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Centennial M.E. Church
Upper Fairmount
Public Worship

c. 1884

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-153

Magi No. 2001535608

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Centennial M. E. Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Halls Creek Road not for publication

city, town Upper Fairmount 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 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 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 Centennial M. E. Church

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Upper Fairmount state and zip code Md.

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 Md. 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input 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 checked="" 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.

The Centennial Methodist Episcopal Church, built in 1884 and remodeled in 1910, is a large two-story rectangular frame church in Upper Fairmount, Maryland. Halls Creek Road passes directly west of the structure. A steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles and trimmed with eave brackets. The massive frame is sheathed with weatherboards and supported by brick piers. A three-story bell tower rises on the northwest corner.

The ^{north} facade of the main block is three bays across with a center double-door entrance and flanking 2/2 sash windows. Each opening on the first floor, as well as on the second, is topped by a molded pediment. A round opening in the attic has been boarded up. The bell tower has a double leaf door with molded pediment on the first floor, a round opening on the second floor and a diamond opening on the third floor. A small balustrade fills the lower corner of each diamond.

The east side is four bays across with pedimented 2/2 sash windows. There is one door opening on the first floor and four 4/4 tall, narrow sash windows on the second.

The south wall is distinguished by a shallow two-story apse with narrow shingle pane windows on each side.

The west side of the church is similar to the east side.

A small brick stove flue pierces the center of the roof. The interior was not seen but evidently the first floor contained Sunday school rooms or a smaller sanctuary, while the main sanctuary is located on the second floor.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1884, 1910 **Builder/Architect**

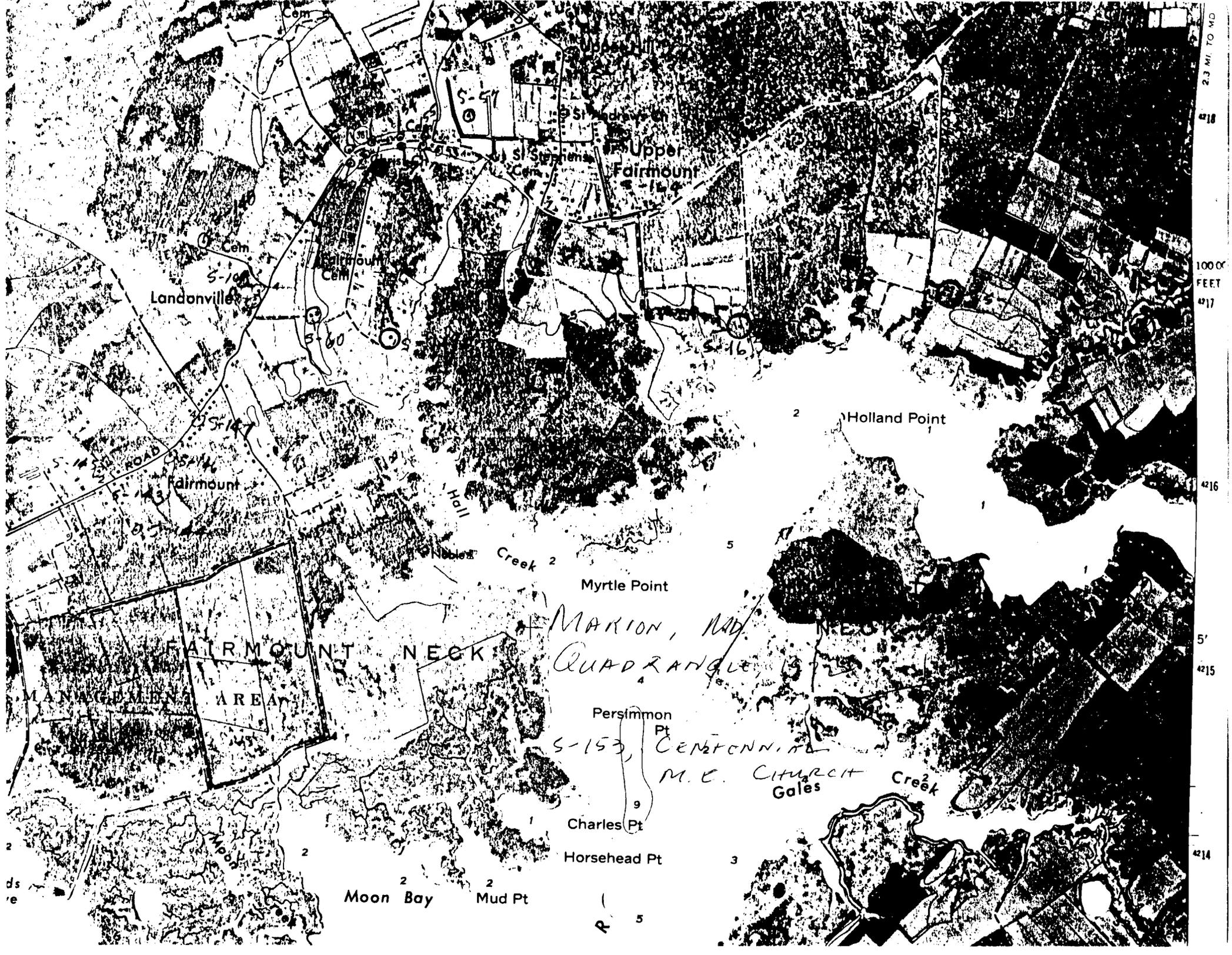
check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

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.

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QUADRANGLE, 1975

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M.E. CHURCH

FAIRMOUNT NECK
MANAGEMENT AREA

Landonville

Upper Fairmount

Holland Point

Myrtle Point

Persimmon Pt

Charles Pt

Horsehead Pt

Moon Bay

Mud Pt

Nobles Creek

Gales Creek

Hall

Fairmount

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St. Stephen's

St. Andrew's

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Door and Window Details
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