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Hopewell M.E. Church  
Hopewell  
public worship

1891

The Hopewell M.E.Church is similar in date and architectural detail to Waters Chapel and Frogeye Church, two contemporary black Methodist churches that stand in southern Somerset County. The ell-shaped frame building was designed as the other buildings with a corner tower entrance topped by a belfry and spire. Although the spire and belfry have been removed, the tripartite windows are an especially noteworthy vernacular interpretation of a formal Gothic Revival design feature. The north side is marked by an off-center three-sided bay window lighted by four over four sash windows.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Hopewell M.E. Church

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number Old Crisfield - Marion Road (MD 667)  not for publication

city, town Hopewell  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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Hopewell M.E. Church

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Crisfield state and zip code Md. 21817

## 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

Repository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

<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 Hopewell M.E. Church is located on the west side of the Old Crisfield-Marion Road, .25 of a mile north of its intersection with MD. Route 413. The ell-shaped frame church faces east.

Dated 1891, the single-story weatherboard frame church rests on a brick pier foundation and is covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof with extended eaves. A tower rises in the front, or east corner.

The east (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a centralized entrance tower. A large ~~double door~~ <sup>GOthic-ARCHED DOUBLE DOOR</sup> entrance with corresponding screened doors pierces the front wall of the tower. The tower has been reduced in height, and it appears the bellfry has been removed. Located to the left or south of the entrance is a single colored glass lancet window and to the right (north) is the main tri-partite sanctuary window. Similar to several other windows in the general area, this Gothic-arched opening is comprised of three narrow lancet windows. Fixed above the three lancet windows are the smaller polygonally shaped sections that fill the top portion of the arch. This gable-front elevation has extended and slightly decorative bargeboards with simple corner brackets. The datestone is located in the lower left brick pier.

The north elevation is also asymmetically arranged with a west-of-center bay window covered by a three-sided roof. The bay is lighted by three 4/4 sash windows. A narrow lancet window and brick ~~work~~ <sup>STONE</sup> stack are features that distinguish the east side of the north elevation.

The west facade is an even wall surface with a large tri-partite window lighting the sanctuary and a single lancet window that marks the right (south) wall surface. A stuccoed brick stack rises from the roof slope. The eaves are detailed in the same manner.

The south gable end has a ~~brick~~ tri-partite colored-glass window, decorative bargeboards, and plain corner brackets.

The interior was not seen, but is appeared to be relatively intact.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. S-288

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
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<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** 1891 **Builder/Architect**

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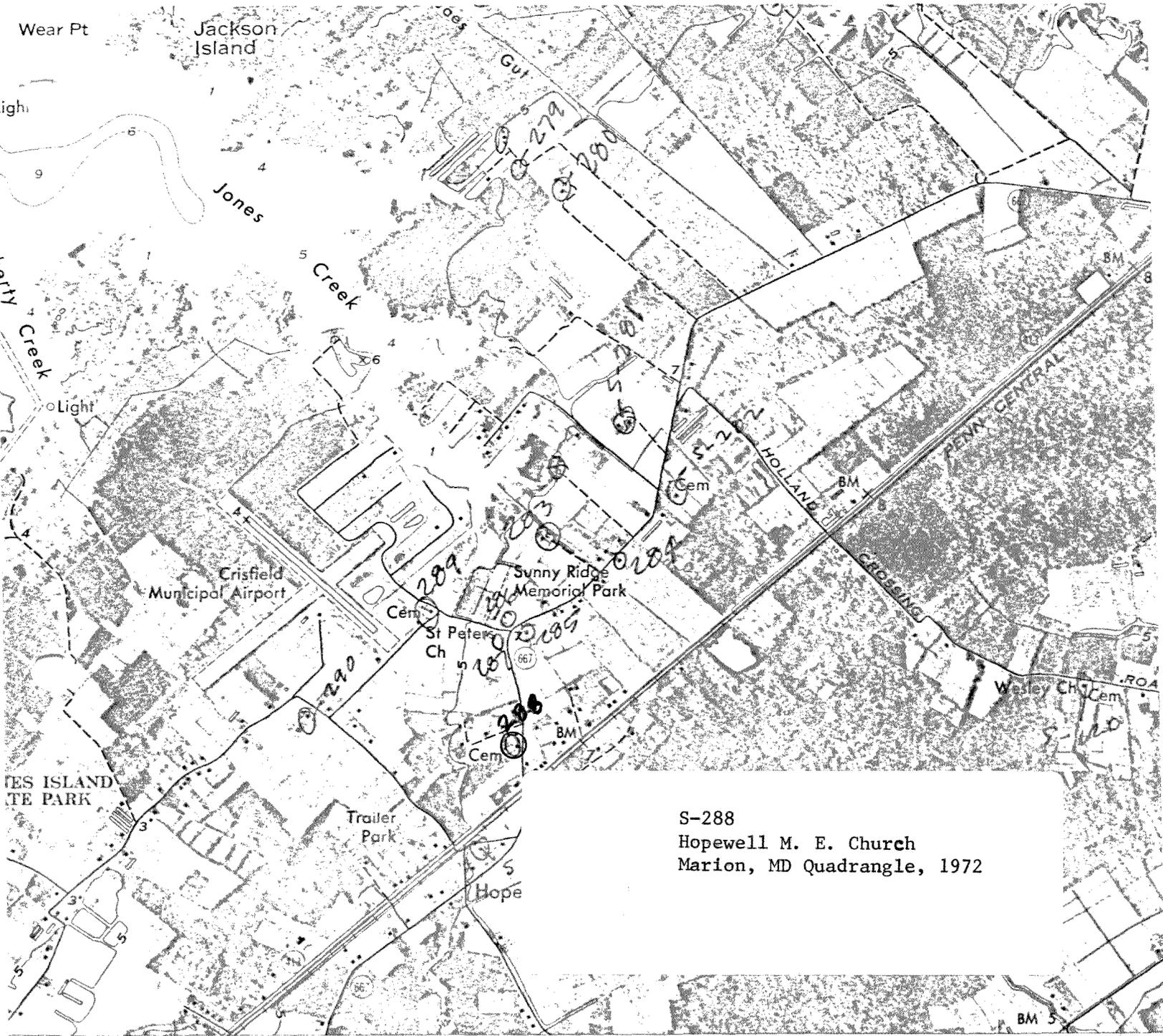
check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Hopewell M.E. Church is similar in date and detail to Waters Chapel and Frogeye Church, two contemporary black Methodist churches. Although the bell tower has been reduced in size, the exterior and interior appear essentially unaltered. The tri-partite gable end windows are an especially noteworthy vernacular interpretation of an academic Gothic Revival architectural feature.

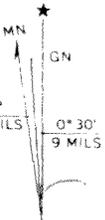
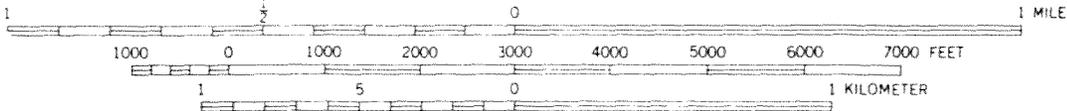




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 Hopewell M. E. Church  
 Marion, MD Quadrangle, 1972

50' CRISFIELD 1.9 MI 428 (CRISFIELD) 5859 IV NE 429 430 47'30" 431

SCALE 1:24,000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET  
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL  
 DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
 THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 2 FEET

1972 MAGNETIC NORTH  
 AT CENTER OF SHEET

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 QUADRANGLE



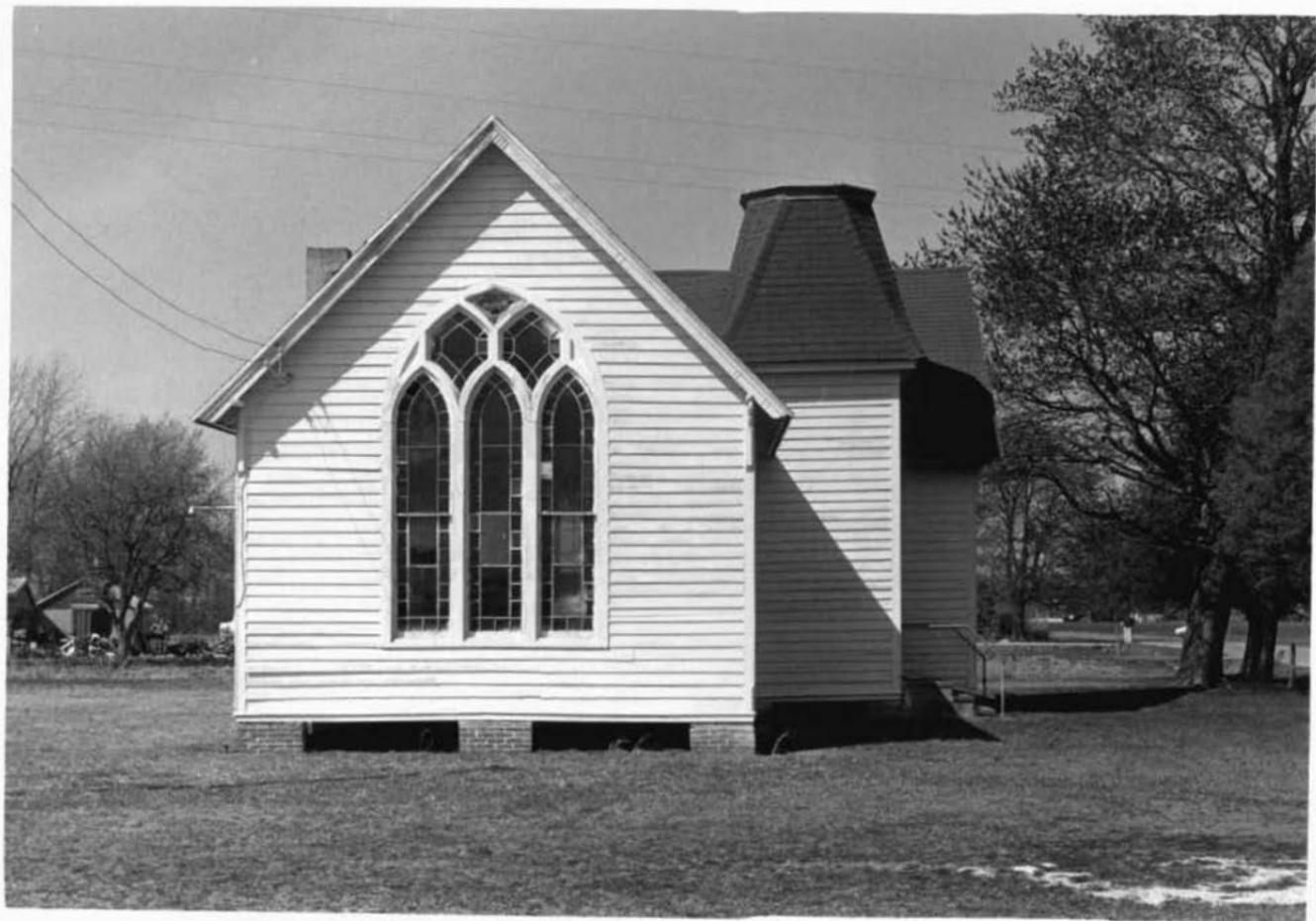
Hopewell M.E. Church  
Near Hopewell, Somerset County  
Sanctuary Window  
East Elevation  
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South Elevation  
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North Elevation  
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