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Mt.Zion Baptist Church  
Dighton Ave.  
Snow Hill,MD 21863

1886, 1901, 1979

Access:Public

Mt.Zion Baptist Church stands 4' from the west side of Dighton Ave. in Snow Hill. The church is 32' across the front facade and 60' in depth. The structure faces east. It houses the oldest black Baptist congregation in Snow Hill. It was founded by the Rev. E.J.Henry,D.D.,(a minister of the Maryland Colored Baptist Convention) in 1886. He served as pastor of this church for 47 years. His remains lie buried in the plot on the north side of the church. The church was incorporated in 1901. The church was renovated in 1979.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER Dighton Ave.  
CITY, TOWN Snow Hill VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT First  
STATE Maryland COUNTY Worcester

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<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, Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
C/O Rev. John W. Woods Telephone #: N/A  
STREET & NUMBER Dighton Ave.  
CITY, TOWN Snow Hill VICINITY OF STATE, zip code MD, 21863

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE Registry of Deeds, ETC Worcester Co. Court House Liber #: TEN 10  
Folio #: 221  
STREET & NUMBER Market Street  
CITY, TOWN Snow Hill STATE Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE N/A  
DATE  
--FEDERAL --STATE --COUNTY --LOCAL  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
CITY, TOWN STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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 <u>1886</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Mt. Zion Baptist Church stands 4' from the west side of Dighton Ave. in Snow Hill. The church is 32' across the front facade and 60' in depth. The structure faces east. There are 5 brick steps up from the street level to the entrance. The entrance has double wooden doors (3 panel). There are two rectangular 5' windows (colored-glass..Amber & Blue) in the front facade, one on each side of the entrance. There are four of these identical windows on the north side of the building and four more on the south side. The building is gabled (east-west) and there is a small louvered cupola atop the east gable with a cross on top. The cemetery is on the east side of the church. The building is covered with aluminum siding and rests on a brick and concrete foundation.

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**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 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 checked="" 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			

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 SPECIFIC DATES 1886-Inc.1901-Ren.1979 BUILDER/ARCHITECT
 

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Mt.Zion Baptist Church is the oldest black Baptist congregation in Snow Hill. It was founded by the Rev. E.J. Henry,D.D., in 1886. Henry a member of the Maryland Colored Baptist Convention was minister of this church for 47 years. He is buried in the small cemetery on the north side of the church. The traditional cemetery for the church is at the end of Dighton Avenue a number of blocks from the church itself. The church was incorporated in 1901 and renovated in 1979 .

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

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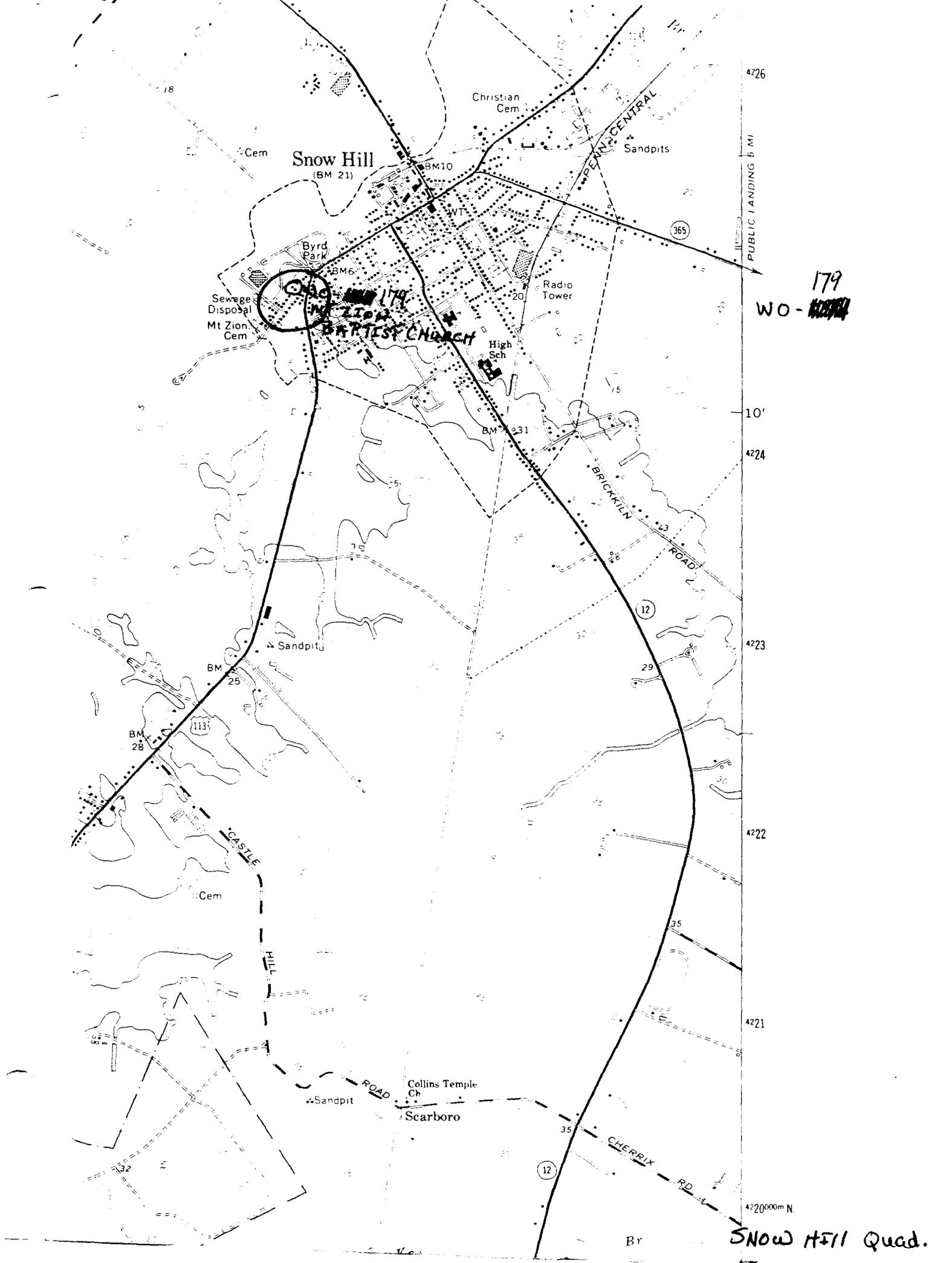
CITY OR TOWN Annapolis

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.

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Snow Hill  
(BM 21)

Christian Cem

Sandpits

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PUBLIC LANDING 5 MI.

Byrd Park

BM 6

Sewage Disposal  
Mt Zion Cem

Radio Tower

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High Sch

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BRICKKILN

(12)

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Sandpitu

BM 25

BM 28

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CASTLE HILL

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Collins Temple Ch

Scarboro

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SNOW HILL Quad.



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