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St. Stephens Church
St. Stephens
private

c. 1870-1900

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic St. Stephens Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number North Side of Deal Island Rd. (MD 363) not for publication

city, town St. Stephens 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 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 St. Stephens Church

street & number Deal Island Road telephone no.:

city, town Princess Anne state and zip code Md. 21853

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

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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 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.

St. Stephens Church description

St. Stephens Church stands on the north side of Deal Island Road approximately seven miles west of Princess Anne in the small roadside village of St. Stephens, Somerset County, Maryland. The frame church faces south with the gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built during the late nineteenth century, this single-story frame structure is supported by a brick pier foundation, and it is sheathed with a uniform layer of plain weatherboards. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The south (main) facade is distinguished by a three-story entrance tower. The tower appears to have been built in two stages, beginning with a single story vestibule covered by a gabled roof. Rising above the gable are two additional levels marked by a circular design of interlocking circles at midpoint and louvered tower openings above. The tower was initially designed with a spire, but that was removed several years ago and replaced with a balustrade. The upper gables of the church and the entrance vestibule are covered with fishscale shingles. The heavily molded panel doors are topped by a multi-pane transom, and small multi-pane windows light each side of the vestibule.

Each side of the church is defined by three large multi-pane windows with slightly molded lintels. An interior brick stove stack rises from the east side. The eaves are slightly extended and the rafter feet are exposed.

The north gable end of the church has a three-sided apse with multi-pane colored glass windows to each side.

The interior of this late nineteenth-century church is well preserved with beaded board wainscoting below pressed tin sheathing covering the walls and ceiling. The pressed tin design consists of classical swags and a fleur-de-lis pattern. The front vestibule is trimmed with decorative sawn corner brackets. The sanctuary is divided in a traditional manner with three blocks of pine pews. The pews appear to have been locally made. The altar rail consists of turned balusters and end posts that support a molded handrail. The slightly raised altar retains Gothic Revival church furniture. Fixed behind the altar furniture is a beaded board knee wall that divides the pulpit area from the apse, which is the location of the organ. The ceiling has period lighting fixtures which hang from large pressed tin medallions.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <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	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

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

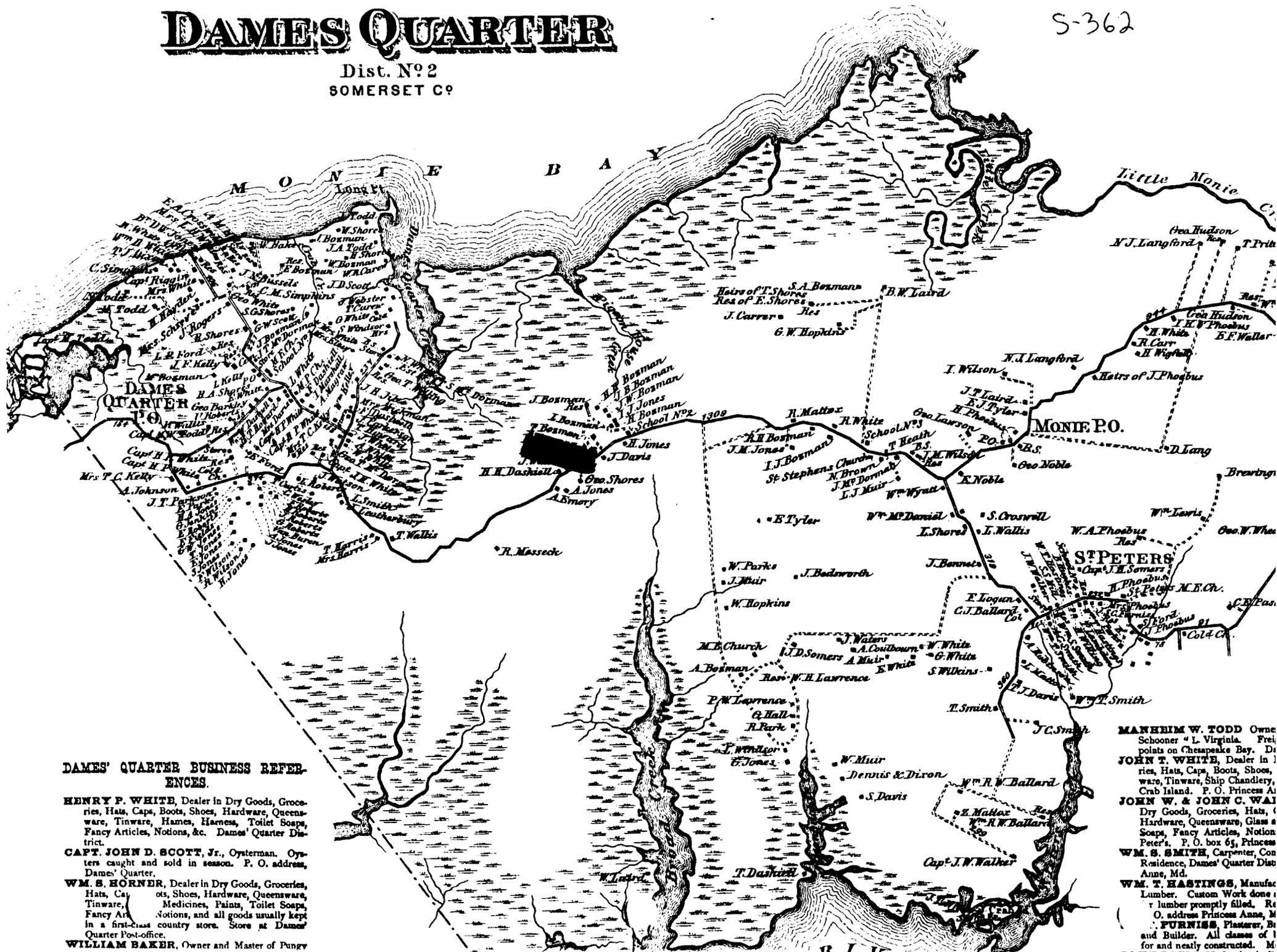
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Monie, MD Quadrangle, 1942

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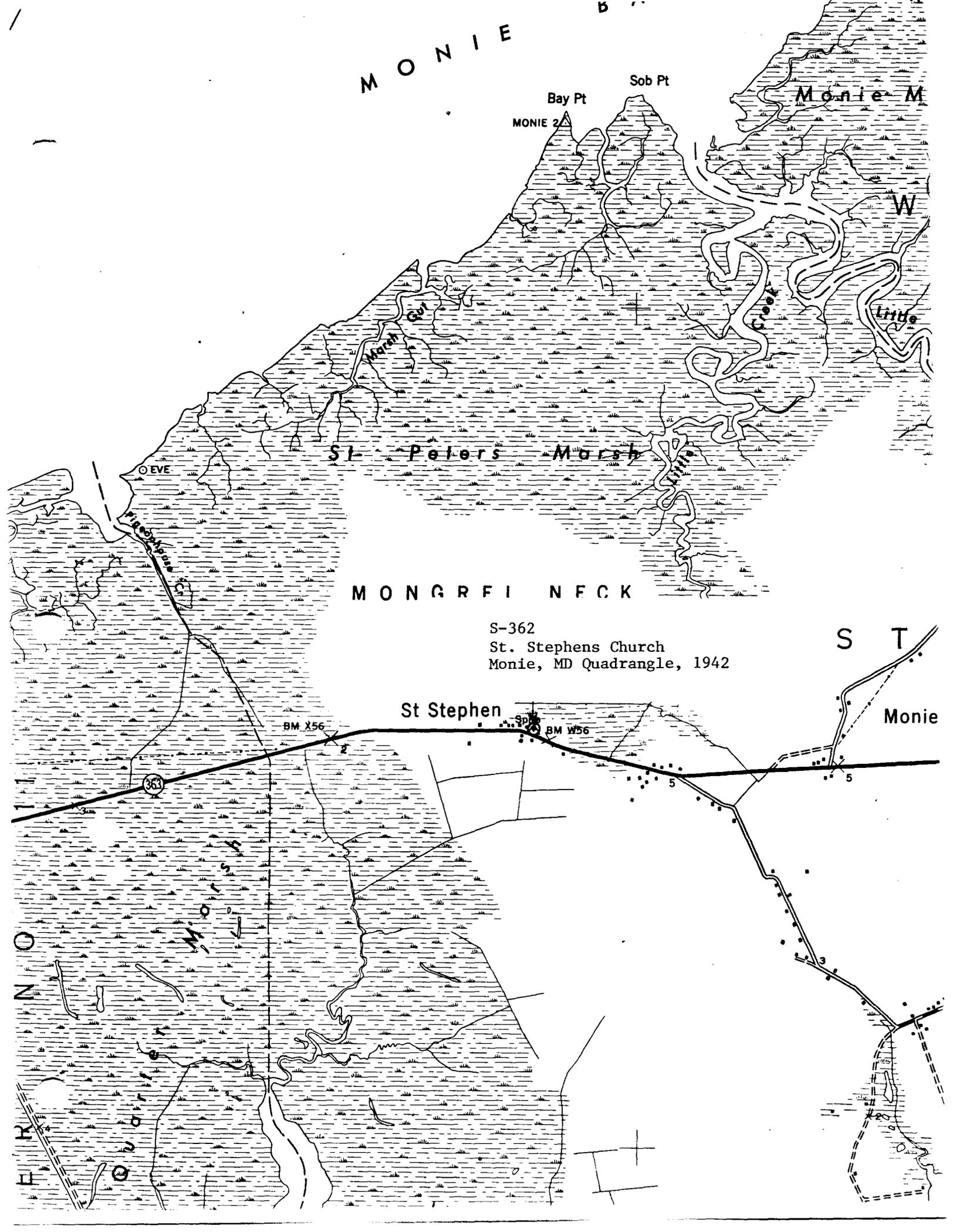
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Altar Chair
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Decorative Corner Bracket
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