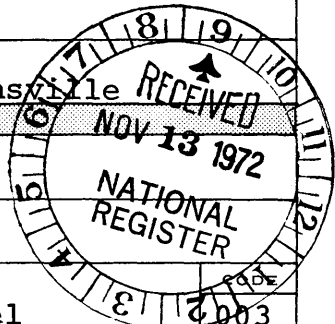


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STATE: <b>Maryland</b>	
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**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Christ Church**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**Christ Church, West River; Christ Church, Owensville**

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Owensville Road (Maryland Route 255)**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Owensville**

STATE: **Maryland**      CODE: **24**      COUNTY: **Anne Arundel**      CODE: **2003**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Vestry of Christ Church**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Owensville Road (Maryland Route 255)**

CITY OR TOWN: **West River**      STATE: **Maryland**      CODE: **24**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Anne Arundel County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Church Circle**

CITY OR TOWN: **Annapolis**      STATE: **Maryland**      CODE: **24**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Maryland Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1969**       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Maryland Historical Trust**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**2525 Riva Road**

CITY OR TOWN: **Annapolis**      STATE: **Maryland**      CODE: **24**

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

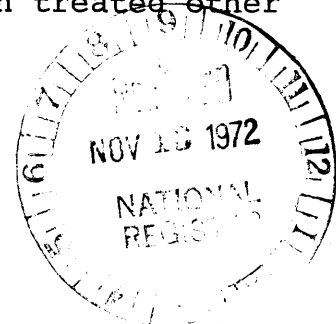
Christ Church is located on the north side of the Owensville Road (Maryland Route 255) which connects Owensville and Galesville, Maryland.

A small, board and batten church, this wooden structure has a long, narrow nave; small, deep chancel; and an entrance porch on the south side. The altar faces the west. The sharply-pointed, gabled entrance porch with its pointed archway is paralleled by a slightly bell-cast, pointed-gable sacristy of about the same size. Behind the sacristy is a tall, narrow bell tower with an open belfry. The pointed arches of this belfry support a modified brooch spire roofed with fish-scale shingling. Small rectangular window openings frame stained glass lancet windows. There are three similar lancets above the altar in the east wall of the chancel. The west entrance forms a passageway to a similar board and batten parish hall, which runs at right angles to the main church. This parish hall may be recent, although it blends perfectly with the style of the church.

The rather stark interior of the church has a central aisle, 'poppy headed' pews, and dark wood cross trussing in the ceiling.

There is a large churchyard to the north of the church.

Although sometimes reputed to be by the noted church architect, Richard Upjohn, Christ Church was at least built from designs offered by his Rural Architecture (1852). This book 'gave' architect-designed plans for rural parishes, with the result that some of the finest 'Upjohn churches' are these small board and batten structures of rural parishes (e.g., Brunswick, Maine; Warsaw, New York; and at the Hannah More School in Baltimore County). They represent America's own version of the 'Parish Perpendicular.' In a very good state of preservation in which the 19th-century feeling has been retained, Christ Church was built according to Ecclesiological principles with a long, narrow, and high nave, and a deep chancel--the hallmark of Upjohn's ecclesiastical work for Episcopal churches. Upjohn treated other Protestant denominations differently.



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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1869**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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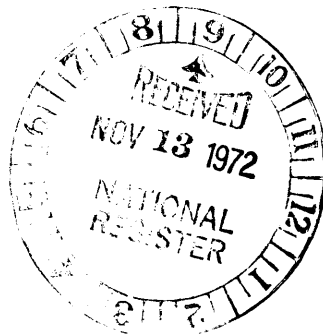
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although often reputed to be by the noted architect, Richard Upjohn (1802-1878), Christ Church was at least built from designs offered by his Rural Architecture (1852), a book which 'gave' architect-designed plans for rural parishes. As a result, some of the finest 'Upjohn' churches are small board and batten structures in rural parishes, e.g., Christ Church; and Episcopal churches in Brunswick, Maine, and Warsaw, New York; and the chapel at Hannah More School outside of Baltimore. These ecclesiastical structures represent America's own version of the 'Parish Perpendicular.'

Christ Church was built according to ecclesiastical principles which greatly influenced the Gothic Revival in America and England in the 1840's and 1850's. The long, narrow and high nave and deep chancel of Christ Church are hallmarks of Upjohn's ecclesiastical work for Episcopal churches.

Mrs. Ellen Hall McCaleb Burwell gave the money for the construction of Christ Church in memory of her two children, one of whom died in a sleighing accident and one from yellow fever.

Christ Church, created as an independent parish in 1862, occupies the site of an earlier chapel of ease of its 'mother' parish, St. James-the-Less.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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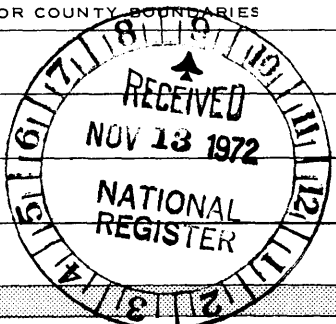
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **16 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Nancy Miller, Historian, and William Morgan**

ORGANIZATION: **Maryland Historical Trust**      DATE: **Aug. 16, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**2525 Riva Road**

CITY OR TOWN: **Annapolis**      STATE: **Maryland 21401**      CODE: **24**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name: Orlando Ridout IV  
**Orlando Ridout IV** *Act*

Title: State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date: Aug. 16, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Utley  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 6/18/73

ATTEST:  
Bradford  
Director of The National Register  
Date: June 9, 1973

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(Maryland)

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<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
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DATE: 1957			
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TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
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2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

