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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Manokin Presbyterian Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER West side of North Somerset Avenue, one mile south of
intersection with Md. Rte. 362

CITY, TOWN

Princess Anne

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

COUNTY

Somerset

CODE

039

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Manokin Presbyterian Church c/o Mrs. Robert H. Johnson, Clerk of Session

STREET & NUMBER

North Somerset Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Princess Anne

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Somerset County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Somerset Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Princess Anne

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" 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

The Manokin Presbyterian Church is situated on the west side of North Somerset Avenue, one mile south of its intersection with Maryland Route 362, in Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland. It is a 1½-story brick structure with a three-story entrance tower on the east end. The walls of the main section were built in 1765 and the tower was added in 1888. A small extension to the rear of the building was made in the remodeling of 1872-1873.

The main body of the church has three windows on the south wall and two on the north one. There are windows on each side of the entrance tower on the east end. All of these have double-hung sash with diamond-patterned leaded glass. In the west end are two window openings with segmental arches that are presently bricked in. The brick of this section of the church was laid in Flemish bond with a single row of headers forming the arches over the windows. A new chimney stack stands on the north side of the building, probably housing a furnace flue. The building has a bracketed cornice and a belt course that stretches between the ends of the cornice on both the east and the west facades. The roof of this section, presently covered with asbestos shingles, was raised in the 1872 remodeling, creating the present steep A-roof. There are two shed roof dormers on each slope of the roof, containing small stained glass windows.

Also in the 1872 remodeling, a small addition was built on the rear of the building. It is one-story with a gable roof that imitates the pitch of the main roof and has stained glass windows with segmental arches and arched transoms on either side.

The entrance tower was added in 1888. It has three stories which are divided by belt courses, a stepped one between the first and second floors and a bracketed one (formed by bricks) between the second and third and at the top. On the first floor there is a stained glass window, the Makemie Memorial window, in the east wall. It was added in 1922. In the north and south walls are the entrances, each containing double doors with three inset panels of horizontal boards and arched transoms. On the second floor there is a window in each wall of the same type as those in the main section. There are two louvered vents in each face of the third story. Projecting corner piers of brick rise for several courses above the hip roof. All of the openings on this facade have brick arches over them consisting of three rows of headers.

The entrance was originally on the south side and the high pulpit on the north. There were galleries for the slaves and Negro servants who attended the church. In 1872, however, the church was completely remodeled, enlarged by twenty feet, the entrance changed, the roof raised, the galleries removed and the pulpit moved from the north side to the west end. The present arrangement of the interior, with two

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input checked="" 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 1765, 1871-2, 1888 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"Manokin Presbyterian Church is one of the first organized Presbyterian Churches established in America. In 1672, a group of Presbyterians who had settled on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, petitioned the Grand Jury of Somerset County for a civil permit to hold services of worship and to have their own minister. The permission was granted and Robert Maddox was called by the Grand Jury to preach on the third Sunday of each month, at the home of Christopher Nutter, 'at the head of the Manokin River', the present site.

In 1680 a request was sent by Colonel Stevens of Rehobeth to the Presbytery at Laggan, Ireland, for an ordained minister, and three years later, in answer to that request, the Reverend Francis Makemie, a 25 year old, recently ordained minister, arrived in Somerset County. Under his leadership, this church, and those at Rehobeth, Pitts Creek, Snow Hill, and Wicomico were organized."*

Francis Makemie was born in County Donegal, Ireland, of Scottish parents in 1658. He was ordained at the Laggan Presbytery in 1682 and arrived in Maryland the following year. He moved about frequently and was located in North Carolina in 1683-84, Virginia in 1684-85, back to the Eastern Shore in 1690-91, and in 1696-98 in Barbados. He was a strong supporter of the Westminster Confession and defended the Presbyterians from Quaker attack. In Maryland he primarily served in Snow Hill and at Rehobeth Church. He was in England from 1702 to 1704. He returned to America with four others to establish the American Presbytery of which he was the first moderator. (Dictionary of American Biography, Vol.X, p.11,215,1933).

"The first ordained minister of Manokin was the Reverend Thomas Wilson, and to him should be given much credit for the success of the church in its early beginnings."

The very early session records of the church were lost in a fire at the home of the Reverend William Stewart.

"In 1764 the building located on this spot, described in early records, as a 'plain country building', was, according to Session minutes, 'found to be decayed in almost every part, and too small for the number who attend', and in 1765 a brick building was erected, the walls of which are those of the present building. This brick building had two

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE		EASTING				NORTHING								

B

ZONE		EASTING				NORTHING							

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Pamela James, Assistant Historian

ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust

DATE June 1976

STREET & NUMBER 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN Annapolis

STATE Maryland 21401

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE John N. Pepace

DATE 7/27/76

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting Charles F. Boyer
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 11/21/96

ATTEST: Charles F. Boyer
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 11/15/76

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side aisles and pews facing west, was established at this time. The wooden floors are from this period.

The church sits directly by the street with the cemetery spreading out on its south and west sides.

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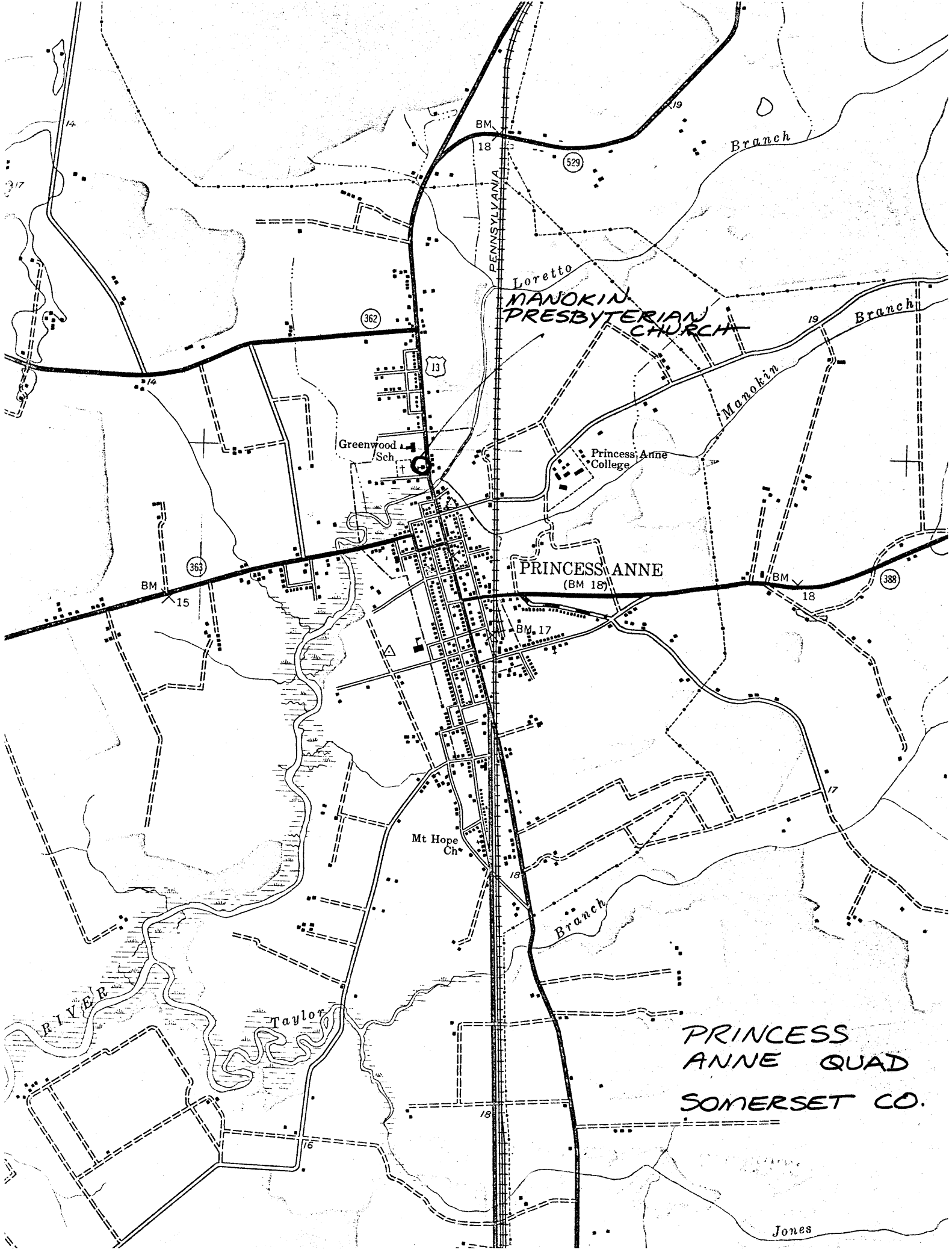
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doors on the south side, the high pulpit on the North, galleries for the colored servants who attended, and box-shaped pews. In 1872 the church was completely remodeled, enlarged by approximately 20 feet, the entrance changed, the roof raised, the galleries removed, and the arrangement of the interior made to resemble its present appearance. Since that time, many improvements have been added to the building, most noteworthy of which is the Makemie Memorial window which appears in the vestibule, dedicated in 1922, but every effort has been made to retain the historicity of the appearance of the building. In the last few months, the exterior of the church has been newly painted to restore its original appearance, a new heating system installed, the interior of the church completely redecorated, and a new carpet laid."

* All quoted paragraphs are from: Rev. W.W. Williams, et. al.
"Celebrating the 280th anniversary of preaching on this ground, 1672-1952."
Program, October 8&9, 1952, Manokin Presbyterian Church, Princess Anne, Md.



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CHURCH**

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(BM 18)

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SOMERSET CO.**

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