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St. Paul's ME Church
Flower St.
Berlin, MD 21811

1877, 1915

Access: Public

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC St. Paul's ME Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Flower Street

CITY, TOWN Berlin 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	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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Trustees, St. Paul's ME Church
C/O Rev. Ewart C. Hackshaw

Telephone #: 641-1756

STREET & NUMBER P.O. Box 46

CITY, TOWN Berlin VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code MD, 21811

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE REGISTER OF DEEDS, ETC. Worcester Co. Courthouse

Liber #: JTM 7
Folio #: 312

STREET & NUMBER Market St.

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

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE 1877-1...
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This handsome brick edifice stands 25' from the north side of Flower street in Berlin. It was founded in 1877 and rebuilt in 1915. It is 180' across the front facade and approx. 130' in depth. The bricks are laid in six courses with a header every seventh row. It is painted white, has a brick foundation and a slate roof. There are gables (North-South) and (East-West). The entrance tower is located in the southwest ell of the building. There are six steps (brick) up to the 2-panel double-wooded doors (modern). There are two sets of these doors (one pair faces south the other west). There are circular colored glass windows halfway up the tower with 14 panes of colored glass in each (one on all four sides). There are frontispiece cathedral stained glass windows in the south, east and west gables. These windows are 20' and each is flanked with 14' lancet stained glass windows (one on each side). The window in the south gable depicts Christ With The Children; the window in the east gable depicts Christ Ascending into heaven; the window in the west gable depicts Christ As The Good Shepherd. At the north side of the church where the choir loft is located are 3 three-foot stained glass lancet windows.

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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 checked="" 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 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 1877-Rebuilt 1915

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Paul's ME Church is the second oldest black Methodist church in Berlin and the most prosperous. It was founded in 1877 (the present church was rebuilt in 1915). Berlin has historically had a large black population. This church is the leading black church in Worcester County.

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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

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION Maryland Commission on Afro-American
History & Culture

DATE

STREET & NUMBER
20 Dean Street

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CITY OR TOWN
Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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