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ST. JAMES A.M.E. CHURCH  
Havre de Grace, Md.

c. 1874

Built in 1874, St. James A.M.E. Church is a one story frame building which is three bays wide with an advanced entrance portico and four bays deep. The church was faced with a stuccoed pebble finish in the 1940's. The members of St. James A.M.E Church first began to meet together in 1859 at various locations around Havre de Grace.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

617 Green St.

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church Telephone #: 939-9989

STREET & NUMBER

617 Green Street

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21078

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air, Md.

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 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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church is located at 617 Green St. on the corner of Centennial Alley, facing south. The building, a small one story frame structure, now covered with stone finish stucco, was erected in 1874. It is three bays wide with an advanced entrance portico and four bays deep.

The vestibule on the front of the church was added at the century. It has a gable roof like the main section.

All of the windows in the main section, front and flanks have round arched enframements, containing leaded stained glass held within curved muntins at the top. The two front windows-slightly more elaborate than those in the rest of the church,-have small blocks of wood set into the wall at the impost line of the round arches and also a band of molding applied to the tops of the arches. Above the vestibule is a semi-circular window which is treated the same way.

The vestibule entrance contains glass and aluminum doors with a semi-circular stained glass transom above them. The interior doors are padded with plastic but the enframement, perhaps originally on the exterior, is slightly pedimented and contains a three light transom. Double paneled doors with a four light transom above, are in the center bay, west elevation of the lecture hall.

The main section has a gable front asphalt roof with an exterior chimney on the east elevation. The wing has a gable roof perpendicular to the main roof.

Interior: The church is one large room with a small entrance hall in front of it. A choir gallery is on the south wall, above the entrance and the altar is opposite on the north wall. The church has a panelled barrel-vaulted ceiling. The pews are modern.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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/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      1874                                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT    Mitchell Bros. Havre de Grace

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St James A.M. E. Church is a small one story frame structure, now covered with a stuccoed pebble finish, which was erected as a church in 1874 by the African Methodist Episcopal congregation of Havre de Grace. The church, whose first members were called the Saints of God, first met in 1849 at a double brick house near Havre de Grace belonging to James Peaco. The church established there was called Mt. Zion. Services were also held at the Anderson Institute, a school for Negro children on Linden Alley (now razed) which was set up by the Freedman's Bureau in 1865. In 1874 the lot on which the present church is built was purchased. The new church was named St. James in honor of James Peaco, the church treasurer in whose house the first services were held.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

The Church Is Moving On: St James African Methodist Episcopal Church 1874-1974 Anniversary pamphlet

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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

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July 7, 1977

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis, Md.

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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SE/4 HAVRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANGLE

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615 Green St

Havre de Grace

S. Facade

Marion Morton

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