

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. BA-847
Magi No. 0308472708
DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Gough United Methodist Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 14200 Cuba Road not for publication

city, town Cockeysville vicinity of Councilmanic District 3
congressional district 2

state Maryland county Baltimore Co.

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 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 Gough United Methodist Church

street & number 14200 Cuba Road telephone no.:

city, town Cockeysville state and zip code MD 21030

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Courts Building liber JB 93

street & number 401 Bosley Avenue folio 488

city, town Towson state MD 21204

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Western Run-Belfast Historic District Study

date 1976 federal state county local

depository for survey records Md. Hist Trust, 100 Community Place

y, town Crownsville state MD 21032

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

In 1976, James T. Wollon, Jr., AIA, wrote the following description of the church:

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In the southeast corner of the foundationn wall is a marble stone carved:

GOUGH M. E. CHURCH
BUILT 1884
REBUILT 1907.

The interior of this structure was not examined.

Subsequent to the 1976 report, the outer coating of the church was replaced with white aluminum siding. The church makes a pleasant appearance perched on the highbank above Cuba Road near a very large oak tree. There is a fairly new parking lot and a well kept cemetery. Members pointed out in 1977 that there are actually four entrances rather than two as suggested above.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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 Rebuilt 1907 **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.

Located on the west side of Cuba Road north of Shawan Road, this simple church and school were erected by its African-American members in or before 1884. Records do not reveal when the congregation was first formed, but prior to constructing an actual church, worship was conducted in a house owned by Daniel Parker, one of the first trustees. Today, the location of the Parker house or whether it survived, is doubtful. Towson land records show that three trustees, Peter Gauf (as then spelled), Richard Parker, and Daniel Parker of John, purchased one acre from Thomas T. Griffith, November 1, 1875. The trustees belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church (Deeds JB 93:488).

The two-story church housed in its basement a school for the neighborhood children until the early part of the twentieth century. The space was leased by the county school Commissioners and Board of Education and was staffed by publicly paid teachers. When desegregation became mandatory, the children were bussed elsewhere in the region.

The upper floor of the church was used for services. A large cemetery occupies part of the grounds. When the original building was destroyed by fire in 1905, a new structure was built and completed by 1907. The name of the church derives from Peter Gough, the first trustee listed in the deed.

Peter Gough was an employee of the Oregon Furnace during its seven-year operating life, 1851-1857; company ledgers show him on the payroll almost every day that the furnace operated, often for months at a time between blowings-in and blowings-out. He was variously described as ashman, laborer, and guard (J. McGrain, From Pig Iron to Cotton Duck, 1985, pp. 50 -51).

The county paper tried to pass Peter Gough off as 104 years old in 1887, claiming him as the oldest voter in the State, perhaps the nation, and a loyal Republican. Gough then lived with his daughter, Charlotte Cary, adjoining the properties of Abraham Griffith and Alfred J. Gent, which would have fixed his last residence on Cuba Road, possibly north of Stone Hall. The same news item stated that Gough had been a slave of Abraham Price and on being set free he saved his money and bought the freedom of his children from Price (Md. Journal, November 19, 1887). The following year, on February 6, 1888, Peter Gough died. His tombstone is heavily weathered but seems to give his age as 102. The 1888 date is confirmed by the Administration Estate records (Liber 2, f. 970) in the Register of Deeds office. The Abraham Price house (MHT Site BA 801) is now 1003 Shawan Road, later called the Gerber House, just west of the Shawan Road exit on I-83.

National Register form by Catherine F. Black and James T. Wollon, Jr.,
AIA, 1976

10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Cockeysville

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Tax Map 41, Grid 4, Parcel P66

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state None code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title John McGrain

organization Office of Planning

date March 25, 1997

street & number 401 Bosley Avenue

telephone 410-887-3495

city or town Towson

state MD 21204

01-247
Gough United Methodist Church
West side of Cuba Rd. north of
Shawan Road
1884; rebuilt 1907
Accessibility restricted

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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MAG 500-5075608

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Gauff's Church or Meeting House and School

AND/OR COMMON

Gough United Methodist Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

14200 Cuba Road

CITY, TOWN

Cockeysville

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
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	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
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			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Trustees of Gough United Methodist Church Telephone #: 667-9827

STREET & NUMBER

14200 Cuba Road

CITY, TOWN

Cockeysville

— VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21030

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

Liber #: JB 93

Folio #: 488

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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<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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 1884; rebuilt 1907 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Unpublished history of Gough United Methodist Church written
by Catherine S. Madden, April 1, 1976.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 Acre[±]

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

Catherine F. Black and James T. Wollon, Jr. AIA

ORGANIZATION

For Valleys Historic District Project

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

1114 Bellemore Road

TELEPHONE

323-3798

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

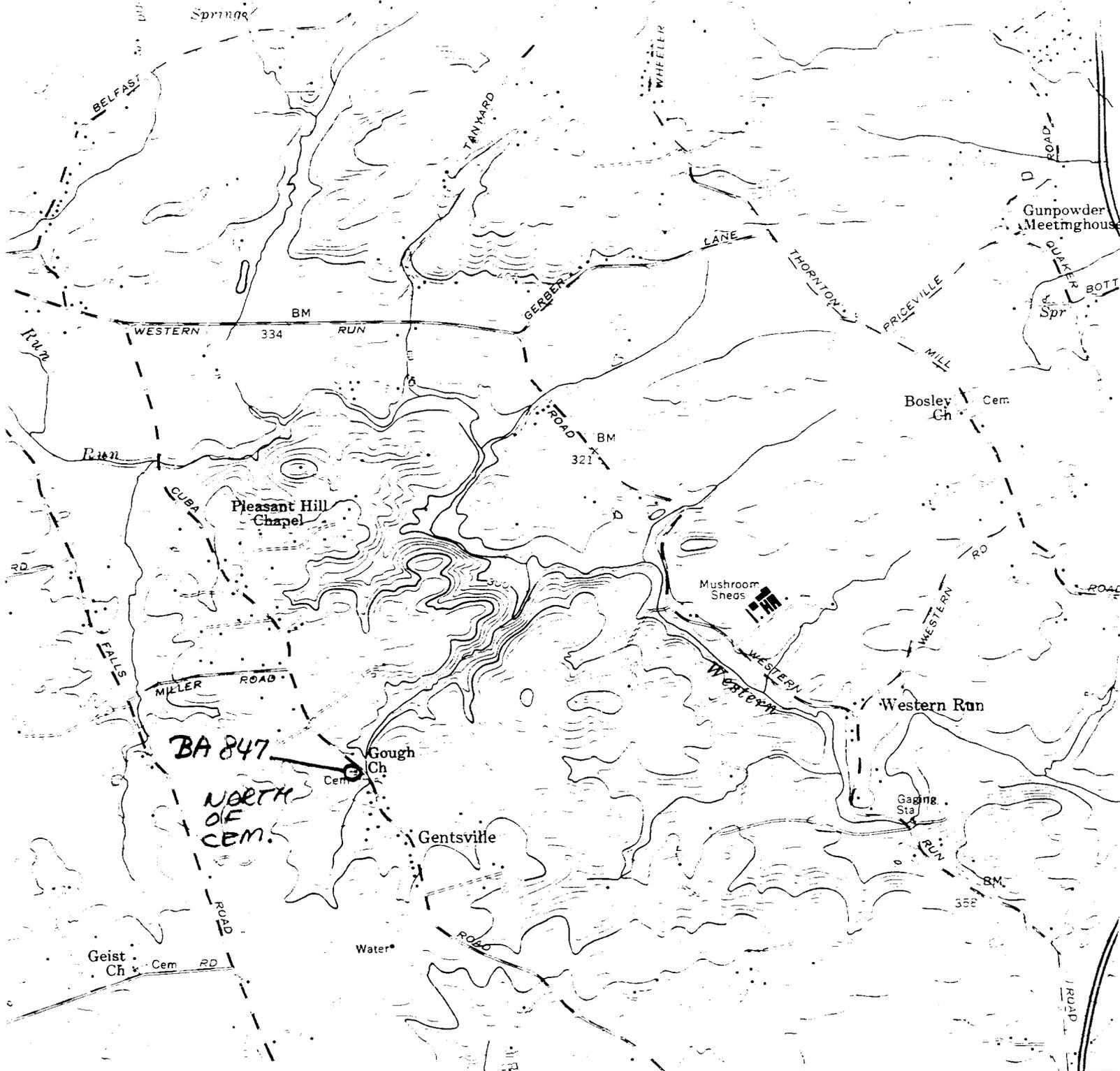
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Maryland

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



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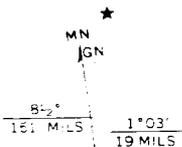
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UTM GRID AND 1974 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092 A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST