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c. 1846

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Kingston vicinity

Public worship

This unassuming single-story frame church is typical of the modest meeting houses erected by many congregations during the first half of the nineteenth century. The gable front, three-bay frame church has a single double door opening on the west end and three nine over six sash windows to each side. A shorter single-story apse partially covers the east gable end.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church formerly stood on a site approximately a quarter of a mile east of its present location, and it was evidently moved to this location after the Methodists abandoned the original church built at this intersection. Construction of St. Mark's in 1846 is confirmed in the Coventry Parish vestry minute books which state,

*INDENT* This deed of donation for the house of worship recently erected at Kingston in Somerset County in Coventry Parish in the Counties of Somerset and Worcester under the name of St. Mark's Church was then signed by the rector, church wardens, and vestrymen present...June 2, 1846.

The church interior has survived relatively unaltered as well. St. Mark's Church, Joshua Thomas Chapel, S-44, and Grace <sup>PROTESTANT</sup> Episcopal Church, S-376, are the only rural churches that exhibit Greek Revival influence.

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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
other names/site number S-66

### 2. Location

street & number Westover-Marion Road (State Route 413)  not for publication  
city, town Kingston  vicinity  
state Maryland code MD county Somerset code 039 zip code 21834

### 3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total

Number of related multiple property listing: N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

### 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

[Signature] STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER 7/19/90  
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/religious structureRELIGION/religious structureFUNERARY/cemeteryFUNERARY/cemetery**7. Description**Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

GREEK REVIVALfoundation CONCRETEwalls WEATHERBOARDroof ASPHALTother WOOD

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

St. Mark's Episcopal Church is a single-story one-bay by three-bay frame structure built in 1846 and moved to this site in 1924. The gable-front building faces west with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis. The rectangular frame building is sheathed with plain weatherboards. The eaves are slightly extended with short returns at the base of the roof. A small one-bay by one-bay apse extends to the rear (east). The front elevation is pierced by a single double-door opening with three-panel doors. The north and south sides have three nine-over-nine sash windows flanked by louvered shutters. A brick stove stack rises through the south roof slope. The interior has Victorian pews with simple Gothic point end panels. A pair of unconventional four-panel doors open into the sacristy to each side of the communion table. A cemetery with about a dozen nineteenth century burials lies to the side of the building.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

St. Mark's Episcopal Church is a single-story one-bay by three-bay frame structure that stands on the southeast corner of the intersection of the Westover-Marion Road and Charles Barnes Road near Kingston, Somerset County, Maryland. The gable-front building faces west with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Dated to 1846, the weatherboard frame church rests on concrete block piers that were erected when the structure was relocated to this site around 1924. The original church site was approximately a quarter of a mile east of this location on the north side of Charles Barnes Road. The rectangular frame building is sheathed with plain weatherboards and covered by a medium pitched asphalt shingle roof. The eaves are slightly extended with short returns at the base of the roof. A small one-bay by one-bay apse extends to the rear (east).

The front elevation is pierced by a single double-door opening with three-panel doors. The corners of the building are fitted with corner boards that rise to the plain fascia. A simple cross is fixed to the peak of the roof.

The north and south sides are essentially alike with three evenly spaced nine-over-nine sash windows flanked by louvered shutters. A brick stove stack rises through the roof slope.

Attached to the east gable end is a shorter single-story one-room frame sacristy. The north side of the sacristy is marked by a shuttered six-over-six sash window, while the south side is marked by a two-panel Greek Revival door. The east wall is a plain weatherboard wall.

The interior has remained essentially unaltered since the nineteenth century. Victorian pews with simple Gothic point end panels are located to either side of a center aisle. The north and south walls are stabilized by a pair of tie beams which stretch across the room under a vaulted ceiling. The slightly raised altar, located at the east end of the sanctuary, is distinguished by a rectangular baluster handrail with a center hinged door. Victorian furniture furnishes the altar. A pair of unconventional four-panel doors open into the sacristy to each side of the communion table. Two small square panels mark the top of the door, while the balance of the door is divided by a pair of long Greek Revival style panels. The sacristy is finished with lath and plaster.

To the side of the building are about a dozen burial sites with markers which are associated with use of this site previously by another denomination.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance

1846  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Significant Dates

1846  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder

Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

The significance of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in rural Somerset County is derived from the architectural character of the building. Moved to its present site in 1924, this modest one-story frame building erected in 1846 is one of the only two extant Somerset County structures built for religious purposes to display the influence of the Greek Revival style. The other example is the Joshua Thomas Chapel on Deal Island, built in 1850, which is larger in size and more elaborately decorated on the facade.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Agricultural-Industrial Transition - A.D. 1815-1870

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture/Landscape Architecture/Community Planning  
Religion

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

RELIGION/religious structure  
FUNERARY/cemetery

Known Design Source: Unknown

See Continuation Sheet 8.2

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

This unassuming single-story frame church, built in 1846, is typical of the modest meeting houses many rural congregations erected during the first half of the nineteenth century. The gable-front church has a single double-door opening on the west end and three nine-over-nine sash windows on each side. A shorter single story apse partially covers the east gable end. The church and its interior have survived in relatively unaltered condition.

St. Mark's Church and Joshua Thomas Chapel are the only rural churches in Somerset County to exhibit a Greek Revival influence. St. Mark's has the gable-front orientation typical of the style as well as characteristic Greek Revival woodwork.

A construction date of 1846 for St. Mark's is confirmed in the Coventry Parish vestry minute books:

*This deed of donation for the house of worship recently erected at Kingston in Somerset County in Coventry Parish in the Counties of Somerset and Worcester under the name of St. Mark's Church was then signed by the rector, church wardens, and vestrymen present...June 2, 1846.*

St. Mark's formerly stood approximately a quarter of a mile east of its present location. The building was moved to this site in the early twentieth century, after the Methodists abandoned the original church built at this intersection.

Vestry minutes of Coventry Parish, 1822-1848, St. Paul's P.E. Church, Marion, Maryland.

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties, Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Maryland.

Touart, Paul Baker. Somerset: An Architectural History. Published for the Maryland Historical Trust and the Somerset County Historical Trust, 1990, pp 65 and 319-336.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Geographical Data

acreage of property 1.5 acres  
 USGS Quad: Kingston, MD

UTM References

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet 10.1

Boundary Justification

See continuation sheet 10.1

11. Form Prepared By

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 organization Somerset County Historical Trust date 10/13/87  
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

All that lot or parcel of land situate in Brinkley's Election District, Somerset County, Maryland, beginning at the southeast corner of the intersection of the old Westover-Kingston Road on the northwest corner of the church lot and heading due east with Charles Barnes Road for approximately 262 feet to a point along the road, thence in a southerly direction for approximately 150 feet to a point southeast of the church building, then in a southwesterly direction for approximately 225 feet to a point along the old Westover-Kingston Road, thence with the east side of the aforesaid road in a northerly direction for approximately 262 feet to the place of beginning, containing 1.5 acres more or less.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:

The property under nomination includes only the 1.5 acre lot upon which the resource stands. The property is bordered by public roads and cultivated fields.

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Coventry Parish Records  
St. Mark's - June 2, 1846

p. 46 - 47

This deed of donation for the house of worship recently erected at Kingston in Somerset County in Coventry Parish in the Counties of Somerset and Worcester under the name of St. Mark's Church was then signed by the record church wardens and vestrymen present as manner and form as followeth



## 7. Description

Survey No. S-66

<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.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church is a single-story one-bay by three-bay frame structure that stands on the southeast corner of the intersection of the Westover-Kingston Road and Charles Barnes Road, near Kingston, Somerset County, Maryland. The gable-front building faces west with the gable roof running east/west.

Dated to 1846, the weatherboard frame structure rests on concrete block piers and is clad with narrow weatherboards. The medium pitched roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. A small one-bay by one-bay apse extends to the rear.

The front elevation is pierced by a single double door opening, while the north and south sides are marked by three 9/9 sash windows with louvered shutters. The corners to the structure have simple pilasters that extend to a plain frieze board under the eaves. A small cross rises above the gable. The south roof slope has a brick stove stack.

Extending from the rear (east) end is a shorter single-story apse with a shuttered 6/6 sash window on the north side and a door opening on the south side. The gable end is a plain weatherboard wall.

The interior has been somewhat remodeled. A simple mortise and tenon altar rail with rectangular balusters survives intact. The altar furniture and pews appear to date from the post-Civil War period.

A 19th-century cemetery is located south of the structure and contains approximately a dozen markers.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. S-66

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/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1846 **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.

St. Mark's Church formerly stood on a site approximately .25 of a mile east of its present location and was evidently moved during this century when the Methodist Church on this site was abandoned. Both churches appear on the 1877 atlas. The erection of St. Mark's dates to 1846 with a confirmation in the Coventry Parish records,

This deed of donation for the house of worship recently erected at Kingston in Somerset County in Coventry Parish in the Counties of Somerset and Worcester under the name of St. Mark's Church was then signed by the rector, church wardens, and vestrymen present ..." June 2, 1846.

For some reason the church was moved to its present location when the Methodists abandoned the lot. Despite some interior remodeling, this unassuming frame structure is one of the best preserved of the small rural churches and one of the only Greek Revival style examples (also see S-44, Joshua Thomas Chapel.)

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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 Zone Easting Northing

B          
 Zone Easting Northing

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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 12/17/84

street & number 424 North Somerset Avenue telephone 651-0077

city or town Princess Anne state Maryland 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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 269-2438

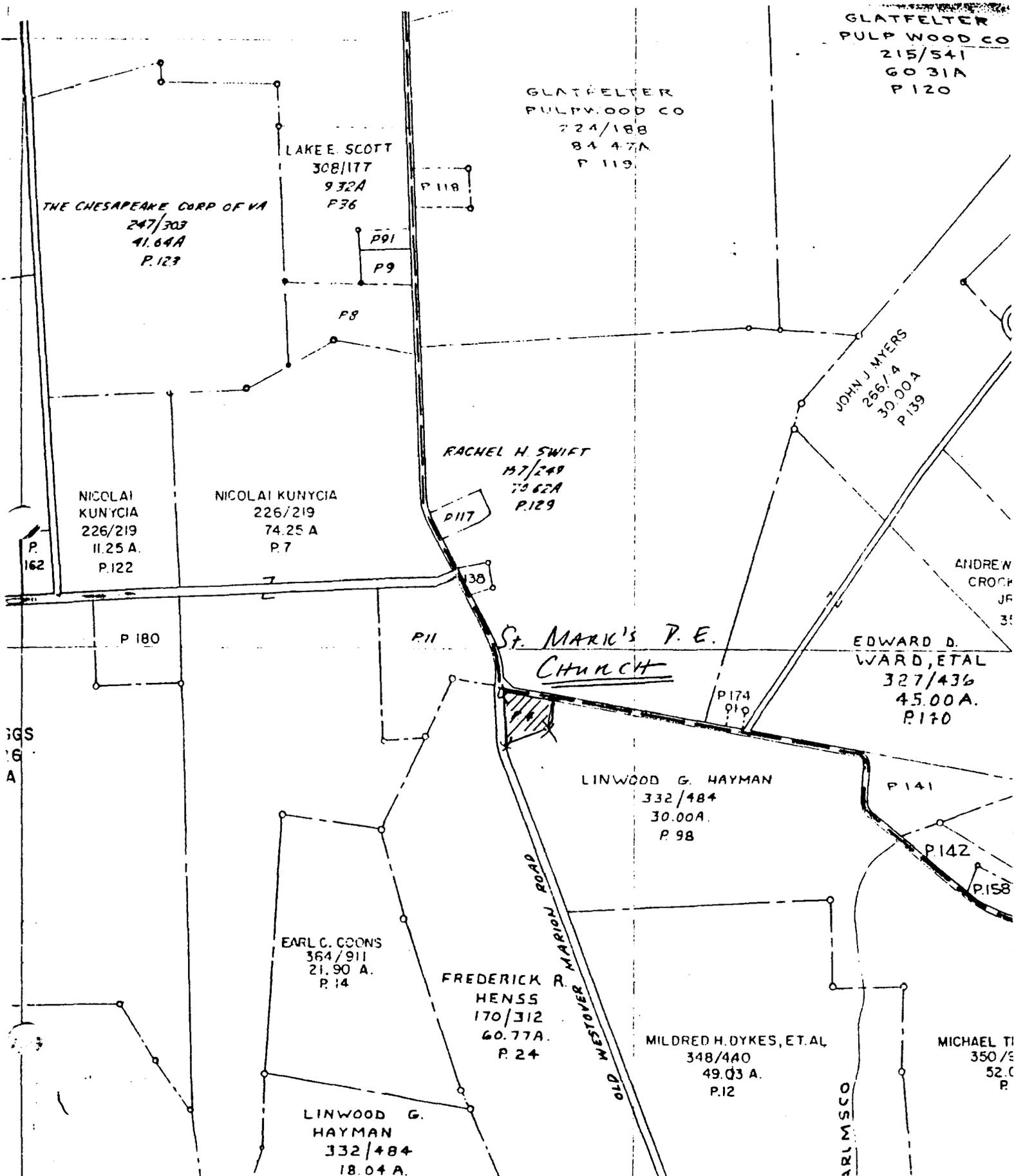
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1. STATE COUNTY Somerset County TOWN Kingston VICINITY STREET NO.  ORIGINAL OWNER St. Mark's Parish ORIGINAL USE Church PRESENT OWNER St. Mark's Parish PRESENT USE Church WALL CONSTRUCTION Clapboard NO. OF STORIES 1½		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY  2. NAME St. Mark's Episcopal Church S-66 DATE OR PERIOD c. 1830 STYLE Greek Revival ARCHITECT BUILDER  3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION  <p>This is a small frame rectangular Greek Revival structure. It is one bay wide and 3 bays deep with a small protruding apse at the rear. The bay on the gable end is occupied by an old panelled double door. Each side of the church has three 9/9 windows. The apse at the rear has a small 6/6 window on each side of it. All of the glass is old and bubbly. A heavy molded cornice runs along the roof line and around the pediment.</p> <p>This small structure is well kept up and was the only church building found in Somerset County which was <del>not</del> either 18th century or Victorian. ① Obviously the Greek revival did not have too great an impact on Church architecture in this area.</p> <p>① With the exception of the Joshua Thomas Chapel.</p>		OPEN TO PUBLIC NO	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Well Maintained		Endangered Interior Exterior	
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Paul A. Brinkman  DATE OF RECORD 5/8/67	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

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THE CHESAPEAKE CORP OF VA  
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JOHN J MYERS  
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RACHEL H SWIFT  
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Moore's Chapel



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Near Kingston, Somerset County

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~~Northeast~~ Elevation

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*10 NORTH EAST*  
~~Southeast~~ Elevation

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