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Clark's Chapel M.E. Church
2001 Kalmia Road
Bel Air vicinity
Semi-public

1885;1972

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC: Clark's Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church

AND/OR COMMON: Clark's United Methodist Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 2001 Kalmia Road

CITY, TOWN: Bel Air — X VICINITY OF — CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 2nd

STATE: Maryland — COUNTY: Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	X PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	__PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	X RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	X YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
	Not applicable	__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Trustees of Clark's United Methodist Church — Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER: 2001 Kalmia Road

CITY, TOWN: Bel Air — X VICINITY OF — STATE, zip code: MD 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Harford County Courthouse — Liber #: — Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER: 40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN: Bel Air — STATE: MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE: Maryland Historical Trust Historic Sites Inventory

DATE: c. 1970 — __FEDERAL X STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN: Annapolis — STATE: MD

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Clark's United Methodist Church is a simple gable roofed stucco over stone church built in 1885 with additions in 1972 which is located on the northeast side of Kalmia Road southeast of the village of Kalmia in Harford County, Maryland. The church faces southwest and its cemetery is directly northwest of the building.

The main sanctuary of the church has two bays across the gable end and three bays on the sides. The south entrance foyer projects from the gable end and has new double doors, concrete porch and a wheelchair ramp. The entire foyer appears to be a 20th century addition. The windows in the side bays have simple wood frames with pointed arches. A stone in the southeast corner gives the date "1885". At the rear of the church is a one story addition, also stucco, in which a cornerstone reads "Renovated and education building built 1972, James Smith, pastor."

The cemetery contains several old weathered headstones with unreadable inscriptions and many 20th century markers. The oldest readable stone observed in the current survey is that of Milky Gover, died 1886 at age 77.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	__ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY) Black History
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1885; 1972 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
Janet L. Davis Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION
Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning

DATE
October 1982

STREET & NUMBER
45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE
(301) 838-6000, Ext. 297

CITY OR TOWN
Bel Air

STATE
MD 21014

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Clark's Methodist Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: East side of Kalmia Road about 0.2 mi south of Forge Hill Road.

CITY OR TOWN: Kalmia

STATE: Maryland | CODE: | COUNTY: Harford | CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District ☐	Building ☑	Public ☐	Public Acquisition:	Occupied ☑	Yes:
Site ☐	Structure ☐	Private ☐	In Process ☐	Unoccupied ☐	Restricted ☐
Object ☐		Both Semi ☒	Being Considered ☐	Preservation work in progress ☐	Unrestricted ☑
					No: ☐

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural	☐	Government	☐	Park	☐	Transportation	☐	Comments	☐
Commercial	☐	Industrial	☐	Private Residence	☐	Other (Specify)	☐		
Educational	☐	Military	☐	Religious	☑				
Entertainment	☐	Museum	☐	Scientific	☐				

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: Trustees of the Clark Methodist Church ~~Mr Fried~~ ~~8038~~ ~~8038~~ ~~Barnes~~

STREET AND NUMBER: Kalmia Road and Old Forge Road

CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air | STATE: Maryland | CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Clerk of Circuit Court

STREET AND NUMBER: Harford County Courthouse 40 S. Main St

CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air | STATE: Maryland | CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: | STATE: | CODE:

STATE: | COUNTY: | FOR NPS USE ONLY | ENTRY NUMBER | DATE

Color: 6884

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One) Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☑ Ruins ☐ Unexposed ☐	
INTEGRITY	(Check One) Altered ☐ Unaltered ☑	(Check One) Moved ☐ Originol Site ☑

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL *(If known)* PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This stuccoed stone church, ~~two~~ 2 bays by 3, faces south, the ridge line running north-south.

Windows 1/1 are pointed with new plaster filling the corners*

One small cinder block chimney - no bell tower, 2 air conditioners, grounds unkempt.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Pre-Columbian ☐	16th Century ☐	18th Century ☐	20th Century ☐
15th Century ☐	17th Century ☐	19th Century ☑	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)* 1878

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Aboriginal	Education ☐	Politicol ☐	Urban Planning ☐
Prehistoric ☐	Engineering ☐	Religion/Philosophy ☐	Other *(Specify)* ☐
Historic ☐	Industry ☐	Science ☐	
Agriculture ☐	Invention ☐	Sculpture ☐	historic -
Art ☐	Landscape Architecture ☐	Social/Humanitorian ☑	
Commerce ☐	Literoture ☐	Theater ☐	
Communications ☐	Military ☐	Transportation ☐	
Conservation ☐	Music ☐		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)*

This small church is pastored by a minister who lives in Baltimore and tends three churches, Reverend James Smith. This church ~~[illegible]~~ serves a congregation area from Bel Air, Dublin, Darlington and Churchville, and has been in constant use since it was built for the negro community at Kalmia in ~~[illegible]~~ 1878. (Once a community of farm laborers or workers at the Forge nearby, it is now supported by jobs in Bel Air stores, households or in the Baton Shoe factory at Belcamp.)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Report by Mrs Frieda Barnes (Mrs Charles W.)
Kalmia Road, Bel Air RFD
Telephone 838 8038

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

CORNER	LATITUDE Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"

OR

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE

LATITUDE Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
°	'	"	°	'	"

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: J S Ewing

ORGANIZATION: ~~MHT~~ Maryland Historic Trust — DATE: Nov 69

STREET AND NUMBER: 50 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis — STATE: Maryland — CODE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

_____
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

_____
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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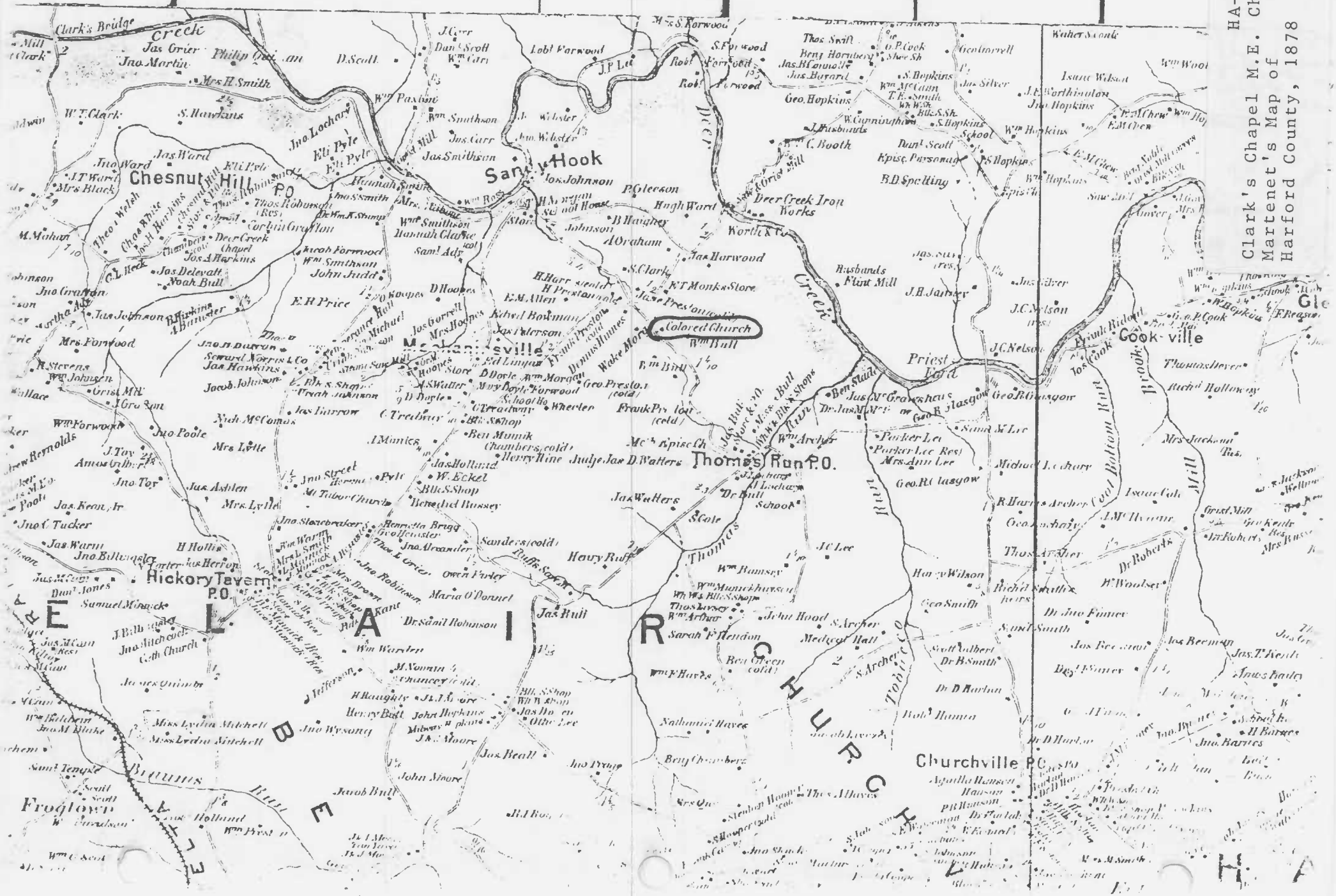
Clark's Chapel M.E. Church
Jennings & Herrick,
Map of Harford County,
1858



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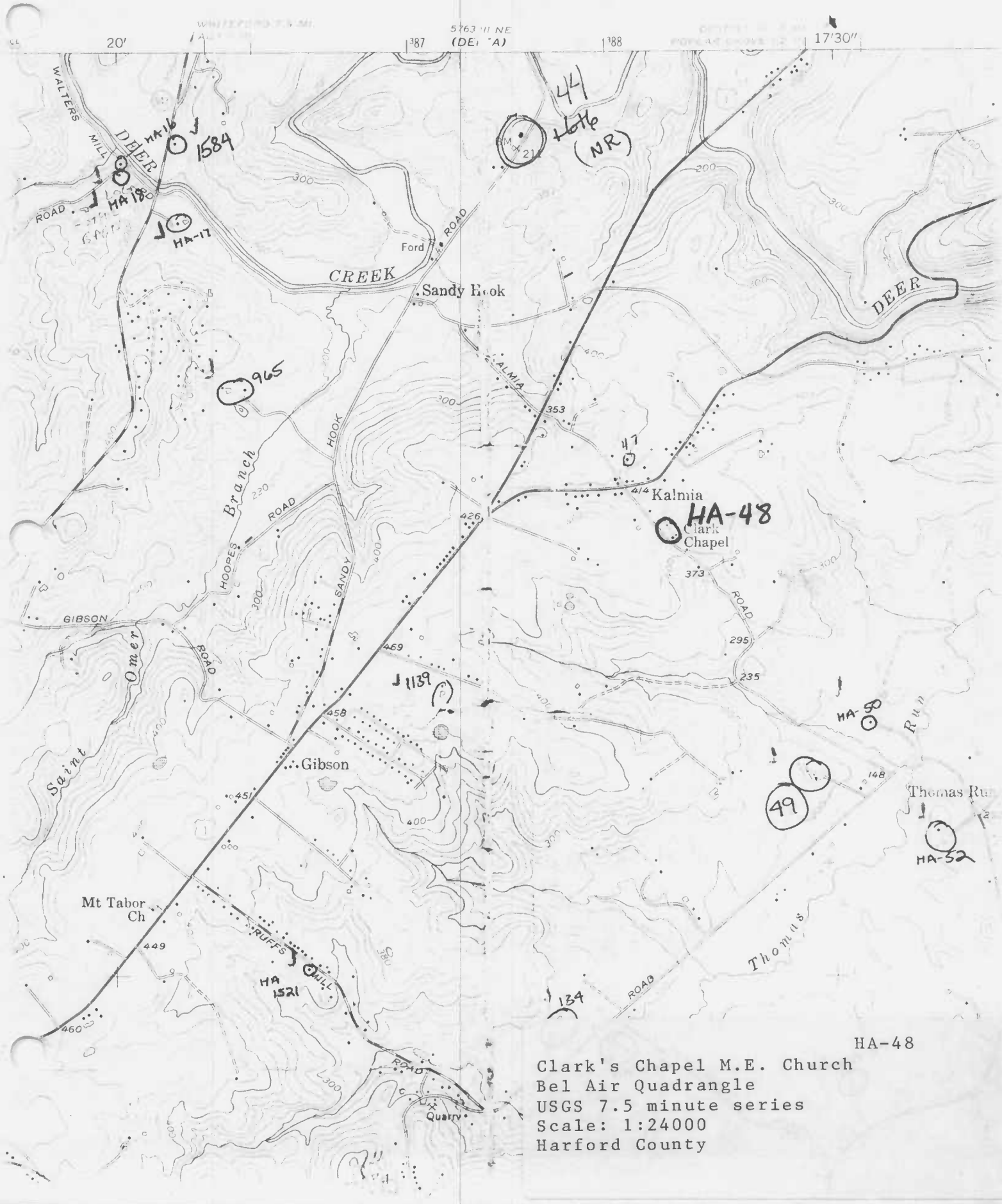
Clark's Chapel M.E. Church
Martenet's Map of
Harford County, 1878



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Clark's Chapel M.E. Church
Bel Air Quadrangle
USGS 7.5 minute series
Scale: 1:24000
Harford County

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Clark's Chapel M. E.Church HA-48
Harford County
Photo: Janet Davis
October 1982
South elevation

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