's "Popular Ridge" tract was sold to three Negro trustees (Richard Wood, George W. Larkins and Wilson Turner) for the purpose of establishing an "African Methodist Church and burial ground for colored persons."<sup>1</sup> This one-acre lot adjoined the recently completed (1875) colored school house; together the church and school became a focal point for the black community in this area near the Patuxent River, between Mitchelville and Upper Marlboro.

Just north of the church is the burial ground, with many gravestones from the early years of this century.

<sup>1</sup> P.G. Deed HB #12:359



CHAIN OF TITLE  
MT. NEBO A.M.E. CHURCH  
P.G. #74B-10

HB #12:359  
8 June 1877  
Deed

J. K. Roberts, Jr. Trustee to Richard Wood, George W. Larkins and Wilson Turner, colored trustees; for \$134.55, 1 acre, beginning at NW corner of school house lot, in Queen Anne, part of Poplar Ridge upon which William <sup>Plummer</sup> <sub>now</sub> resides; for use of African Methodist Church and as a burial ground for colored persons; by virtue of a deed of trust from H.W. Clagett to J.K. Roberts, Jr. cf. Equity #1157.

#1157  
1876  
Equity

One acre lot, part of Poplar Ridge, sold to trustees of A.M.E. Church by William Plummer; surveyed by R.A. Bowie, 1876.

Deed of trust, 18 August 1875, H.W. Clagett to J.K. Roberts, Jr.; Poplar Ridge, 162 acres, of Mordecai Plummer, the part allotted to William W. Plummer (HB #8:128) and later sold by Sheriff H. Wallis to H.W. Clagett (HB #9:242).

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON:					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Mt. Nebo Church and School House					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER: Queen Anne Bridge Road South					
CITY OR TOWN: Bowie					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Prince George's		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition:	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<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	_____	_____	
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:					
Prince George's County Court House					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
None					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

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	
		(Check One)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE			
<p style="text-align: center;">The building is a frame structure with a gabled facade. There is an entrance tower with a pyramidal roof flanked by double hung sash windows. The double doorway has a low, pedimented surround, as do the windows. There are four double hung sash windows on each sidewall. There is a one bay addition on the north end.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The school building is a long, A-roofed, frame structure now converted into a house. It was built in two sections.</p>			

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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)

church: 1925

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |                                      |   |  |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | losophy                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | Architecture                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | itarian                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This has been the site of a Negro school since the fourth quarter of the nineteenth century.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**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 TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

**Acreage Justification:**

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC      DATE: 3 Oct. 74

STREET AND NUMBER:  
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring      STATE: Maryland

**12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)**

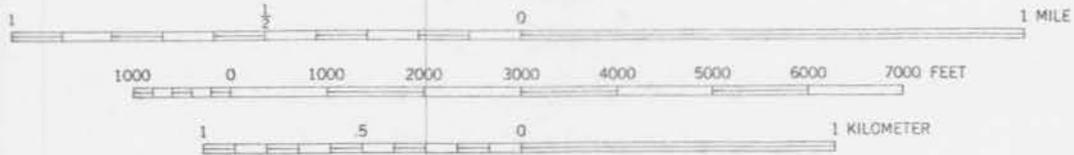
Significance of this property is:  
 National     State     Local

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 Signature



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SCALE 1:24000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929



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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Boundary lines  
information ava



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Mt. Nebo A.M.E Church  
Prince George's County, Md.  
Susan G. Pearl  
January 1983  
Southwest 3/4 elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.



NAME MT. NEBO CHURCH

PG: 74B-10

LOCATION QUEEN ANNE Rd SOUTH MITCHELLVILLE, Md

FACADE SW

PHOTO TAKEN 10/3/74 MOWYER



NAME MT. NEBO (COLORED) SCHOOL HOUSE

PG: 74B-10

LOCATION QUEENE ANNE Rd SOUTH

MITCHELLVILLE, Md

FACADE SW

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