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Samuel Wesley M.E. Church  
Manokin  
Public Worship

1903

The Samuel Wesley M.E. Church in Manokin is dated 1903 by a foundation stone immediately right of the front steps. Its three-story bell tower and arched sash windows make it one of the most distinctive buildings along MD 361 between Westover and Upper Fairmount.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-169

Magi No. 2001695608

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Samuel Wesley Memorial M.E. Church

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number South side of Maryland 361 (Fairmount Road)  not for publicationcity, town Manokin  vicinity of congressional district 1

state Maryland county Somerset

## 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	<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 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 Manokin M.E. Church

street &amp; number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street &amp; number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state Maryland 21853

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

The Samuel Wesley Memorial M.E. Church stands on the south side of Maryland 361 in the small rural community of Manokin, Maryland. The gable-front frame church faces north with the roof axis running on a north/south orientation. The rectangular single-story frame structure rests on a brick pier foundation, is sheathed with horizontal weatherboards and is covered by a steeply pitched asphalt tile roof. A three-story bell tower with entrance vestibule rises on the northeast corner.

The north (main) facade of the main block is marked by three simple lancet windows and a small round colored-glass window within the gable. The uppermost portion of the gable is covered with board and batten siding. To the left of the main block is the frame tower with Gothic arch entrance. A pair of six-panel doors are topped by a colored-glass transom. A small gable roof covers the entrance bay. The top portion of the tower tapers before reaching the open area for the bell and the spire. The eight-sided spire is topped by a metal lightning rod.

The east side of the church is four bays deep with one bay covered by a shed addition. The other three bays have pointed lancet windows.

To the rear is a three-sided apse with small pointed sash windows. An exterior door is located to the right of the apse. Piercing the wall above the apse is a small round, colored-glass window.

The remaining west side is divided into four evenly-spaced bays with narrow lancet windows.

The interior was not seen but is evidently heated by a central stove with a brick stove stack protruding through the roof.

A 19th and 20th-century cemetery stretches to the back of the property and is distinguished by closely set concrete markers with above-ground arched covers.



# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Marion

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A            
 Zone Easting Northing

B            
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

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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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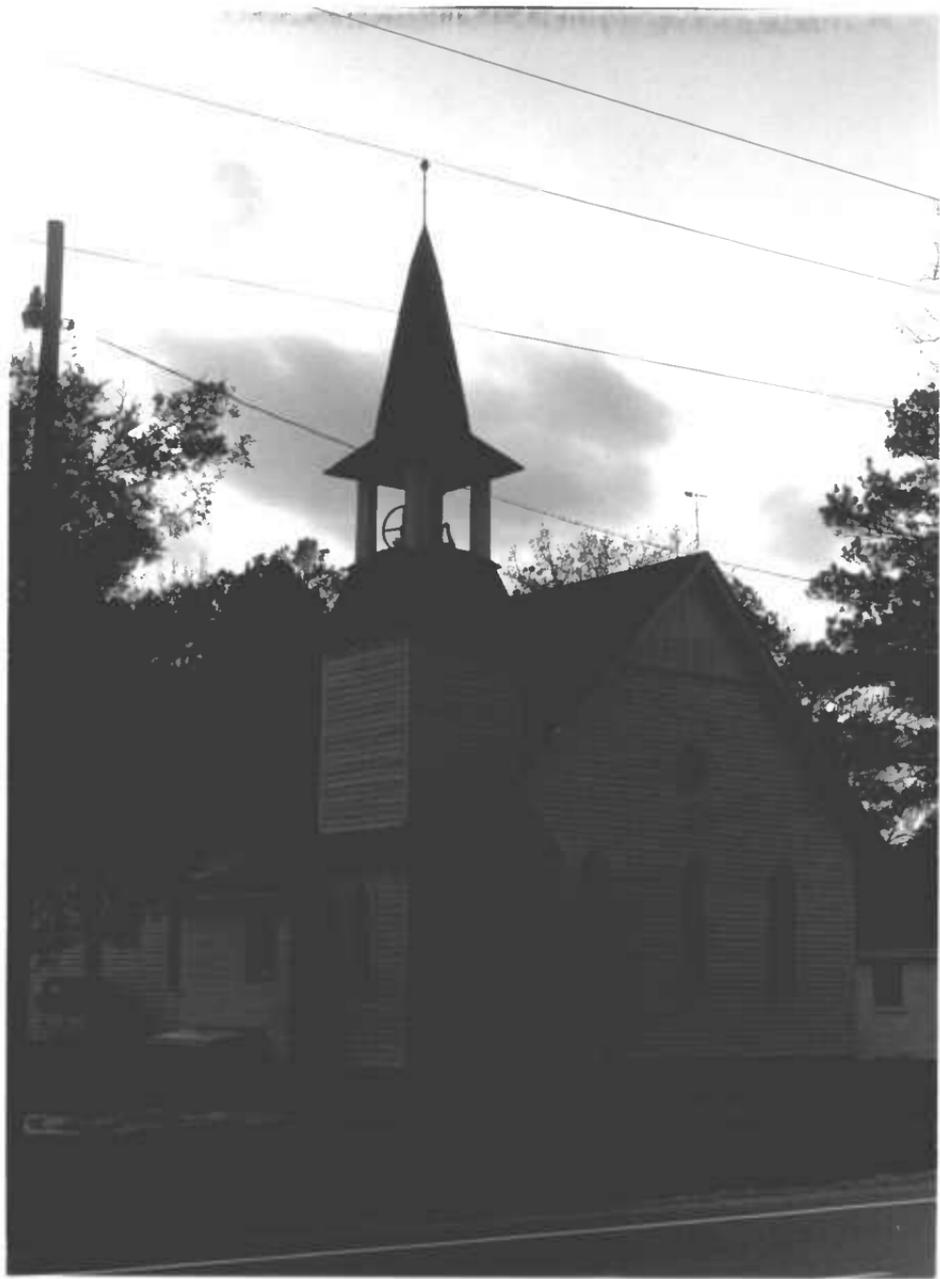
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