

S-120
John Wesley M.E.Church
Kingston vicinity
public worship

1897

Aside from a capping of the bell tower, this late nineteenth-century frame structure is one of the best preserved rural black churches in southern Somerset County. Similar to many contemporary church buildings are several common features which include a gable front elevation, a corner entrance tower, and pointed arch colored glass windows. Several churches in the Kingston/Hopewell vicinity have distinctive tripartite sanctuary windows and a matched board ceiling inside. Located next to the church is the Odd Fellows Hall, a two-story gable front structure used as a church hall.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John Wesley M. E. Church, Kingston

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Holland Crossing Road not for publication

city, town Kingston vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

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 type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 John Wesley M. E. Church

street & number c/o Leonard Cottingham telephone no.:

city, town Kingston state and zip code Maryland 21834

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state Maryland 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. S-120

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" 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 John Wesley M. E. Church stands on the south side of Holland Crossing Road, approximately one mile east of MD 413, south of Marion Station, Somerset County, Maryland. The Gothic Revival frame church is accompanied on the lot by a two-story frame Odd Fellows Hall. Both buildings face north and share a north/south roof axis.

Built in 1897, the single-story rectangular frame church is supported by a brick foundation and is uniformly sheathed with plain weatherboards. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A two-story bell tower rises on the northeast corner, but has been altered with the removal of the spire.

The north (main) elevation of the church has a tri-partite colored glass window with a pointed arch. A diamond colored-glass window pierces the upper gable. Immediately to the right (west) is a single colored-glass Gothic window, and to the east (left) is the entrance and bell tower. The front wall of the tower has a paneled double door with a pointed arch transom. A small four-pane round window pierces the level above. The capped tower survives with only the bottom portion of a broach spire. Pointed arch windows with diamond pane colored glass pierce the side walls, and the datestone is set in the northwest corner of the tower foundation.

The west side elevation of the church is divided evenly into five bays, while the south bay is divided from the rest by a seam in the weatherboarding. An interior brick stove stack rises from the roof. The construction of a west side addition is presently in progress.

Extending to the rear is another addition built in 1967.

The east side of the church is treated in the same manner as the west side.

The church interior has remained largely unchanged with an elaborate wooden ceiling attributed to Kinsey Brown.

The adjacent Odd Fellows Hall is a two-story two-bay by two-bay gable-front frame structure resting on a minimal foundation and covered with a medium sloped asphalt tile roof. A layer of asphalt shingles has been placed over the earlier weatherboard siding. The gable ends are flush and a simple boxed cornice runs along each siding.

The north (main) elevation has a single door opening on the first floor and two 6/6 sash windows on the second. The east and west sides are largely alike with two evenly spaced 6/6 sash on both floors. There is a side entrance on the northeast corner of the building.

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 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 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 1897 **Builder/Architect** Kinsey Brown - Builder

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.

Aside from the capping of the tower spire, this structure is one of the best preserved buildings of the rural black churches in southern Somerset County. The simple references to the Gothic Revival with pointed arch doors and windows are common features to many country churches. In many respects, this building and the Waters Chapel nearby are very much alike, especially in the manner the interior wood ceilings were finished.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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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

G

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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 John Wesley M. E. Church, Kingston
 Marion, MD Quadrangle, 1972



- ROAD CLASSIFICATION**
- Primary highway, hard surface
 - Secondary highway, hard surface
 - Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
 - Unimproved road
 - Trails
- Interstate Route
 U. S. Route
 State Route

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John Wesley M.E. Church, Kingston S-120
Near Kingston, Somerset County
Northwest Elevation
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Near Kingston, Somerset County
Odd Fellows Hall-Northeast Elevation
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