

Dorchester - 585
Rock ME Church
Rock Drive
Cambridge, MD, 21613

1875, 1889, 1911

Access: Public

Rock ME Church stands 20' from the south side of Rock Drive across from Stanley Institute. Stanley Institute was once known as Rock Elementary School. A church stood on this site before 1875. The present structure was built in 1875 and rebuilt in 1889 and 1911. The church is located in a black community that grew up around the church after the Civil War.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Christ Rock ME Church
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Rock Drive

CITY, TOWN Cambridge

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT First

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Dorchester

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Trustees, Rock ME Church

Telephone #: N/A

STREET & NUMBER Rock Drive

CITY, TOWN Cambridge VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code MD, 21613

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Dorchester Co. Court House

Liber #: CL 26

Folio #: 399

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Cambridge

STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE N/A

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 type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE <u>1875</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Rock ME Church stands 20' from the south side of Rock Drive across from Stanley Institute. The building was erected in 1875, rebuilt in 1889 and 1911. The building is 46' across the front facade and 30' in depth. The building is gable ended (North-South) with an entrance tower on the north-east corner of the building making the structure appear Italianate. The building faces North. It has two steps (concrete) that lead to double metal doors. There is a circular window half-way up the tower with 4 panes of colored glass. The tower is square with a spike atop. There is frontispiece cathedral window in the front facade (12') with 9 panes of colored glass. The window is flanked by 2 lancet windows (12') 4-over-4 with colored glass panes. There are 4 lancet windows (8') 4-over-4 (colored-glass) on the west side of the building and four more identical windows on the east side of the building. The structure is covered with grey asbestos shingles and has a composite shingle roof. An addition has been added on the south end to serve as a hall.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" 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 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 1875-1889-1911 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This site has been significant to the black history of the region for many years. Stanley Institute (the oldest community school in Dorchester County is located on the property) stands across from Rock ME Church and was known as Rock Elementary School. It was placed at this location in 1867. A small church stood on this site before 1875. Rock is an old black congregation but not as old as Waugh ME Church which was founded by freemen in 1826. This church is located in a black community that grew around the church after the Civil War.

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

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CITY OR TOWN Annapolis

STATE

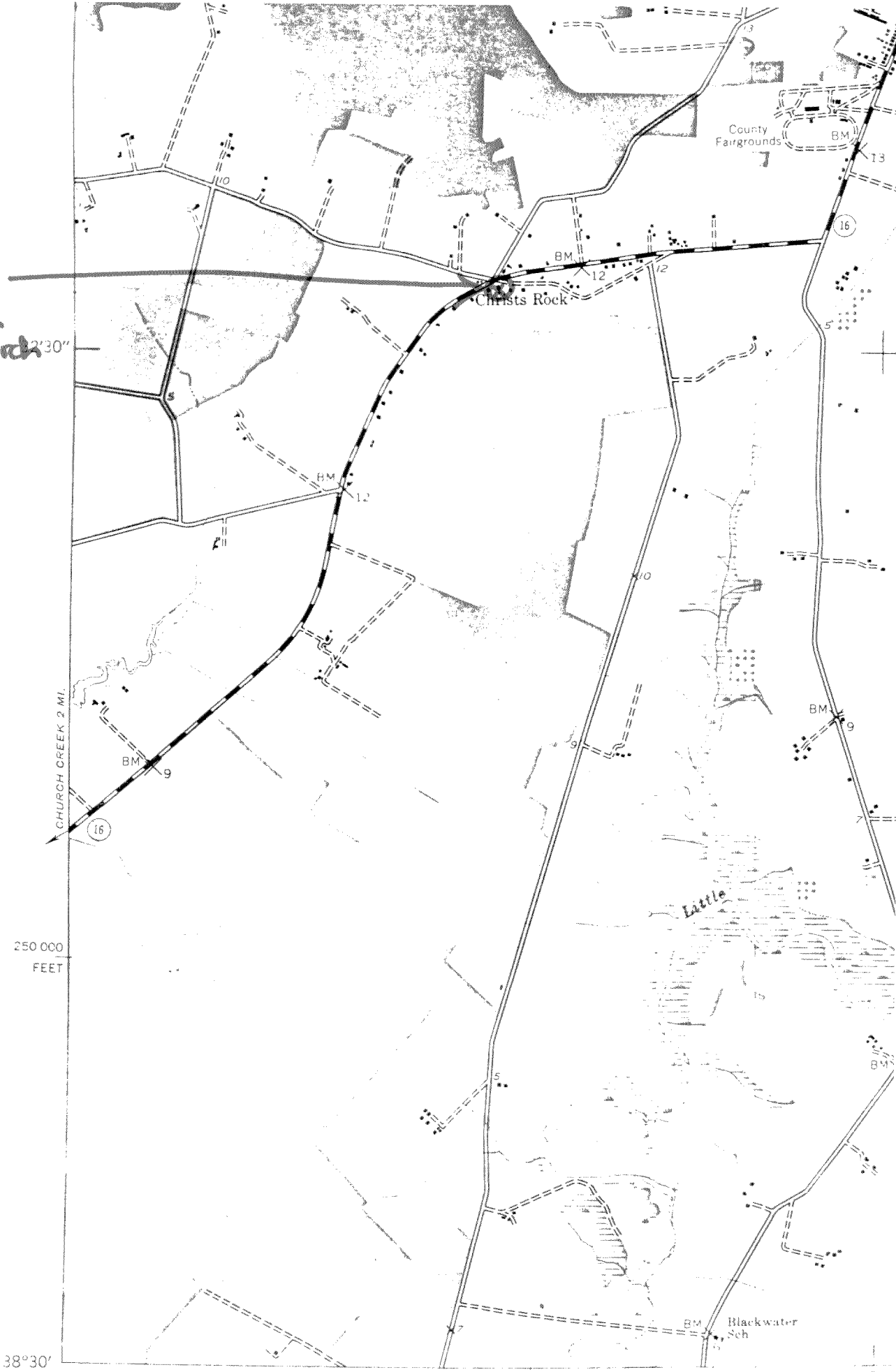
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m. E. Church



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76°07'30"

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