MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

M#20-9

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The church has been sheathed with fake stone and the tower with aluminum siding. The glazing is solid colored glass.

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EMORY GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

REV. JULIUS S. CARROLL, MINISTER

We pray as you celebrate this occasion that you may have an increasing and irresistable compulsion to meet the Master's challenge. Again we pray that your evidence of sincerity in executing the Lord's directive may be irrefutable, lest after you have spoken you will witness man's scorn and contempt.

Finally bear in mind that God is an inexhaustible source of power to help His church to achieve its goals and become all that He requires of it,

> —Written by the Rev. Thomas G. Barrington, Pastor, deceased January 31, 1966.



EMORY GROVE METHODIST CHURCH Emory Grove Road and Route 124 Gaithersburg, Maryland



CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH Shady Side, Maryland

SHADYSIDE: CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH

FRANK G. WANEK, MINISTER

The first historical reference to our Church comes from the early 1830's when it was mentioned as having a building known as Swamp Chapel. In 1866 a Church building, formerly known as St. James The Less Episcopal Church, was moved by barge from Owenville, Maryland and rebuilt on this present site. Swamp Chapel then became Centenary Methodist Church, honoring the first one hundred years of Methodism in America. The Church was completely remodeled in 1942. In 1962, the William M. Thomas Memorial Building was completed. The Sanctuary has been remodeled.

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated May 16, 1984

ACTION TAKEN

The following area sites were reviewed either as part of this Plan or at previous public hearings and were found not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. This Plan recommends their removal from the Locational Atlas. Although removed from the Locational Atlas these sites will remain on the Maryland Historical Trust's Inventory of State Historical Resources.

Site No.	Name	Planning Board Hearing Date
20/1	Remus Dorsey Tenant House**	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/2	Dorsey Cemetery	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/3	Shaw Cemetery	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/5	Snouffer Schoolhouse	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/6	Urah Bowman House**	6/17/82
20/7	Day Farm Barns**	9/25/80
20/8	Emory Grove Camp Meeting Grounds	7/5/83 - 7/6/83
(20/9)	Emory Grove Methodist Episcopal Church	7/5/83 - 7/6/83
20/10	MINERAL SPRING HOUSES	4/12/84
20/11	SYLVESTER THOMPSON'S STORE	4/12/84
20/12	FIELD'S KING FARM	4/12/84
20/13	WATKINS FARMHOUSE	4/12/84
20/14	Peters House/Monument View Hill	7/22/82
20/15	Gaither/Howes House	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/16	Heater/Crown Farm	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
*20/18	THOMPSON HOUSE**	10/9/83
20/19	Windy Knoll Farm	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/20	Hunting Hill Church	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/22	Hunting Hill Store and Post Office	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
20/23	Ward/Garrett Cemetery	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
*20/24	Mills House	1/20/83
20/25	Briggs Farm #1**	7/24/80
20/26	BRIGGS FARM #2**	4/12/84
20/27	Pleasant View Church**	6/17/82
20/29	Woodlands Site and Smokehouse	4/5/83 - 4/6/83
*20/30	RAILROAD UNDERPASS	4/12/84

^{*} Recommended for designation by the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission.

^{**} No longer standing.

Attachment Sheet A

20/8 (camp meeting) M: 20/9 (M.E. Church) Magi #

FOOTNOTES:

A Brief History of Emory Grove, Women's Society of Christian

Service, Emory Grove United Methodist Church, 1970.

Dedication notes for Emory Grove Park (Fall 1974) Mrs. Maude Taylor,
a former resident of Emory Grove, tel. 460-1845.

A Brief History of Emory Grove, op. cit.

Land Records of Montgomery County, EBP 18/20

Ibid., 332/1
A Brief History of Emory Grove, op. cit.

Interview with Ethel Jones, current resident of Emory Grove and major author of A Brief History of Emory Grove, Telephone 926-7475. A Brief History of Emory Grove, op.cit.

Note on the Sources: Both Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Jones believe there are no existing documents to substantiate the information contained in A Brief History of Emory Grove and Mrs. Taylor's Dedication Notes for the opening of Emory Grove Park. Mrs. Jones did her research by interviewing long-time residents of the community. Mrs. Taylor has the information compiled by her late husband, Edward U. Taylor, in the 1930s, because church receipts and documents held by his father, Isaiah H. Taylor (one-time trustee and secretary of the church) were destroyed in a church fire. Edward U. Taylor was an amateur historian who was Montgomery County Superintendant of the Colored Schools for nearly 30 years. He also compiled his information by interviewing older residents, all of whom are now dead. Mrs. Jones believes that Ruize Taylor, whose father was an early Emory Grove resident, has an old book with trustees names in it. His telephone is 948-8924.

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Jones, Ethel. Present resident of Emory Grove and major author of "A Brief History of Emory Grove", published by the Emory Grove United Methodist Church, 1970. Interview, September 12, 1979.

Taylor, Maude. <u>Dedication Notes for Emory Grove Park</u> (Fall 1974). Reproduced in Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey, #20/8. Also interview, Sept. 12, 1979.

Women's Society of Christian Service, Emory Grove United Methodist Church, A Brief History of Emory Grove. Emory Grove United Methodist Church, 1970.

	Emory Grove ACHS SUMMARY FORM M:20-9 (date entered 5-13-80)
1.	Name: Camp Meeting (20/8) M.E. Church (20/9)
2.	Planning Area/Site Number: 20/8 20/9 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 8 E-20 Map 15 E-1
ı′•	Address: Emory Grove Methodist Episcopal Church and Camp Meeting 17812 Laytonsville Road, Gaithersburg
5.	Category building Previous Survey Recording M-NCPPC Ownership private Title and Date: 1976 Inventory of Public Acquisition N/A Historical Sites Status occupied Accessible ves: restricted Present use religious Accessible religious
6.	Date: 1903 7. Original Owner: Emory Grove ME Church Congre
8.	Apparent Condition gation
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9.	Description: This five bay by five bay, one-and-a-half story L-shape frame church faces southeast. The exterior walls have recently been covered by coursed ashlar block asphalt veneer. At the corner of this L-shaped church southeast elevation, there is a three story bell tower with a pyramidal roo covered by green asbestos shingles. On the southeast and northeast elevations of the tower there is a round stained glass window with a five point star. There are two-over-two double-hung stained glass lancet window Intersecting gable roof has green asbestos shingles.
10.	Significance: The Emory Grove M.E. Church stands today as the spiritual
	center of a now dispersed community. The community was begun as a religious camp meeting by former slaves as early as 1865. In the early 1870s families from nearby farms in Redland and Goshen began to settle here, buying land from the Woodard, Bowman, Cook, and Talbot farms, and forming a 123 acre community.
	Before 1870, church services were held in the tenant home of John W. Dorsey, located on the Codwise farm (now the Montgomery County Airpark). The log first church was dedicated in 1874. In the early 1900s the congregation decided to rebuild the church and most of the old structure was demolished. Some of the original hand-hewn logs were used in the flooring of the new church and were uncovered during remodeling in the early 1960s. In 1974, the community fell victim to urban renewal and all of the older homes were razed, leaving only the church, its cemetery, a parsonage built in 1957 and 2 or 3 newer homes. Emory Grove Park was dedicated in 1974.

13. Date Compiled: 10/79

15. Acreage: .50 acres plus

Researcher and date researched: Carlotta Anderson-9/79

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock

Candy Reed Arch. Description

14. Designation Approval____

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 20/8 (Camp Meeting) M: 20/9 (M.E. Church)

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This five bay by five bay, one and a half story L-shape frame church faces southeast. The cornerstone reads: Emory Memorial M.E. Church Built 1874 Rebuilt 1903.

The church has new cinderblock foundations reinforced by poured concrete. The exterior walls have recently been covered by coursed ashlar block asphalt veneer. On the southeast elevation there is a three story bell tower with a pyramidal reof covered by green asbestos shingles. At the second level of this tower, on the southeast and northeast elevations, there are large round stained glass windows each with a five-point star. The southeast (front) doors are set in the bell tower. These are double woden paneled doors. An aluminum awning hangs above the doorway.

There are one-over-two double-hung stained glass lancet windows. On the southeast elevation there is a large three-part lancet window composed of one-over-one windows and flanked by single one-over-one double-hung

windows.

The church has an intersecting gable roof covered with green asbestos shingles. On the northwest elevation there are two one story lean-to structures each with a shed roof. There is one interior and one exterior chimney on the northwest elevation.

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1600-1699	ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN			
1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER			
1800-1899	COMMERCE	_EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	_TRANSPORTATION			
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SPECIFIC DATES

1903

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The community of Emory Grove was begun by recently freed Negro slaves as a religious camp meeting in the late 1800s. As early as 1865 the area was a meeting place for song and praise services. The leaders were John Dorsey, Abraham Lancaster and Jeffrey McAbee.

In the early 1870s families from nearby farms in Redland and Goshen began to build houses and settle here. They bought land from the farms of the Woodwards, Bowmans, Cooks and Tablots and formed a 123-acre community.

Before 1870 church services were held in the tenant home of John W. Dorsey, located on the Codwise farm, now the Montgomery County Air Park. Hewing of logs for the first church was begun in the early 1870s by Frank vall, James Johnson and Henry Tyler, and the church was dedicated in 18743 t appears on the Hopkins Atlas of 1878 as the Emory Grove Methodist scopal Church in Cracklin District No. 1.

The church appears to have been built before the land was deeded to the trustees. In a deed dated March 26, 1878 the "half acre more or less" which was part of a tract called "Woodward's Hall" passed from Rozell and Eliza J. Woodward to Jeoffrey Moekabee, Samuel Johnson, John W. Dorsey, John Waters and William Chambers, trustees of the church. In 1921, an additional 7350 feet of the subdivision "Woodward Hall" was acquired by the church.

The congregation decided to rebuild the church in the early 1900s and most of the old structure was demolished. Some of the original hand-hewn logs were used in the flooring of the new church and were uncovered during remodeling in the early 1960s. A cornerstone dated 1903 establishes the date of completion of the new church, which has a capacity of 300 and cost around \$3,000. The remodeling of the church, including new floors, lowering of the ceiling and the addition of rest rooms, basement and a kitchen, took place between July, 1960 and Spring, 1962.

In 1974 the community of Emory Grove fell victim to urban renewal and all of the older homes were razed, leaving only the church, its cemetery, a parsonage which was built in 1957 and two or three of the newer homes in the community. Emory Grove Park, part of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission facilities, was dedicated by Gov. Marvin Mandel on September 7, 1974.

Although nearly all the members of the Emory Grove community were forced to move away, many still attend the church, which currently has a man pastor, Laverne Thomas.

(footnotes on Attachment Sheet A)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY ______ 50 acres plus

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

southwest corner of intersection of Laytonsville Rd. (Rt. 124) and Emory Grove Road

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

STATE

COUNTY

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COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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Attachment Sheet A

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FOOTNOTES:

A Brief History of Emory Grove, Women's Society of Christian Service, Emory Grove United Methodist Church, 1970.

Dedication notes for Emory Grove Park (Fall 1974) Mrs. Maude Taylor, a former resident of Emory Grove, tel 460-1845.

A Brief History of Emory Grove, op. cit. Land Records of Montgomery County, EBP 18/20

Ibid., 332/1

A Brief History of Emory Grove, op. cit.

Interview with Ethel Jones, current resident of Emory Grove and major author of A Brief History of Emory Grove, Telephone 926-7475.

A Brief History of Emory Grove, op. cit.

Note on the Sources: Both Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Jones believe there are no existing documents to substantiate the information contained in A Brief History of Emory Grove and Mrs. Taylor's Dedication Notes for the opening of Emory Grove Park. Mrs. Jones did her research by interviewing long-time residents of the community. Mrs. Taylor has the information compiled by her late husband, Edward U. Taylor, in the 1930s, because church receipts and documents held by his father, Isaiah H. Taylor (one-time trustee and secretary of the church) were destroyed in a church fire. Edward U. Taylor was an amateur historian who was Montgomery County Superintendant of the Colored Schools for nearly 30 years. He also compiled his information by interviewing older residents, all of whom are now dead. Mrs. Jones believes that Ruize Taylor, whose father was an early Emory Grove resident, has an old book with trustees names in it. His telephone is 948-8924.

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NAME EMORY GROVE CHURCH

LOCATION EMORY GROVE Rd. &Rt. 124 GAITHERS BURG, Md.

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