

WI-409

c. 1870

Ebenezer United Methodist Church

Hebron vicinity

Public worship

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Rockawalkin Church

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-409

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s):
Architecture
Religion

2. Geographic Orientation:
Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s):
Industrial/Urban Dominance
870-1930

4. Resource Type(s):
Church
Cemetery

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Magi No.

DOE yes no

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Rockawalkin Church

and/or common Ebenezer United Methodist Church

2. Location

street & number 6777 Rockawalkin Road not for publication

city, town Hebron vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Table with 4 columns: Category, Ownership, Status, Present Use. Includes options like district, building(s), structure, site, object, public, private, both, in process, being considered, not applicable, occupied, unoccupied, work in progress, accessible, yes: restricted, yes: unrestricted, no, agriculture, commercial, educational, entertainment, government, industrial, military, museum, park, private residence, religious, scientific, transportation, other.

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

name Trustees of Ebenezer United Methodist Church

street & number c/o of Rev. Bill Sterling telephone no.:

city, town 6777 Rockawalkin Road Hebron state and zip code Maryland 21830

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

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<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.

The Rockawalkin Church, formally known as the Ebenezer United Methodist Church, stands at 6777 Rockawalkin Road southeast of Hebron, Wicomico County, Maryland. The church faces northwest with the gable oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

Dating around 1870, the single-story gable-front frame church is supported on a continuous brick foundation that includes an excavated cellar. The church is sheathed with aluminum siding, and the steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the northeast side is a single story hyphen and lateral church hall that gives the entire building a rough H shape.

The northwest elevation, which faces Rockawalkin Road, is a gable-front facade with a small gable roofed vestibule centered on the three-bay wall. A double-door entrance is topped by a single-pane frosted glass transom. Small single pane sash windows pierce the sides of the vestibule. The entrance vestibule is flanked by rectangular colored glass windows. The wall is otherwise sheathed with aluminum siding. Corner pilasters as well as the extended eave and sloped soffit is wrapped in aluminum.

The southwest side is marked by three rectangular colored glass windows. An exterior entrance to the cellar is accessed by a set of brick steps.

The southeast (rear) gable end is largely covered by a later single story addition, and a modern hyphen and church hall are attached to the northeast side. Colored glass windows from the original church, were repositioned in the addition.

Located on the southwest side of the church is a nineteenth and twentieth century cemetery surrounded by a decorative iron fence incorporating a double door gate on the northeast side. Tapered fence posts, topped by bulbous finials, anchor a pair of gates distinguished by curled iron decoration and arrow pointed vertical rods.

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
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		<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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¹ Edward C. Papenfuse and Joseph M. Coale, III, *The Hammond-Harwood House Atlas of Historical Maps of Maryland, 1608-1908*, The Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore and London, 1982. p. 52.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

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 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

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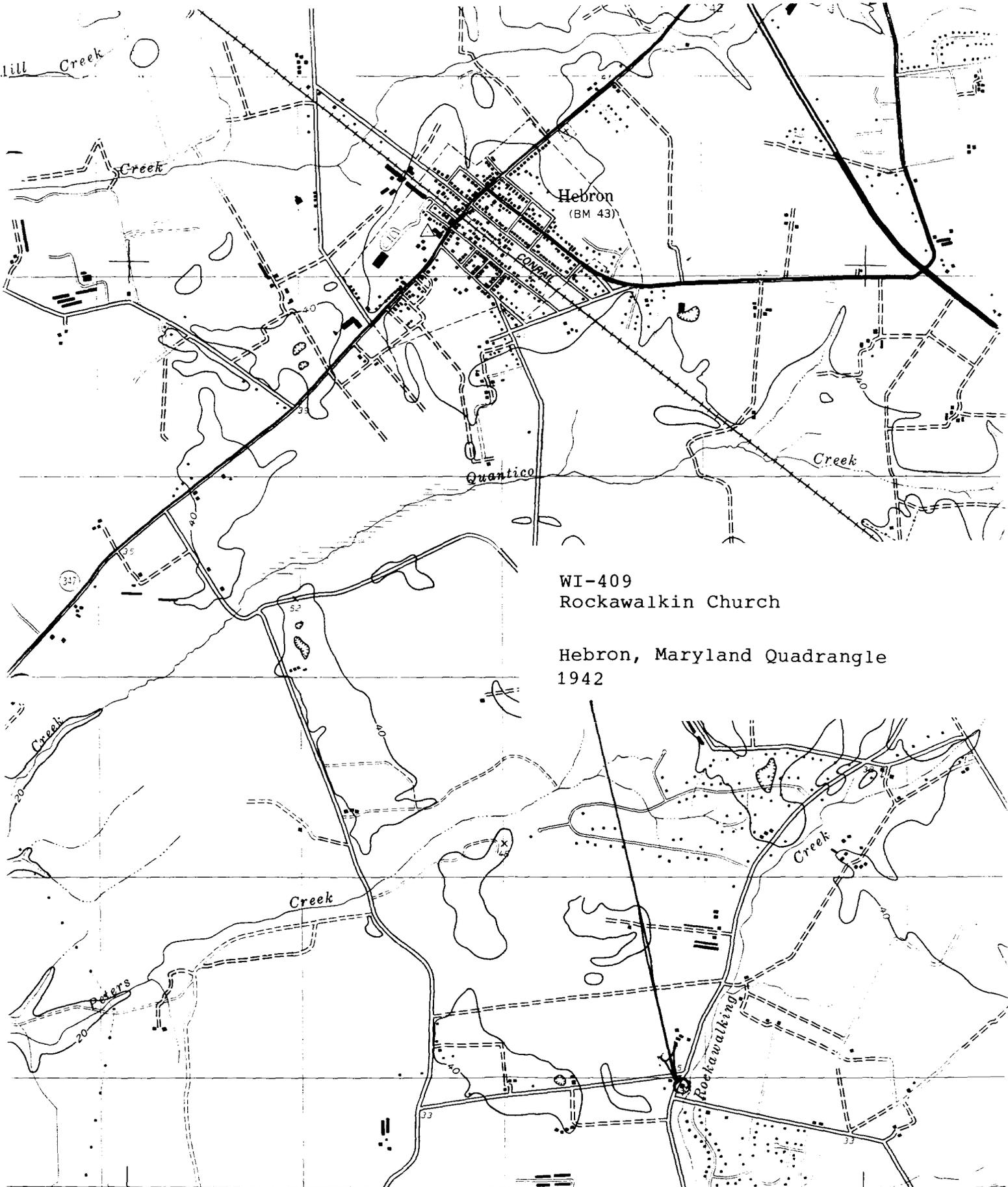
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 Rockawalkin Church

Hebron, Maryland Quadrangle
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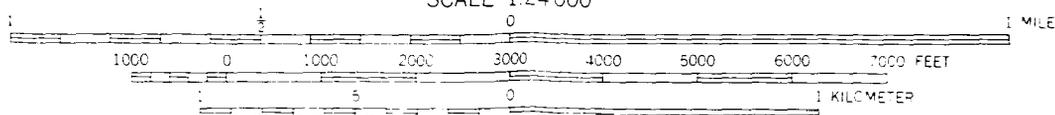
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Rockaway Church

(Episcopal Union Mission - Church)

10th Street, Rockaway, New York Co., N.Y.

2109 P.O. Toward, New York

Delaware Historical Society

Box 4



10/1/99

Rockaway Island Cemetery -

(Formerly United Methodist Cemetery)

Cemetery located on the island, Rockaway, N.J.

2/99, same Town, 2000-2000-2000.

New York Historical Society

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