

Prince Georges - 84-14
Asbury U.M. Church
Accokeek Rd. (Rte. 373)
Brandywine, MD 20613

1876, 1906, 1958, 1974

Access: Public

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Asbury U.M. Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Accokeek Rd. (Rte. 373)

CITY, TOWN

Brandywine

VICINITY OF

Danville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince Georges

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Trustees Asbury U.M. Church
C/O Rev. R. Owen Johnson

Telephone #: 888-1363

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 3, Box 536

CITY, TOWN

Brandywine

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
MD, 20613

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Prince Georges CO. Court House

Liber #: HB 13) Probably
Folio #: 196) Asbury

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

N/A

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION**CHECK ONE****CHECK ONE**
 EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

 DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

 UNALTERED
 ALTERED

 ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE 1876
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Old Asbury U.M. Church stands 50' from the north side of Accokeek Road (Rte.373) and faces south. The church measures 26' across the front facade and is 40' in depth. This church was built in 1876, rebuilt in 1906 and remodeled in 1958. The structure is now covered with aluminium siding. It rests on a concrete block foundation and has 5 brick steps that lead to the hollow wooden double front doors. The entrance is a small tower that rises to a lattice enclosed belfry. This belfry is topped by a short spire with a cross atop. The tower is covered halfway up with wooden shingles in an imbricated pattern. There are two lancet windows (one on the east side and one on the west side) in the tower with blue, amber and red colored glass (4-over-4). There are 2 lancet windows (2-over-2) in the front facade with amber and yellow glass. These windows have obviously been altered. They measure 5'. There are 5 of these identical 5' lancet windows in the west side of the church but only 4 of these identical windows are visible on the east side of the building. A brick addition (Hall, Sunday School, etc.) was erected (and attached) on the east side of the church in 1974.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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 1876-1906-1958-1974 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Asbury U.M. Church houses the oldest black congregation in this area of Prince Georges County. It was founded by freedmen in 1876 and has had a long history of achievement in the region. The church maintains a number of social welfare programs. Blacks are declining in population in this area but this church maintains its numerous congregation and is active.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

James W. Clark, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Commission on Afro-American
History & Culture

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

20 Dean Street

TELEPHONE

269-2893

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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1906/1958

Asbury Methodist Church

4004 Accokeek Road, Brandywine, Md.

Priv/Occ/Relig/Excellent

Asbury Church is a one-story, frame, gable-roofed, five bay building, with entrance through a two-story tower at the south gable end. Above the first story, the tower is decorated by three courses of patterned shingles, and surmounted by a spired roof supported by molded brackets. A new brick addition forms an ell to the east, and the older part has been covered with aluminum siding. There is a graveyard to the west of the church.

There has been a place of worship for Blacks on this site since 1876, when one of the landowners of the area deeded $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres to three Black trustees of the Colored Episcopal Northern Methodist Church. The earliest building was replaced in 1906 by a larger frame church with a handsomely shingled bell tower; this church has been maintained through the years by a substantial local Black population. In 1958, the turn-of-the-century building was rebuilt and expanded, but the bell tower was retained. In 1974, a brick addition for social events and Sunday School was built onto the east side of the church. The church still maintains several social welfare programs, and has throughout its history been an important center for the Black community in this rural area of southern Prince George's County.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church

and/or common Asbury United Methodist Church

2. Location

4004
street & number Accokeek Road(at Garner Road) not for publication

city, town Brandywine vicinity of/ Accokeek congressional district 4

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

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

name Trustees of Asbury U. M. Church

street & number c/o Rev. O. Johnson, Rt #3 Box 536 telephone no.: 372-8891
372-6424

city, town Brandywine state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P. G. County Courthouse liber HB #11

street & number Main Street folio 86

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title P.G. Co. Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 federal state county local

depository for survey records History Division M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state Maryland

7. Description

Survey No.P.G. #84-14

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.

Asbury Methodist Church is a fairly large gable-roofed frame building. It is one story high, with entrance through a two-story tower at the south gable end. Above the first story, the tower is decorated by three courses of patterned shingles, and surmounted by a pointed spired roof supported by molded brackets.

The sides of the church are five bays long; the windows have pointed arches, as do the two windows which flank the tower at the south gable end. The new siding is aluminum.

A new one-story brick hall addition has been built extending east from the north end of the church, and covering the fifth bay on the east facade.

8. Significance

Survey No. P.G. #84-14

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/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Black History
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1906, 1958 **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.

In 1876, Joseph Parker and his wife deeded 1 1/2 acres of their farmland (on a tract known as Edelen's Hog Pen) to Walter Jones, Stephen Bayne and John Robert Pinkney, trustees of "the Colored Episcopal Northern Methodist Church". A small church was apparently built in that same year but was replaced in 1906 by a larger frame church with a handsomely shingled bell tower. The church has been maintained through the years by a substantial local Black population.

In 1958, the turn-of-the century church building was rebuilt and expanded, but the bell tower was retained. More recently, the complete building has been sheathed with aluminum siding, and in 1974, a new brick addition for social events and Sunday School was attached to the east side of the church.

The cornerstone in the southeast corner reads:

1876 Asbury M. E. Church 1958
July 1906.

Asbury Church maintains a number of social welfare programs, and has throughout its history been a focal point for the Black community in this rural area of southern P. G. County.

A cemetery stands to the west of the church, with many old stones representing local families of long-standing.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G. #84-14

P.G. Co. Deeds: HB #11:86; JBB #7.296; #3923:802
Interview with pastor.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C

Zone	Easting			Northing					

D

Zone	Easting			Northing					

E

Zone	Easting			Northing					

F

Zone	Easting			Northing					

G

Zone	Easting			Northing					

H

Zone	Easting			Northing					

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl

organization History Division, M-NCPPC

date March 1983

street & number 4811 Riverdale Road

telephone 779-2011

city or town Riverdale

state Maryland

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
Ashbury Methodist Church				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
Ashbury Methodist Episcopal Church				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
Accokeek - T. B. Road (Rte. 373) at Gardner Road				
CITY OR TOWN:				
Waldorf				
STATE:			COUNTY:	
Maryland			Prince George's	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
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		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME:				
Trustees of Ashbury Methodist Church				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Waldorf			Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:				
Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Upper Marlboro			Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
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 type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" 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	
<p>The building is frame with an A-roof. Along the sidewalls are five pointed arched windows. The facade has a central porch tower with a hipped roof. Above the first story, the tower is shingled with patterned shingles. The present siding is aluminum.</p>	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. 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 TEN ACRES		
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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: 31 July 74

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

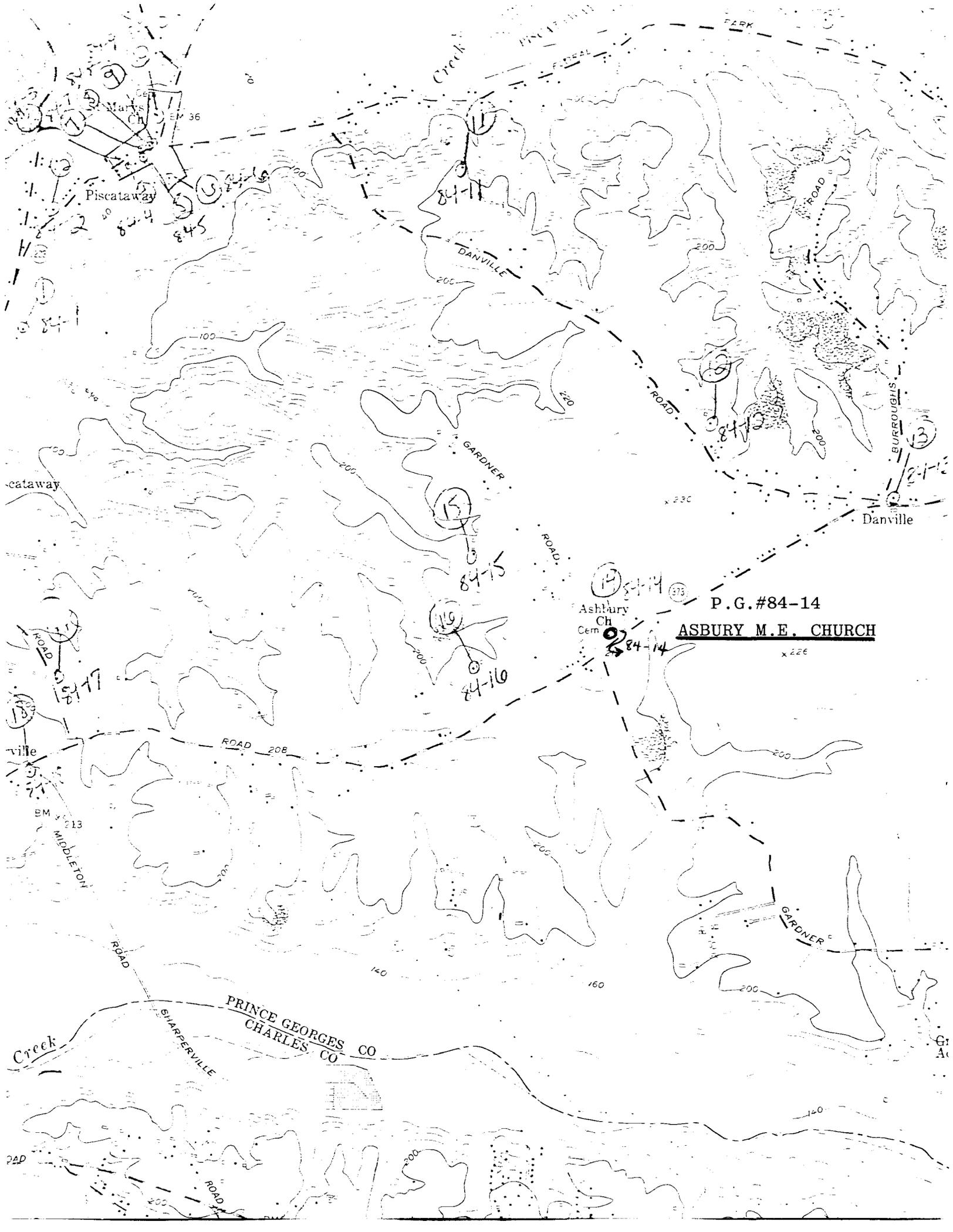
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature _____

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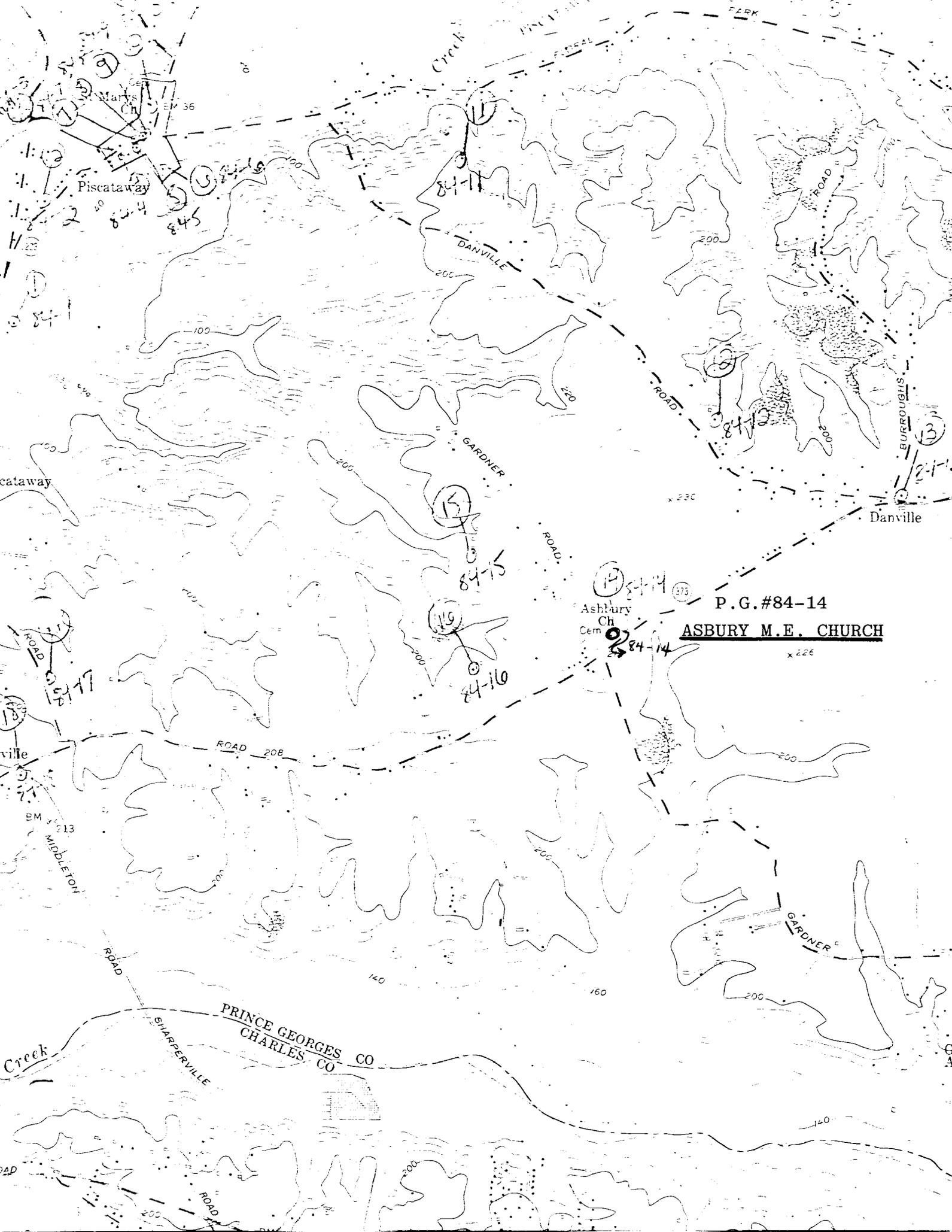
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ROAD 208

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CHARLES CO





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ASBURY U.M. CHURCH

PISCATAWAY



1914
St. John's
Church
St. John's
Church
St. John's
Church

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Brandywine, Prince George's County, MD
Michael Hosford

Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD
Southeast elevation
1/81



Asbury United Methodist Church PG84-14
Brandywine, Prince George's County, MD
Michael Hosford

Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD
Southwest elevation
1/81



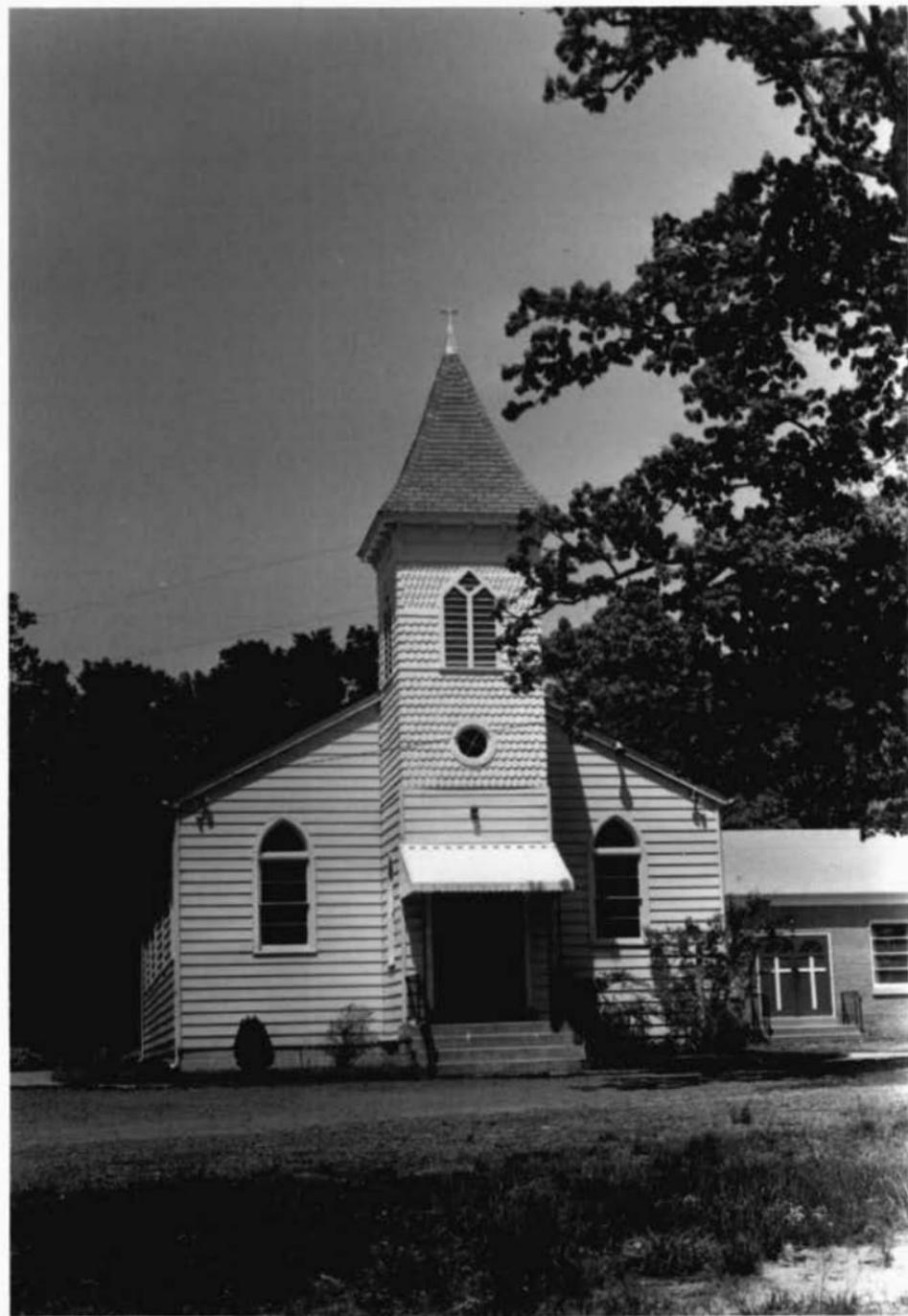
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Asbury U. M. Church
Prince George's County Md.
Susan G. Pearl
May 1983
East elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.



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Asbury Cemetery
Prince George's County, Md.
Susan G. Pearl
March 1983
View to west
Neg: Md.Hist.Trust, Annapolis, Md.



P. G. #84-14

Asbury U. M. Church
Prince George's County, Md.
Susan G. Pearl
May 1983
South elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.

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NAME ASBURY CHURCH # 84-14

LOCATION T.B./ACCOKEEK Rd ACCOKEEK, Md

FACADE W

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