

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA-517**

**4300 Church Road**

**Hampstead, Baltimore County**

**1885**

**Private**

Saint Peter's Church was historically located near the villages of Paper Mill Post Office and Rockdale of Baltimore County. The cornerstone of the church records an 1885 date of construction, although the congregation of Saint Peter's Lutheran Church had been established as early as 1834. St. Peter's Church was one of three churches supporting the communities of Paper Mill Post Office and Rockdale in the Sixth District. . In 1881, Paper Mill Post Office had three churches, public school No. 1, the Spring Grange No. 153, and one store. The other churches in the community were the Mount Tabor Methodist Episcopal Church and a United Brethren Church.

St. Peter's Church and cemetery are sited in a rural setting surrounded by mature trees and shrubs with foundation plantings around the church. A large parking lot is located to the north of the building, and the cemetery is along the road to the southeast of the church. St. Peter's Church is a large vernacular brick stretcher bond church, and sits on a solid parged brick foundation. The façade is comprised of three bays across a gable front roof in a projecting 1-story vestibule with a clipped gable roof, and a brick steeple above the central entry. The two-leaf wood five panel doors are illuminated with a two-light transom and flanked by two double-hung 1/1 vinyl sash windows. The steeple contains one fixed stained glass round-arched window with a wood post bell tower. The windows feature decorative brick lintels with square-edged wood sills. The asphalt shingle roof features a wood cornice with a flush fascia board. The side elevation exhibits stained glass windows. The church has a two story brick addition directly to the rear with a gable vestibule on the north side elevation. The cemetery contains approximately 200 headstones in a variety of forms including obelisks, beveled heads. Some had angel or flower engravings, and were either of granite or marble. The earliest section of the cemetery is seen in the southwest corner, and newer markers are scattered throughout. The older section has two long rows of headstones placed back to back and adjacent to one another. The earliest headstone in the cemetery belongs to Abraham Hare and dates to 1855. Other names include Bollinser, Hoffman, Shearer, Redding, Nelson, and Miller.



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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

St. Peter's Church and cemetery are sited in a rural setting surrounded by mature trees and shrubs with foundation plantings around the church. A large parking lot is located to the north of the building, and the cemetery is along the road to the southeast of the church. St. Peter's Church, constructed in 1885 according to the cornerstone, is a large vernacular masonry brick stretcher bond church, which sits on a solid parged brick foundation. The façade is comprised of three bays across a gable front roof in a projecting 1-story vestibule with a clipped gable roof, and a brick steeple above the central entry. The two-leaf wood five panel doors are illuminated with a two-light transom and flanked by two double-hung 1/1 vinyl sash windows. The steeple contains one fixed stained glass round-arched window with a wood post bell tower. The windows feature decorative brick lintels with square-edged wood sills. The asphalt shingle roof features a wood cornice with a flush fascia board. The side elevation exhibits stained glass windows with square wood sills and brick jackarches. The church has a two story brick addition directly to the rear with a gable vestibule on the north side elevation. The cemetery contains approximately 200 headstones in a variety of forms including obelisks, beveled heads. Some had angel or flower engravings, and were either of granite or marble. The earliest section of the cemetery is seen in the southwest corner, and newer markers are scattered throughout. The older section has two long rows of headstones placed back to back and adjacent to one another. The earliest headstone in the cemetery belongs to Abraham Hare and dates to 1855. Other names include Bollinser, Hoffman, Shearer, Redding, Nelson, and Miller.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

<b>Specific dates</b>	1885	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	1885		

Evaluation for:

National Register                       Maryland Register                       not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Saint Peter’s Church was historically located near the villages of Paper Mill Post Office and Rockdale in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. The cornerstone of the church records an 1885 date of construction, although the congregation of Saint Peter’s Lutheran Church had been established as early as 1834.<sup>1</sup> The church first appears on the 1850 J.C. Sidney Map of Baltimore County. Located along Church Road, the church was simply noted as St. Peter’s Church. The church again appears on the 1877 Hopkins Atlas as St. Peter’s Lutheran Church. These historic maps support the existence of the earlier congregation that met at the same site, despite the fact that the current church was not built until 1885. St. Peter’s Church was one of three churches supporting the communities of Paper Mill Post Office and Rockdale in the Sixth District. The Sixth District is located in the northwest corner of Baltimore County and is historically known for its rugged landscape, abundant waterpower, and production of wheat, corn, and oats. William H. Hoffman owned three paper mills in the vicinity, the Clipper, the Gunpowder, and the Rockdale Paper-Mills. In the towns of Paper Mill Post Office and Rockdale, W. H. Hoffman and Sons employed a large percentage of the population, totaling nearly two hundred employees.<sup>2</sup> In 1881, Paper Mill Post Office had three churches, public school No. 1, the Spring Grange No. 153, and one store. The other churches in the community were the Mount Tabor Methodist Episcopal Church and a United Brethren Church.

<sup>1</sup> Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

<sup>2</sup> J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 870.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreeage of surveyed property 1.0 Acre  
Acreeage of historical setting Unknown  
Quadrangle name Lineboro Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Saint Peter's Church is located at 4300 Church Road in Hampstead in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. It has been historically associated with tax map 10, parcel 37 since its construction in 1885.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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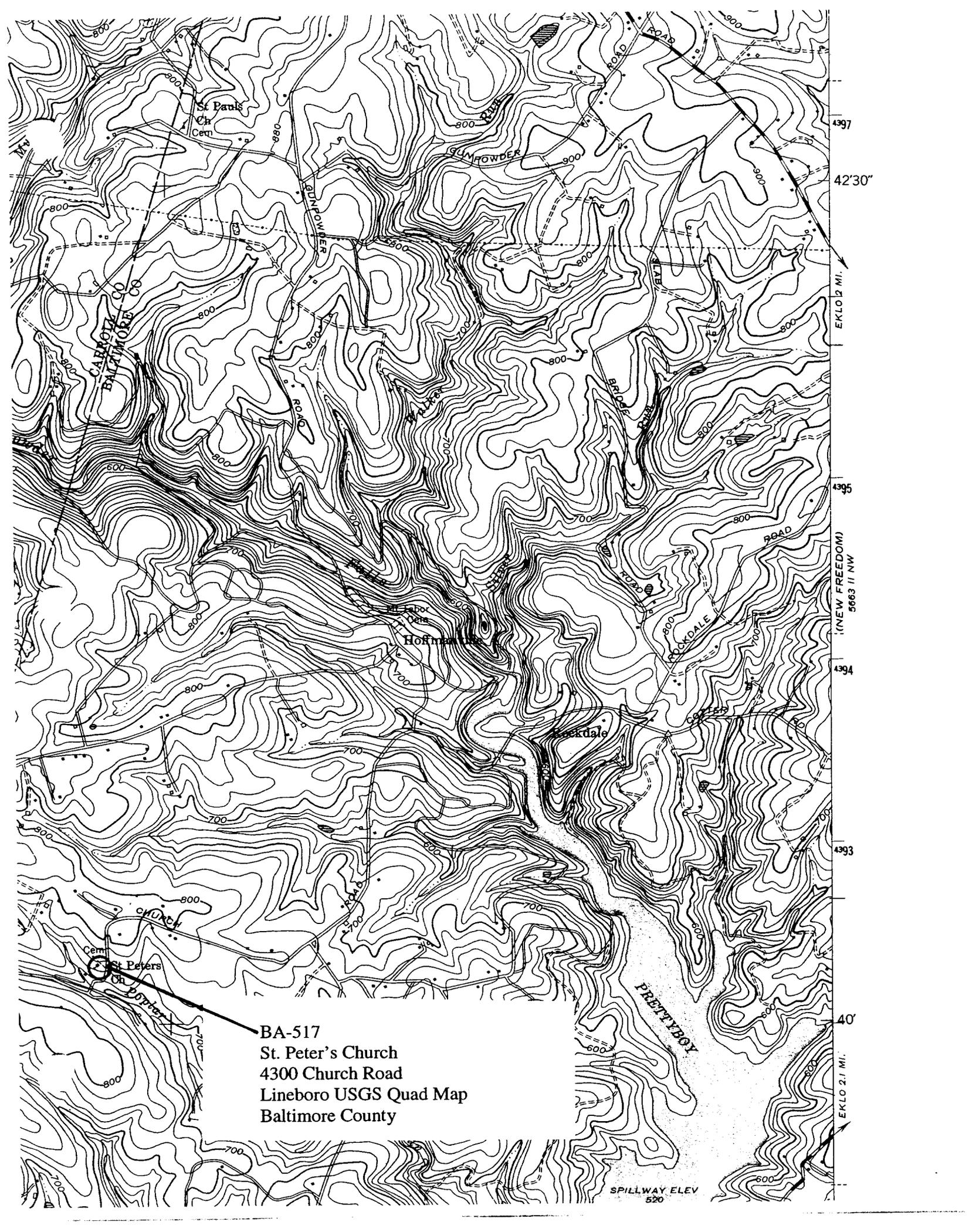
name/title	R. Weidlich, K. Baynard, and Jennifer J. Bunting, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Tracerics, Incorporated	date	February 11, 2002
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St. Peter's Church  
4300 Church Road  
Lineboro USGS Quad Map  
Baltimore County

SPILLWAY ELEV  
520



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ST. PETER'S CHURCH

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CEMETERY, VIEW LOOKING SOUTHWEST

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