

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

Deer Park Chapel

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Deer Park Methodist Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 2305 Sykesville Road (MD 32)

CITY, TOWN Westminster

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Carroll

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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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input checked="" 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Deer Park Methodist Church *

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER 2305 Sykesville Road

CITY, TOWN Westminster

VICINITY OF

STATE, ZIP CODE
Md. 21157**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Carroll County Office BuildingLiber #: NONE
Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER 225 North Center Street

CITY, TOWN Westminster

STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

*trustees of Deer Park Methodist Ch. John C. Hilbert et al Rt. 6 Westminster

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED
- DATE 1891

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The church sits about 25 yards off the west side of Maryland 32, otherwise called Sykesville Road, facing East. It overlooks the junction where this road and Deer Park Road, which continues into Baltimore County, meet. The area is Smallwood, south of Westminster.

The building is two-bays across the front, four-bays on either side, of Garden wall bond, with a semi-coursed stone foundation, barely visible because of the finished basement. The gable roof has a slate shingle cover, with extended soffits on the back and front gable ends; eaves on the sides.

Eastern front ... is two-bays, of evenly spaced, double, recent entrance doors, each with a four-part textured glass, pointed arch transom. Door trim is wood, and a double row of brick voussoir around the point of the arch. Each door is reached by cement steps with wrought-iron railings (both more recent).

The upper-middle of this gable end accomodates a short, three-part, pointed arch window with one-part textured glass and two-parts wood filled. The window has a wood base and a double row of voussoir. A star-shaped washer is under the point. A large decorative, contemporary cross and flame fixture is attached to this wall. The corner-stone reads "Deer Park Chapel", built 1855, rebuilt, 1891."

North and south walls ... are four bays of windows each; all pointed arch, stained glass, with a wood base and trim, and double voussoir around the point. The south wall has a running bond, contemporary, front end, extension which accomodates part of the basement level. This south side has three-bays of pane, recent windows on the basement level. The north side has four bays of the same.

Western back wall ... is void of bays; it has an exterior, central, end, single chimney of running bond.

The simplicity of the exterior reflects that of the interior (which is reached from the entrance doors, without the help of a narthex area.)

The nave is three rows of pews, eleven deep, with two side aisles accomodating them. Walls are plaster; floors are thin-width boards. The elliptical arch ceiling is covered with acoustical tiles. The platformed chancel and altar is at the back (west) of the church. Windows and door trim is plain wood. Pews and chancel furniture appear contemporary.

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SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
100-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The history of Deer Park Methodist is a later Methodist history in the county, but significant to the Smallwood area.

In 1829, the first Methodist Protestant Church in the area was organized in Reisterstown, following the separation from the Methodist Episcopal church in 1828. In 1836, the name of the circuit was changed from Reisterstown to Baltimore, and in 1859 to the West Baltimore station.

West of Reisterstown, and south of Westminster, is a very small community, later known as Smallwood. Methodist Protestant worshippers were holding services in a small schoolhouse, which was situated where the present church property is. All denominations worshipped here alternately. It was necessary to meet a minimum of twice a year to maintain the privilege.

In 1855, land for a building and burial ground was given by one Burgess Nelson, that location directly back of the present building. The building is named "Deer Park Chapel", and services were held fairly regularly,

In 1866, the new "Finksburg Circuit" of eight churches, including Deer Park, was separated from the West Baltimore Circuit. In 1883, Deer Park was set off with Zion, Brandenburg and Harmony Grove, and named the Deer Park Circuit. The church kept growing.

In 1891, a severe storm damaged the roof of the chapel, and plans were made for the erection of the present building. The bricks were made on a farm in Smallwood, and during construction, the congregation worshipped in the log church of the United Brethren in Smallwood.

Improvements were made in the late 1810's. Growth in the church peaked in the early 1920's, when the charter was changed, giving the vote to both men and women. Before this, any man paying two dollars per year, was eligible to vote in the annual elections. The Deer Park Circuit was changed to Deer Park Charge, including the churches of Deer Park and Providence (i.e. Calvary) in Gamber.

In the early 1930's, the basement was dug under the church.

In 1939, 100 years after the separation, the Methodist Protestant and Methodist Episcopal Churches merged into one, the Methodist Church. In 1942, Zion Methodist, near Smallwood, was added to the Deer Park Charge. In 1943, Providence Methodist was separated from the Deer Park Charge.

In the late 1940's the church was remodelled, new stained glass windows and altar furniture.

The present social hall was completed in 1953.

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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 Maryland COUNTY Carroll

STATE COUNTY

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CITY OR TOWN Westminster

STATE 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.

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