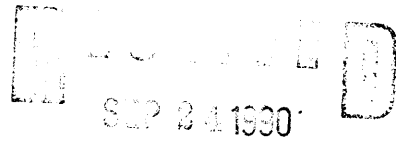


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name St. Mark's Episcopal Church
other names/site number S-66

2. Location

street & number Westover-Marion Road (State Route 413) N/A not for publication
city, town Kingston vicinity
state Maryland code MD county Somerset code 039 zip code 21834

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER Date 9/19/90
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of commenting or other official _____ Date _____
State or Federal agency and bureau _____

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register. Entered in the National Register
 See continuation sheet. 10/25/90
 determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain:) _____
Signature of the Keeper [Signature] Date of Action _____

6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/religious structure

FUNERARY/cemetery

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/religious structure

FUNERARY/cemetery

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

GREEK REVIVAL

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation CONCRETE

walls WEATHERBOARD

roof ASPHALT

other WOOD

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

St. Mark's Episcopal Church is a single-story one-bay by three-bay frame structure built in 1846 and moved to this site in 1924. The gable-front building faces west with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis. The rectangular frame building is sheathed with plain weatherboards. The eaves are slightly extended with short returns at the base of the roof. A small one-bay by one-bay apse extends to the rear (east). The front elevation is pierced by a single double-door opening with three-panel doors. The north and south sides have three nine-over-nine sash windows flanked by louvered shutters. A brick stove stack rises through the south roof slope. The interior has Victorian pews with simple Gothic point end panels. A pair of unconventional four-panel doors open into the sacristy to each side of the communion table. A cemetery with about a dozen nineteenth century burials lies to the side of the building.

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Section number 7 Page 1GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

St. Mark's Episcopal Church is a single-story one-bay by three-bay frame structure that stands on the southeast corner of the intersection of the Westover-Marion Road and Charles Barnes Road near Kingston, Somerset County, Maryland. The gable-front building faces west with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Dated to 1846, the weatherboard frame church rests on concrete block piers that were erected when the structure was relocated to this site around 1924. The original church site was approximately a quarter of a mile east of this location on the north side of Charles Barnes Road. The rectangular frame building is sheathed with plain weatherboards and covered by a medium pitched asphalt shingle roof. The eaves are slightly extended with short returns at the base of the roof. A small one-bay by one-bay apse extends to the rear (east).

The front elevation is pierced by a single double-door opening with three-panel doors. The corners of the building are fitted with corner boards that rise to the plain fascia. A simple cross is fixed to the peak of the roof.

The north and south sides are essentially alike with three evenly spaced nine-over-nine sash windows flanked by louvered shutters. A brick stove stack rises through the roof slope.

Attached to the east gable end is a shorter single-story one-room frame sacristy. The north side of the sacristy is marked by a shuttered six-over-six sash window, while the south side is marked by a two-panel Greek Revival door. The east wall is a plain weatherboard wall.

The interior has remained essentially unaltered since the nineteenth century. Victorian pews with simple Gothic point end panels are located to either side of a center aisle. The north and south walls are stabilized by a pair of tie beams which stretch across the room under a vaulted ceiling. The slightly raised altar, located at the east end of the sanctuary, is distinguished by a rectangular baluster handrail with a center hinged door. Victorian furniture furnishes the altar. A pair of unconventional four-panel doors open into the sacristy to each side of the communion table. Two small square panels mark the top of the door, while the balance of the door is divided by a pair of long Greek Revival style panels. The sacristy is finished with lath and plaster.

To the side of the building are about a dozen burial sites with markers which are associated with use of this site previously by another denomination.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance
1846

Significant Dates
1846

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person
N/A

Architect/Builder
Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

The significance of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in rural Somerset County is derived from the architectural character of the building. Moved to its present site in 1924, this modest one-story frame building erected in 1846 is one of the only two extant Somerset County structures built for religious purposes to display the influence of the Greek Revival style. The other example is the Joshua Thomas Chapel on Deal Island, built in 1850, which is larger in size and more elaborately decorated on the facade.

See continuation sheet 8.1 for HISTORIC CONTEXT and MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN data

Vestry minutes of Coventry Parish, 1822-1848, St. Paul's P.E. Church, Marion, Maryland.

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties, Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Maryland.

Touart, Paul Baker. Somerset: An Architectural History. Published for the Maryland Historical Trust and the Somerset County Historical Trust, 1990, pp 65 and 319-336.

See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property 1.5 acres
USGS Quad: Kingston, MD

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet 10.1

Boundary Justification

See continuation sheet 10.1

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Agricultural-Industrial Transition - A.D. 1815-1870

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture/Landscape Architecture/Community Planning
Religion

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

RELIGION/religious structure
FUNERARY/cemetery

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Section number 8 Page 2HISTORIC CONTEXT:

This unassuming single-story frame church, built in 1846, is typical of the modest meeting houses many rural congregations erected during the first half of the nineteenth century. The gable-front church has a single double-door opening on the west end and three nine-over-nine sash windows on each side. A shorter single story apse partially covers the east gable end. The church and its interior have survived in relatively unaltered condition.

St. Mark's Church and Joshua Thomas Chapel are the only rural churches in Somerset County to exhibit a Greek Revival influence. St. Mark's has the gable-front orientation typical of the style as well as characteristic Greek Revival woodwork.

A construction date of 1846 for St. Mark's is confirmed in the Coventry Parish vestry minute books:

This deed of donation for the house of worship recently erected at Kingston in Somerset County in Coventry Parish in the Counties of Somerset and Worcester under the name of St. Mark's Church was then signed by the rector, church wardens, and vestrymen present...June 2, 1946.

St. Mark's formerly stood approximately a quarter of a mile east of its present location. The building was moved to this site in the early twentieth century, after the Methodists abandoned the original church built at this intersection.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

All that lot or parcel of land situate in Brinkley's Election District, Somerset County, Maryland, beginning at the southeast corner of the intersection of the old Westover-Kingston Road on the northwest corner of the church lot and heading due east with Charles Barnes Road for approximately 262 feet to a point along the road, thence in a southerly direction for approximately 150 feet to a point southeast of the church building, then in a southwesterly direction for approximately 225 feet to a point along the old Westover-Kingston Road, thence with the east side of the aforesaid road in a northerly direction for approximately 262 feet to the place of beginning, containing 1.5 acres more or less.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:

The property under nomination includes only the 1.5 acre lot upon which the resource stands. The property is bordered by public roads and cultivated fields.