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Trinity Methodist Protestant Church
Stevensville
Private

1866

The Kent Island Methodist Protestant Church was organized in 1864 and two years later constructed this small, brick temple form church. Notable architectural details include the bracketed cornice, pedimented gables, and the cast iron columns supporting the interior gallery.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Trinity Methodist Protestant Church

AND/OR COMMON

Old Methodist Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Love Point Road (Maryland Route 18)

JUL 19/14/93

CITY, TOWN

Stevensville

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE | |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input 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 | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: storage |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

William E. Denny, III

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Stevensville

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

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5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: CWC 40

Folio #: 245

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland 21617

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING 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 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

Situated on the east side of the main road to Love Point near the center of Stevensville, the Trinity Methodist Protestant Church is a brick, temple-form church with paired double doors in the west gable and facing the street. Though basically a rather plain building, refinement has been gained through the use of brick pilasters and a pedimented gable to accentuate the west gable. The entrance doors are embellished by plastered entablature hoods and transoms. Two nine-light segmental windows above the doors provide light for a gallery along the west gable of the interior. Three tall stained glass windows are ranged along each side wall, two large windows in the east gable have been filled in to accommodate a 20th century frame shed roof addition. The rear or east gable is not pedimented, but has a raked cornice and cornice returns. A fanlight in the upper gable provides ventilation for the attic. The ghost of a steep gable roof addition is evident on the east gable, protruding several feet above the roof of the present addition. Hallman notes that improvements were made to the

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7.1 DESCRIPTION

church in 1896, and it seems probable the first addition was made at that time, only to be replaced at a later date with the present wing.

The interior of the church is rather plain, with a gallery along the west gable supported by two slender, reeded cast iron columns. The gallery is reached by a curving, open-string stair with heavy newels and turned ballusters. The woodwork has been painted and grained. The ceiling is laid with narrow beaded wainscot boards to form large geometric patterns. All traces of the original furniture and altar have disappeared, and the original floor has been replaced with plywood due to excessive termite damage.

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
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| 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 checked="" 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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to E. C. Hallman, the Kent Island Methodist Protestant Church was organized in 1864, and a church was built soon afterward. Emory notes that the cornerstone of a new Methodist Protestant Church on Kent Island was laid August 7, 1866. This cornerstone was removed from the southwest corner of the building in recent years and moved to the new United Methodist Church in nearby Chester. The stone is inscribed:

TRINITY

MP CHURCH

1866

The church building remains as a unique example in Queen Anne's County of a brick temple-form church that became quite common in Virginia and Maryland in the mid-nineteenth century. The large, bracketed cornice and pedimented gable are

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8.1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

pleasing refinements that draw attention to the otherwise simple and unobtrusive character of the building. Although no longer used as a church, the building remains as one of the keystone buildings that contributes an unblemished historical flavor to the center of Stevensville.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Baltimore, Maryland Historical Society, 1950.

Hallman, E. C. The Garden of Methodism.

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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

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

3/30/78

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

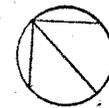
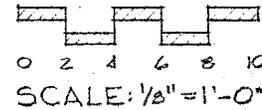
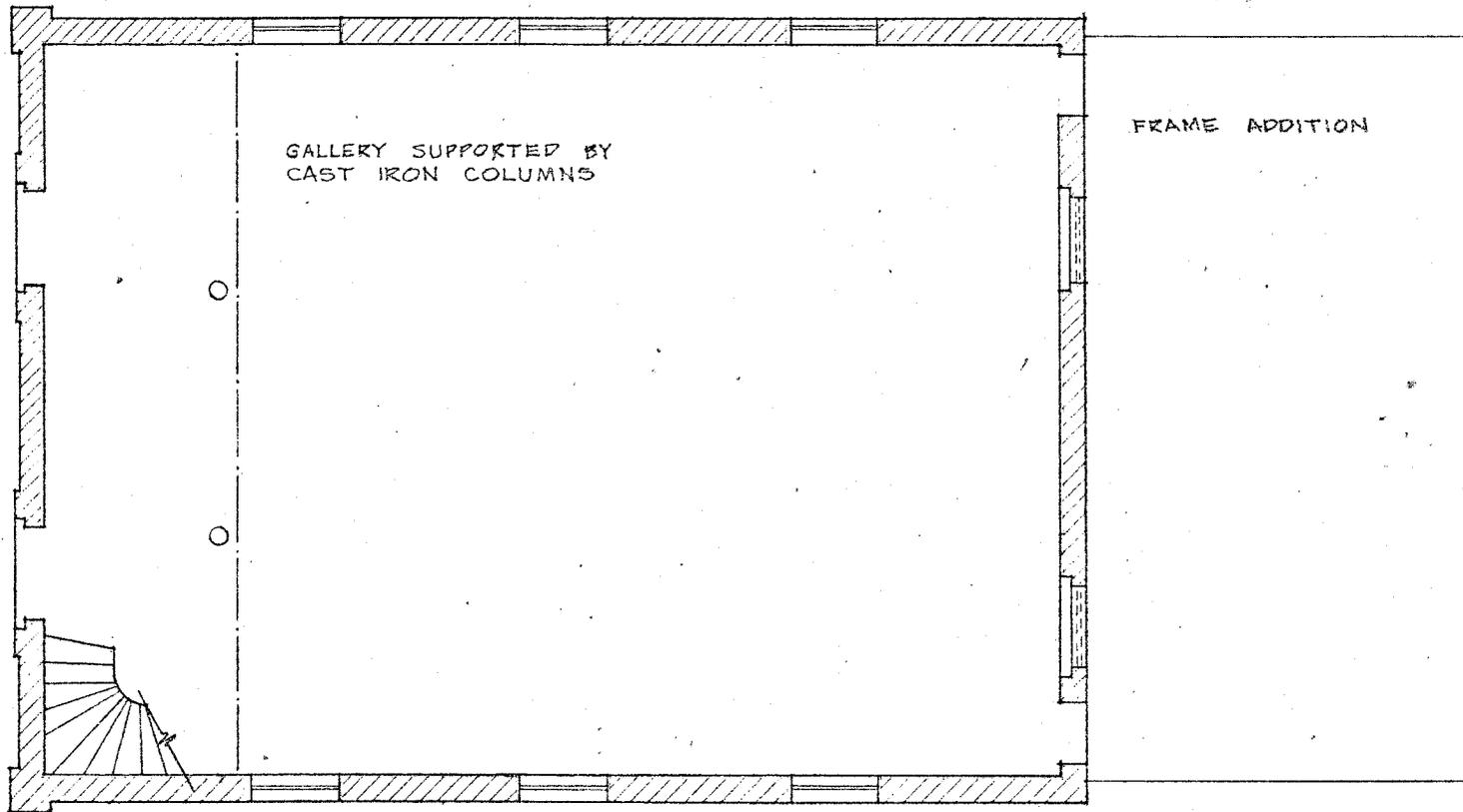
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TRINITY M.P. CHURCH
STEVENSVILLE, MARYLAND

FEBRUARY 3, 1978

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Trinity M.P. Church

Mary McCarthy
Spring/Summer 2003
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View from Southwest



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