

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-0512

Sharp Street Methodist Episcopal Church

11814 Eastern Avenue

Baltimore, Baltimore County

1902

Private

Constructed the Sharp Street Methodist Episcopal Church was erected to replace a mid-19th century log church west of the small community known as Chase's Station. According to prior documentation on the property, the church congregation was named for a church in Baltimore City. Little development occurred along this stretch of Eastern Avenue through the early 20th century. The Sharp Street Methodist Episcopal Church was one of the few buildings located at the intersection of Eastern Avenue and Earls Road. By 1915 the slow pace of growth in this area resulted in the presence of a few dwellings along Earls Road. To the east, Chase's Station and Post Office was thriving as a station stop along the Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington Railroad. The community has retained its rural character through the late 20th century.

The church, facing south with a cemetery on the east and west, has a cornerstone which reads, "Sharp Street Methodist Episcopal Church, April 5, 1902." The original church, now stylized with Colonial Revival details, has a random rubble stone foundation which supports a stretcher brick veneered structure. Vinyl siding has been added to the gable end. The building stands one-story tall and three bays wide with a front gable, asphalt shingle roof. Projecting from the crest of the roof is a pyramidal roof belfry with square columns supports. The altered façade has two 1/1 vinyl windows with vinyl surrounds and a flush, single-leaf metal door. Projecting to the west is a concrete block addition with a granite cornerstone that reads, "Constructed March 1, 1975. B./SH. K.K. Matthews, Supt. C.D. Cooney, Pastor G.A. Stansbury." This stuccoed addition appears to have double-hung stained glass windows that pre-date the 1975 structural system. Some other additions include a shed roof enclosed entrance on the south, an attached front gabled shed on the north, and a stuccoed, concrete block chimney on the exterior end of the north elevation. The cemetery flanks the church to the east and west. The east side contains approximately ten upright marble and granite markers randomly placed facing west. These older markers dating to the early twentieth century are located in close proximity to the original church in an overgrown area. The west side of the cemetery contains mostly upright, granite headstones. These approximately 20 markers are dispersed throughout a grassy lot facing east. Dating from the mid-20th century, this half of the cemetery is currently still in use. Some family names include Brown and Myers. To the east of the addition there is a circa 1990 playhouse that stands one-story tall and one-bay-wide. This wood frame structure has pressed vertical board siding, a concrete block pier foundation, and an asphalt shingle side gable roof.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-0512

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Sharp Street Methodist Episcopal Church (preferred)
 other Little Sharp Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Sharp Street United Methodist Church of Chase

2. Location

street and number 11814 Eastern Avenue __ not for publication
 city, town Baltimore __ vicinity
 county Baltimore County

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

name Sharp Street United Methodist Church of Chase Maryland
 street and number 11814 Eastern Avenue telephone Not Available
 city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21220

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 9217 folio 763
 city, town Towson tax map 91 tax parcel 63 tax ID number 1520661240

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u> 1 </u> <input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u> 1 </u> <input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u> 2 </u> <input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	Number of Contributing Resources
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	previously listed in the Inventory
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<u> 1 </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

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To the east of the addition there is a circa 1990 playhouse that stands one-story tall and one-bay-wide. This wood frame structure has pressed vertical board siding, a concrete block pier foundation, and an asphalt shingle side gable roof. There is a single-leaf wood door, two 1/1 vinyl windows with square edged wood surrounds and a one-light window opening in the gable end.

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:

Specific dates 1902-1975 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1902, 1975

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.)

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¹ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.
² *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G.W. Bromley, 1915).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .50 Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Middle River Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction in 1902, the Sharp Street Methodist Episcopal Church has been associated with the .5 acres of land known as tax parcel 63 of map 91 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

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MARYLAND-BALTIMORE CO.
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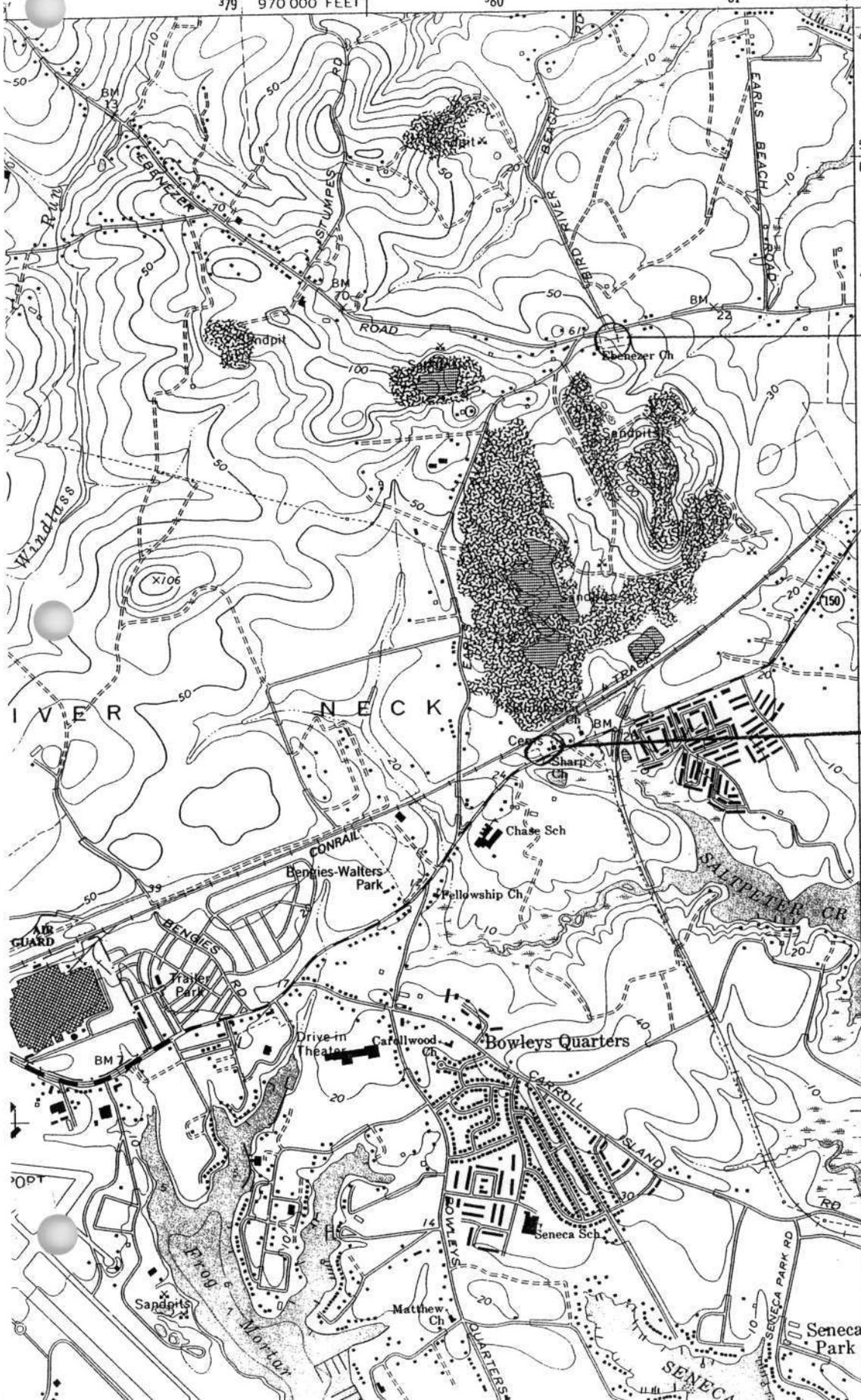
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1902

Little Sharp Street Methodist Episcopal Church
1814 Eastern Avenue
0.2 mile NE of Earls Road

This is a small community church built in 1902 to replace a log chapel established in 1869. The name is derived from Sharp Street Church in Baltimore City.