

WI-303  
John Wesley Methodist Church  
Capitola  
Public worship

1908

The John Wesley Methodist Church is a single-story gable front frame structure that stands on the north side of Capitola Road in the rural African-American community of Capitola. The rectangular, gable-roofed church is oriented to the road with a center double door entrance flanked by long four-over-four, colored glass windows. The brick pier foundation has been replaced with concrete blocks, however, the a datestone indicates that construction of the church took place in 1908.

The congregation traces its organization back to 1873. When the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas was published in 1877, the delineators of the Tyaskin district located a "Colored Church" near the site of the present building.

MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: John Wesley Methodist Church

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-303

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s):            Architecture  
   Religion
  
2. Geographic Orientation:            Eastern Shore
  
3. Chronological/Development Period(s):    Industrial/Urban Dominance  
   1870-1930
  
4. Resource Type(s):                    Church

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic John Wesley Methodist Church

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number North side of Capitola Road  not for publication

city, town Tyaskin  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of John Wesley Methodist Church

street & number % Reverend Anna McIntosh telephone no.:

city, town Bivalve state and zip code MD 21814

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. WI-303

<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    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.

The John Wesley United Methodist Church is located on the north side of Capitola Road west of Clara Road in the black community of Capitola, Wicomico County, Maryland. The single-story gable front frame church faces south with the roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Dated to 1908, the single-story frame church is supported on a concrete pier foundation, and the exterior is clad in a layer of vinyl siding. The medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The south (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center double-door entrance and flanking four-over-four colored glass windows. The front doors have been replaced. The edge to the roof is slightly extended and the lower corners have a short return. Fixed in the southwest concrete pier is a marble datestone inscribed, "John Wesley Methodist Church, Built 1908, Replaced 1964." The 1964 date refers to the stone and not the church. A handicapped access ramp has been attached to the front of the building.

The east and west side elevations are three bays across, and each bay is defined by a single four-over-four sash window. The base of the roof is trimmed with a boxed cornice.

The back wall of the church is extended by a single-story, one-bay wide addition.

The interior was not seen.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. WI-303

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 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**      1908      **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.

The John Wesley Methodist Church is a single-story gable front frame structure that stands on the north side of Capitola Road in the rural African-American community of Capitola. The rectangular, gable-roofed church is oriented to the road with a center double door entrance flanked by long four-over-four, colored glass windows. The brick pier foundation has been replaced with concrete blocks, however, the a datestone indicates that construction of the church took place in 1908.

The congregation traces its organization back to 1873. When the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas was published in 1877, the delineators of the Tyaskin district located a "Colored Church" near the site of the present building.

The church deserves listing in *Category B* for its architectural and historical merit.

## 10. Geographical Data

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

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

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

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A          
 Zone Easting Northing

B          
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

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 B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	7/1/96
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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.

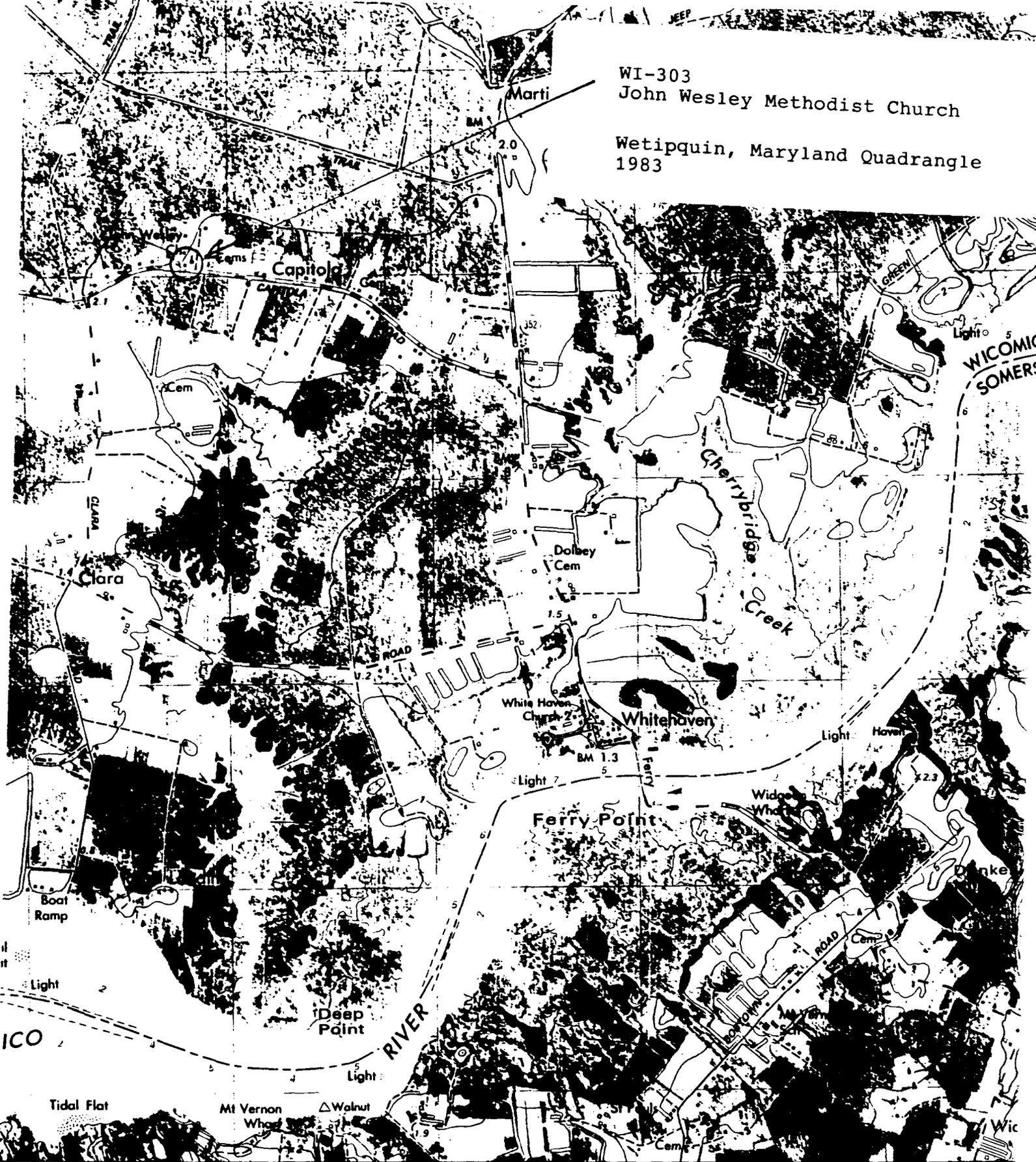
The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
 Shaw House  
 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 269-2438

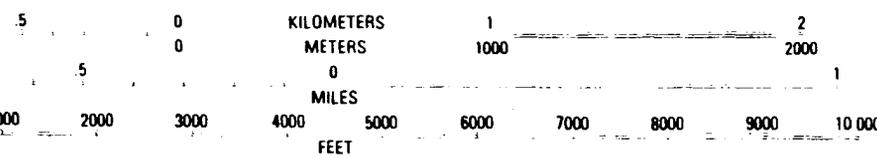
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
 DHCP/DHOD  
 100 COMMUNITY PLACE  
 CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
 410-7700



WI-303  
 John Wesley Methodist Church  
 Wetipquin, Maryland Quadrangle  
 1983



(MONIE)  
 5860 III NE  
 SCALE 1:24 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 1 METER

Primary highway,  
 hard surface  
 Secondary highway  
 hard surface  
 Interstate



