

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Wittman, Md.

Our Church was originally called "Bayside Methodist Episcopal Church" and referred to as "Old Bayside." It was erected on a tract of land called "Miles End," which was purchased for seven shillings and sixpence from John and Mary Landin Kersey. The deed bears the date May 1, 1804, and named as trustees were John McDaniel, Robert Landin Jr., Robert Landin, Joseph Hopkins, Robert Colloson, Daniel Landin, James McDaniel, and James Haddaway.

It was the first Church erected by Methodists in Talbot County.

It was organized in 1777 and the chapel was built in 1782. A new chapel was built in 1845, improved in 1886 at a cost of \$1,500. This Church was sold to the Negro congregation in 1905, and of course they continue to use it.

Our Church moved into Wittman in 1906.

On Sunday afternoon June 8, 1924, a few minutes after the congregation had vacated the Church, a cyclone completely demolished the building.

A new Church was erected to replace the destroyed one and it was dedicated December 21, 1924 at a cost of \$4,500.

No record was found indicating when the name was changed to Ashbury United Methodist Church.

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. T-660

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DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Asbury United Methodist Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Northwest corner of New Road and Pot Pie Road not for publication

city, town Wittman vicinity of _____ congressional district 37

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 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 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 Vestry of the Church

street & number _____ telephone no.:

city, town _____ state and zip code _____

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber _____

street & number Washington Street folio _____

city, town Easton state Maryland

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 type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input checked="" 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.

Located on the Northwest corner of New Road and Pot Pie Road.

This church has a gable roof with ridge parallel to New Road and gable front facade facing Pot Pie Road. There is a square entrance and bell tower with a low gable roof supported by posts. The entrance is a double panel door with 3-lite arch transom. There is a small round window above the door and also a larger round window in the front gable. There is a 3-part multi-lite arched window in the front facade and 4 arched multi-lite windows on the east and west sides. At the rear is a small extension with arched windows on each side.

Adjacent to the church is a small nondescript concrete block building with a gable roof which is used as a Sunday school.

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
<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
<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 type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

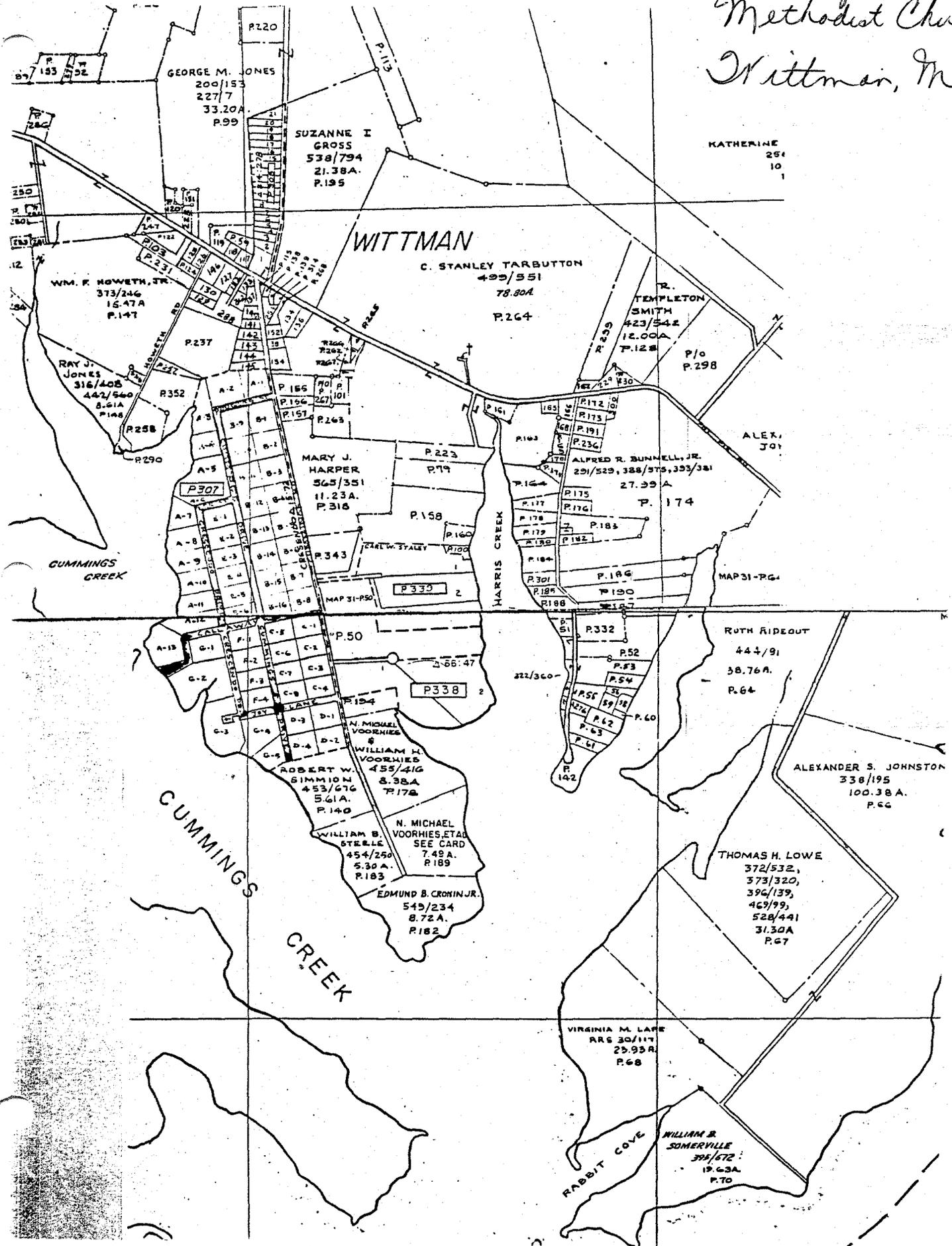
check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

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.

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Interior detail
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