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St. Paul's Reformed Church

Ridgely

Public

1880

The Reformed Church on Central Avenue, Ridgely, is an interesting frame building with gable entrance between two square towers. In concept it appears to be Romanesque, but in detail it is Gothic. It is one of the more ambitious Church structures built in Caroline County.

St. Paul's was organized in 1878 and the Church constructed in 1880 under the Pastorate of Rev. J. K. Hannabery, the first minister to reside in the new town of Ridgely. The establishment of the Church in Ridgely induced members of the faith to move to Caroline from Pennsylvania. (Ridgely Centennial, 1967)

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Reformed Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

212 Central Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Ridgely

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Caroline

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Reformed Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Ridgely

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21660

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Caroline County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Market Street

CITY, TOWN

Denton

STATE

Maryland 21629

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" 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		

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

The Ridgely Reformed Church is located at 212 Central Avenue in Ridgely, Caroline County. The building once serviced the St. Paul's Evangelical Reformed parish, but is presently unused and seemingly unkept.

The structure was built in 1880 according to the corner stone and its design has a double tower main facade and a high foundation wall on the main body of the church. The church is frame and clapboard, but the high foundation wall is a cement stucco over brick and scored to resemble ashlar masonry. The main facade (west elevation) has double square towers with the entrance between them. Both towers have a tall main section with a long and thin dentil cornice and thin 4/4 pane lancet windows and a shorter middle section with lancet ventilator windows. At the corners are fluted pilaster strips with bracket capitals. The north tower has a four sided flared roof and the south tower has a third section of reduced proportions but with lancet ventilator windows and a hipped roof. The center section with the entrance has a ornamented double doorway with a shed roof between the towers, and a double gable above, with a pointed arch window in the lower gable. The sides of the main section are three bays with round arch 4/4 pane windows, and the sides of the towers also have the round arch windows. The east elevation has several additions built on to it for service rooms, an exterior end brick chimney stack, and a three pane gable window.

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 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/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES      1880

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ridgely Reformed Church is unique in Caroline County for its particular use of double towers on the main facade and the high foundation wall in the architectural design of the church.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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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

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ORGANIZATION

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DATE

May, 1977

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

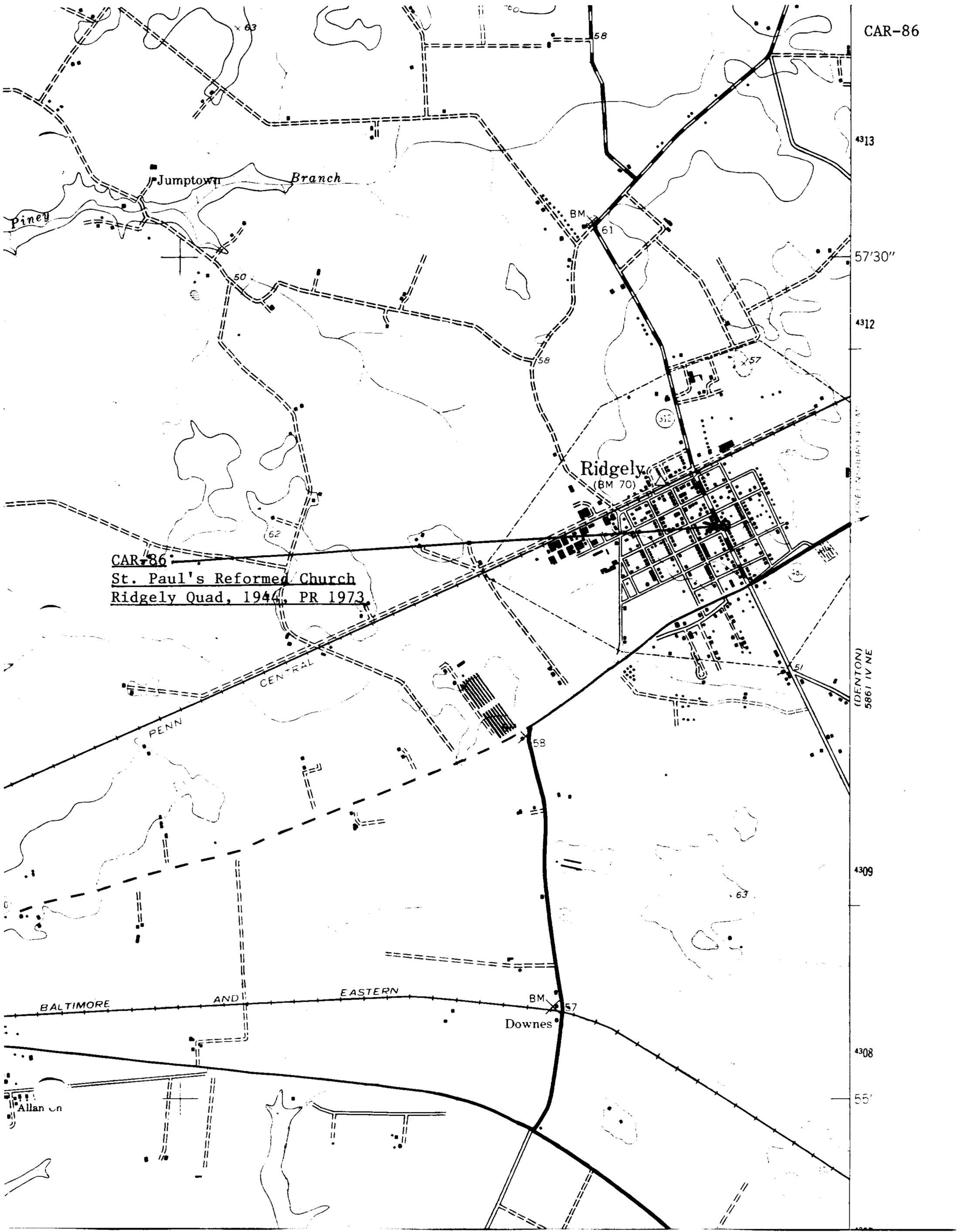
Maryland 21401

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Ridgely Quad, 1944, PR 1973

4313

57'30"

4312

CASE NUMBER 454

(DENTON)  
5861 IV NE

4309

4308

55'

Jumptown Branch

Piney

Ridgely  
(BM 70)

Downes

Allan on

CENTRAL

PENN

BALTIMORE AND EASTERN

AND

EASTERN

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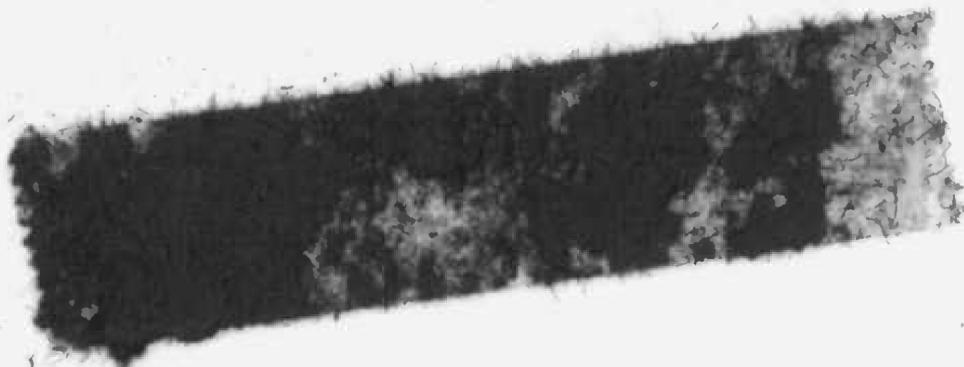
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