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c. 1890

Bennet's Memorial Church
Crisfield vicinity
public worship

Bennet's Memorial Church is located southeast of Crisfield along William Maddox Road. The ell-plan church is supported by a brick pier foundation, and it is lighted by narrow, colored-glass lancet windows. Rising in the northwest corner is a multi-level bell tower that also contains the double door entrance. Fixed in the northwest corner of the foundation is the church date plaque inscribed, "Bennet's P.H. Church, 1898-1934."

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Bennet's Memorial Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number ~~William Maddox Road~~ Byrdtown Road (MD 380) not for publication

city, town Crisfield vicinity of congressional district First

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	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 Bennet's Memorial Church

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Crisfield state and zip code MD 21817

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<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.

Bennet's Memorial Church stands on the east side of William Maddox Road southeast of Crisfield, Somerset County, Maryland. The single-story ell-plan church faces west with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Supported by a brick pier foundation, the Gothic Revival frame church is sheathed with narrow weatherboards and covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. A bell tower rises in the northwest corner of the ell plan.

The west (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a gable front wall and adjacent bell tower. The double door entrance is topped by a Gothic arched transom. The tower tapers at mid level as it reaches the belfry, which is distinguished by turned baluster handrails, decorative eave spindles and corner brackets. The broach spire is covered with wood shingles, and the spire is covered with a metal cap. The gabled elevation has two colored glass lancet windows and a round window pierces the upper gable. The eaves are slightly extended beyond the wall surface, and the lower corners are trimmed with simple triangular brackets. Fixed in the northwest corner of the foundation is the church date plaque inscribed, "Bennet's Memorial P. H. Church, 1898-1934"

The north side is a gabled facade as well with a pair of lancet windows on the first floor and a round window in the upper gable. The other details follow in the same manner as the front gable.

The south side of the church is defined by colored glass lancet windows, and the east (rear) side is partially covered by a shed addition.

8. Significance

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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 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 checked="" 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	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Bennet's Memorial Church is a distinctive Gothic Revival frame structure located southeast of Crisfield in the residential district known as Lawsonia. The exterior of the building is largely unaltered, and the tower retains its Victorian belfry and wood shingled spire.



