

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

AL-VI-D-133  
Main Street, Westernport  
1878

The St. James Episcopal Church basically consists of a single story, one bay wide, rectangular shaped structure. The church was erected to serve as a worship place for the growing Episcopal congregation in Westernport. After the completion of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad in the 1860's, the population of Westernport increased rapidly and the growth of a variety of beliefs emerged.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

St. James Episcopal Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Westernport

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegheny

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Episcopal Diocese of Maryland

Telephone #: 727-3738

STREET & NUMBER

105 W. Monument Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegheny County Courthouse

Liber #: 244/228

Folio #: 387/181

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

St. James Episcopal Church is located on Main Street in Westernport, Allegany County.

St. James Church is a single story, one bay wide rectangular building that was built around a modified cruciform plan. The building was constructed of brick laid in American Common Bond and rests on a low stone foundation with a beveled water table. The walls are plain; however they are supported by rows of buttresses. Windows have center pointed frames (gothic arch) and are made of stained glass. Each is topped by a center pointed arch. A small rose window is located in a one bay enclosed entrance porch and features a vertically paneled door with a center pointed frame as well as a gable and brick arch. It is flanked by two buttresses. The roof is gabled and covered with replaced asphalt shingles. A tower, that has been covered with asbestos shingles, is located at the southeast corner of the main block.

It is ornamented with four rose windows and is topped by a louvered belfry.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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 checked="" 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 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. James Episopal Chapel was constructed in 1878 to serve as a place of worship for the Episopal congregation that was forming in Westernport. After the completion of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad in the 1860's the population of the town increased rapidly. The Chapel itself was constructed as a result of the general development of the town and also as a result of the effort of Dr. Thrall who was rector at the time.<sup>1</sup>

The church is one of the few churches that retains most of its original appearance in Westernport and it remains an architectural and cultural reminder of the religious growth of the town.

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1. Heritage Press: Preservation Society of Allegany County, Vol. 1 No. 10 August 1972 pp. 8

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegheny County Land Records Cumberland, Maryland 21502

"Heritage Press", Vol. 1, No. 10, Cumberland, Maryland, August 1972.

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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

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson and Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegheny County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

4/12/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

La Vale

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.

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  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

DATE: 3/29/77

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: St. James EpiscopalLOCATION OF PROPERTY: Main Street, WesternportDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: WestNAME OF OWNER: Episcopal Diocese of Maryland727-3738ADDRESS: 105 W. Monument StreetBaltimore; Maryland

STORIES: 1(X) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1(X) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
 (X) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. 6/1  
 ( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
 ( ) LOG  
 ( ) Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS ButtressesFOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONEWATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICKWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other(X)Gothic  
pegged ( ) nailed( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: WestHARDWARE: original(X) replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICHE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original( ) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,  
ArchitraveROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced(X)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ BRICK( ) STONE( ) CORBELED( ) original( ) replaced( )

LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - Church

Significance - Architecture/Religion

Date Constructed - 1878

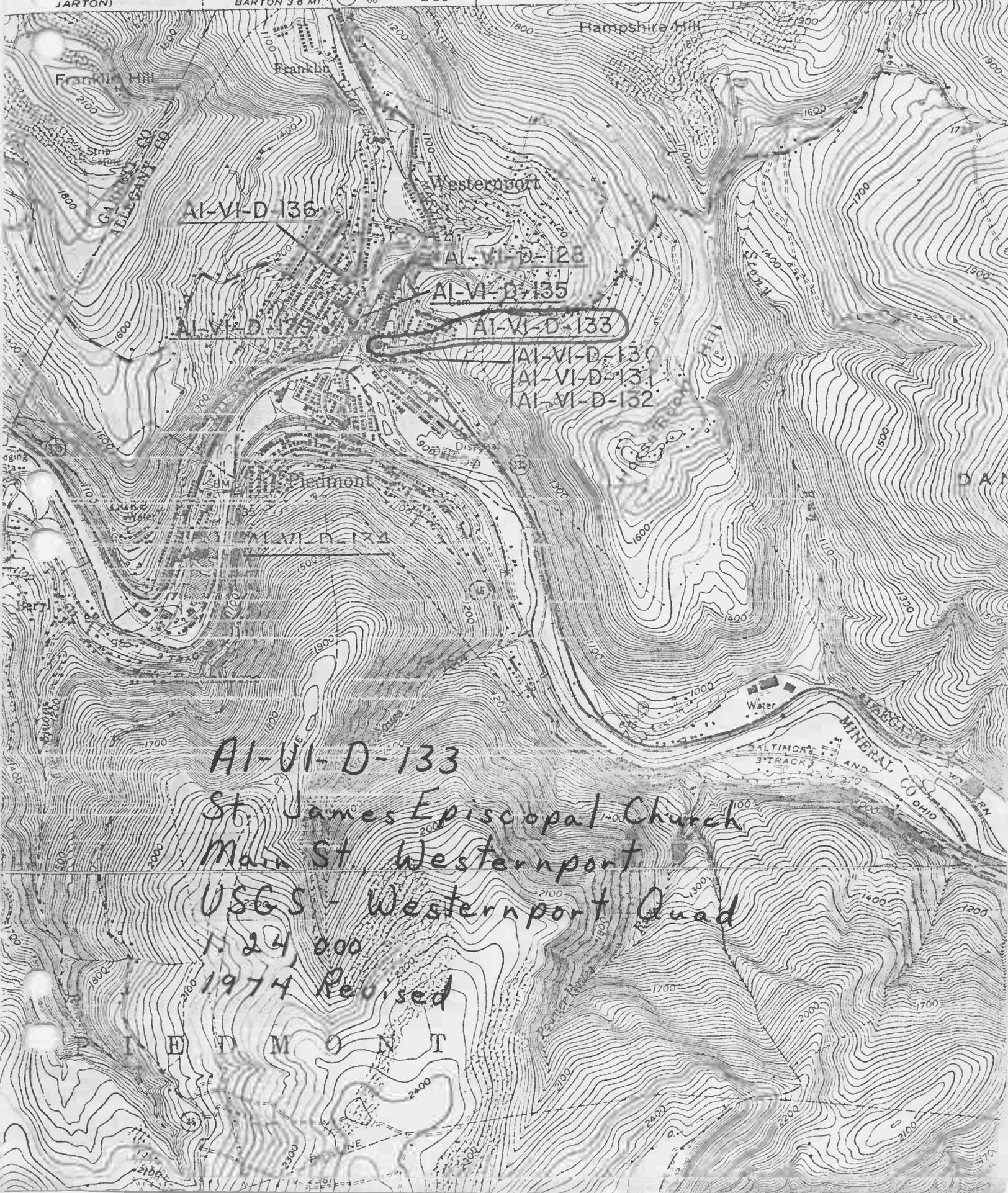
Condition - Good

# QUADRANGLE

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NE/4 ELK GARDEN 15'

STATE OF MARYLAND  
AND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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Main St. Westernport

USGS - Westernport Quad

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1974 Revised

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Main St., Westernport

John E. Nelson

3/29/77

Northeast