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Water M.E. Church
Banks & Market Streets
Oxford, MD 21654

1873

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Water M.E. Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Banks & Market Streets

CITY, TOWN Oxford

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
First

STATE Maryland

COUNTY
Talbot

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME c/o James H. Roberts
Trustees, Water M.E. Church

Telephone #: n/a

STREET & NUMBER
P. O. Box 334

CITY, TOWN Oxford

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Md. 21654

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Talbot Co. Court House
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: WGN 55
Folio #: 37

STREET & NUMBER
Court Street

CITY, TOWN Easton

STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE n/a

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" 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
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>1873</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The original church was destroyed by fire in 1884. The present church which was dedicated in 1886 has been altered many times. Water M.E. Church is on the corner of Banks and Market Streets in Oxford. The church fronts on Bank Street, faces south, and is 15 feet from the north side of the street. The church rests on a concrete block foundation. It has been covered with aluminum siding and the windows on all sides have been replaced with conventional two-over-two aluminum case windows. The church measures 34 feet across the front and is 40 feet in depth. There is a 12-foot bay at the rear of the building (north) that contains the sacristy. The entrance has a narrow tower with a louvered belfry and a short spire.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1873

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Water M.E. Church is the oldest black Methodist Church in the village of Oxford. The Church was attacked by the Klu Klux Klan in the 1880's. It has long been the social hub of Oxford's black community and its survival is important to black historians and those interested in the state's history. At present, Water M.E. Church is thriving, it has a large congregation and is influential in the affairs of the town.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

James W. Clark Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION Maryland Commission on Afro-American History and Culture

DATE

STREET & NUMBER
20 Dean Street

TELEPHONE
269-2893

CITY OR TOWN
Annapolis, MD

STATE
Maryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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Pecks Point

Tank

FERRY RIVER

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Town Creek

Flatty Cove

Goldsborough Creek

Creek

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~~WATER ME CHURCH~~

Oxford Cem

Oxford

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John Wesley Ch

PENNSYLVANIA

O X F O R D N E C K

Bachelor Point

Creek

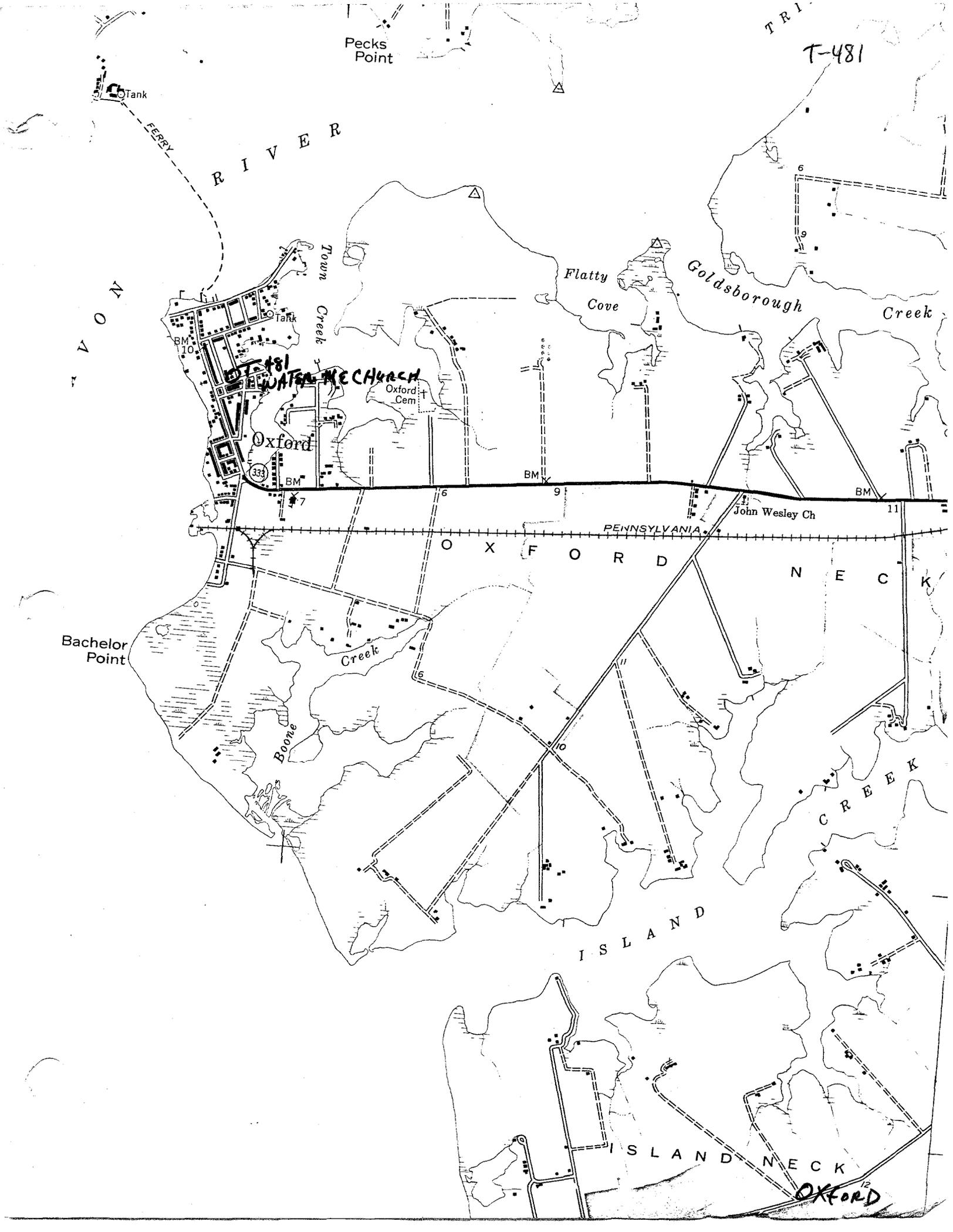
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Water Methodist Episcopal Church T-481
Oxford, Talbot County, MD
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South elevation
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