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Wayman A.M.E. Church

Ca. 1868

Mt. Pleasant, Maryland vicinity

Frederick County, Maryland

Private

The Wayman A.M.E. Church is a one-story frame hall-type church built about 1868 on the south side of Old Liberty Road. Its single distinguishing architectural feature is the apsidal west end added in the 1880's along with a pulpit. Wayman A.M.E. Church and the nearby Silver Hill M.E. Church (F-8-124) are good examples of rural African-American churches of the late 19th century. Further research on the churches' histories and interior details is needed to define the context of black rural churches in the last quarter of the 19th century.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery Counties,
and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Religion

Resource Type:
Category: Buildings

Environment: Rural

Function & Use:
Religion/religious structure/church

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Wayman A.M.E. Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 10200 blk. Old Liberty Road not for publication

city, town Mt. Pleasant vicinity of congressional district 6th

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	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 checked="" 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 c/o Viola Chase Trust

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Walkersville state and zip code MD 21793

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber CM2

street & number 100 W. Patrick St. folio 103

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

Contributing Resource Count: 1

(Typed on separate sheet)

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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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 Ca. 1868

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.

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7.1 Description

The Wayman A.M.E. Church is a one-story frame building erected about 1868 with a rectangular plan and a gable roof located on the south side of Old Liberty Road near Mt. Pleasant, Maryland. The site is on a small hill overlooking the present Liberty Road (MD Rt. 26) which passes to the south of the church. The building has an apsidal west end added in the 1880's along with a pulpit in the interior. The entrance is in the east elevation. The exterior is covered with composition siding over weatherboards and has a stone foundation. The roof is standing seam metal. The entrance has double unpaneled doors. No architraves are visible. The north and south elevations have four bays each with 1/1 sliding sash with colored glass. The interior was not accessible for this survey; however, Mrs. Gladys Cooper, a long-time member, states that the walls are painted plaster with light fixtures hanging from a flat ceiling. A modern stained glass panel is backlighted behind the pulpit. The floor is pine over the original floorboards. Four of the original hand-made pews are still in use in the choir section. The pulpit which brought about the 1880's expansion was replaced with a modern structure in recent years.

North of the church is a cemetery with burials dating from the 1860's which is shared with the Silver Hill Methodist Episcopal Church (F-8-124). The Silver Hill Church, built about 1875, is located on a separate parcel at the north end of the cemetery just off Old Liberty Road.

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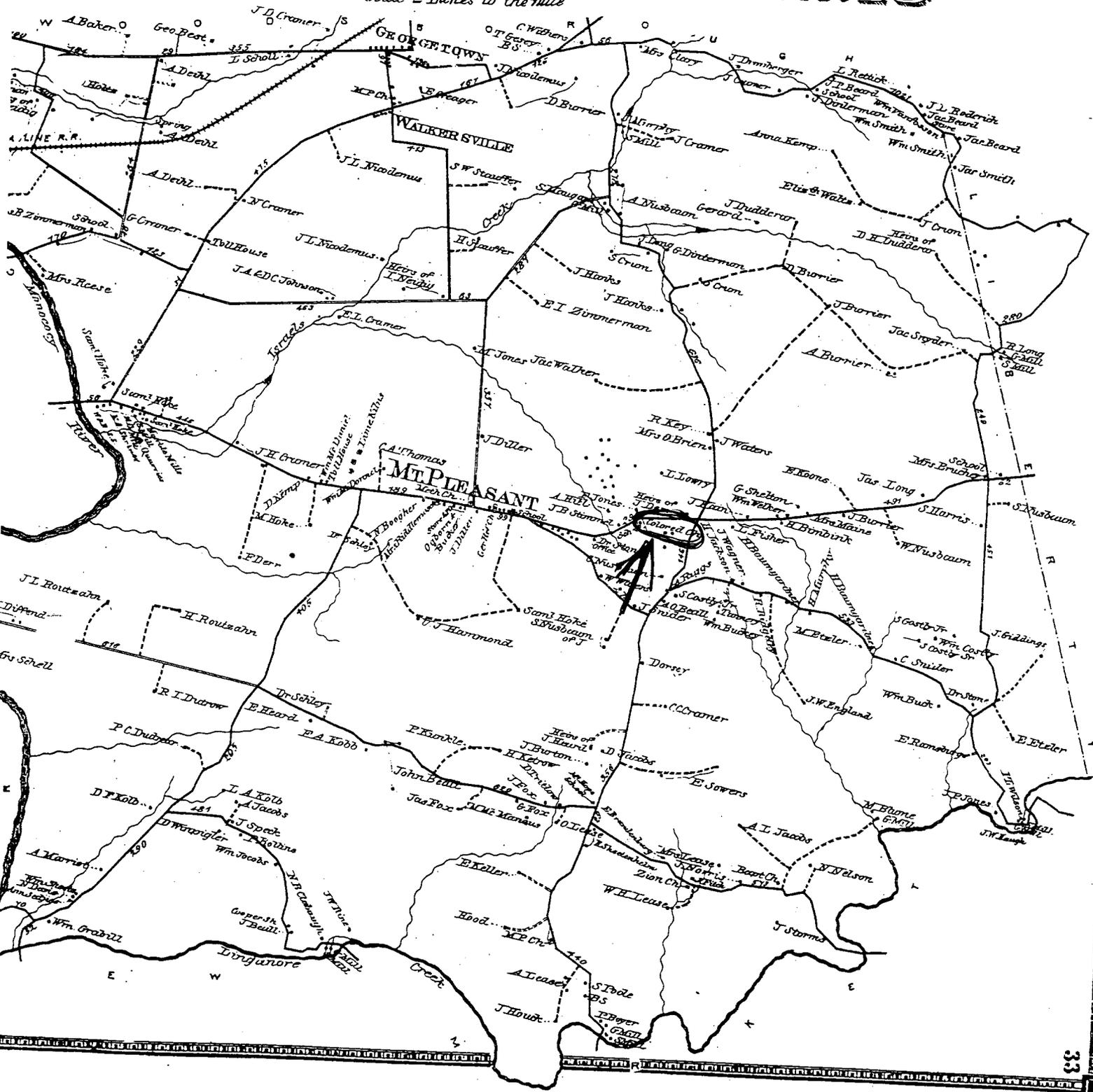
The Wayman A.M.E. Church is a good illustration of the small rural African-American Church of the post-Civil War period of the 19th century. Built for a congregation of freed slaves according to church tradition, the church is near a second African-American church, the Silver Hill M.E. Church, built about 1875. The connection between the two congregations has not yet been researched; however, the close proximity of the two churches is reasonable given the lack of church sites available to black congregations after the Civil War.

The 1858 Bond Map shows a Methodist Episcopal Church at approximately the location of the two churches. Mrs. Cooper stated that traditionally the Silver Hill Church was thought to be older than the Wayman Church, but this is not supported by the available deed references. It is possibly an earlier church building built prior to 1858 or the existing structure of the Silver Hill Church, for which a formal deed was not recorded until 1875 after the construction of the Wayman Church.

Wayman was named for Bishop Wayman, the first bishop under whose jurisdiction the church was established. It was part of a three-church charge including St. Paul's at Della in southern Frederick County, and St. James at Bartonsville. Wayman and St. Paul's remain in the charge; St. James is no longer a member.

MT. PLEASANT DIST No. 13

Scale 2 Inches to the mile

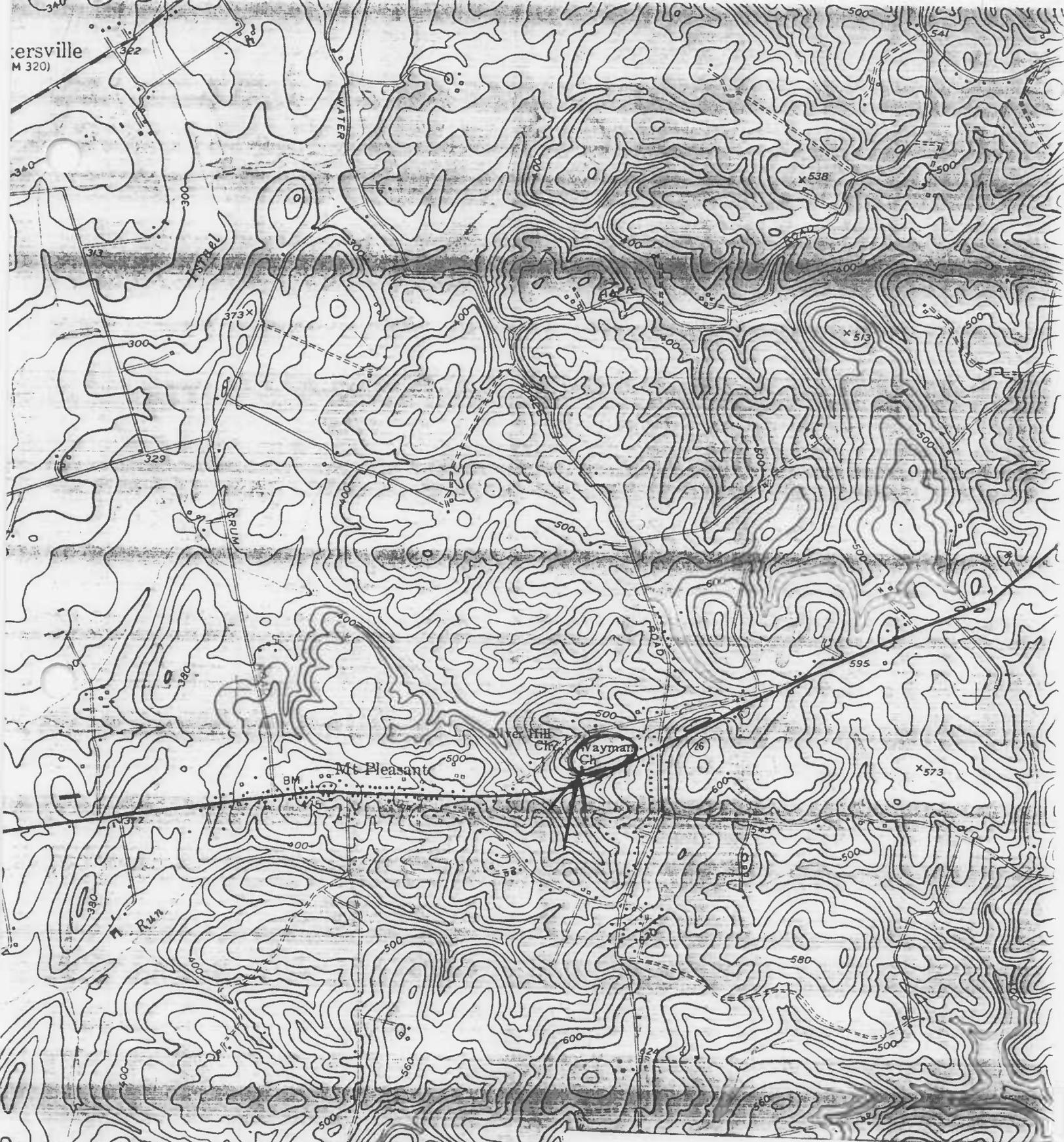


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C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick County, 1873

Weyman A.M.E. Church

LIBER/FOL. J	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
CM 2/103 1 June 1868	Daniel Dorsey, John J. Cox, Ephraim Lewis, Jeremiah Thomas, Dennis Waters,	John Cox	82 1/2 sq. perches	#80	
	Trustees of the A.M.E. Church				
WBT #4/11 5 Mar 1845	John Cox	Isaac Walker & Jacob Walker, exec. of John Walker, dec.	1 1/2 a.	#42	
23 May 1817	John Walker	John Richie & Benjamin Biggs			

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USGS Walkersville, Maryland
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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md

North elevation