

Property Address <u>1811 Mitchellville Road, Mitchellville, Prince George's County</u>
Owner Name/Address <u>Bethel Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ, 6010 Stevens Reid Road, Huntingtown, Maryland</u>
<u>20639</u> Year Built <u>1877</u>

Description:

Carroll Chapel was previously surveyed by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) in 1974 and 1982. There have been no alterations to the property since the prior survey. In addition to the chapel, there is a small cemetery located along the northern property boundary. The informal burial area contains approximately twenty headstones, dating between 1912 and 1991. The older stones are oriented east-west, while the new graves face north-south. Many of the headstones are simple concrete plaques without a date inscription. The new headstones are marble.

Significance:

Carroll Chapel is located in the historically African-American community of Mitchellville. Mitchellville is located on lands that were formerly part of the Northampton Plantation, granted to Thomas Sprigg in 1670. After the plantation failed in the early-nineteenth century, many former slaves remained in the area as tenant farmers. Most were Catholic and attended Brooke's Chapel, now Holy Family Catholic Church in nearby Woodmoor (Thorton and Gooden 1997, 49-50). Carroll Chapel, a Methodist Episcopal church, was created circa 1877 (Pearl 1996, 127-128). Mitchellville remained a poor, African-American community until the end of segregation in the 1960s. The community, still largely African-American, became affluent during the late-twentieth century (Thorton and Gooden 1997, 50).

Churches have historically been the centers of African-American communities. Following Emancipation, organizations such as the Freedmen's Bureau, the Pennsylvania Freedmen's Relief Association and the Baltimore Association for the Moral and Educational Improvement of the Colored People provided funds and materials for the construction of buildings which often served as churches and schools (Floyd 1984, 33). These buildings were often constructed on lands tenanted to African-American farmers by white landowners. New African-American communities grew around the churches and schools (Pearl 1996, 11). The mobility of African-Americans was limited by poverty, lack of access to transportation, and segregation laws (Cornelison et al. 1986, 39). Churches therefore had to fulfill the religious, educational, political and social needs of their communities. Churches housed weekly and holiday services, weddings, funerals, classes for children and adults, and political meetings. Members of the congregation organized dinners, parties, dances and concerts. The congregation also provided help to its impoverished, ailing and elderly members (Thorton and Gooden 1997, 85).

National Register Evaluation:

Carroll Chapel is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property meets Criteria Consideration A as a religious property which derives its primary significance from its association with the African-American community. The property is eligible under Criterion A for its role in the community of Mitchellville, a nineteenth-century African-American community. Prior to desegregation during the mid-twentieth century, churches served as centers of African-American communities. Churches provided a forum for religious, social, political, educational and charitable activities. This property continues to function as an African-American parish. Despite some alteration, the structure retains its architectural integrity, as evidenced through the retention of such features as the windows and the building's form. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. The building is not eligible under Criterion C since it is a common example of a late-nineteenth century church which lacks individual architectural distinction. The cemetery does not meet Criteria Consideration D as historic research indicates that the site does not contain graves of persons of transcendent importance, nor does it contain grave markers of distinctive design. However, the cemetery is a contributing element to the property's setting.

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Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The National Register boundaries of Carroll Chapel follow the current property lines of its tax parcel (Tax Map 63, Lot/Block #P76). This .2 hectare (.5 acres) parcel is bounded on the north, west and east by adjacent parcels and on the south by Mitchellville Road. The boundary includes the contributing resources of the church and the cemetery.

Bibliography:

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- Pearl, Susan G. 1996. *African-American Heritage Survey*. Upper Marlboro, MD: Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Prince George's County Planning Department.
- Thorton, Alvin and Karen Williams Gooden. 1997. *Like a Phoenix I'll Rise: An Illustrated History of African-Americans in Prince George's County, Maryland, 1696-1996*. Virginia Beach, VA: The Donning Company.

MHT CONCURRENCE:

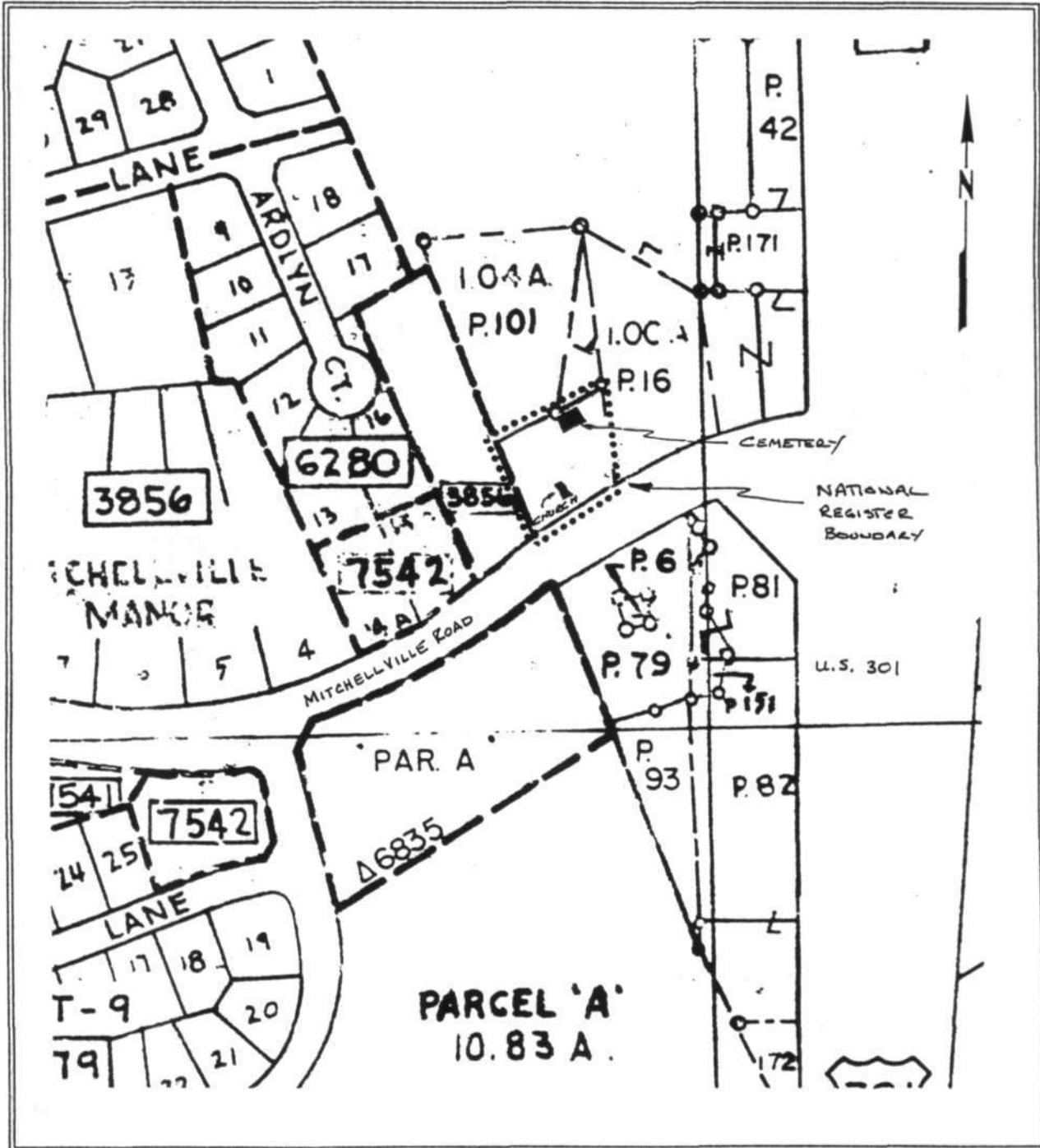
Eligibility recommended _____ not recommended
Criteria A B C D Considerations A B C D E F G None
Comments: _____

[Signature] 10/10/99
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

[Signature] 10/21/99
Reviewer, NR program Date

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Resource Sketch Map and National Register Boundary Map:



U.S. 301 South Corridor
Transportation Study

413 Survey # A 35 PG. 74B-6
Property Name CARROLL CHAPEL INSON
Town/County Mitchellville, Prince Georges Co.
Quadrangle Bowie

WASHINGTON D.C. (RAI)
6 MI TO INTERSTATE 95

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(LANHAM)

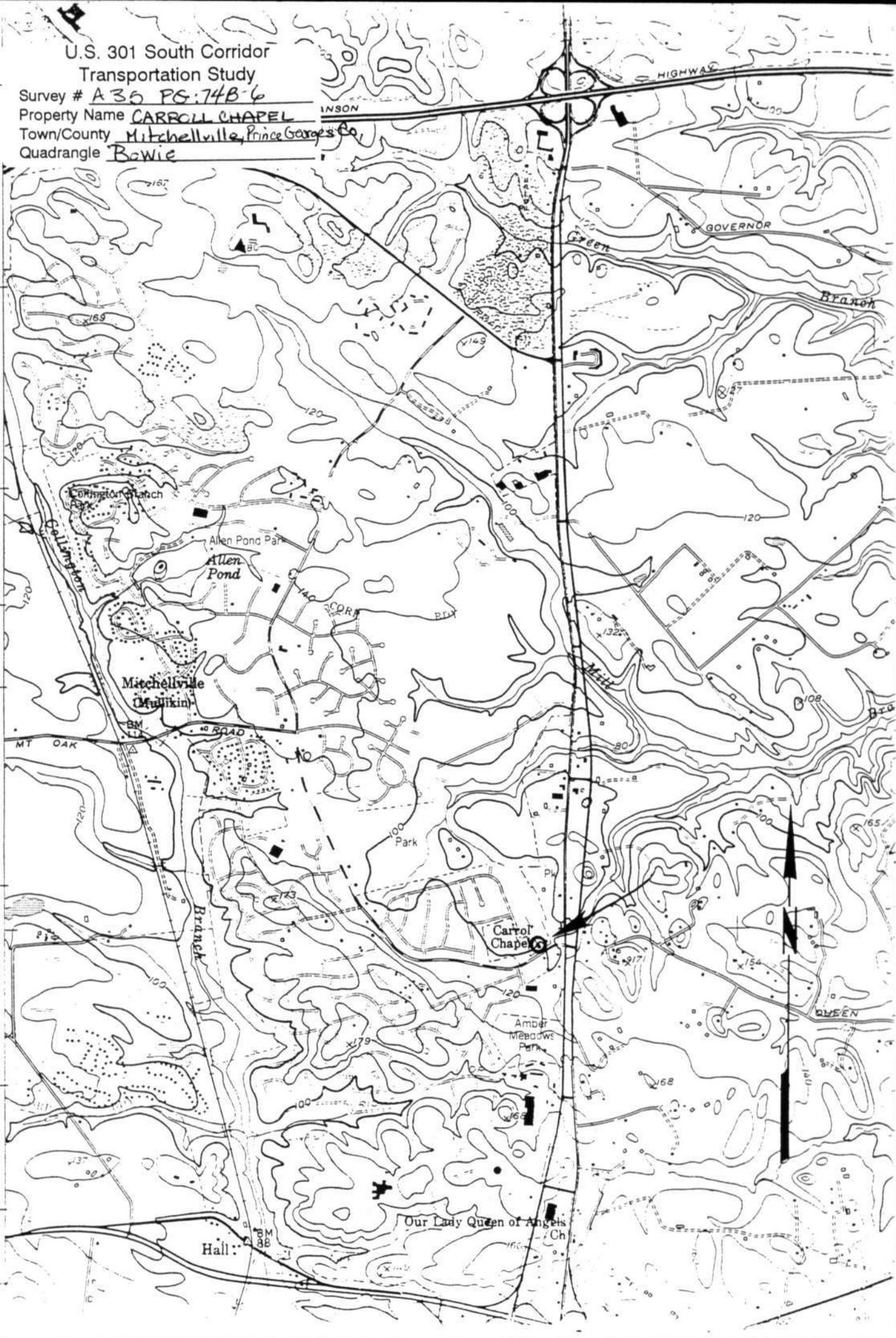
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4309

55'

5.3 MI TO INTERSTATE 95
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4307





1. PG 74B-6
2. CARROLL CHAPEL, PRINCE GEORGE'S CO, MD
3. TIM TAMBURRINO, 9/96
4. P.A.C. Speno & Co
40 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 412
BALTIMORE, MD 21204
5. 1811 Mitchellville Road South and east
6. 1 of 4 elevations of church Northwest view



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5. 1811 Mitchellville Road South end West
- 6 2 of 4 elevations of Northeast view
Church



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BALTIMORE, MD 21204
5. 1811 Mitchellville Rd Rear elevation South
view
6. 3 of 4



1. PG:74B-61

2. CARROLL CHAPEL, PRINCE GEORGES CO MD

3. TIM TAMBURRINO 9/96

4. P.A.C. Gp 40 + Co, 40 W. Chesapeake Ave,
#412, Balto, Md 21204

5. 1811 Mitchellville Road, Cemetery
North view

6. 4 of 4

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Description:

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National Register Evaluation:

The Carroll Chapel is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A. The property is eligible under Criterion A, for its role as the community parish for Mitchellville, a nineteenth century African-American community, and it continues to function as an African-American parish. Despite some alteration, the structure retains its architectural integrity, as evidenced through the retention of such character-defining features as the windows and the building's form. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. The building is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is a common example of a late nineteenth century church which lacks individual architectural distinction. The structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D. The cemetery does not meet Criteria Consideration D, as historic research indicates that the site does not contain graves of persons of transcendent importance, nor does it contain grave markers of distinctive design. In addition, the site has no association with historic events or broad patterns of history and has no potential to yield important information. However, the cemetery is a contributing element to the property's setting.

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

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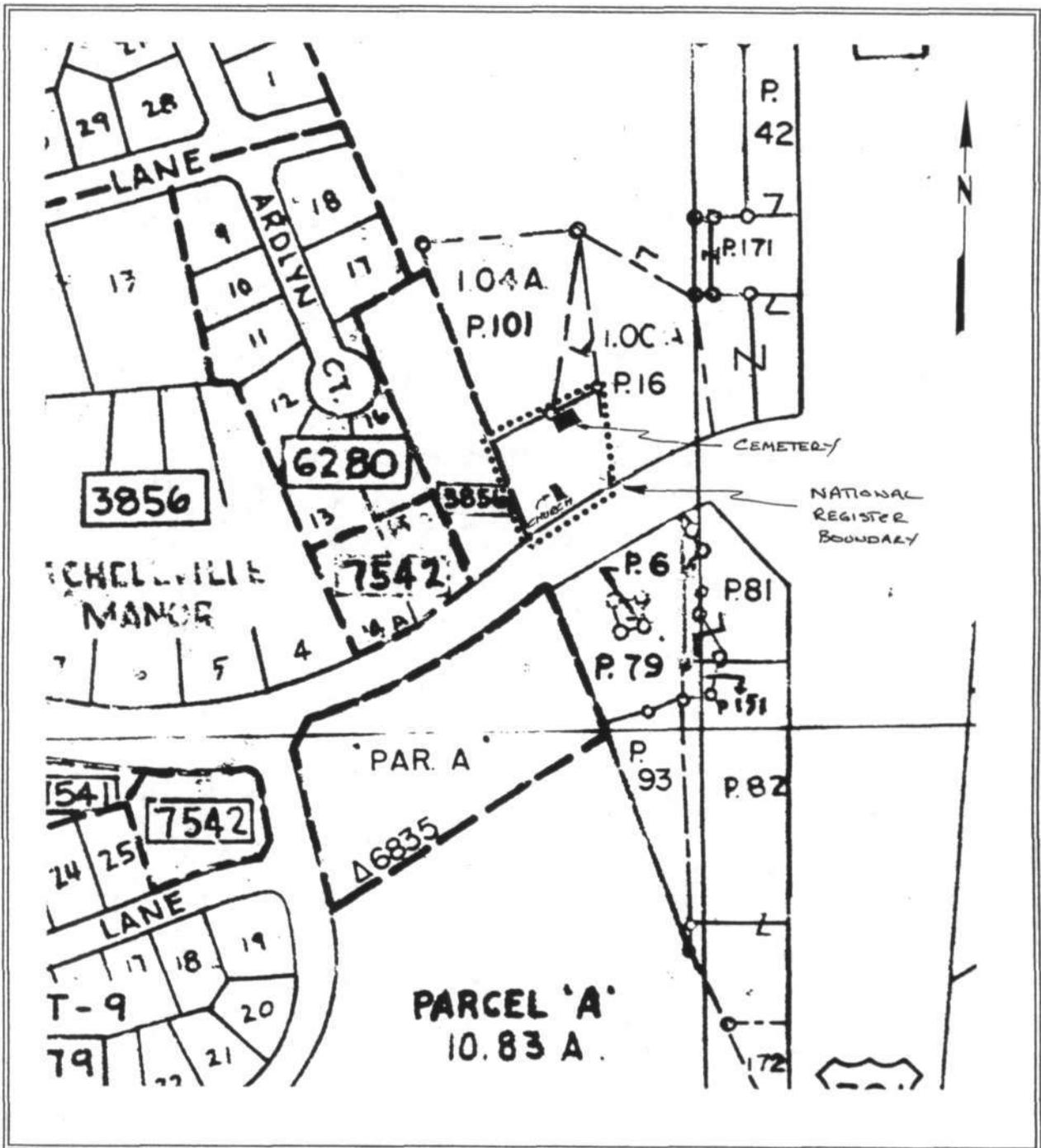
Eligibility X recommended not recommended
Criteria A B C D Considerations A B C D E F G None
Comments: Appears to be eligible under Criterion A; however, it deserves a better just-
ification for eligibility than that it was, is, and always shall be a Black church.
Examination of the role of the church in the surrounding Black community should be
a priority.

Suzanne Pickens 07/21/1997
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

Pickens 7/21/97
Reviewer, NR program Date

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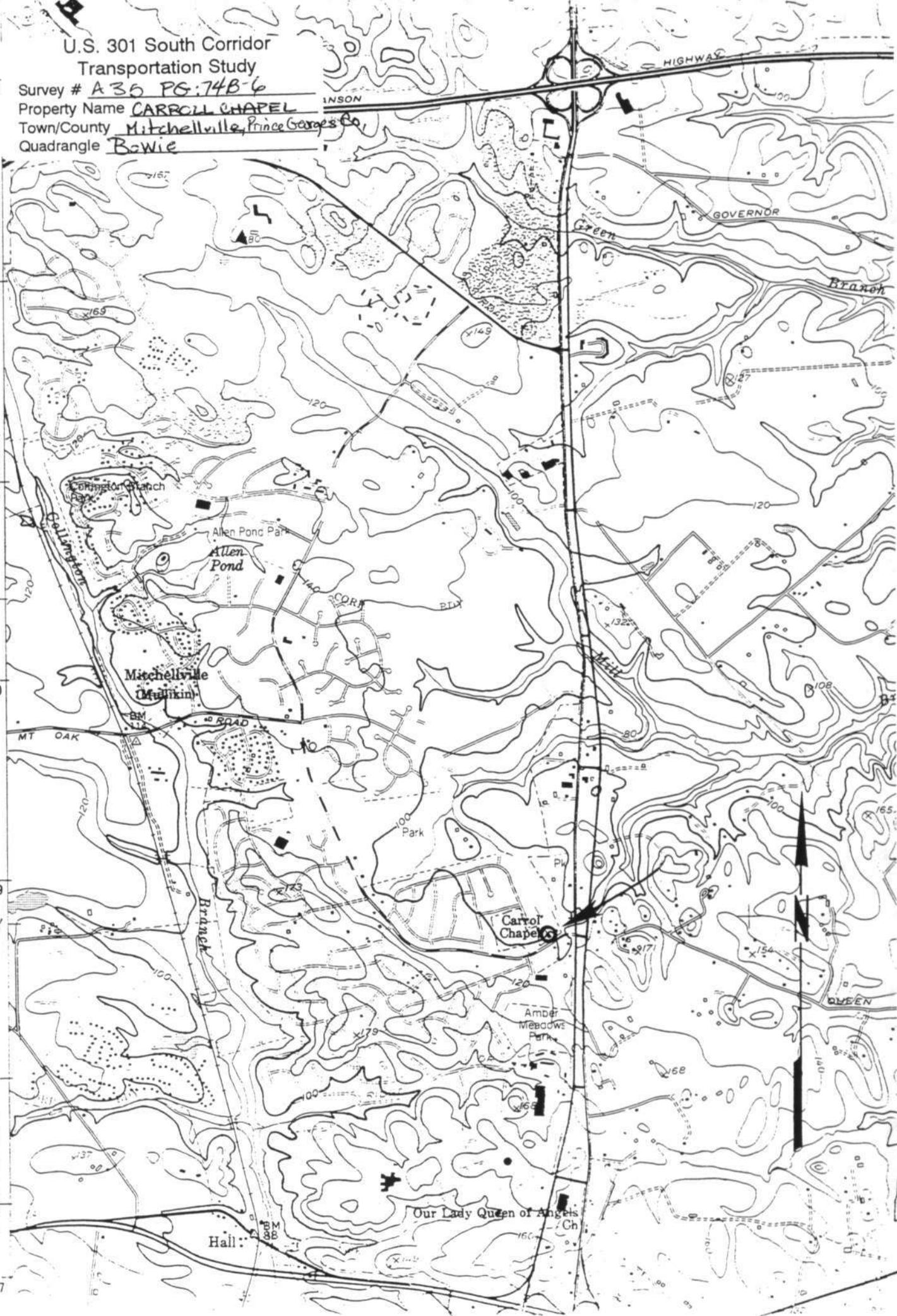
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HIGHWAY

GOVERNOR

Branch

Corington Church

Allen Pond Park

Allen Pond

Mitchellville
(Mullikin)

Carroll Chapel

Amber Meadows Park

Our Lady Queen of Angels Ch

Hall

Circa 1877

P. G. #74B-6
Carroll Chapel
1811 Mitchellville Road, Mitchellville, Md.
Priv/Occ/Relig/Good

Carroll Chapel is a simple frame structure with gable roof, and entrance through a vestibule on the south gable end. The long sides are three bays long, with 6/6 double sash windows, and the board siding is now covered with asbestos shingle. The chapel has a metal roof, and between the first and second bay on its east slope is an interior brick chimney.

A Methodist Chapel for the black community of Mitchellville was erected in 1877; in the summer of this year, five black trustees purchased one-half acre of land, and began the building of their church. Later in 1877 the existence of the Mitchellville Chapel was recorded by Pastor O. Carroll as being part of his Marlboro Circuit, along with Union Chapel (Marlboro), Brooks at Nottingham and Niles Chapel (Centreville). At some time after this, the Mitchellville Chapel came to be known as Carroll Chapel, probably in honor of the pastor above-mentioned.

The present chapel appears to be an early twentieth century structure, but members of its congregation believe it to be the original building, and it very likely incorporates the main elements of the 1877 structure.

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Survey No. P.G. 74B-6

Magi No. 1701974608

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Carroll Chapel

and/or common " "

2. Location

street & number 1811 Mitchellville Road not for publication

city, town Mitchellville vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland 20716 county P.G.

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 Trustees of (Carroll Chapel) United Methodist Church

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber HB #12

street & number Main Street folio 498

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md. 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title P.G. County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 federal state county local

depository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC, 4811 Riverdale Road

city, town Riverdale, Maryland state 20737

7. Description

Survey No. P.G. #74B-6

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date of move _____

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

Carroll Chapel is a simple frame church structure with gable roof, and entrance through a vestibule on the south gable end. The long sides are three bays wide, with 6/6 double sash windows and the board siding is now covered with asbestos shingle. The chapel has a metal roof, and between the first and second bay on its east slope is an interior brick chimney.

The interior walls of the chapel are finished with beaded wainscoting, and with modern paneling above. The wainscoting in the added vestibule is of a later style.

8. Significance

Survey No. PG #74B-6

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Black History

Specific dates 1877 **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.

In 1877, the White congregation of the McKendree Chapel decided to move out of the building which had been established in 1841 and build a new church. The trustees of McKendree Chapel deeded the old chapel to Thomas Johnson, John Ridout, Benjamin Fletcher, Matthew Coats, and Henry Campbell, "colored" trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church. For some reason, as yet undetermined, the Black congregation did not move into the old chapel, but one month later, the same 5 Black trustees purchased a half-acre of property just west of McKendree chapel.

Members of the congregation believe that the present chapel was built soon after this in 1877. The present chapel building appears to be an early 20th century building, although it may contain elements of an earlier structure. Certainly, a chapel for the local Black community of Mitchellville did exist in 1877, for it is mentioned in a record in that year of the Marlboro circuit by Pastor O. Carroll (along with Union Chapel, Brooks at Nottingham and Niles Chapel). At some time after this, it came to be known as Carroll Chapel, perhaps in honor of the pastor mentioned above.

PA # 74B-6

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC: Carroll Chapel

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Mitchellville Road

CITY OR TOWN: Mitchellville

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Prince George's

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Trustees of Carroll Chapel

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Mitchellville STATE: Maryland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Prince George's County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: None

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The church is a small frame structure with a gabled main facade. The small entrance porch is a lower gabled section. The sidewalls have three 6/6 double hung sash windows. On the south wall there is a small interior chimney.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC

DATE: & Oct 74

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring

STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



P. G., #74B-6

Carroll Chapel
Prince George's County, Md.
Susan G. Pearl
May 1982
Southwest 3/4 Elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.



NAME CARROLL CHAPEL

PG:74B-6

LOCATION Rt. 301 & MITCHELLVILLE Rd S. BOWIE, Md.

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