

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: Davis Chapel (Rehobeth Methodist Church) Inventory Number: S-254  
 Address: 5435 Shelltown Road City: Westover Zip Code: 21871  
 County: Somerset USGS Topographic Map: Kingston  
 Rehoboth Methodist Church, 32210 Hess Road  
 Owner: Marion Station, MD 21838-2322 Is the property being evaluated a district?  yes  
 Tax Parcel Number: 0068 Tax Map Number: 0059 Tax Account ID Number: 03-051269  
 Project: Great Bay Wind Energy Center Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is the property located within a historic district?  yes  no

*If the property is within a district* District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NR-listed district  yes Eligible district  yes District Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource  yes  no Non-contributing but eligible in another context

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)*  
 Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible  yes  no

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None  
 Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Library – MIHP form S-254

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Davis Chapel is a rectangular, frame rural church dating to 1876. Currently known as the Rehobeth Methodist Church, the church building rests on an elevated, rusticated block foundation that replaced an earlier brick foundation. The church was previously surveyed in 1985 (see MIHP form S-254 in MHT Library). Since that survey, the church has undergone some alteration to its materials, though its form remains the same as when previously documented. The weatherboard siding has been replaced with vinyl siding, and the previous windows have been replaced with vinyl windows. The walls of the entry stairs have been parged. A one-story, handicapped accessible restroom facility with vinyl siding and metal roof has been constructed immediately south of the church. The cemetery to the north of the church appears to be well-maintained.

While it is a good surviving example of a rural nineteenth century church, the Davis Chapel is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A or B due to a lack of any known association with persons or events considered significant in the history of Somerset County or the State of Maryland. Despite maintaining its general historic form, the property is also not considered eligible under Criterion C due to lack of integrity of materials due to alteration.

Prepared by: Grant Johnson (EDR) Date Prepared: February 2014

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>	
Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	
<u>Jonathan Sawyer</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>4/9/14</u> Date
<u>Picinity</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>4/7/14</u> Date

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**Great Bay Wind Energy Center**  
Somerset County - Maryland

**Historic Resources Assessment**  
February 2014

Notes: Basemap: ESRI USA Topomaps Online Map Service

- Demolished/Removed, Not Eligible
- EDR Recommends NRHP-Eligible
- EDR Recommends Not NRHP-Eligible
- Undetermined



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DAVIS CHAPEL (MEHOBETH METHODIST CHURCH)

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD

GRANT JOHNSON

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VIEW NE TOWARD SOUTH & WEST FACADES OF CHURCH

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SOMERSET COUNTY, MD

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VIEW E TOWARD WEST FACADE OF CHURCH

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DAVIS CHAPEL (REHOBETH METHODIST CHURCH)

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD.

GRANT JOHNSON

8/26/2013

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VIEW SE TOWARD NORTH & WEST FACADES OF CHURCH

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**REHOBETH  
UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH**

ESTABLISHED PRIOR TO 1875  
CHURCH SERVICE  
SUNDAY 11AM  
PASTOR  
LOUIE JONES



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DAVID CHAPEL (REHOBETH) METHODIST CHURCH

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD

GRANT JOHNSON

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VIEW NE TOWARD CEMETARY

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Davis Chapel  
Rehobeth vicinity  
public workshop

1876

Davis Chapel, more commonly known as Rehobeth Methodist Episcopal Church, is a simple rectangular frame structure trimmed with bracketed eaves. At some point during the early twentieth century, a raised, rusticated block foundation was substituted for the earlier brick foundation. At the same time a front vestibule was attached. The additional space on the ground floor allowed for a church hall. Despite these alterations, the Davis Chapel is one of the least altered rural church buildings dating from the second half of the nineteenth century.

The original Rehobeth area Methodist congregation was organized in 1830 at Frogeye, and in the same year a church was evidently erected. However, in 1876 the congregation decided to move closer to Rehobeth, and they erected the Davis Chapel within the year. The old Frogeye property was sold to the black congregation.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Davis Chapel

and/or common Rehobeth Methodist Church

## 2. Location

street & number E. side of Shelltown Road  not for publication

city, town Rehobeth  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 type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input 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 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 Rehobeth Methodist Church

street & number Shelltown Road telephone no.:

city, town Rehobeth state and zip code MD 21857

## 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

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. S-254

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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 type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

The Rehobeth Methodist Church stands on the <sup>east</sup> side of Shelltown Road, a half-mile south on Vessey Road near Rehobeth, Somerset County, Maryland. The bracketed frame church faces west with the primary gable running on an east/west axis.

The dated 1876 rectangular frame structure is supported by a raised rusticated block foundation and is sheathed with uniform weatherboard siding. The medium sloped roof is covered with asphalt shingles, while the front and side eaves are embellished with decorative brackets.

The west (main) elevation is largely covered by an off-center gabled entry vestibule reached by a flight of rusticated concrete block steps. The front newel posts have large concrete ball finials. A three over one sash pierces the foundation wall, while a single six over six sash window occupies the bay to the right of the entrance. Framing the front as well as the side elevations are plain pilasters. The wall space directly left of the entrance is filled with a large-size 9/6 sash window.

The north and south sides are essentially alike with 3/1 sash piercing the foundation wall, and three 9/6 sash lighting the sanctuary. A narrow stove stack rises from each side.

The east end has a shed-roofed apse with 2/2 sash windows in each side.

The interior was not seen.

Located to the north of the church is a 19th-century cemetery. Several dozen grave markers comprise the collection of gravestones. The remnant of iron Victorian fence is located to the north and east. The earliest stones date from the mid 19th century.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. S-254

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**      1876      **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.

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History and Support

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. S-254

## 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

state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul Touart - Architectural Historian

organization Somerset County Historical Trust date 5/17/85

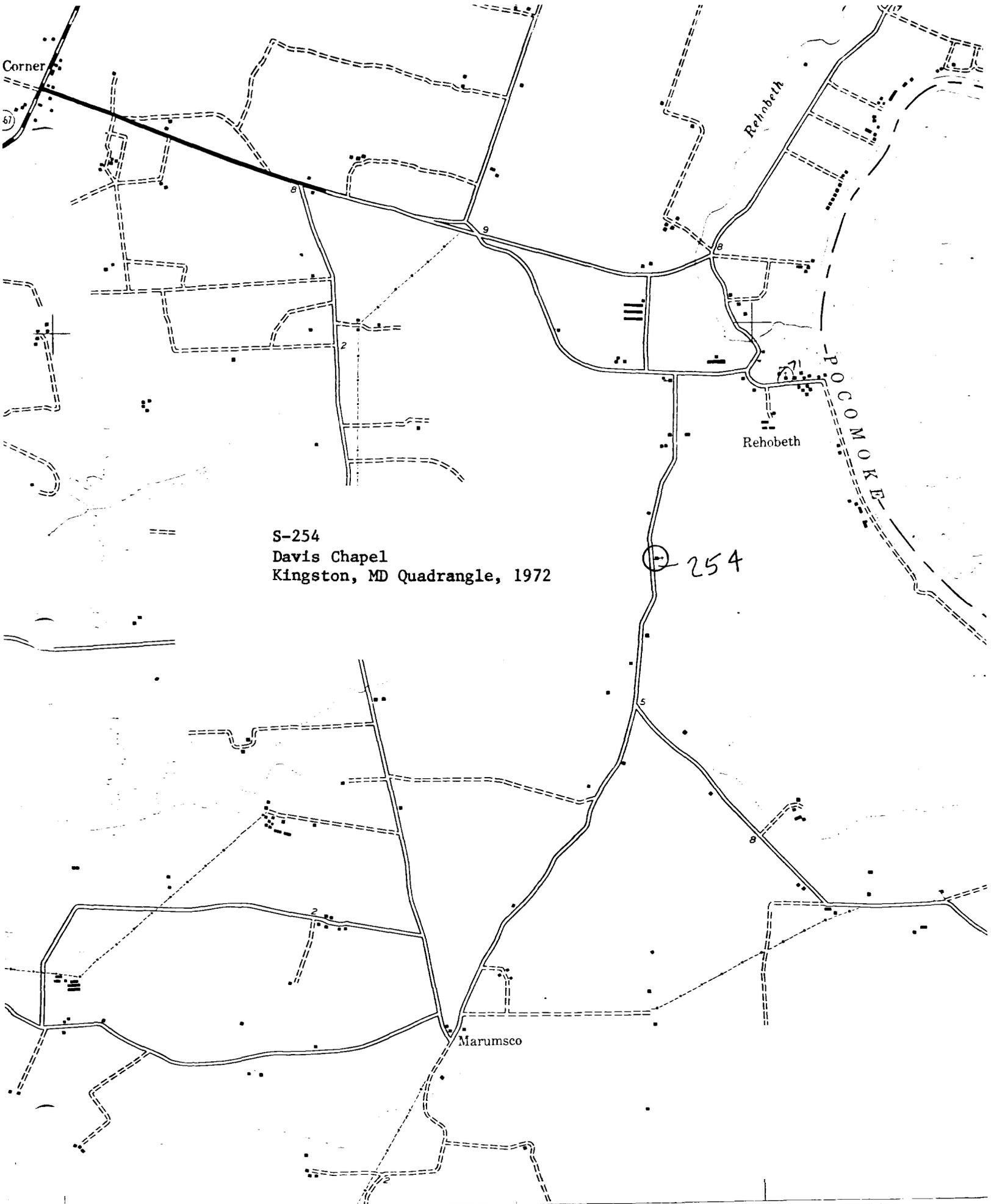
street & number 424 N. Somerset Avenue telephone 651-0077

city or town Princess Anne state MD 21853

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.

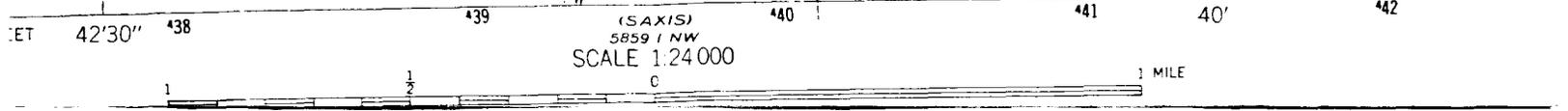
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Davis Chapel  
Kingston, MD Quadrangle, 1972

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Davis Chapel S-254  
Near Rehobeth, Somerset County  
West Elevation  
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Davis Chapel

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Rehobeth vicinity, Somerset County, Md.

Northwest Elevation

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