

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

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1. Name: Boyds Charge, Methodist Episcopal Church

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 10/58; 13/10; 18/11; 18/29

+ Address: Hyattstown, Clarksburg,  
Boyds, & Germantown3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference:  
10/58-Map 1-J/19;  
13/10-Map 7-A/4;  
18/11-Map 6-G/4;  
18/29-Map 13-K/2

5. Classification Summary

Category <u>buildings</u>	Previous Survey Recording <u>M-NCPPC</u>
Ownership <u>private</u>	Title and Date: <u>1976 Inventory of</u>
Public Acquisition <u>N/A</u>	<u>Historical Sites</u>
Status <u>10/58-unoccupied; all others-occupied</u>	
Accessible <u>yes: restricted</u>	Federal <u>    </u> State <u>X</u> County <u>X</u> Local <u>    </u>
Present use <u>religious</u>	

6. Date:

7. Original Owner:

8. Apparent Condition

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9. Description: St. Mark's is a 3 bay by 3 bay, 1½ story, white clapboard church on fieldstone foundations. The gable roof has a raised seam metal covering. A cemetery is behind the church.

John Wesley is a common-bonded brick church painted white with a brick foundation. The front facade presents 3 distinct, 1-bay sections, a 2-stepped roofline, a higher gabled roof and a square tower. A cemetery is behind the church.

The Asbury Church is 4 bays by 3 bays of stucco-covered cinderblock. It has 3 distinct sections, the main church, a vestibule and a front porch, each having a gable roof covered with black asphalt shingles. A cemetery is on one side of the church.

Montgomery Chapel is a frame 1 bay by 2 bay clapboard structure on stone foundations. The gable roof is covered by corrugated tin roofing.

10. Significance: Small communities of blacks clustered together in Montgomery County shortly after the end of the Civil War. They established churches separate from, yet associated with local denominations which were at that time all white. Among these was the formation of the Washington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Francis Asbury Church, John Wesley Church, St. Mark's Church and Montgomery Chapel were a part. These four churches came to be referred as the Boyd's Charge, or circuit. The original St. Mark's Church in Boyds, for which the circuit was named, was a one room structure, which doubled as the school. In 1892 the present building replaced the original one. The adjacent parsonage was built in 1899 and remained in use until 1968. The John Wesley Church in Clarksburg, built in 1925, replaces a small frame structure which stood on the same site in 1878 and burned in 1924. The Francis Asbury Church, in Brownstown was built in 1959 on the site of the original 1885 church which burned down. The Montgomery Chapel near Hyattstown, dated 1871, is the oldest building of the group, and is the only one now without a congregation. School was held here and community meetings as well. In 1964 the church was abandoned.

11. Researcher and date researched: Mark Walston-5/79

Candy Reed

Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Margaret Coleman

13. Date Compiled: 10/79

14. Designation  
Approval \_\_\_\_\_15. Acreage: 10/58-50 A.; 13/10-1 A.;  
18/11-1 A.; 18/29-1.02 A.

18-8  
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Boyd's  
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Boyd's Charge, Methodist Episcopal Church  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
Hyattstown, Clarksburg, Boyds, and Germantown  
CITY, TOWN  
VICINITY OF  
STATE  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
COUNTY

**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 checked="" 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  
See Attachment Sheet A Telephone #:  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN  
VICINITY OF  
STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Montgomery County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN  
STATE  
Rockville Maryland  
Liber #: See Attachment A  
Folio #:

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory  
DATE  
1976  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
Park Historian's Office  
CITY, TOWN  
Derwood  
STATE  
Maryland 20855  
FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY LOCAL

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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## CONDITION

—EXCELLENT  
—GOOD  
—FAIR

—DETERIORATED  
—RUINS  
—UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

—UNALTERED  
—ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

I. (10/58) Montgomery Chapel is a simple frame one bay by two bay clap-boarded structure built on stone foundations. The gable roof is covered by corrugated tin roofing and the gable end faces the street. Double wooden paneled doors lead into this one room chapel. A stone chimney provided heat to the chapel.

II. (18/11) St. Mark's is a three bay by three bay, one and a half story church.

Built on fieldstone foundations, the church faces south and has white clapboarded exterior walls. The south (front) porch has four poured concrete steps, flanked by a black handrail which leads to the double wooden doors. These doors are set into a gabled projective pavilion in the south elevation.

There are one-over-one double-hung marbelized lancet windows. There is a round window in the south gable. The north apse has two, two-over-one double-hung stained glass lancet windows.

The gable roof has a raised seam metal covering. The south door opens into a small entry room. This room opens into a single large rectangular room. There are narrow and random width floor boards. There is tongue and groove wainscoting around the main room and the ceiling has acoustical tile with inset lights. Double wooden paneled doors open into the main room. There are rows of folding chairs. The altar rail, altar and podium are carved wood. There is a piano in the northeast corner. There is a "Monogram" stove on the east side of the room.

III. (13/10) 48 John Wesley is a (beige, common-bonded) church, painted white. The church has a brick foundation below a vertical stretcher course at the above-ground entrance level. The east (front) facade presents three distinct one bay sections. From north to south, these are: a two stepped roofline with one-over-one casement window which has stained glass on the inner glaze; a higher gabled roof with rounded-arch vertically-slender window on the third level, pointed-arch mullioned stained glass window on the second level, and a double door with two diamond pane glass windows on the first level; and the tower section, which has a one-over-one casement window with stained glass inner glaze and is capped at the third level with a square tower. The tower features corbelling in an inset on all four sides and within that (on south and east sides) a louvered pointed-arch window. The cement plaque at the foot of the tower reads "THE NEW JOHN WESLEY M.E. CHURCH WAS REDEEMED JUNE 11TH, 1932 REV. J. H. LEWIS, PASTOR".

There is a cement porch with six steps and an iron rail to serve a double door.

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 checked="" 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

Shortly after the Civil War, and the subsequent nationwide emancipation, there appeared in Montgomery County a number of small black enclaves. In conjunction with these communities churches were established separate from, yet peripherally associated with, the established white denominations. Among these was the formation of the Washington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Francis Asbury Church, John Wesley Church, St. Mark's Church and Montgomery Chapel were a part. These four churches came to be referred as the Boyd's Charge, or circuit.

The oldest of these churches appears to be John Wesley, located near Clarksburg at 22420 Frederick Road. The first church was erected upon this site in 1878, and originally went under the name "Pleasant View." (A formal deed for the one acre church lot was not executed until 1886.)<sup>1</sup> A small plot of ground to the rear of the church was set aside for use as a cemetery. This church, a small frame structure, was destroyed by fire in 1924, and the following year was replaced by the present brick church building. The church was officially incorporated on February 20, 1932, and, at that time, the congregation changed the title to John Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church.<sup>2</sup>

The Montgomery Chapel, situated north of John Wesley Church on Frederick Road, in the vicinity of Hyattstown, is the second oldest church on the circuit, and is the oldest extant building of the four. The church, which bears the date 1871 on its main facade, is said to have been utilized by a Hyattstown congregation, at a different location. In 1884, George Butler granted to Henry Johnson, Benjmain Price, and John Gray, trustees, for the sum of \$10, 46 perches of "Resurvey on Wild Cat Spring", to be used as a place of worship, and the church building was then moved to this new site.<sup>3</sup> Montgomery Chapel, as was common practice, doubled as a community meeting-house, and for a time was used as a school. The church closed in 1964, with the diminished congregation joining neighboring churches, and is currently abandoned.

The original Francis Asbury Church was constructed in 1885 on one acre of land on Black Rock Mill Road, near Germantown conveyed to the church trustees by William Brown. A formal deed for the property was not made until 1886 after the erection of the church building.<sup>4</sup> The church, a one room frame building measuring 16' x 24', was constructed by James B.opleby.<sup>5</sup> The community which the church served came to be known as Brownstown, in honor of William Brown. The church burned sometime in the 1950s, and the present church was built on its site in 1959.

The original St. Mark's Church in Boyds, for which the circuit was named, was a one room structure, which doubled as the school. The present

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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Montgomery County Land Records, Mechanics Lien Docket, and Corporation Records  
Sugarloaf Regional Trails, Inventory of Historical Sites (1977)  
work of Geraldine Berkman appearing in same

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY See Attachment Sheet B

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

Mark Walston

Candy Reed

Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

May 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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The north and south facade have four bays. The one-over-one casement windows have stained inner glass, capped by a double row of brick headers, and have cement lintels below. The windows at basement level are half size but also feature double rows of headers. The south side has a door at both ends. Dividing the bays and delineating the corners are square brick pilasters with a second level water course.

The roof is black asphalt shingle. There is a small cinder-block addition at the rear which is veneered with brick on the south facade. The rear (west) facade has a gable roof and a variety of apertures.

The treed, well-kept cemetery lies to the west of the church. The variety of stones and markers includes a round one.

IV.  
 (18/29) The four bay by three bay Asbury Church faces southwest on Black Rock Road. The stucco-covered cinderblock church has three distinct sections, the main church, a vestibule, and a front porch. Each section has a gable roof covered with black asphalt shingle.

The front double-door entrance is approached by four cement steps with an iron rail, and the wooden porch sign reads "ASBURY METHODIST CHURCH". There is a central exterior brick chimney at the rear of the church.

All windows are two-over-two, double-hung, with brick lintels. Windows on the sides of the main building are separated by square pilasters with slightly corbelled brick at the top. A marble cornerstone reads "ASBURY METHODIST CHURCH 1959".

The well-kept, treed cemetery is to the west of the church.

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church, which replaced the earlier building, is situated upon one acre of land granted to the trustees of St. Mark's Church for \$50 by Mary Delauder and her husband Edward in 1892.<sup>6</sup> Construction was begun immediately, under the charge of Reverend Benjamin F. Myers, and the building was completed on September 24, 1893. The adjacent parsonage was constructed on the same acreage in 1899, under the pastorage of Reverend Daniel Wheeler; it remained in use until 1968. The church today remains as active a part of the community as it was at its inception.

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 Montgomery County Land Records, JA 9/399.
- 2 Montgomery County Corporation Records, Art. of Inc. PBR 2/285.
- 3 Land Records, EBP 33/407 (October 15, 1884).
- 4 Ibid., JA 9/222 (October 2, 1886).
- 5 Montgomery County Mechanics Lein Docket, Volume 1/34.
- 6 Land Records, JA 34/45 (August 5, 1892).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Liber/Folio</u>	<u>Number</u>
Rocky Hill Church c/o John Wesley United Methodist Church Box 1130 Clarksburg, Md. 20734	1 acre	JA 9/399	13/10
Montgomery Chapel Maryland National- Capital Park & Planning Commission	50 acres	3361/414	10/58
Francis Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church at Brownstown and Order Gallilean Fishermen CR James Johnson Boys, Md. 20720	1.02 acres	2327/561	18/29
St. Mark's United Methodist Church at Boys	1 acre	JA 34/45	18/11

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**Account Identifier:** District - 06 Account Number - 00397926

**Owner Information**

<b>Owner Name:</b>	METH EPISC CH AT BRWNTN &	<b>Use:</b>	EXEMPT COMMERCIAL
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	ORDER GALLILEAN FISHERMAN CR JAMES A JOHNSON BOYDS MD 20841	<b>Principal Residence:</b>	NO
		<b>Deed Reference:</b>	1) / 2337/ 561 2)

**Location & Structure Information**

<b>Premises Address</b> 17540 BLACK ROCK RD GERMANTOWN 20874	<b>Legal Description</b> BROWNTOWN
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Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:	Plat Ref:
ET12		P955		1				81		

<b>Special Tax Areas</b>	<b>Town Ad Valorem Tax Class</b>
	53

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
0000		44,431.00 SF	480
<b>Stories</b>	<b>Basement</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Exterior</b>

**Value Information**

	Base Value	Value As Of	Phase-in Assessments	
		01/01/2002	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
<b>Land:</b>	81,100	81,100		
<b>Improvements:</b>	73,000	73,000		
<b>Total:</b>	154,100	154,100	154,100	154,100
<b>Preferential Land:</b>	0	0	0	0

**Transfer Information**

<b>Seller:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Price:</b>
<b>Type:</b>	<b>Deed1:</b>	<b>Deed2:</b>
<b>Seller:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Price:</b>
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<b>Seller:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Price:</b>
<b>Type:</b>	<b>Deed1:</b>	<b>Deed2:</b>

**Exemption Information**

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

<b>Tax Exempt:</b> COUNTY AND STATE	<b>Special Tax Recapture:</b>
<b>Exempt Class:</b> CHURCHES, SYNAGOGUES, & PARSONAGES	* NONE *

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Francis Asbury Church (Asbury United Methodist Church,  
Methodist Episcopal Church at Brownstown)

17540 Black Rock Road  
Germantown Quadrangle

