

WI-304
Freedman's Methodist Church
Tyaskin vicinity
Public worship

c. 1900-10

Situated on a small rise of land along Wetipquin Road, this single-story, gable-front frame church houses the Freedman's Methodist congregation. Originally supported on brick piers, the rectangular frame church features pointed arch windows on each side elevation. The church is surrounded on three sides by a nineteenth and twentieth century cemetery. Freedman's Methodist is one of a handful of active African-American churches in the vicinity of Tyaskin.

MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Freeman's Methodist Church

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-309

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
 Religion

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance
 1870-1930

4. Resource Type(s): Church

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC SITES

Survey No. W1-309

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Freeman's Methodist Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 21854 Wetipquin Road not for publication

city, town Tyaskin vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 Freeman's Methodist Church

street & number c/o Reverend Dornthea Whittington telephone no.:

city, town _____ state and zip code _____

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

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.

The Freeman's Methodist Church is located near the intersection of Wetipquin and Deep Branch Road with the modern address of 21854 Wetipquin Road, which is near the village of Tyaskin, Wicomico County, Maryland. The single-story, rectangular frame church faces east with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Estimated to date to the early twentieth century, the single-story gable-front frame church is supported by an infilled brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with a uniform layer of asbestos shingles. The medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the northeast corner of the church is a mid twentieth century concrete block addition. Surrounding the church on three sides is a cemetery.

The east (main) elevation is a three-bay facade with double front doors piercing a single story gable roofed entrance vestibule. The double front doors are replacements, and a Gothic arched transom has been filled with modern colored glass. Located to each side of the entry are pointed arch, single pane sash windows. The edge to the gable end is finished with an extended eave with returns at the base of the roof.

The south side of the church is defined by three pointed arch colored glass windows. The base to the roof is finished with a boxed cornice. Rising through the side of the church is a single flue brick stove chimney.

The rear wall features a single story gable roofed apse, which is extended on each side by a shed roof addition. There are no windows in the gable end.

The north side is partially covered by the mid twentieth century concrete block addition. Two bays are marked by Gothic arched, colored glass windows. An interior side brick stove chimney pierces the roofline.

The interior was not seen.

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 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

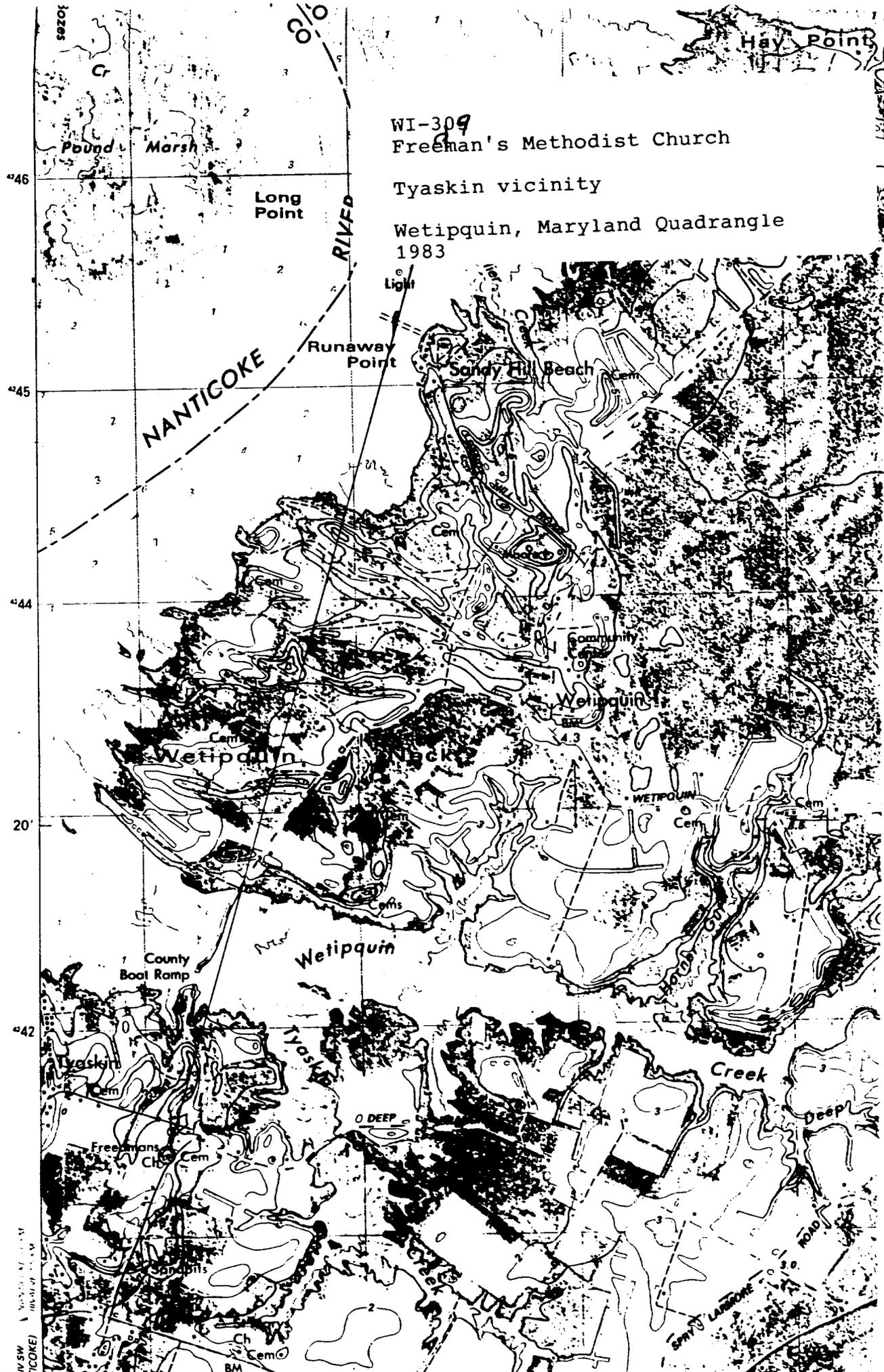
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

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

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The church qualifies for listing in *Category B*, which identifies a site that should be preserved due to its architectural and/or historical merit.



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Tyaskin vicinity

Wetipquin, Maryland Quadrangle
1983

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20'

42

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NANTICOKE

Hay Point

Pound Marsh

Long Point

Light

Runaway Point

Sandy Hill Beach

NANTICOKE RIVER

Wetipquin

Wetipquin

County Boat Ramp

Tyaskin

Freeman's Church

Creek

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ROAD



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