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All Hallows' Church  
Brick Church Road & MD 2  
Hardesty  
Private

c. 1710

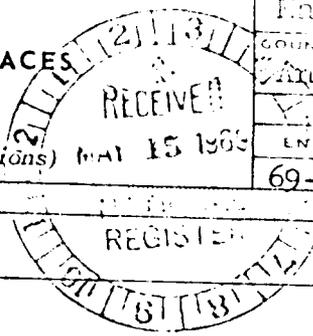
All Hallows' Church is a low, rectangular Flemish bond brick structure with a hipped roof. There is a small vestry room on the west side, and the main entrance on the south is sheltered by an enclosed brick porch with a hip roof and arched brick pillars forming a "T" in relation to the rest of the building. Set in pairs, the windows are framed by brick, segmental arches. Effectively 22/20 lights, the sash windows are round-topped. Large brick quoins enhance the corners of the building. The lean-to addition on the west end of the building holds a door and an exterior corbeled chimney on the south façade. The interior was gutted by fire in 1727. It was repaired at that time, "modernized" in 1825, and again in 1885. In 1940 fire badly damaged the interior again. Subsequent research permitted a 1940 reconstruction to become a c. 1710 restoration and included precedent for the present 18th century, reconstructed, barrel-arched ceiling, brick floor, white wainscoted walls, clear glass windows, and bench pews with doors. The ancient cemetery, shaded by a grove of oak trees, surrounds the church. The bell in the rustic tower bears the date 1727.

All Hallows' Church is significant for its 18th century architecture, and for its contribution to Anne Arundel County's religious history. The records of All Hallows' Parish, Davidsonville, go back to 1682, indicating it existed prior to the Act of Establishment (1692) passed by the General Assembly of Maryland laying off the Province into 30 Anglican parishes. Five of these were organized in Anne

Arundel County, spaced approximately 10 miles apart. The Diocese of Maryland Journal lists All Hallows' Church as a standing building in 1690 two years before the organization of the parish in 1692. The present building, second on the site, dates to c. 1710. All architectural features, with the exception of the interior, which is a frank but careful restoration, are irreplaceably unique and reflect the integral part that this parish and others like it played in the early history of Maryland.

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



STATE: Maryland	
COUNTY: Anne Arundel	
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ENTRY NUMBER 69-05-19-0005	DATE 5/15/69

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
All Hallows' Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
All Hallows' Church

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
All Hallows' Church Road and Rt. Md. 2

CITY OR TOWN:  
Davidsonville

STATE:  
Maryland 21035

CODE: 19 COUNTY: Anne Arundel CODE: 003

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>		

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME:  
Rector, Wardens and Vestry of All Hallows' Parish

STREET AND NUMBER:  
All Hallows' Church Road and Rt. Md. 2

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Davidsonville

STATE:  
Maryland 21035

CODE: 19

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Anne Arundel County Court House, Land Records Office

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Church Circle

CITY OR TOWN:  
Annapolis

STATE:  
Maryland 21401

CODE: 19

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Maryland Register of historic sites and landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER:  
P. O. Box 1704

CITY OR TOWN:  
Annapolis

STATE:  
Maryland 21404

CODE: 19

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

All Hallows' Church is located on the west side of Route Maryland 2 at the triple intersection of Route Maryland 2, the S. River Clubhouse Road and All Hallows' Church Road, (SW side).

All Hallows is an original "old brick church" of Maryland and presents the same appearance that it did when built in 1710. (An earlier building on the same spot served the parish prior to that date.)

It is a rectangular brick building, with a hip roof, built low to the ground. There is a small vestry room on the west side. The main entrance, to the south, is sheltered by a porch with arched brick pillars forming a "T" to the main block of the building. The windows are set in pairs and covered by brick, half-circle arches.

The interior was gutted by fire in 1727. It was repaired at that time; "modernized" in 1825 and again in 1885. In 1940 fire, for a second time, badly damaged the interior. Subsequent research permitted a 1940 reconstruction (see HABS listing under #6-survey) to become a c. 1710 restoration and included precedent for the present eighteenth-century, reconstructed, arched (barrel) ceiling, brick floor, white wainscoting walls; the clear glass windows and bench pews with doors.

The ancient burying ground, shaded by a grove of huge oak trees, surrounds the church. The bell in the rustic tower bears the date 1727.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century   
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education	Political	Urban Planning
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering	Religion/Phi-	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industry	lasaphy	<u>Architecture</u>
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention	Science	_____
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape	Sculpture	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human-	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature	itarian	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military	Theater	_____
	Music	Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

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In 1727, the Rector, the Reverend Joseph Colebatch, was summoned to England to be consecrated as Maryland's first bishop; but the local authorities, engaged in bitter animosity against the Whig Establishment, issued a court order prohibiting his departure from the Colony. Thus Maryland was without a bishop until after the Revolution.

The Reverend Mason Locke Weems, known as Parson Weems, served the Parish as rector in 1785. Parson Weems' biography of George Washington was reputed to be the first ever written but this is refuted by Lawrence Wroth in his Parson Weems (pub. Ickleberger, Baltimore, 1911). However, Mr. Wroth does concede it is the first readable Washington biography and the best ever written. The first printing prior to 1800 was a short sketch, undated, printed anonymously in 70 different editions; the full-length edition was printed c. 1800. Parson Weems was a distinguished member of the South River Club (MHT AA-VII-148).

All Hallows' graveyard contains tombs of members of such early Anne Arundel County families as Harwood, Dick, Burgess, Stockett, Sellman and Stewart. Beneath the floor of the church is burried the Reverend William Brogden,  
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#6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS  
Historic American Building Survey  
1964

Library of Congress  
Washington, D. C. Code: 08

survey # MD-37  
order # MD-2-DAVI, v., I.  
4 measured drawings, 1940  
11 photographs  
1 data page

#8. SIGNIFICANCE

rector from 1738 to 1760, and a member of the South River Club.

One stone marks the grave of William Burgess, born in Truro, Wales, in 1622, died in London Town 1686. Burgess is credited with founding London Town, a South River port of entry, in 1680. He served as High Sheriff of Anne Arundel County, as a member of the General Assembly (1681 and 1682), as Commander in Chief of all forces mustered in Anne Arundel, Calvert, Saint Mary's, Kent and Charles Counties to quell Indian uprisings. He was also a Deputy Governor of Maryland, 1684-1686.

Another tomb is that of General Jonothan Sellman, Revolutionary soldier from 1775 to 1783, and a member of the South River Club. There are several other Revolutionary soldiers buried here.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Recorder: Mrs. E. W. Bridgman, Jr., Cedar Park, Cumberstone Road, Harwood, Maryland 20776  
 The Reverend A. Gordon Fischer, All Hallows' Rectory, Davidsonville, Maryland  
 Skirven, Percy C., The First Parishes of the Province of Maryland, 1923, Norman Remington, Baltimore, pp. 119-21  
 Gambrall, Theodore C., Church Life in Colonial Maryland, 1885, Pub. by Lycetts, Baltimore, pp. 151-4  
 Ridgely, Helen West, The Old Brick Churches of Maryland, 1894, Anson D.F. Randolph & Co., New York, pp. 84 [see continuation sheet]

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
 Mrs. Preston Parish, Keeper of the Maryland Register

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust

DATE: May 8, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 P. O. Box 1704

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland 21404

CODE: 19

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name Orlando Ridout IV  
 Orlando Ridout IV

Title State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date May 8, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest Allen Gannally  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date May 15, 1969

ATTEST:

William J. Stuckey  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date May 15, 1969

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Riley, Elihu S., The Ancient City, 1649-1887, pub. Record Printing Office, Annapolis, Md., 1887.

Mackencie, George Norbury, Colonial Families of the United States of America, volume VI, pub. 1966.

\_\_\_\_\_, The Diocese of Maryland Journal of the 184th Annual Convention, September 13, 1968.

1. STATE <b>Maryland</b> COUNTY <b>Anne Arundel County</b> TOWN <b>South River</b> VICINITY <b>South River</b> STREET NO. <b>Md. Rt. 2</b>  ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER <b>All Hallows' Parish</b> PRESENT USE <b>Church</b> WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>Brick</b> NO. OF STORIES	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <b>AA - 150</b>
	2. NAME <b>All Hallows' Church</b>  DATE OR PERIOD <b>First Bldg. 1680-1700</b> STYLE <b>Second Bldg. 1710 -</b> ARCHITECT BUILDER
3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC YES

**Mr. A. Gordon Fischer, Rector of All Hallows' Church, 1968**

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All Hallows' is the parish church for one of the original five parishes legally established in Anne Arundel County at the time the 1692 Establishment Act was passed in favor of the Anglican Church. In 1967 the 275th anniversary of this Enactment was celebrated.

C. 1710 - the brick walls and floor remained after a disastrous fire in 1940. Although a restoration, it should be recognized as an important architectural and historical document.

A rustic tower in the side yard is the church bell-tower. A brick wall of recent origin encircles the church and the ancient burying ground. The property is shaded by a grove of huge oak trees.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE    Endangered    **No**    Interior    **Good**    Exterior    **Good**

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)  
 INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.  
**Maryland, a Guide to the Old Line State, American Guide Series, 1946 - p. 454, Oxford University Press**

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER  
**Orlando Ridout IV**  
**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**March 1968**  
  
 DATE OF RECORD

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE



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