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Charles Wesley United Methodist Church
Centreville
private

1909

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME
 HISTORIC
 Wesley U. M. Church
 AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION
 STREET & NUMBER
 Liberty Street
 CITY, TOWN
 Centreville VICINITY OF
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
 1st
 STATE
 Maryland COUNTY
 Queen Anne's

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
 NAME
 Charles Wesley U.M. Church Telephone #:
 STREET & NUMBER
 Liberty Street
 CITY, TOWN
 Centreville VICINITY OF
 STATE, zip code
 Maryland 21617

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE.
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Queen Anne's County Courthouse Liber #: JEG 1
 Folio #: 439
 STREET & NUMBER
 Courthouse Square
 CITY, TOWN
 Centreville STATE
 Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
 TITLE
 DATE
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
 CITY, TOWN STATE
 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Wesley U. M. Church is situated at 421 South Liberty Street, opposite the cemetery. The building is a late Victorian Gothic style frame structure on a brick foundation. It faces northwest, but the entrance on that side of the tower is not used. The present entrance is around the corner on the southwest side. Both sides of the tower are identical with large double door beneath a lancet arch transom. Above the entrances are circular windows with a square pane in the center and four half round panes. The bellfry and spire were removed recently and replaced with a hip roof with cross on top.

The body of the church has 3 windows facing the street, the center window being a composite of three windows with three small panes beneath a large miter arch. The body of the church is covered with asbestos siding and the gable is covered with decorative shingles. In the foundation of the church is the cornerstone bearing the date "28 Aug. 1909" and the stone from the original church "1873".

The north wall of the building is five bays long with five 1/1 sash miter arched windows. The ends of the rafters are exposed and terminate in a ogee

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

end. Across the back gable is a narrow lean-to addition with pediment in the center over three 1-pane windows. On the left of the three-part window and on the north end is a 1/1 sash window. A door on the southern end opens into the sacristy. In center of the gable is a circular window identical to those over the entrance doors.

Added to the original 'T' on the southern side of the church is a church hall built in 1982. One window on each side of the tower and 'T' lights the church itself from the southern wall.

The interior of the church is composed of a vestibule on the west corner with the original school room to the south and the church itself north of both rooms.

The vestibule is a small square entry with present door on the southwest wall. Another pair of doors is still in place on the northwest wall, but is not used. On the northeast wall is another door, the same size as the two aforementioned doors, which opens into the body of the church. These three doors all have lancet arched transoms above. The latter has "Welcome" written in the colored glass. The doors have five horizontal panels and the trim profile has a recessed area with small ogee moldings at each side (it is identical to Ward's Gift).

The church proper has beaded wainscoting around the entire structure, including the sanctuary and choir areas.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION

The same type wainscoting covers the five facets of the arched ceiling. All of the woodwork is finished natural.

Centered on the southeast wall is the arched recessed area for the altar and lectern. A similar arch exists left of the altar and that recess has the organ and choir. Right of the altar is an enclosed space for the sacristy. The wall between the sacristy and the altar is partial. Behind the lectern, in front of a red curtain, are three Renaissance Revival upholstered arm chairs. The communion rail extends in two arcs in front of the choir and altar. Flanking the altar are the flag of the U.S.A. and a flag of the United Methodist Church. Over the altar is inscribed "Christ Jesus is Lord".

Opening into the church are two folding partitions, replacing original double doors, to the original school room. Above these wide openings are transom lights. Beyond this old school room is a new church hall built in 1982.

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 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 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

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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

Michael O. Bourne, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

8/29/83

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

CENTREVILLE

QUEEN ANNE CO

SLAUGHTER HOUSE

BUSINESS REFERREDS.

OFFICERS.

County Commissioners.

Clerk of County Commis-

Clerk of Queen Anne Co.

Deputy Clerk of Queen Anne

County Registrar of Wills.

Surveyor.

President of School Board.

County Almshouse.

Justice of the Peace.

Master and Es-Editor.

PHYSICIANS.

J.W.N., Attorney-at-Law.

Attorney-at-Law.

WAGGONS AND CARRIAGE

DRS.

J.B., Manufacturers of Car-

&c. Repairing and Paint-

Manufacturers of Carriages,

All kinds of Repairing and

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Blacksmith. All kinds of

order. Horse-shoeing a

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Freighting Business.

is still doing a general

Centreville to Baltimore.

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CONTRACTORS

Contractor and Estilder.

Repeater, Contractor and

GROCERIES.

Dealer in Dry Goods,

Meats, Cans, Boots, Shoes,

Notions, &c.

Dealer in Dry

Goods and Notions.

Dealer in Groceries and Pro-

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Dry Goods, Notions,

Groceries, Queensware

Also Manufacturer of

gent Tailor.

Dry Goods, Groceries,

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articles and Stationery,

carefully compounded.

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Real Estate Agents.

Tin and Sheet Iron

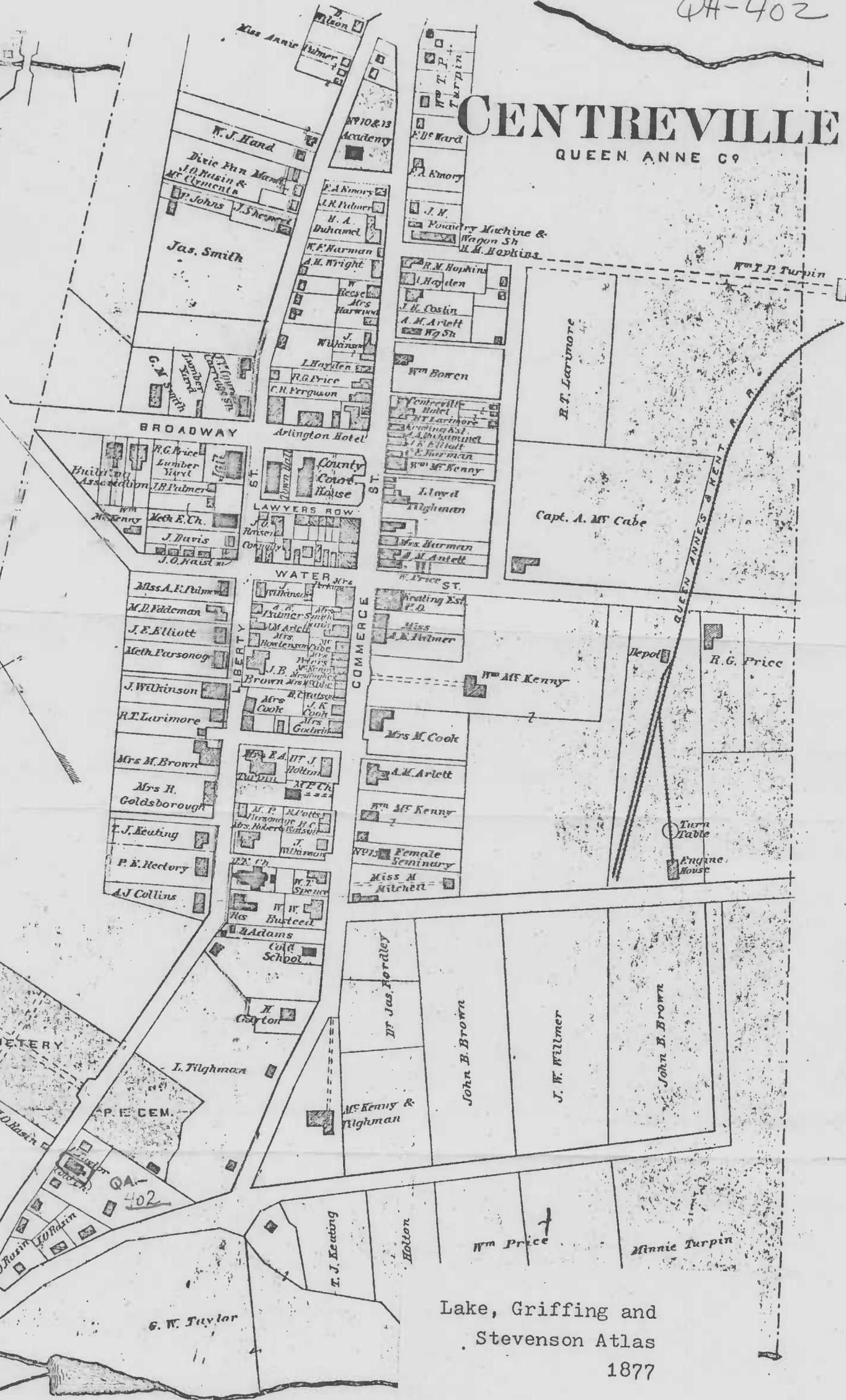
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Lake, Griffing and
Stevenson Atlas
1877



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South Liberty Street
Centreville, Maryland
Orlando Ridout V 1981
View from Southwest



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