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St. Paul's AME Zion Church (Site)  
410 Delaware Ave.  
Salisbury, MD 21801

1906, 1942, 1968

Access: Public

St. Paul AME Zion Church is located on the west side of Delaware Ave. It faces east. The present structure was built in 1942 and veneered with brick and renovated in 1968. The history of the AME Zion church on the Eastern Shore of Maryland is very interesting. They did not appear until after the turn of the present century and there were only three of them...Trinity (St. Michaels), St. Pauls (Salisbury) and St. James (Salisbury). The church in St. Michaels was the oldest of the "Zion" churches but that congregation has been disbanded for years. St. Paul and St. James were both founded by the Rev. C.M. Oliver. The first St. Paul's was built in 1906 and St. James in 1918, but their congregations are slightly older than the dates of the churches (Trinity, St. Michaels was built in 1901). It seems strange that the AME Zion Church would dominate in Salisbury rather than the AME (Bethel) that is prevalent throughout the Eastern Shore and the rest of Maryland.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC St. Paul's AME Zion Church (Site)  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 410 Delaware Ave.  
CITY, TOWN Salisbury CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT First  
VICINITY OF  
STATE Maryland COUNTY Wicomico

**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 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 checked="" 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 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 Trustees, St. Paul's AME Zion Church  
C/O Rev. Arthur J. Parker Telephone #: 546-5661  
STREET & NUMBER 410 Delaware Ave.  
CITY, TOWN Salisbury VICINITY OF STATE, zip code MD, 21801

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: JCK 134  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Wicomico Co. Court House Folio #: 329  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN Salisbury STATE Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE N/A  
DATE  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
CITY, TOWN STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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>1906</u>

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

St. Paul AME Zion Church is located on the west side of Delaware Ave. in Salisbury. The church was founded in 1906. This structure was built in 1942 and veneered with brick and renovated in 1968. It is of no particular architectural interest. I have included photographs and slides.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

<b>PERIOD</b>		<b>AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW</b>				
<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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" 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 1906-1942-1968

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The history of the AME Zion Church on the Eastern Shore of Maryland is very interesting. There are only two "Zion" churches now in existance, St. Paul's AME Zion (Salisbury) and St. James AME Zion (Salisbury). There was a third "Zion" church in St. Michaels (Trinity AME Zion-1901) but that congregation has now disbanded. This New York originated AME Church has only 4 congregations in Delaware and the Eastern Shore. St. Paul's was founded by the Rev. C.M. Oliver in 1900. They built their first church in 1906. It is now a smaller congregation than their sister church, St. James AME Zion. It is strange that the AME Zion Church would pedominate in Salisbury rather than the AME (Bethel) that is prevalant on the Eastern Shore and throughout Maryland.

**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

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Commission on Afro-American  
History & Culture

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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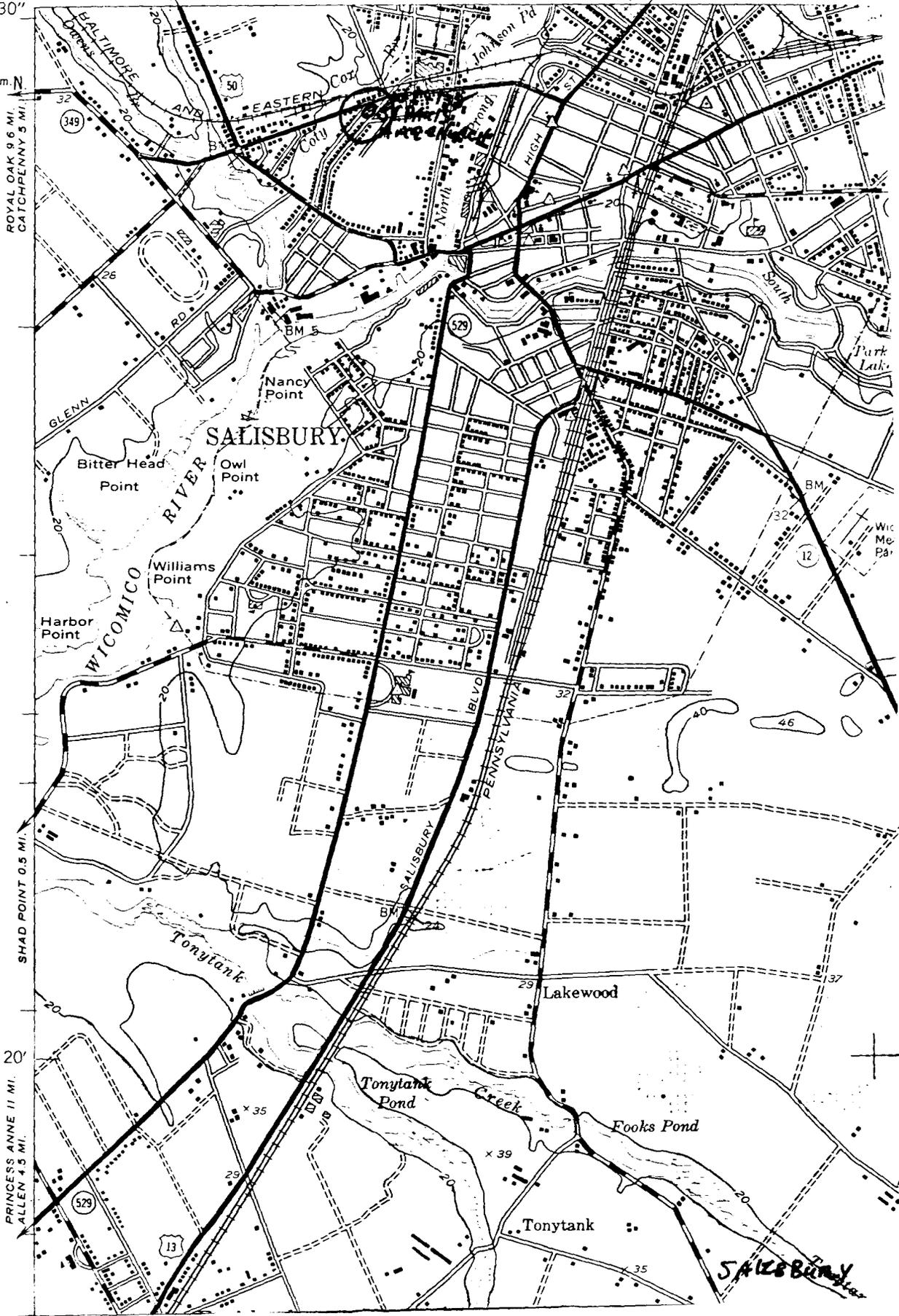
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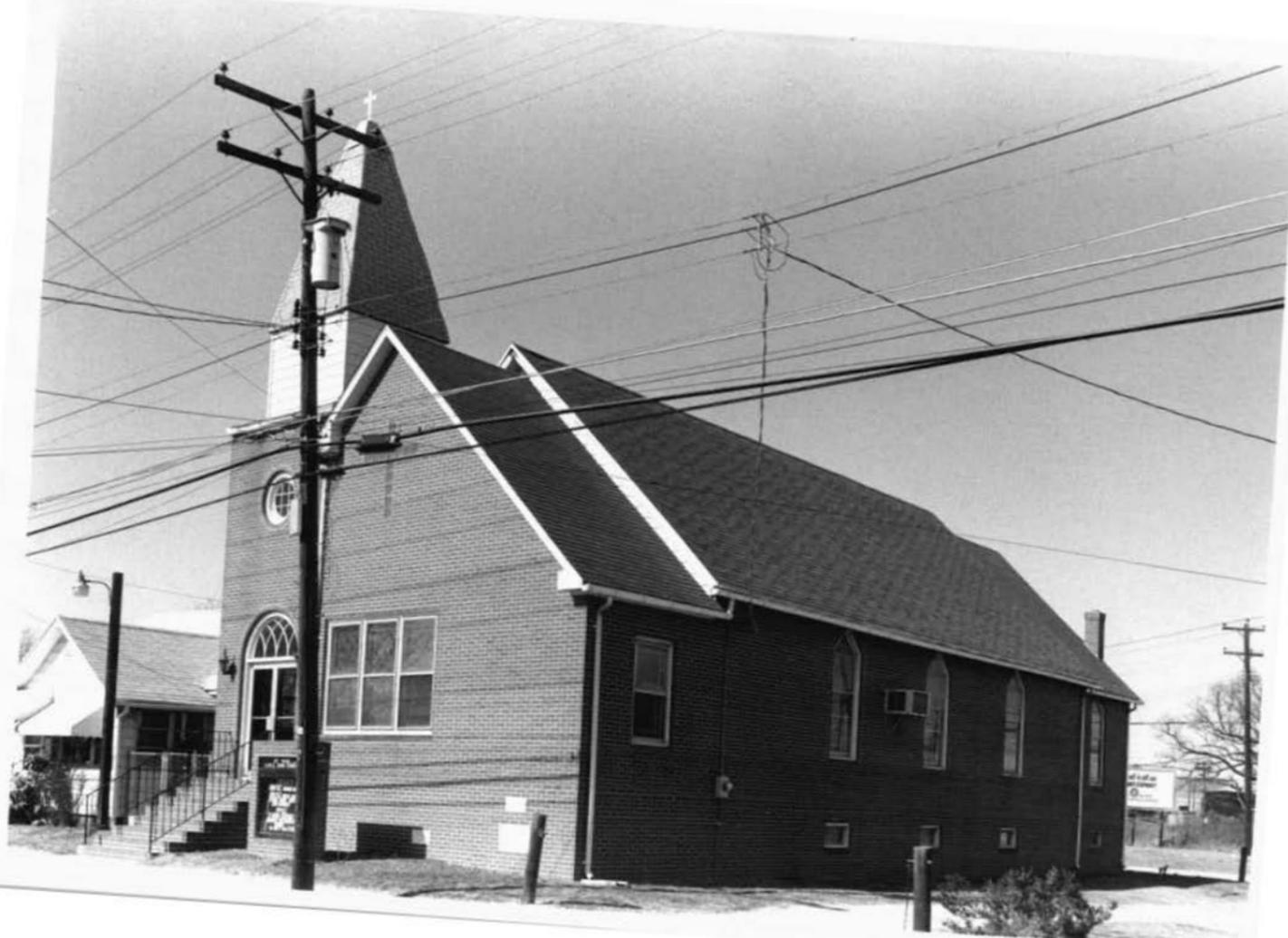
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CATCHPENNY 5 MI



SHAD POINT 0.5 MI

PRINCESS ANNE 11 MI  
ALLEN 4.5 MI

Salisbury



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