

Prince George's - ^{86B-1}~~86A-23~~
Gibbons United Methodist Church (Site)
North Keys & Gibbons Roads
Brandywine, MD 20613

1884, 1889, 1916, 1968

Access: Public

A small group of ex-slaves founded this church in July 1884. The land was donated by James Gibbons. A log house was originally built on the property to house the congregation. That structure was replaced by a frame church in 1889. That church was expanded and remodeled in 1916 and finally demolished in 1967. The present structure dates from 1968. Gibbons United Methodist Church serves a number of functions in this rural community. It houses a day care center and maintains most of the senior citizen programs.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Gibbons Methodist Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 14107 Gibbons Church Road _____ not for publication

city, town Brandywine _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 4

state Md _____ county Prince George's

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 checked="" 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 Gibbons U.M. Church

street & number 14107 Gibbons Church Road telephone no.: 372-6250

city, town Brandywine state and zip code Md.

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G. Co. Courthouse liber JWB #11

street & number Main Street folio 227

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title P.G. County Inventory of Historic Sites

date _____ federal _____ state county _____ local

depository for survey records History Division M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale state Maryland

7. Description

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

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

The frame church which was built in 1889 and remodeled in 1916 was a small, frame, cross-gable structure. It had a small tower with porch entrance. There was a tri-partite window in each gable, and a narrower one in the tower. This frame church was destroyed when the new brick church was constructed in 1968.

The social/educational building still stands near the corner of North Keys and Gibbons Church Roads. It is a one-story frame building, in an ell-shape, and ^{has} a gabled north facade. Entrance is through a door centered in the east gable end.

8. Significance

Survey No. P.G. #86B-1

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's, 1968 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 1887, James H. S. Gibbons, a prosperous white farmer and member of Immanuel Methodist Church at North Keys, deeded one acre of land near Brandywine to Nathaniel Scott, John Briscoe, Samuel Fleet, William Pinkney and John Green, as trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church. These five Black men were members of Brooks Methodist Church near Nottingham but had been holding services in the Brandywine Colored School (#2) since 1884 because of the distance between their homes and Brooks Church. In 1889, they erected a small frame church and named it after Farmer Gibbons.

The church was remodeled in 1916 and a second cornerstone was laid. In the 1920's a small one-story frame building was erected at the corner of North Keys and Gibbons Church Road. It was used for community and social events, and educational purposes, and though vacant, it still stands.

By the 1960's, it was decided to replace the small frame church building which had housed the Gibbons congregation for nearly 80 years; a modern brick church was completed in 1968, and the older church was demolished.

Today, the Gibbons Church serves a large Black congregation, and maintains a busy Senior Citizen's program. The graveyard, which has stones from the turn of the century, is still in use.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G.#86B-1

P.G. Co. Deeds JWB #11:227
Gibbons Church History
P.G. Census - Brandywine E.D.
Interviews with Rev. Johnson and parishioners 3/83

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

D

E

F

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H

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 20737

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(1889/1916/1968)

Gibbons Methodist Church

14107 Gibbons Church Road, Brandywine, Md.

Priv/Occ/Relig/Site of Cemetery

There is a modern brick church on the site of the old Gibbons Church. The original church which it replaced was a small frame cross-gable structure with tri-partite window in each gable; it had a small tower with porch entrance. A one-story frame social/educational building stands near the northeast corner of the lot. Ell-shaped, with a gabled north facade, this building has an entrance centered in the east gable end.

In 1887, James H.S. Gibbons, a prosperous White farmer deeded one acre of his land near Brandywine to five Black trustees of the Methodist church. These five men were members of Brooks Methodist Church near Nottingham but had been worshipping in the Brandywine "colored" school because their homes were closer to Brandywine. In 1889, they erected a small frame church and named it in honor of farmer Gibbons. The church was remodeled in 1916, and in the 1920's another frame structure was erected for social and educational purposes. In the 1960's it was decided to replace the frame church; a modern brick church was completed in 1968, and the old church was destroyed. The educational building still stands, and the cemetery is still in use, both of them representing an important early Black religious site.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Gibbons U.M. Church (Site)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER North Keys and Gibbons Rds.

CITY, TOWN Brandywine

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth

STATE Maryland

COUNTY

Prince Georges

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

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

Telephone #: 372-6250

STREET & NUMBER Rt. 3, Box 536

CITY, TOWN Brandywine

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD, 20613

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, PRINCE GEORGES COURT HOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Prince Georges Court House

Liber #: JWB 11

Folio #: 227

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

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE 1884

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Gibbons U.M. Church is now a modern brick complex it stands 20' from the corner of North Keys and Gibbons Roads. The buildings front on Gibbons Road and face east. The Church was erected in 1968; the Day Care Center and Parsonage were completed in 1975. I have included photographs of the complex.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCES

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 checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1884-1889-1916-1968 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A small group of ex-slaves founded this Church in July of 1884. The land was donated by James Gibbons. A log house was originally built on this property to house the congregatin. This structure was replaced by a frame church in 1889. That church was expanded and remodeled in 1916 and finally demolished in 1967. The present structure dates from 1968. Gibbons U.M. Church serves a number of functions in this rural community it houses a day care center and maintains most of the Senior Citizens programs. The church membership is very active and numbers 400.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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

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

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Gibbons Church				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Brandywine - North Keys Road & Gibbons Church Road (SW Quad)				
CITY OR TOWN: Brandywine				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Prince George's	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <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
		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: Gibbons Methodist Church, Inc.				
STREET AND NUMBER: Gibbons Church Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Brandywine			STATE: Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			STATE: 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:	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building is an A-roofed structure with a gabled facade. The facade is one bay with a doorway. The sidewalls have three 6/6 double hung sash windows.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blank area for Major Bibliographical References.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreeage Justification:

Blank area for Acreeage Justification.

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC DATE: 27 Aug 74

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

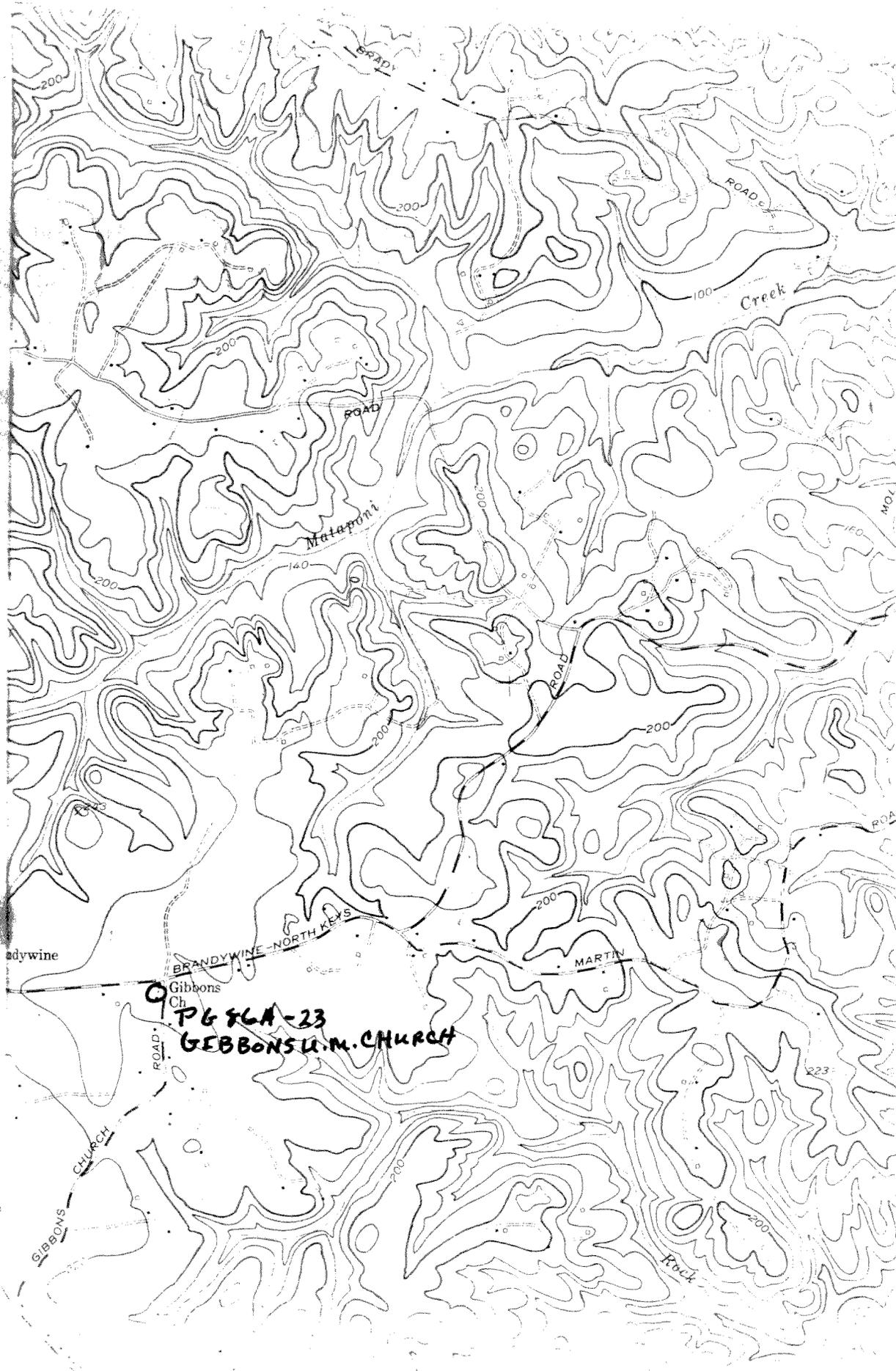
12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

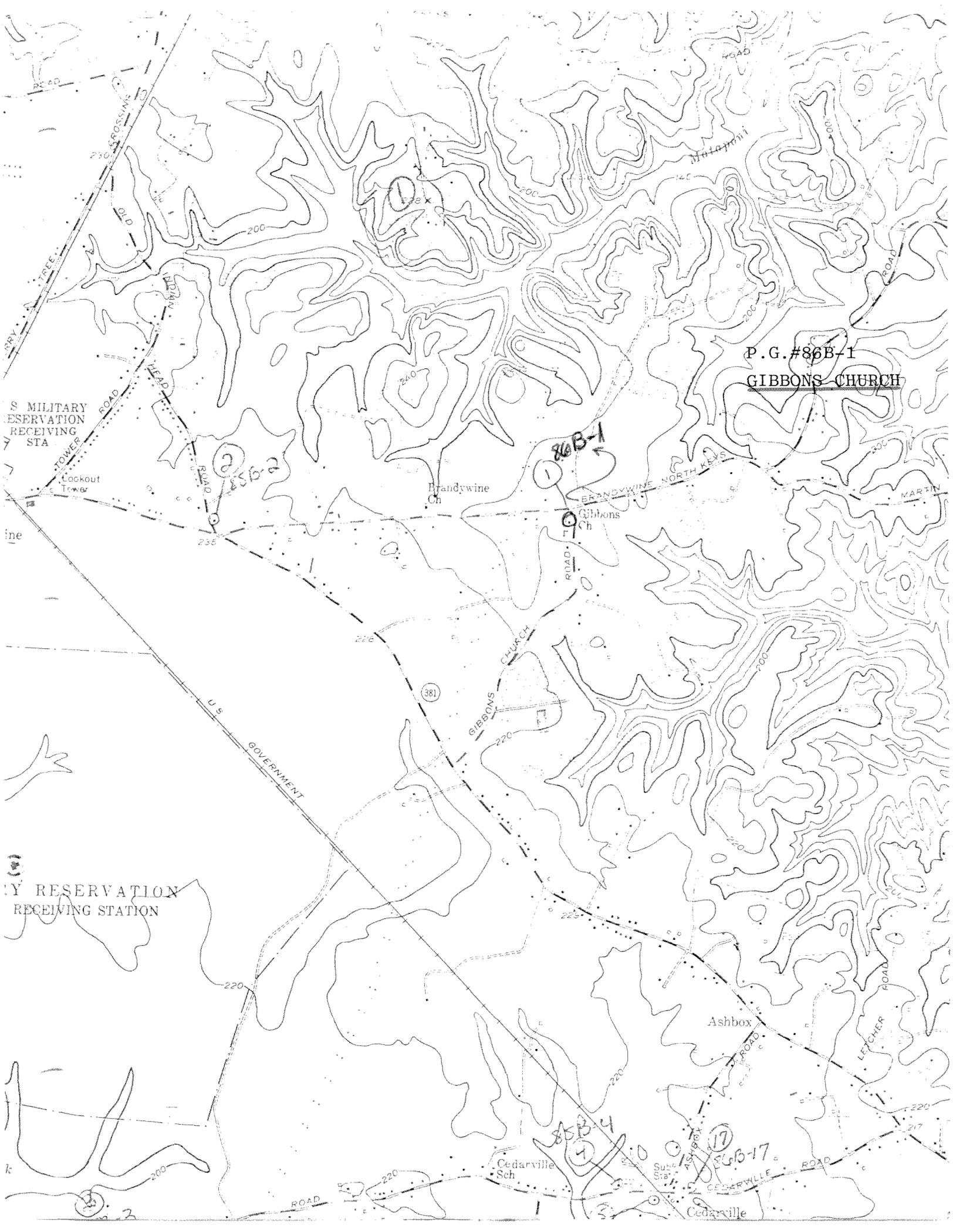
Signature _____

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GIBBONS CHURCH

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LAWSON'S UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH



REV. R. G. ANDERSON, PASTOR

CHURCH SERVICE: 9:30 A.M.

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January 1983
East Elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.



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Gibbons Educational Building and
Cemetery
Prince George's County, Md.
Susan G. Pearl
January 1983
View to northeast
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.



NAME #86B-1 GIBBONS CHURCH

LOCATION " " Rd + N. KEYS Rd BRANDYWINE Md

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