

WO-349
Hutt's Chapel
Snow Hill vicinity
Public worship

1871

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: HUTT'S MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MHT Inventory Number: WO-349

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
 RELIGION

- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE

- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
 INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE
 1870-1930

- 4) Resource Type(s): BLACK CHURCH

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-349

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic HUTT'S MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

and/or common HUTT'S CHAPEL

2. Location

street & number Northwest side of Red House Road not for publication

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Trustees of Hutt's Memorial United Methodist Church

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Snow Hill state and zip code MD 21863

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber ITM 1

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio 1

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository 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.

Hutt's Memorial United Methodist Church, or more simply known as Hutt's Chapel, stands on the northwest side of Red House Road in the vicinity of Snow Hill, Worcester County, Maryland. The single-story frame church faces southeast with the gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

Built in 1871, the single-story frame church is supported on low rusticated block foundation. The rectangular frame structure is sheathed with vinyl siding and covered with a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. Rising on the front of the church is a pyramidal roofed entrance tower, and attached to the southwest side is a single story wing.

The southeast (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade dominated by the two-story entrance and bell tower. The double-door entrance, filled with replacement doors, is sheltered by a gable roofed porch. The northeast side of the tower is marked by a six-over-six sash window. Plain vinyl sided walls sheath the upper level of the tower. Fixed in the southeast corner of the church foundation is a datestone inscribed, "Hutt's Memorial Methodist Church, 1871-1945." The southwest wing extends from the tower, and it is a one-bay structure marked by a large-sized six-over-six sash windows. A single flue interior end brick stack rises through the roof.

The northeast side of the church is defined by three large-sized six-over-six colored glass sash windows. The eave is trimmed with a simple boxed cornice. Rising through the side of the building is a single-flue brick chimney.

The back of the main block is a plain vinyl sided wall surface with a slightly extended eave.

The interior was not seen.

Accompanying the church is a nineteenth and twentieth century cemetery and a single story frame community hall.

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 type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

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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Chain of title

ITM 1/1

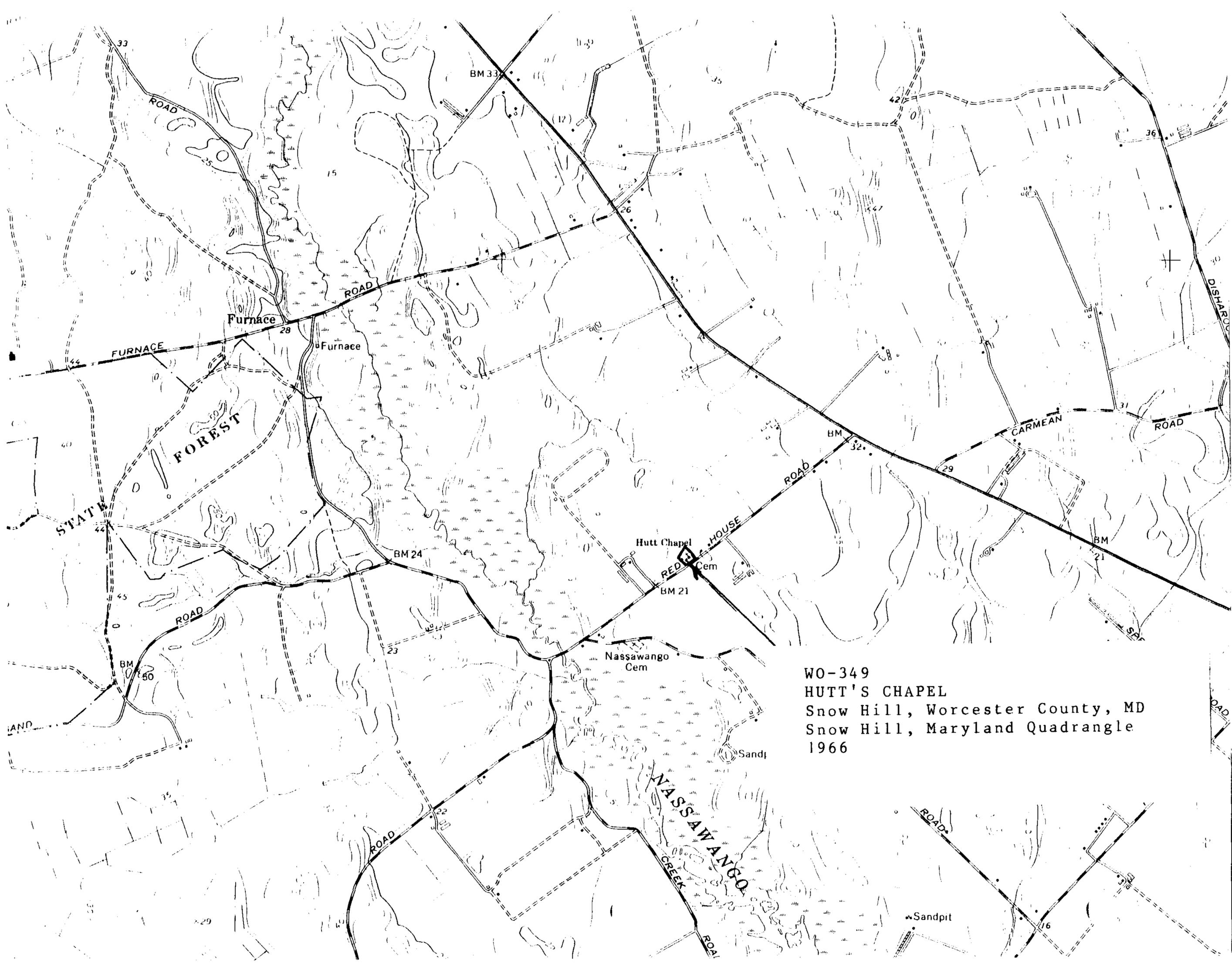
Henry Hutt of Worcester County

to

12/27/1869

George Purnell, Ambrose Robins, Ebben Round, William Collins, Henry Milbourn, James Collins, and Henry Hutt, trustees for erecting of a church in the neighborhood of place called "Furnace" all that lot or parcel of ground lying and being in the county aforesaid bounded and described as follows: containing one acre ...on which to build a house for the worship of Almighty God...

It being the bounds onf the Snowhill Circuit of Delaware Annual Conference of colored people, to the aboave named trustees, in trust, and " their successors in office forever. And that they shall hold said house and premises for th use of said Circuit, Station, or Congregation that may from time to time assemble there for religious worship, according to the rules and discipline of the Methodist Episcopal CHurch inthe United States of America, and that they shall forever hereafter permit such preachers or ministers belonging to the M E Church or from time to time by duly authorized by the by the General or Annual Conference of said Church to preach and expound Gods Holy word therein...



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HUTT'S CHAPEL
Snow Hill, Worcester County, MD
Snow Hill, Maryland Quadrangle
1966