

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. 15/8-1

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

Historic Montgomery Chapel Methodist Protestant Church and Cemetery (preferred)

other Montgomery Methodist Church, Montgomery United Methodist Church, St. Thomas Orthodox Syrian Church

2. Location

street and number See Continuation Sheet not for publication

city, town Clagettsville vicinity

county Montgomery

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

Name See Continuation Sheet

street and number telephone

city, town state zip code

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. See Continuation Sheet liber folio

city, town tax map tax parcel tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: MNCPPC/Montgomery Co. Planning Department Historic Preservation Section Files

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count		
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>2</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

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MULTIPLE PARCELS AND RIGHTS OF WAY:

Parcel P922 (Church, Cemetery, Parking)

Tax District-Account Number: 12-01876507

Premise Address: 28201 Kemptown Road, Damascus, MD 20872-1324, Montgomery County

Legal Description: "Damascus"

Tax Map: FY53

Parcel: P922

Liber/Folio: 16939/58

Location of Deed: Montgomery County Courthouse in Rockville, Md; also Md.LandRec.net.

Owner: St. Thomas Jacobite Ctr. of Greater Washington, Inc.

Owner Address: Damascus, MD 20872-1324, Montgomery County

Area: 34,848 s.f.

Parcel 915 (Cemetery)

Tax District-Account Number: 12-00936685

Premise Address: Ridge Road, Damascus, MD 20872, Montgomery County

Legal Description: "Damascus"

Tax Map: FY53

Parcel: P915

Liber/Folio: unknown

Location of Deed: unknown

Owner: Montgomery Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery

Owner Address: 28325 Kemptown Road, Damascus, MD 20872-1326, Montgomery County

Area: 20,908 s.f.

Parcel 867 (Cemetery)

Tax District-Account Number: 12-00936982

Premise Address: Ridge Road, Damascus, MD 20872, Montgomery County

Legal Description: "Warfield and Snowden"

Tax Map: FY53

Parcel: P867

Liber/Folio: 1838/533

Location of Deed: Montgomery County Courthouse in Rockville, Md; also Md.LandRec.net .

Owner: Montgomery Methodist Cemetery Inc.

Owner Address: 28325 Kemptown Road, Damascus, MD 20872-1326, Montgomery County

Area: 65,340 s.f.

Right of Way along Kemptown Road (80)

Right of Way along Ridge Road (27)

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SUMMARY

The Montgomery Chapel Methodist Protestant Church and Cemetery is prominently located in the junction of Kemptown Road (Route 80) and Ridge Road (Route 27) in Clagettsville, Maryland. The resource is well maintained and includes a 1904 Gothic Revival style church, associated cemetery with headstones dating from 1872 and over 760 burials, and ancillary church yard and parking. The resource extends over three parcels and parts of the state rights of way for Kemptown and Ridge Roads.

Site and parcels of land

The church structure, now housing the St. Thomas Orthodox Syrian Church, is located primarily on the parcel at the crux of the intersection, P922, at 28210 Kemptown Road. The cemetery is located primarily on the two adjoining parcels to the north, P915 and P867, but also partially within P922 and the rights of way. Parking is located on P922 and within the rights of way. Internal drive aisles cross each of the three parcels. The area of the three parcels is about 2.78 acres, and parcels are relatively level and open, with little landscaping. Together, the three parcels form a roughly triangular plot of land.

The church parcel, P922, is owned by the Saint Thomas Jacobite Center of Greater Washington, Inc. The two cemetery parcels, P915 and P867, are owned by the Montgomery Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery and the Montgomery Methodist Cemetery Inc., respectively.¹ These owners are affiliated with the Montgomery United Methodist Church,² a successor congregation to the Montgomery Chapel Methodist Protestant Church.

Church (1904) - Contributing

The Gothic Revival style church is a distinctive and familiar visual feature in the Clagettsville landscape. Construction on the frame building began in 1904, and the building was dedicated in 1905. The church is cruciform in plan with gables facing Ridge and Kemptown Roads. The entry faces south and is in the bell tower located at the crux of the wings. Above the door is a large pointed arch window with tracery stained glass lights. The upper level of the bell tower is an open bell cote with rounded arches, while mid level is lit with ocular stained glass windows. The church has Gothic Revival style lancet windows with Queen Anne influence evident in stained glass perimeter lights. Gable ends feature larger paired versions with tracery insets. At the western side elevation is a three sided extended bay with a gable roof. Alterations include the following: the steeple was removed at some point in keeping with a country fashion for open church belfries; in 1941, the gable end facing east was extended by three bays to enlarge the Sunday School, a cornerstone was laid that said "Montgomery Methodist Church Sunday School 1941," and the entire building was given brick facing; in 1959, a basement was dug for a multi-purpose room; and in 1960, the bell tower was heightened and a canopy added to

¹The cemetery, referred to in an 1882 deed as the Montgomery Chapel Burial Ground, replaced an earlier cemetery located on the church grounds approximately where the existing church now stands. Floyd Moxley, History of Montgomery Church. The cemetery was expanded by 1.5 acres in 1953. Deed EBP 27:192.

²Records of the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation state that the cemetery is owned by the "Montgomery Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery," but, per an email exchange on March 23, 2010 between Sandra Youla, MNCPPC and the Rev. Dr. Wade A. Martin of the Montgomery United Methodist Church, the Rev. Martin indicated that the cemetery is owned and maintained by the Montgomery United Methodist Church.

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shelter the bell from the elements. The bell tower plaque reads, "presented by Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Cline in memory of Capt. Carl E. Cline, Jr. and 1st Lt Ellis E. Cline2".³

Cemetery (1882) - Contributing

The cemetery is surrounded by a split rail fence and has several gravel drive aisles that run through it, connecting Kemptown and Ridge Roads. The graves are generally laid out in organized rows. A small pile of footstones are located on the side near the church. The cemetery has over 760 burials, and space is available for more graves. Burials date from 1871 to the present.⁴ One of the earliest graves is Catherine Norwood (b. 8.12.1792, d. 6.15.1871).⁵ The Norwood family name in this region goes back to the late 1700s, when James Norwood purchased land from Henry Ridgely,⁶ who held the patent for Friendship, one of the main land grants in the area. Other long-time area families buried in the cemetery include the Moxleys, Burdettes, Browns, Mullinix's, Warfields, and Watkins. The cemetery has been identified in the Montgomery Cemetery Inventory as the Montgomery United Methodist Cemetery, ID 104.

³ Floyd Simms Moxley, op. cit., pages 11, 12.

⁴ *Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory*, commissioned by the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission, carried out from 2004 to 2006 by Peerless Rockville, Historic Takoma, Inc., and Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites; Inventory Form for Montgomery United Methodist Cemetery, ID 104.

⁵ Montgomery Chapel Cemetery, at <http://usgwarchives.net/md/montgomery/tsimages/montchapel/mgc-1.html>, retrieved 3.24.2010.

⁶ D 253, recorded 8.14.1789, Montgomery County land records. Note also that an Elizabeth Norwood was married to a Nehemiah Moxley, and thus may have been the second wife of Nehemiah Moxley Sr, the Anne Arundel patriarch who also purchased land from Henry Ridgely in the late 1700's, or the wife of Nehemiah Jr, the son. Nehemiah Sr. conveyed land to his three sons, William, Jacob, and Ezekiel, and their descendants populate the Clagettville area to this day. See Allie May Moxley Buxton, *Nehemiah Moxley: His Clagettville Sons and Their Descendants* (Chelsea, Michigan: Bookcrafters, 1989), page 6.

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*Montgomery Chapel Methodist Protestant Church
View from Kemptown Road
11.2007, Sandra Youla*

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*Montgomery Chapel Methodist Protestant Church
View From Ridge Road
11.2007, Sandra Youla*

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*Montgomery Chapel Methodist Protestant Church
From junction of Kemptown Road and Ridge Road.
11.2007, Sandra Youla*

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*Montgomery Chapel Methodist Protestant Church
View From Ridge Road— closeup.
11.2007, Sandra Youla*

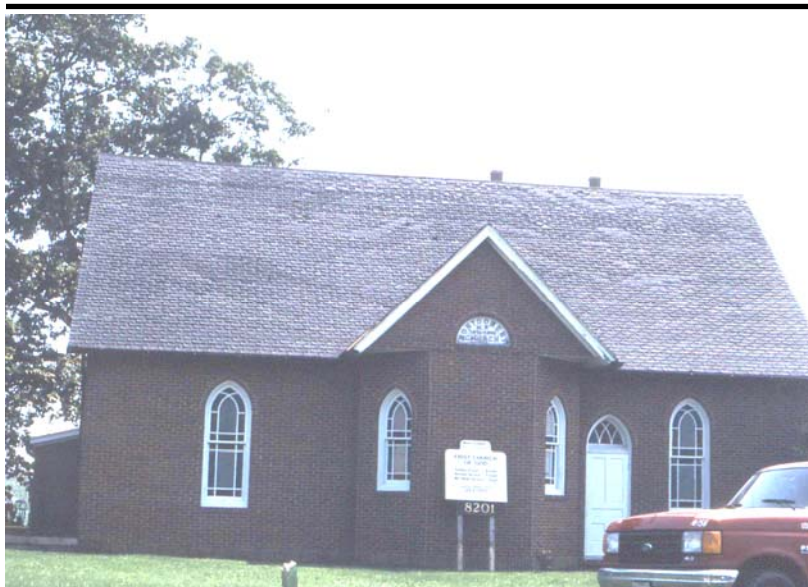
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Rear façade, 1986 view.



Detail, cornerstone. Photo 11.2007, Sandra Youla.

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Aerial view east, 12.3.2005, Pictometry.

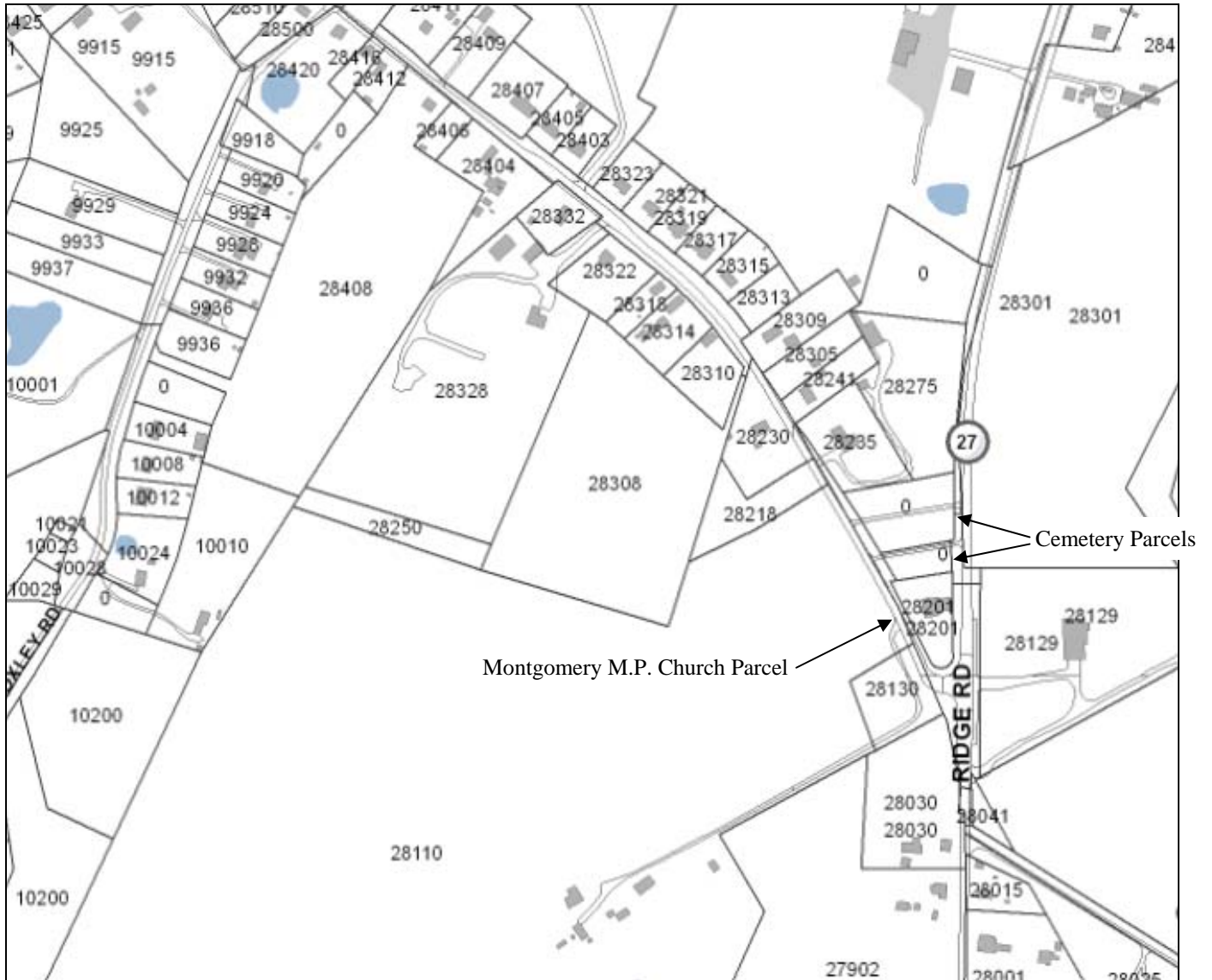
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Location Map

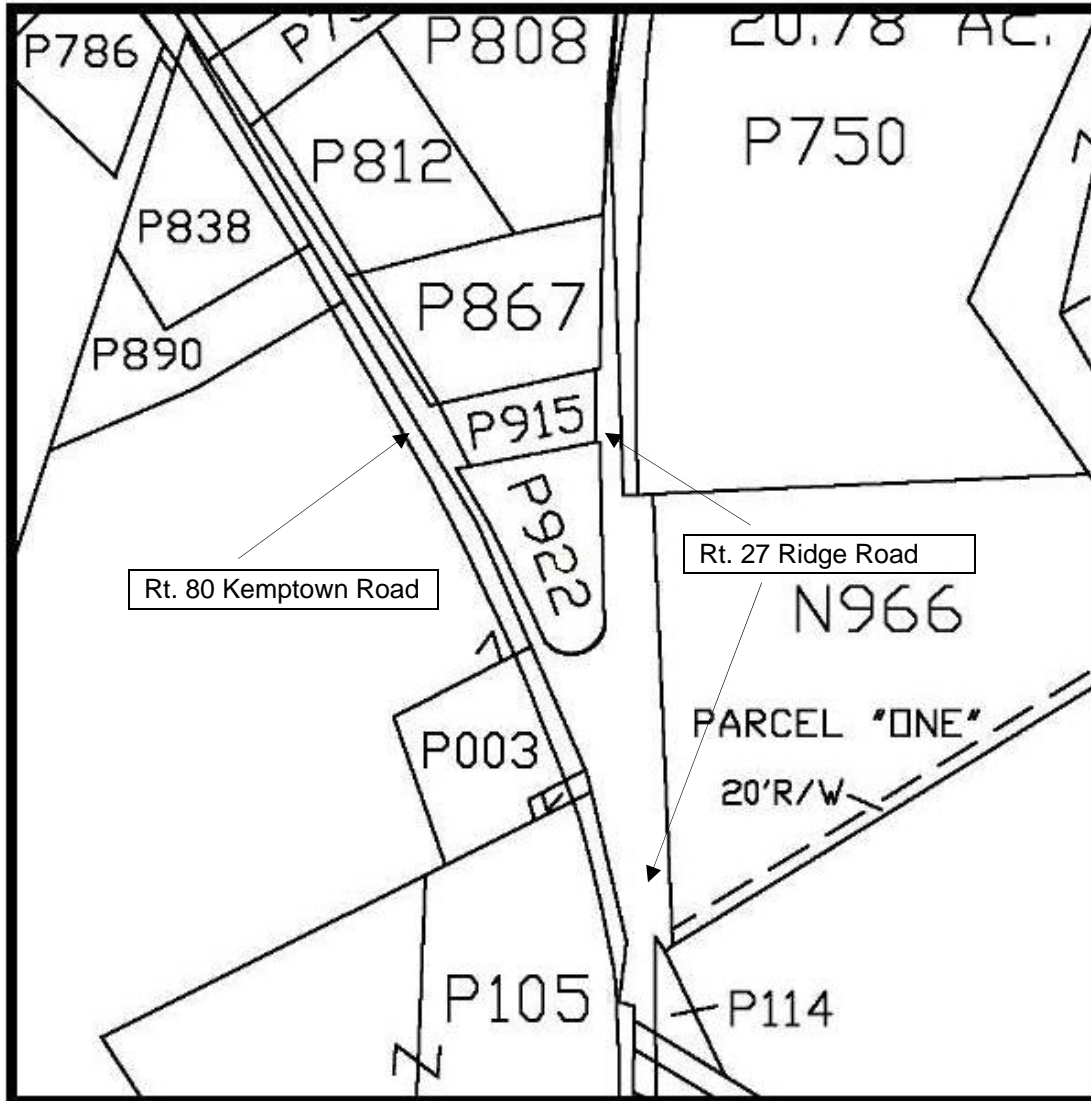
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Tax Map

(Source: Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation Real Property Data Search)

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	other: _____

Specific dates 1904 – 1974 Period of Methodist congregation **Architect/Builder** Foreman George W. Easton; Carpenters Asa Watkins, Harry Day, Edward Day, and Samuel D. Warfield

Construction dates 1904 groundbreaking, 1905 dedication, 1941 Sunday School addition, late 1950s basement, 1960 bell tower

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Master Plan for Historic Preservation in Montgomery County Maryland

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Montgomery Chapel Methodist Protestant Church and Cemetery has historical and cultural significance as well as architectural and design significance. The resource is historically significant as an expression of the prevailing Methodist heritage of much of Maryland and Upper Montgomery County, particularly the Upper Patuxent. In addition, the church and cemetery are historically significant in the development of the Clagettsville, a crossroads community with strong kinship ties. The resource is architecturally significant as a local landmark, due to its prominent location in the fork of Kemptown Road and Ridge Road, two of the county's oldest roads. The church was the social and spiritual center for the Clagettsville area and had long antecedents, including Brown's Chapel, a log church built in 1846 on nearby Brown's Church Road; the Providence Methodist Protestant Church in Kemptown in Frederick County; and its predecessor church, the Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church in Browningsville in Montgomery County.

UPPER MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S METHODIST HERITAGE

Maryland played a key role in the establishment of Methodism in the United States. Robert Strawbridge, an Irish immigrant to Maryland, established the first Methodist class in America in 1760 in his home near New Windsor in Carroll County (then Frederick).⁷ The Methodist Episcopal Church was established in 1884 and the Methodist Protestant Church in 1830, both in Baltimore. In the 19th century, the Upper Patuxent area of Montgomery County was wholly Methodist, and Methodism had a strong religious, social, and cultural influence. Known 19th century churches in the Upper Patuxent were: Brown's Chapel MP Church, Montgomery Chapel MP Church, Friendship Church (a historically black church, now part of the Damascus-Friendship United Methodist Church), Mt. Lebanon Methodist Episcopal Church, Mt. Lebanon MP Church (formerly Benton's Church), and Mt. Tabor ME Church. Methodist churches were served by circuit riders, who travelled widely and preached at several churches, known as a circuit. Alfred Baker (Resource #15/4) is an example of a circuit rider who lived in the area that became known as Clagettsville.

The Montgomery Chapel Methodist Protestant Church was one of the county's earliest Methodist Protestant congregations⁸. The church was formally organized in 1871 but it had antecedents in two earlier churches: Brown's Chapel, organized in 1846, and Providence Methodist Protestant Church, organized in 1836. Brown's Chapel was a log

⁷ See the website for the Strawbridge Shrine at <http://www.strawbridgeshrine.org/>.

⁸Montgomery Chapel MP Church is not to be confused with Montgomery Chapel (#10/58), 25200 Frederick Road, Hyattstown.

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church that once stood on nearby Brown Church Road. The Providence Methodist Protestant Church was located in Kemptown in Frederick County.

The Upper Patuxent area of Montgomery County is strongly Methodist to this day.

ESTABLISHMENT AND HISTORY OF MONTGOMERY CHAPEL MP CHURCH

1871 Church: On February 13, 1871 for \$20.00, James and Margaret Becraft, who owned a farm to the north (Resource #15/7) deeded about an acre of farmland, part of Warfield and Snowden, to then trustees of Brown's Church, namely Grafton Watkins, William C. Claggett [Clagett], John W. Watkins, Ephraim H. Brown, and Robert B. Mullinix. The land was located in Montgomery County at the junction of what is now Ridge Road and Kemptown Road and was deeded in trust for the Montgomery Chapel Methodist Protestant Church.⁹ Over time, Brown's Chapel fell into disuse, decayed, and was eventually torn down. Gilbert Thompson, who lived on Holsey Road south of Clagettville, helped tear down Brown's Chapel. On August 20, 1993, the Montgomery United Methodist Church Historical Committee held a dedication ceremony for a marker designating the location of Brown's Chapel, now within Patuxent State Park. The church maintains the marker.¹⁰

The new frame church, named the Montgomery Chapel Methodist Protestant Church, was dedicated on May 20, 1871.¹¹ The church was constructed of lumber donated by local farmers. Tradition indicates that the church was built by local carpenters, including possibly Warren Watkins, William G. Easton, James M. Poole, John Mount, Lynn Snyder, and that Owen Brown did the masonry work.

A documented illustration of this structure has not been located. A drawing of the building included in the *History of Montgomery Church* shows a front gabled building with a projecting front pavilion sheltering a two-leaved front door. The drawing strongly resembles a 20th century photograph of nearby Providence MP Church (F:7-111) in Kemptown.

The 1871 church stood until 1905, when it was sold to Greenberry (or Greenbury) Poole, torn down, moved, and resurrected as a residence.¹²

⁹ Deed Liber EBP 13, Folio 196.

¹⁰ Floyd Simms Moxley, op. cit., page 8. Jill Teunis, "Montgomery Methodist Marks Date," Damascus Gazette, unknown date and page, as found in the vertical files of the Montgomery Historical Society. Dedication Ceremony Invitation, Dedication Ceremony Service Program, provided by Dwilla McIntryre, member of the Pleasant Plains of Damascus DAR, on November 15, 2008, as found in files of the Historic Preservation Section/Montgomery County Planning Department/MNCPPC.

¹¹ Floyd Simms Moxley, op. cit., page 6, which shows excerpts from the Methodist Protestant Newspaper (Baltimore), February 18, 1871, page 2 and May 20, 1871, Notice.

¹² Floyd Simms Moxley, op. cit., page 8. Where might the 1871 building have been moved? Census records from 1910 show that there was a Greenbury C. Poole living in the 12th Election District of Montgomery County, not far from William A. Burdette (#15/5 Molesworth-Burdette Farm). Greenberry was married to Ida Poole, daughter of Ephraim H. Brown, who was one of the trustees of both Brown's Chapel and the 1871 Montgomery Chapel Methodist Protestant Church. In 1899, the heirs of Ephraim Brown, deceased, had his 52.25 acres of land resurveyed and patented. In 1900, as a result of an equity case, Ida purchased the 52.25 acres of patented land once owned by Ephraim Brown, deceased, known as Brown's Land, located on the south side of Brown's Church Road near its eastern terminus (now land within Patuxent State Park). She and her husband Greenberry may have reconstructed the old 1871 Montgomery Chapel somewhere on this land as a residence. Thus, the reconstructed 1871 Montgomery Chapel may stand or may have stood somewhere near its predecessor church, Brown's Chapel, which was located just to the west of Brown's Land, also on the south side of Brown's Church Road.

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1904 Church: In 1904, construction was begun on a new church building on the same parcel, but located about 100 feet back from the 1871 church. The Reverend John A. Wright, circuit minister for the Kemptown Charge, had advocated construction of a new church for two years before it was finally built. The church was frame and clad with weatherboarding, and was dedicated in 1905. There were no bids or contracts put out for the church, and it was built by community members. George W. Easton was the construction foreman. George Easton resided at 28408 Kemptown Road, his house built in this era (c1895-1905). Both structures have multi-colored Queen Anne sash, a feature which sets the church apart from other Methodist churches in the upcounty area. Easton is also credited with building the pulpit and installing a factory-made chancel rail.

Assisting carpenters were Asa Watkins, Harry Day, Edward Day, and Samuel D. Warfield. H. Deets Warfield Sr. and Floyd S. Moxley hauled the first building stone for the wall of the church. The church cost \$4,000.00 to build. Its steeple housed a bell donated by Darius F. Watkins. Raymond Moxley made the altar.¹³

Other upper county churches built after Montgomery Church share similar architectural characteristics. It is likely that the Methodist church supplied certain guidelines for the construction of churches in this era. Welsey Grove Church, in Woodfield, built in 1910 has a nearly identical ell form with tower and lancet windows. Differences are the lack of Queen Anne sash and open tower entrance. Other ell-shaped churches with towers include Clarksburg ME Church (1909), and Mt Tabor, Etchison (1914). Methodist churches in the era with front gable form and side tower are Salem ME Church, Cedar Grove (1907); Salem Church, Brookeville (1910); Oakdale, Norbeck (1914).

Alterations were made to the church in 1941, 1959, and 1960, as discussed previously, including adding a Sunday School wing, removing the steeple, building a basement multi-purpose room, and heightening the open bell tower.

Changes in Church Name: On April 25, 1939, the Methodist Protestant Church of America merged with the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church south (which had split from the Methodist Episcopal Church due to differences on slavery), and the new American church was called The Methodist Church. Hence, on that day, the 1904 Montgomery Chapel MP Church became known as Montgomery Methodist Church. On May 1, 1968, The Methodist Church merged once again with the Evangelical United Brethren, and Montgomery Church was renamed the Montgomery United Methodist Church.

Cemetery: The cemetery, referred to in an 1882 deed¹⁴ as the Montgomery Chapel Burial Ground, replaced an earlier cemetery located on the church grounds approximately where the 1904 church now stands.¹⁵ The cemetery was expanded by 1.5 acres in 1953. This deed included 0.5 acres that had been intended to be conveyed by unrecorded deed dated March 3, 1928.¹⁶ The two cemetery parcels were not conveyed when the Methodist congregation eventually sold the church parcel in 1979 (see below), and these parcels remain under their original ownership, affiliated with and maintained by the Montgomery UM Church. The cemetery is significant for the generations of interrelated families such as the Moxleys, Burdettes, Watkins, Browns, and Warfields, to name a few, who are buried there and who helped create the Clagettsville kinship community.

¹³ Floyd Simms Moxley, op. cit., pages 11, 12.

¹⁴ Deed EBP 27/192, recorded December 29, 1882, Montgomery County Land Records.

¹⁵ Floyd Simms Moxley, op. cit., page 11.

¹⁶ Deed 1838/533, recorded 9.8.1953, Montgomery County Land Records.

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LOCAL LANDMARK AND COMMUNITY CENTER

The junction of Kemptown Road (the Old Quaker Road, also known as Busey's Road) and Ridge Road (then known as the Buffalo Road) came into being in the early 1830's, when the Buffalo Road was laid out and intersected the Old Quaker Road, which dated from the 1750's. Farms had existed in this area since at least the 1780's. However, it was not until the first Montgomery Methodist Protestant Church was erected in the junction, in 1871, that the junction attracted additional development and became the "town center" for Claggettville. The William Claggett tenant house (28015 Ridge Road) was built about 1874 on the east side of Ridge Road, followed in about 1879 by the John Claggett House (28001 Ridge Road), on a property that included a store and blacksmith shop, perhaps built contemporaneously. A school was erected on the east side of Ridge Road in 1884, although residents petitioned for it as early as 1873. In the early 1900s, a garage, gas station, and several additional houses as well as the 1904 replacement church and the 1916 church hall and were built around this junction. Clearly the church helped attract development and anchor the community.

RELATED RESOURCES

Church Hall Site: In 1916, a front-gabled, frame church hall was built on the opposite (west) side of Kemptown Road, facing the church. The land was partitioned from Friendship (#10/1), the c1783 farm of William Moxley, son of Nehemiah Moxley. The church hall was torn down in 1974, and the land reverted to the Floyd S. Moxley estate.¹⁷

Parsonage: In 1948, a parsonage was built north of the church, at 28241 Kemptown Road, to house the Kemptown Circuit (charge) pastor, who had previously resided in the Kemptown parsonage. In 1962, Montgomery Methodist Church paid off the Kemptown charge and became the sole owner of the parsonage.¹⁸ In 1999, the renamed and relocated Montgomery UM Church sold the parsonage into private hands.¹⁹

Relocation of Methodist Congregation to New Site: In 1962, the church purchased property on Ridge Road opposite the church building (east side of Ridge Road). Plans for a proposed Damascus bypass thwarted the church's plans to build a new sanctuary on the site.²⁰ In 1969, the church purchased land further north on Kemptown Road, part of the Becraft Farm (Resource #15/6).²¹ The Montgomery UM Church relocated to new premises at 28325 Kemptown Road in 1973, selling the Gothic Revival church to the First Church of God Damascus in 1979. The 1904 church parcel was conveyed once more before the current owners, the St. Thomas Jacobite Center of Greater Washington, Inc., purchased it in 1999 for church use. The 1904 church edifice is now occupied by the St. Thomas Orthodox Syrian Church.

¹⁷ Deed 260/329, recorded 12.26.1917 (Cornelius and Florence Moxley to the Trustees of Montgomery Chapel Public Hall Association), Montgomery County Land Records; Deed 268/456, recorded 12.26.1917 (Trustees and the Montgomery Chapel Public Hall Association to the Minister and Trustees of Montgomery Methodist Protestant Church), recorded 12.26.1917. Allie May Moxley Buxton, op. cit., page 44.

¹⁸ Deed 2970/269, recorded 5.31.1962, Montgomery County Land Records.

¹⁹ Deed 17435/98, recorded 8.26.1999, Montgomery County Land Records.

²⁰ Deed 2970/267, recorded 5.31.1962, Montgomery County Land Records, Gladhill Properties, Inc. to The Montgomery Methodist Church, 34.14 acres of Warfield and Snowden.

²¹ Deed 3858/136, recorded 5.9.1969. Ralph B. Duane and Louis Levitis, trustees on behalf of Claggettville Venture, transferred by deed to Montgomery Methodist Church Parcel 1 (11.5 acres), Parcel 2 (19,396 s.f.), Parcel 3 (45,100 s.f.). Part of a tract Warfield and Snowden, being part of the former land of Jesse Becraft and Bessie M. Becraft, his wife.

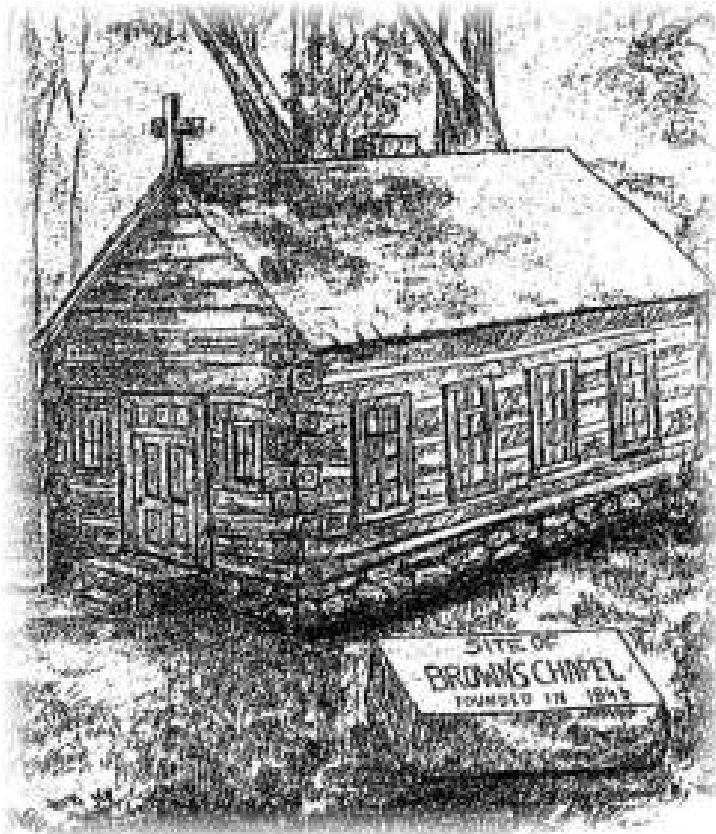
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Circuits and Station: Montgomery Chapel MP Church was part of the Frederick Circuit until 1893. The Frederick Circuit included Fairview, Mt. Carmel, Providence, Montgomery Chapel, Pleasant Grove, Mountain View, and New Market. In 1893, the Frederick Circuit dissolved, and Montgomery Chapel MP Church became part of the newly formed Kemptown Circuit, which included Providence, Montgomery Chapel, Mountain View, Pleasant Grove, and Mt. Lebanon (MP Church).²² In 1962, Montgomery Methodist Church, as it was then called, became a Station, meaning a church with its own minister and not in a circuit or charge, which was a group of churches that shared a minister.



Brown's Chapel was built in 1846 on south side of what is now called Brown Church Road, not far from the Patuxent River. Brown's Chapel was non-denominational when established, but became a Methodist Protestant Church in 1860-61. Its trustees helped establish Montgomery Chapel Methodist Protestant Church at the junction of Ridge Road and Kemptown Road in 1871. In 1903, a commemorative stone was dedicated at the church site on Brown Church Road.

<http://www.montumc.org/>

²² Cherilyn Widell, Maryland Historic Trust Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey, F-7-111 Providence Methodist Protestant Church, no date given, based on a 1976 History of Providence Methodist Church, as attached to the form.

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Early view of Montgomery Chapel Methodist Protestant Church (1904)
Source: Roscoe Buxton, Damascus History CD

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CHAIN OF TITLE
Sandra Youla, 4.2.2010

CHURCH PARCEL			
Deed Liber/Folio	Date	Parties	Instrument Type/Payment/Land
16939/58	1999.4.1	James Wrightson To St. Thomas Jacobite Center of Greater Washington, Inc.	Deed \$290,000 Same as in EBP 13/96, except that portion conveyed to SHA in 9377/275. Same as 15094/490. 34,848 s.f.
15094/490	1997.8.18	General Assembly Church of God To James Wrightson	Deed \$210,000 Same as in EBP 13/96, except that portion conveyed to SHA in 9377/275. Same as 14587/499. 34,848 s.f.
14587/499	1996.12.30	First Church of God – Damascus, Maryland, of Montgomery County, ?party of 1 st part, To General Assembly of the Church of God, Chesapeake- Delaware-Potomac District, Inc, party of the 2 nd part (Party of 3 rd Part – Board of Church Extension and Home Missions of the Church of God, Anderson, Indiana)	Deed \$5.00 Ann Gillespie, Helen Gillespie, Lisa Gillespie, and Ida Belle Higgins are sole surviving members of the First Church of God-Damascus. Ann Gillespie and Ida Belle Higgins are sole surviving trustees of the First Church of God-Damascus. Trustees intend to sell to Parties of 3 rd Part, which intends to sell to Party of 2 nd part, so sale made to Party of 2 nd part. Same as in EBP 13/96, except that portion conveyed to SHA in 9377/275. Sale made pursuant to Agreement of Conditional Deeding at 11801/264. 34,848 s.f.

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11801/264	1993.9.24	First Church of God-Damascus, Maryland, jointly and severally if more than one, And Farmers Mechanics National Bank	Agreement of Conditional Deeding Local Churches of God hold own their property. It has been found that when property held solely in names of church trustees, there is danger of loss of such property, with many recent examples. Thus, pursuant to recommended plan of conditional deeding endorsed by General Assembly of Church of God, if local church does not maintain doctrinal unity with General Assembly of God that meets annually in Anderson, Indiana, or if property falls into disuse, property in fee simple vests in the Board of Church Extension and Home Missions of the Church of God, Inc., Anderson Indiana, and, Bank's mortgage takes priority over the interest of the General Assembly of the Church of God. Same as in EBP 13/96. 1.01801 acres.
9377/275	1990.6.28	First Church of God, Damascus, c/o Rev. Harvey Edge To State Highway Administration	Deed (for right of way) \$14,475.00 Land required as indicated on SHA Plat 51510 (rev. 11.23.88), as described by meets and bounds. Fee simple area = 4,261 s.f., or 0.213 acres
Unknown	1979	Mont. United Methodist Church to First Church of God Damascus	Date per Gazette newspaper article by Jill Teunis
EBP 13/96	1871.9.30	James Becraft and Margaret Becraft, his wife To Grafton Watkins, William C. Clagett, John W. Watkins, Ephraim H. Brown, Robert B. Mullinix, Trustees	Deed \$25.00 Part of Warfield and Snowden. Beginning at a large white oak tree standing immediately in the fork of the Buffalow and Quaker Road and running along the west margin of the buffalo road and North...East...then South...West...to the North margin of the Quaker Road...the along the said margin of said road south...east...to the beginning.

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			<p>To be held by the named trustees and their successors for the Methodist Protestant Church. Trustees to be according to the usage and custom of the Methodist Protestant Church.</p> <p>One Acre and One square chain of ground, more or less.</p>
JGH 5/106	1856.3.5 (examined 1856.11.12)	<p>Abram England and Elizabeth England, his wife</p> <p>To</p> <p>James Becraft</p> <p>(see also 268/274, Equity Ct Trustees Thomas L. Dawson & Washington J. Purdum, to James and Bessie May Becraft, W& S, similar but corrected land description, 90 acres, excepting cemetery lot of ¾ acres. Why did James have to rebuy this land?)</p>	<p>Deed \$1002.50 Part of Warfield and Snowden</p> <p>Beginning at a stone planted at the end of the fourth line of Joshua Molesworth's part of said tract and at the west margin of the Buffalo road and running bounding on said Molesworth's part n...w...to a hickory, north...w...to a stone, s...w to a road called Busey's road and bounding on north side of road n...w...to an outline of whole tract called Warfield and Snowden, binding on said line reversed s...e...to the beginning thereof; still bounding on outline of whole tract reversely n...e...s...e...s...e...s...e...s...e...to the Buffalo Road, bounding thereon n...e...n...e... to an outline of said tract; and binding there on reversely s...w...to its beginning, still binding on the outlines of said land n...w...n...e... to said Buffalo road; binding thereon n...e...to the beginning.</p> <p>98 acres, 1 rood, 7 perches</p>
JGH 4/190	1855.3.5 (examined 1855.11.14)	IDENTICAL TO ABOVE	IDENTICAL TO ABOVE, EXCEPT FOR RECORDING AND EXAMINING DATE – MUST BE THE SAME, RECORDED ONE YEAR APART AS AN ERROR
STS 5/365	1851.5.31	<p>Peregrine Warfield and Harriet Warfield, his wife</p> <p>to</p> <p>Abram England and Gassaway Grimes</p>	<p>Deed \$3194.00</p> <p>“that portion of land called Warfield and Snowden in MC... Beginning at a stone planted at the beginning of whole tract of Warfield and Snowden running. ..with the outlines</p>

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			<p>thereof...to the courses & distances on the original certificate or grant thereof dated 1811.6.14... two courses ...to the end of the second line of whole tract aforesaid then... with a dividing line...the said whole tract south...east... to a stake at the end of 100th line of whole tract called W & S then ...with outlines thereof in succession agreeably to courses & distances confessed in the original grant or patent thereof 23 courses...to a stone at the end of the tract...23rd line of the whole tract aforesaid, then by and with the closing line of whole tract north...east to the ...beginning containing</p> <p>530 acres, 3 roods, 32 perches”</p>
MSA 1202-643, pp. 1-4	1812.5.21	Granted To Dr. Charles Alexander Warfield of Anne Arundel County and Ann Snowden of Prince George’s County	<p>Patent Warfield and Snowden</p> <p>Resurvey of Prospect Hills, which is land partly in MC and partly in AA, and to include Black Walnut Plains (a 100-acre tract in MC granted to Edward Busie in 1748)</p> <p>2084 acres</p>

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CEMETERY			
1838/533	1953.9.8	Jesse Becraft and Bessie May Becraft, and Mabel W. and Robert L. Etchison To Montgomery Methodist Cemetery, Inc.	Deed – P867 \$10.00 Part of Warfield and Snowden Beginning at iron pipe... 1.5 acres, including 0.5 acres intended to be conveyed by unrecorded deed dated 1928.3.31, which deed will now be destroyed
EBP 27/192	1882.12.29	Grafton Becraft and Sennora E. Becraft To George M. Moxley, John W. Watkins, Mathew Molesworth, and William C. Clagett, Trustees of the Montgomery Chapel Burying- Ground	Deed \$25.00 Warfield and Snowden in the 2 nd Election District of Montgomery County, MD Beginning at a stone in the west margin of the buffalo Road, a corner of Montgomery Chapel church lot and running n..w... to a stone, s...w to a stone on the north margin of the road called Busey's road w...e...to a stone at the end of the 2 nd line of said Church Lot, with eh 2 nd line reversed n...e...to the beginning One acre of ground in fee simple

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 2.78 acres, plus right of way

Acreage of historical setting _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale: _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

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