

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

111-113 Ice Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input 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

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

N. Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick, Maryland

STATE

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a 2-1/2 story detached pair of frame houses four bays wide and three bays in depth with a two story frame "T" shaped wing three bays square and side balconies. The front is sheathed with asbestos siding and the sides and rear by asbestos siding. Newer doors with three pane overlights occupy the second and fourth bays from the left. All house windows are of 6/6 sash including the attic windows in the end gables. The front section has a moderate slope "A" frame roof with a small enclosed chimney at each end and a double flue chimney centered at the rear of the front section. The wing has a low "A" frame roof and all are of metal. This building sets on a rather high fieldstone foundation.

See NH 7 slide 53416

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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 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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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	<i>DOUGLAS M. GREENE ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN</i>	
ORGANIZATION	<i>HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION CITY of FREDERICK, MD. 21701</i>	DATE SEPTEMBER 1975
STREET & NUMBER		TELEPHONE
CITY OR TOWN		STATE

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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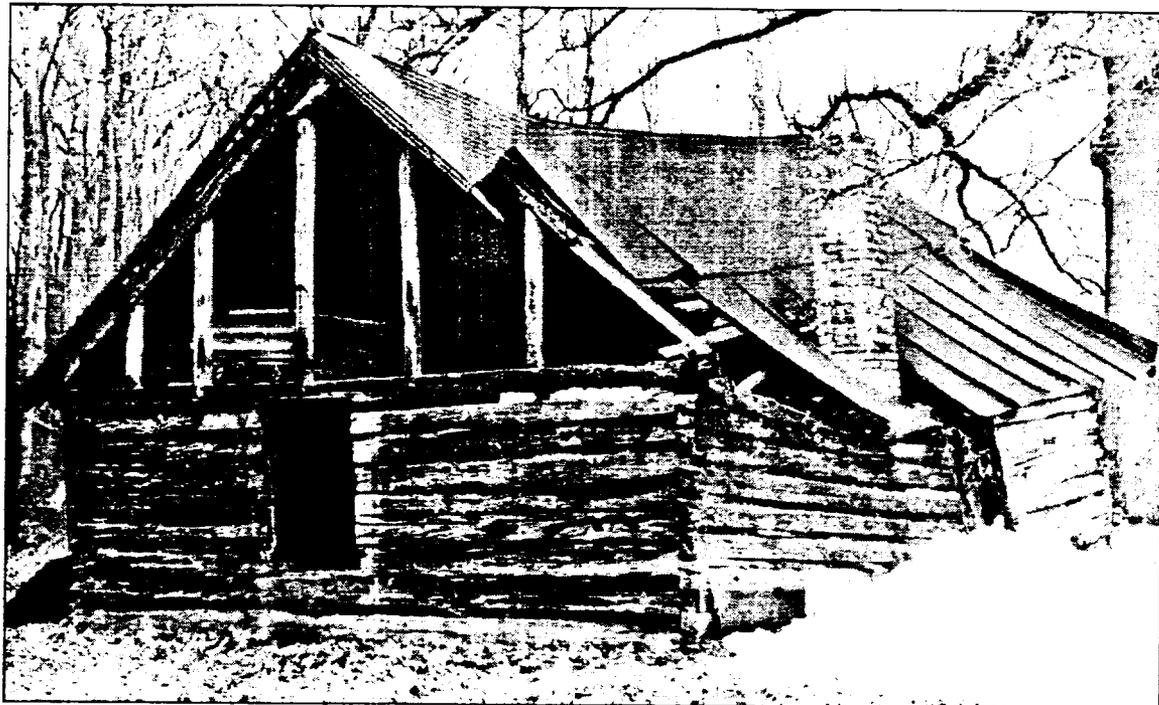
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This log cabin, built about 1860, was the first home of Ebenezer AME Church in St. Mary's County.

SAVING 'LITTLE TREASURES'

By Edward Gunts
Sun Staff Writer

Deep in a glade off Three Notch Road near Mechanicsville, a ramshackle log cabin survives as a poignant symbol of religious freedom in Southern Maryland.

"Here in this log cabin 100 years ago, in this little patch of woods, a group of free humble pious colored folk . . . organized the Ebenezer AME Church, the first of its denomination in Southern Maryland," reads the inscription on a plaque dated 1961.

"In this hallowed spot their spirits are enshrined forever, tho their names and faces have been forgotten and dimmed by time."

Built about 1860, Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church is one of the few historic log structures still standing in St. Mary's County and perhaps the only log church to be found anywhere in Maryland.

After a new church was built next to it in the late 1890s, the older structure became a one-room school for blacks, a use that continued until the early 1950s. It was then converted to storage space for the church, which opened nearby buildings in 1949 and 1961. In recent years, the log structure has deteriorated. Part of one wall has collapsed, leaving a hole in the roof.

But the owners are hoping to preserve it for future generations, with the help of a restoration grant from Preservation Maryland.

The statewide organization recently offered a \$5,000 matching grant to help restore the building as a museum and setting for occasional worship services, a project

Preservation focuses on black history

that is expected to cost \$25,000.

Church members are seeking to raise the rest with help from the St. Mary's County Historic District Commission, the Maryland Historical Trust and others. The cost is relatively inexpensive, sponsors say, because the building is so simple in its construction. Jim Laws of Leonardtown will be the restoration contractor.

"It's as derelict as a building can get and still be standing," said David Chase, executive director of Preservation Maryland.

"It was going quick," agreed historic district commissioner John Cook. "A lot of times, it's these little treasures that fall through the cracks."

Made of hand-hewn horizontal logs joined with half dovetails at the corners, the church is one of three African-American landmarks that Preservation Maryland has targeted for assistance this year.

The second is an 1818 church in Bladensburg. It was constructed to house a Presbyterian congregation but sold in 1872 to St. Paul's Baptist Church, an African-American congregation founded in 1866 by a former slave named Sarah Plummer. St. Paul's sold it in 1973 to the Free Hope Baptist congregation. Preservation Maryland awarded \$5,000 to help restore the building at an estimated total cost of \$50,000 to \$70,000.

The third project, for which Preservation Maryland allocated \$2,500, is to recycle the former

Free Colored Men's Library at 111 to 113 Ice St. in Frederick. The library was an outgrowth of a reading club formed in 1913. Frederick Habitat for Humanity plans to convert it to affordable housing for two families at a cost of \$120,000.

Preservation Maryland's effort to help save African-American landmarks is consistent with a national movement toward multiculturalism in preservation.

Mr. Chase said earlier waves of restoration activity generally involved preserving homes of wealthy people. As a result, African-American sites have been neglected, he said. Only in recent years have efforts been made to save buildings of significance to African-Americans, such as Orchard Street Church in Baltimore, he said.

Tyler Gearhart, programs administrator for Preservation Maryland, said "the preservation movement is trying to reach out and be more aware of the different cultures that have contributed to the American landscape."

Preservation Maryland provides grants ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 and plans to allocate about \$50,000 this year. Rather than undertaking restoration projects of its own, it seeks to support local preservation efforts by providing seed money. It also administers a \$200,000 revolving fund that provides low-interest loans to help nonprofit organizations acquire and rehabilitate historic structures.

"What I would like to think is that our show of interest and our support are going to help these projects come about," Mr. Chase said.