

WI-396
St. Mark's M. E. Church
Hebron vicinity
Private

1891

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: St. Mark's M. E. Church

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-396

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. **Historic Period Theme(s):** Architecture
2. **Geographic Orientation:** Eastern Shore
3. **Chronological/Development Period(s):** Industrial/Urban Dominance
1870-1930
4. **Resource Type(s):** Church

Survey No. WI-396

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DOE ___yes ___no

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic St. Mark's M. E. Church Johnson's Chapel

and/or common

2. Location

street & number West side of Levin Dashiell Road ___ not for publication

city, town Hebron [X] vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Table with 5 columns: Category, Ownership, Status, Accessible, Present Use. Includes options like building(s), public/private, occupied/unoccupied, etc.

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name street & number 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

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" 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.

St. Mark's M. E. Church is located on the west side of Levin Dashiell Road approximately a mile north of its original site at the intersection of Levin Dashiell Road and Sycamore Lane in the vicinity of Hebron, Wicomico County, Maryland. The church, on its new site, faces east with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built in 1891, the single-story frame church is supported on a modern concrete block foundation. The original marble cornerstone was saved and is fixed in the southeast corner. It is inscribed "St. Mark's M. E. Church, 1891." Sheathed with plain weatherboard siding, the church is covered by a steeply pitched gable roof of asphalt shingles.

The east (main) facade features a shorter single-story gable roofed vestibule pierced by a double door entrance. The double doors feature shallow profile panels. To each side are four-over-four sash windows, and a triangular window pierces the gable end. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave and open soffits.

The sides of the church are defined by three four-over-four sash windows, and a single-flue brick stack pierces the roof on the south side. The edge of the roof is extended and the rafter ends are exposed.

The west (rear) wall is defined by a shorter single story gable roofed apse with single-pane sash windows on each side. The west wall of the apse is a plain weatherboard surface.

The interior has been stripped of its plaster. Beaded board wainscoting trims the perimeter of the room. Located at the west end is a low, rounded front altar platform.

8. Significance

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 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
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

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¹ Wicomico County Land Record, SPT 2/243, 28 July 1876.

² Wicomico County Land Record, FMS 7/516, 17 September 1891.

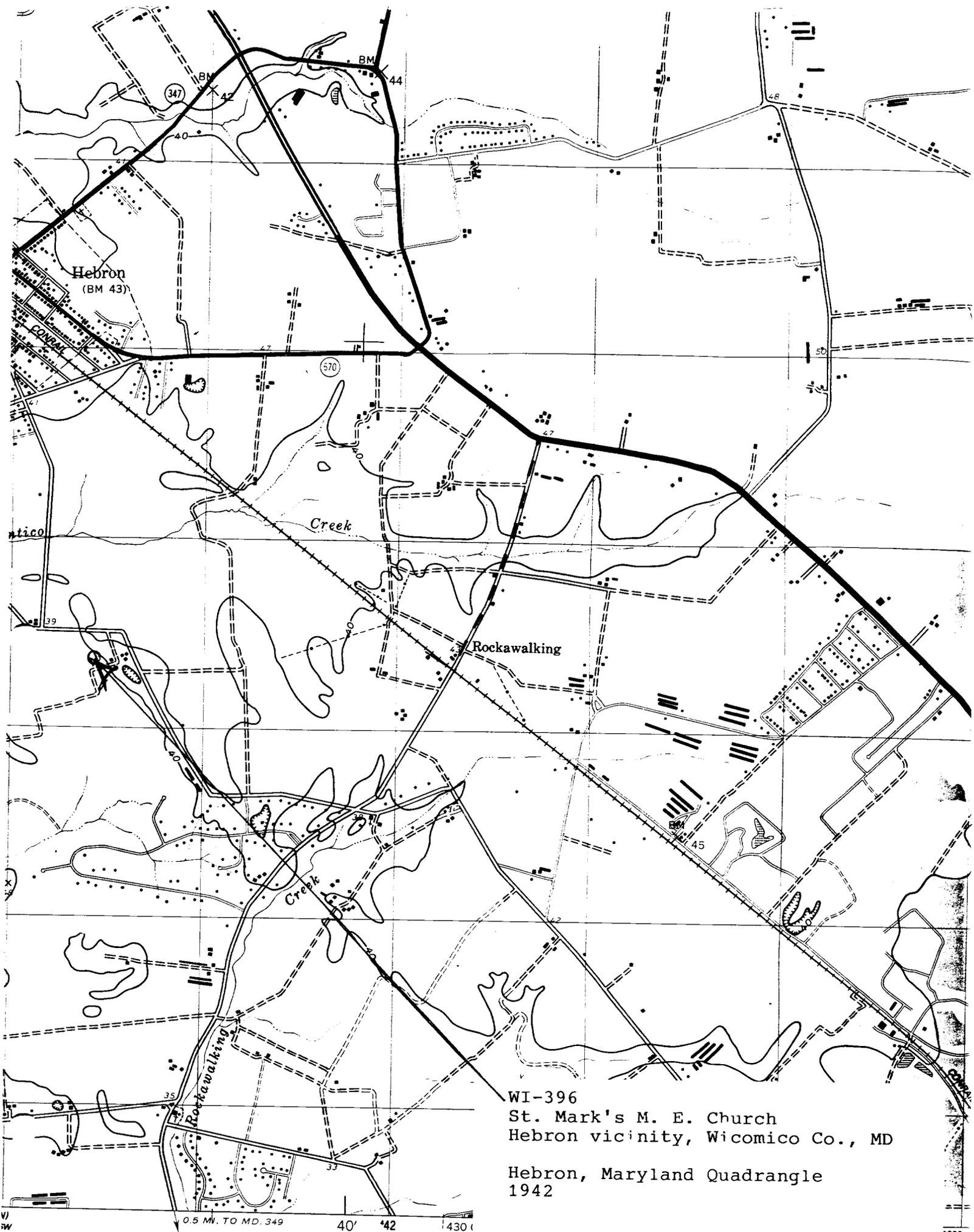
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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
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Hebron, Maryland Quadrangle
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