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St. Mathews Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Adamstown  
Private

1893

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<sup>1</sup>Williams, T. J. C., History of Frederick County, Maryland, P.493

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Saint Mathews Evangelical Lutheran Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

West Side Ballenger Creek Road

E.D. 1

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF Adamstown

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

**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	<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 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 St. Mathews Evangelical Lutheran Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

West Side Ballenger Creek

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Adamstown

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

Maryland 21710

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

North Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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**CONDITION**

EXCELLENT                     DETERIORATED  
 GOOD                             RUINS  
 FAIR                               UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

Saint Mathews Evangelical Lutheran Church is a one story rectangular gable roofed white frame church which faces east from the west side of Ballenger Creek Pike in an area known as Church Hill.

The church is an excellent example of late Victorian carpenter gothic architecture. The principle facade is three bays wide; a belfry tower extends forward of the main block of the building in the second bay.

The main entrance, twin paneled doors with an etched glass four light transom is located in the second bay. Above the doorway and extending to the belfry tower is decorative fishscale shingle work. The belfry is an open frame structure with decorative millwork and a swinging bell intact. A pyramidal roof with bell finial covers the belfry tower. Located in the remaining two bays are simple double hung 1/1 windows.

The building is four bays deep with double hung 4/4 windows with louvered shutters. Two original small shed roof frame additions extend the rear of the structure. The entire building frame is built on a coursed random stone foundation. A standing seam tin gable roof with a hip to the rear covers the building.

A one story modern cinder block addition is located southwest of the original building.

A cemetery is located immediately south and across Ballenger Creek Pike, east of the building. Graves dating into the eighteenth century and printed in German indicate early settlements in the area.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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      1893

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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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**

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STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

DATE

6/19/78

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STATE

Maryland 21701

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.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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FREDRICK 3.5 MI. TO U.S. 340

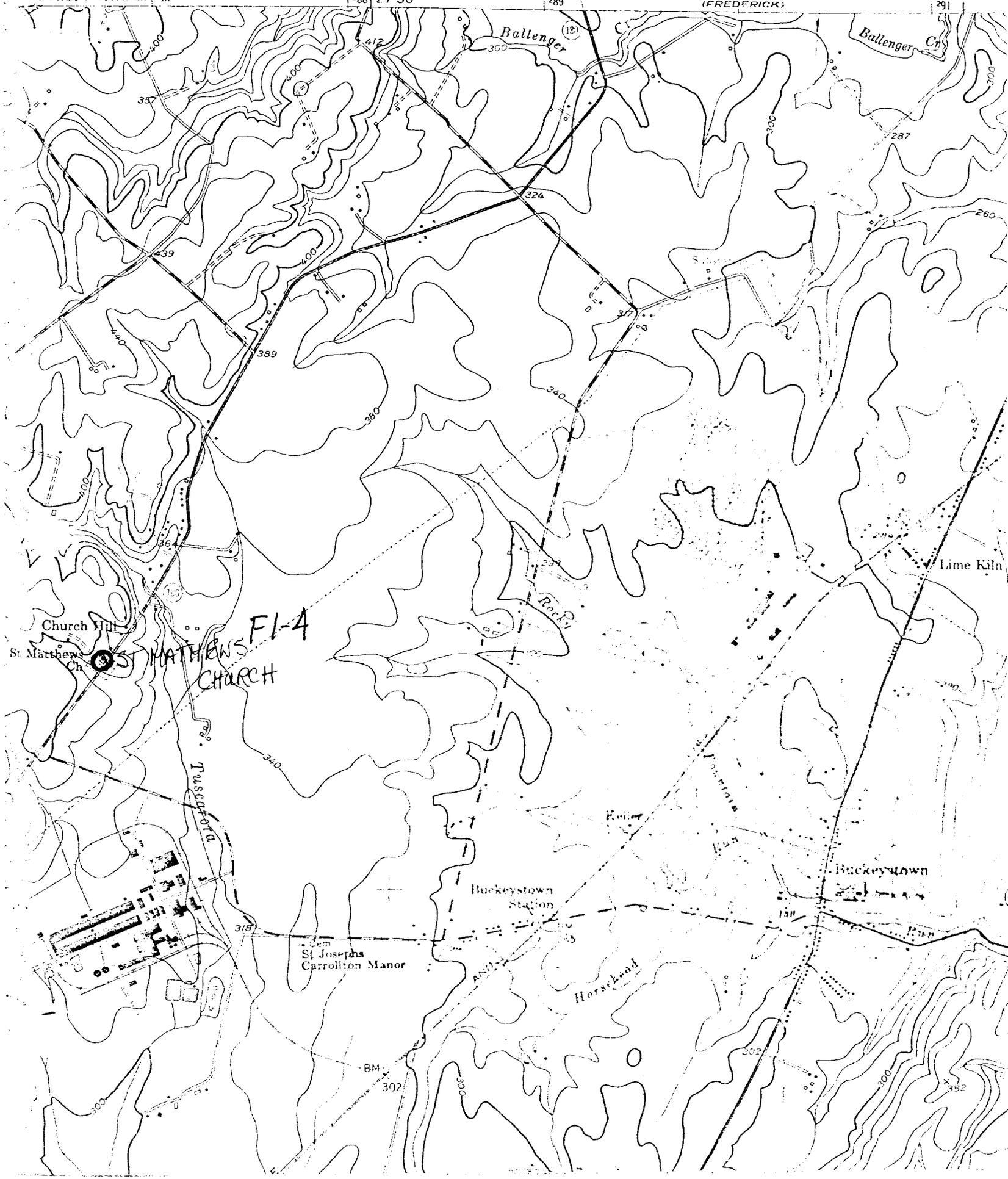
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FREDRICK 5 MI. 287

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ST. MATHEWS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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W/S BALLENGER CREEK PIKE

WEST ELEVATION

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ST. MATHEWS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN Church F-1-4  
W/S BAILENGER CREEK PIKE

EAST ELEVATION

CEW

4/78