

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M: 30-18

1. Name: Mt. Zion Baptist Church (The Church in the Wildwood)

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 30/18 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 20
K-4

Address: 10200 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda

5. Classification Summary

Category	<u>building</u>	Previous Survey Recording	<u>M-NCPPC</u>
Ownership	<u>private</u>	Title and Date:	<u>Inventory of Historical Sites - 1976</u>
Public Acquisition	<u>NA</u>		
Status	<u>occupied</u>		
Accessible	<u>yes; restricted</u>	Federal	<u>State</u> <u>X</u> <u>County</u> <u>X</u> <u>Local</u>
Present use	<u>religious</u>		

6. Date: 1910

7. Original Owner: Mt. Zion Baptist Church

8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This four bay by six bay, one and a half story church sits on a hill facing east. The exterior walls are covered in white pebble dash. The church has several parts: the east-west section, the southeast corner tower, a northwest wing and a northeast wing. The east (front) door is recessed and is defined by a gothic arched recession on that wall. There are two lancet stained glass windows which flank the doorway. There are paired four-light casement windows. On the south and west elevations there are picture windows flanked by four-light casement windows and surmounted by three light transoms. The gable roofs have slate shingles.

10. Significance: Mt. Zion Baptist Church represents the missionary goal of the Baptist Church to establish new churches in the small communities of rural 19th c. Maryland. The sole survivor of the tiny community of "Rabbit's P.O." or "Beane" (although not in its original building), Mt. Zion continues to play an active role in its community.

The church's history began in 1821 when members of the Old Seneca Baptist Church started a new church known as the Bethel Baptist Church of Montgomery County. Bethel Baptist divided into two groups in 1831, Bethel and Rockville Baptist Church. In 1859, the church was given a tract of land by Elizabeth and John G. Bohrer, and in 1862 the first meeting house (a frame structure) was erected. By 1880, the church was officially called the "Mt. Zion Baptist Church".

A new church was built in 1910 to accommodate to increasing membership. This was remodeled in 1950. By 1962, at the church's 100th anniversary, its membership had grown to about 600. The cemetery with several hundred graves has been in continuous use since 1864.

11. Researcher and date researched: Alison F. Hays - 1/79

Candy Reed
Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock

13. Date Compiled: 2/79

14. Designation
Approval

15. Acreage: 4.1 acres

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Mt. Zion Baptist Church

AND/OR COMMON

"The Church in the Wildwood"

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

10200 Old Georgetown Road

CITY, TOWN

Bethesda

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

—DISTRICT

—PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

—AGRICULTURE

—MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

—UNOCCUPIED

—COMMERCIAL

—PARK

—STRUCTURE

—BOTH

—WORK IN PROGRESS

—EDUCATIONAL

—PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

—ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

—OBJECT

—IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

—GOVERNMENT

—SCIENTIFIC

—BEING CONSIDERED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—INDUSTRIAL

—TRANSPORTATION

—NO

—MILITARY

—OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Trustees, Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

10200 Old Georgetown Road

CITY, TOWN

Bethesda

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 2073

Folio #: 3

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1976

—FEDERAL STATE COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

M:30-18

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input 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 church appeared in present form in a photo dated 1916, 3 bays in length with the entrance in the east gable facade. However, this door was originally in the 2-story tower, set in the southeast corner, and the present windows were arched in style. The building has been extended to the rear.

This four bay by six bay, one and a half story church sits on a hill facing east.

Built on fieldstone foundations, the exterior walls are covered with white pebble dash. The church has several parts: The east-west section, the southeast corner tower, the north-south wing at the north-west corner, and the two bay, north-south wing at the northeast corner. At the southeast corner of the east elevation there is a two-story tower with a pyramidal roof. At the first level, east and south elevations, there are paired four light casement windows surmounted by a two light transom. At the second level, east, and south elevations, there are large round-headed louvered windows set into a slightly recessed round-headed arch. On the east elevation, near the south corner there are double wooden paneled doors set into a wooden paneled recess. The east door is defined by a recessed Gothic archway on the east elevation. Flanking the door and contained within the arch are two lancet stained glass windows. There is a door to the northeast wing, this is wooden paneled.

There are paired four light casement windows surmounted by two light transoms. On the south and west elevations there are picture windows flanked by four light casement windows and surmounted by three transoms.

The church has intersecting gable roofs covered by slate shingles. The east gable end has a boxed pediment with a single king post truss visible as half timbered construction.

The cemetery is organized mainly in family plots, totalling more than 300 burials. There is no fencing to define the area.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input checked="" 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 1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Mt. Zion Baptist Church represents the missionary goal of the Baptist Church to establish new churches in the small communities of rural 19th century Maryland. The sole survivor of the tiny community of "Rabbitt's P.O." or "Beane", although not in its original building, Mt. Zion continues to play an active role in its community as it did at its founding in 1862.

The church's history began in 1821 when 8 members of the Old Seneca Baptist Church (also known as Upper Seneca) applied for "dismission" and resolved to start a new church to be known as The Bethel Baptist Church of Montgomery County.¹ In 1822 Bethel Baptist Church applied for membership in the Baltimore Association and by 1828 it had the members who met in various private homes.² Bethel Baptist Church divided into two groups in

1831, one retaining the name Bethel and the other taking the name Rockville Baptist Church or The Baptist Church at Rockville.³ Church records refer to a meeting held on September 13, 1856, in the grove of O.S. Wilson on Georgetown Road and to several meetings held at the Magruder School House at Bean in 1858.⁴ At these meetings, the need for a permanent meeting house was recognized and to this end Elizabeth and John G. Bohrer, in 1859, conveyed "a tract of land called Tryal....whereon to erect a meeting house for the purpose of religious worship; and as a buryingground for the members of said church".⁵ This land had been in the Bohrer family since 1829 when Jacob Bohrer had purchased "Tryal" from Thaddeus White.⁶

The cornerstone for the first meeting house was laid in 1862 on what was locally known as "Spider Hill".⁷ The building was a frame structure, 30 by 40 feet, costing \$1600,⁸ and had a gallery in the rear for members' slaves.⁹

The location of the meeting house is indicated as "Baptist Church" on the 1865 Martinet and Bond Map of Montgomery County¹⁰ and appears again in the same location on the G.M. Hopkins Maps of 1878 and 1894, as "Mount Zion Baptist Church" and "Mt. Zion Baptist Church", respectively.¹¹

Research on Civil War activity in the neighborhood of the church was published in "The Rambler" in October 15, 1916, edition of The Sunday Star. It states that on July 10, 1864,

...a brigade of calvary, the 2nd Massachusetts and the 10th New York, numbering 800 effectives and commanded by Col. C.R. Lowell, was camped near Falls Church, Va. This force was called to the defense of Washington, and it was this force or a part of it which struck Early's advance near Rabbitts Branch.¹²

The specific location of this military action is further described as being near Rabbitts Branch which flows through an area whose principal landmarks were "a store kept by Isaac O. Rabbitt, [and] Mt. Zion Baptist Church, CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY or "Spider Hill Church".¹³

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Church tradition holds that in July 1864, some of General Jubal Early's troops were quartered in the church, and that they engaged in a skirmish nearby with Col. C.R. Lowell, whose brigade was defending the capital.¹⁴

The church on Spider Hill survived the Civil War, and in 1868 incorporated as the Baptist Church at Rockville.¹⁵

The church grew at such a rate that in December, 1880, thirteen members were granted letters of dismission to organize Mt. Zion Baptist Church, and soon fourteen more members joined them.¹⁶ In February, 1883, "Mt. Zion Baptist Church" formed a separate church organization; the deacons of the Baptist Church at Rockville gave the property (the same property purchased in 1859 from the Bohrs) to the deacons of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church.¹⁷

Mt. Zion continued to play a central role in the community throughout the remainder of the 19th century and into the 20th. Requiring a larger place of worship reflecting a growth in the local population, a new sanctuary was built in 1910. This was remodeled in 1950 and an educational wing was added to the north end.¹⁸ In 1932 the Parsonage was built and in 1960 it was enlarged.¹⁹ By 1962 at the Church's 100th anniversary, the membership had grown to about 600 members and the C.A. Brubaker Educational Building was opened.²⁰

Continuing the mission of the Baptist Church, Mt. Zion helped establish a new church at Travilah around 1894,²¹ and the Montrose Baptist Church in the 1950s.²²

The cemetery at Mt. Zion contains several hundred grave sites dating from about 1864 to the present. Many of the old local families such as the Beanes, Agruders, Veirs, Darcys and Rileys have members buried here. Newer families represented include that of Dorée Germaine Holman (1890-1975), historian of the Bethesda area. The cemetery has been in continuous use, functioning as a link for the present members with those long dead who witnessed the inception and growth of this community landmark.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church is commonly known as "The Church in the Wildwood", and the neighboring Wildwood shopping center and surrounding Wildwood Manor residential area take their names from this.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Attachment Sheet 0

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4.1 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alison Feiss Hays

Candy Reed

Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

Jan. 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438~~

SUGARLOAF REGIONAL TRAILS

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Dickerson, Md. 20753
(301) 926-4510

FOOTNOTES

1. "History of Rockville Baptists Traced From Beginning in 1821, "Montgomery County Sentinel," 17 October 1935, p. 1.
2. Montgomery County Sentinel, 17 November, 1935, p.2
3. Land Records of Montgomery County, Liber EBP 28, Folio 116.
4. "One Hundred Years at Mt. Zion, 1862-1962", 100th anniversary program, 30th September 1962, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, (Bethesda, Maryland)p.1.
5. Land Records, Liber JGH 7, Folio 442.
6. Land Records, Liber BS 2, Folio 220-221.
7. "100 Years at Mt. Zion", p.1.
8. "Mount Zion Baptist Church Notes 100th Birthday", Montgomery County Sentinel, 4 October 1962, p.2.
9. Doree Germaine Holman, "A Community of Many Churches," Old Bethesda (Gaithersburg: Franklin Press, 1956.) p. 87.
10. Simon J. Martinet, The Martinet and Bond Map of Montgomery County, Md., 1865 (Baltimore: by author, 1865). Map #75.
11. G.M. Hopkins, The Hopkins Atlas 1878(Philadelphia: by author, 1878); The Hopkins Atlas 1874(Philadelphia: by the author, 1894). "Map of Bethesda District #7".
12. The Rambler: "Where the Fighting in Defense of Washington Began", The Sunday Star (Washington, D.C.) 15 October 1916. Roll 344, Part 4, p. 4, cols. 1-8.
13. "The Rambler", 15 October 1916.
14. "100 Years at Mt. Zion", p. 1.
15. Montgomery County Sentinel, 17 November 1935, p.2.
16. Montgomery County Sentinel, 17 November 1935, p.2.
17. Land Records, Liber EBD 28, Folio 116.
18. "100 Years at Mt. Zion", p.2.
19. Telephone interview with Dr. Harold J. Fuggian, Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 26 September 1978.
20. "100 Years at Mt. Zion", p.2.
21. Montgomery County Sentinel, 17 November 1935, p.2.
22. "100 Years at Mt. Zion", p.2

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"The Rambler": Where the Fighting in Defense of Washington Began", The Sunday Star. Washington, D.C., 15 October 1916. Roll 344.

Maps:

Martinet and Bond, 1865

Hopkins Atlas, 1879

Hopkins Atlas, 1894

Telephone Interviews, fall 1978:

Dr. Harold J. Fuggian, pastor, Mt. Zion Church

Janet Manuel, MCHS

Harold Mansfield, oldest member of congregation

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Mt. Zion Church & Cemetery

AND/OR COMMON

Wildwood Baptist Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

10200 Old Georgetown Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Bethesda

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Wildwood Baptist Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

10200 Old Georgetown Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Bethesda

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

M. 30-18

CONDITION
 EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

 DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED
CHECK ONE
 UNALTERED
 ALTERED
CHECK ONE
 ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Date uncertain-probably ca. 1900. Was standing in present form in 1916 photo. Basically, a frame country church that is three bays in length, with the entrance in the east gable facade. Door was originally in the two-story tower, set in the SE corner. Door presently in the east gable facade. Surrounded by large, recessed arch-flanked by slim, arched, stain-glass windows. Above this is a Stick-Style, gable-end pediment. Former arched windows on sides have been enlarged to picture-type windows. Building has been extended to rear. Tower retains the large louver/vents in the second story (bell tower?) Surface covered with pebbledash.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

M:30-18

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This has been the site of the Baptist Church & Cemetery since about the mid-19th Century. The old store & post office community of "Rabbitt's P.O." or "Beane" has just about disappeared except for this church and cemetery. Most of the old, area family names can be found on the tombstones-including Magruders, Beanes, Rileys, Darcys, etc. Isaac Riley was the owner of nearby "Uncle Tom's Cabin", and Bethesda, Md. was originally known as "Darby's Store."

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

M:30-18

- 1) Photo & story, WASHINGTON STAR, "The Rambler" Oct. 15, 1916.
- 2) See Old Bethesda, etc. (1956) by Doree Germaine Holman.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
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STATE	COUNTY
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

9/11/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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Doney, authorized by him to make said affidavit,
Gordemar Morgan, J. P.

is added to
said Keiser
5th Sept 1883.





At the Request of Lewis Keiser, Osborn S. Wilson, Lycurgus Kirner, Deacons of Mount Zion Baptist Church, the following Deed was recorded the 21st day of February A. D. 1883. To wit:
This Deed, made this Twentieth day of February in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-three, by Edward M. Veins, David N. Bonie, Samuel B. Nancy and Miriam Gudy, Deacons of "The Baptist Church at Rockville, in Montgomery County, in the State of Maryland, District of Columbia, That whereas, on the eighth day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, Elizabeth Bohrer, John G. Bohrer and others, conveyed to Robert G. Lewis, Charles Spates, Edward M. Veins and Samuel C. Veins, Deacons of "The Bethel Baptist Church at Rockville" and their successors as trustees, a certain tract or piece of land, to hold the same in trust for the use of the said Church, whereon to erect a meeting house for the purpose of religious worship, and as a burying ground for the members of said Church, which deed is of record in Liber of G. N. No. 7 folios 442 & 443, one of the Land Record Books of said Montgomery County, And, whereas, since the execution of said hereinbefore mentioned deed, the name of "The Bethel Baptist Church at Rockville," has been changed to "The Baptist Church at Rockville," And, whereas, the body of Baptist Christians worshipping at the meeting house erected on said lot, conveyed by said Elizabeth Bohrer, John G. Bohrer and others to the said Robert G. Lewis and others, as deacons, as aforesaid, "have with the unanimous consent of "The Baptist Church at Rockville," formed themselves into a separate Church organization, under the name and style of "Mount Zion Baptist Church," and, whereas "The Baptist Church at Rockville," solicitors for the spiritual growth and prosperity of "Mount Zion Baptist Church," and believing it to be for the best interest of said "Mount Zion Baptist Church," that the title of the property wherein they are accustomed to worship, should be in themselves, did in Church meeting, on the twelfth day of November, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-two, resolve that the deacons of "The Baptist Church at Rockville," give a deed of title of the property at Mount Zion to the Deacons of Mount Zion Church," Now, therefore, in consideration of the premises, and the further consideration of ten dollars, etc, the said Edward M. Veins, David N. Bonie, Samuel B. Nancy and Miriam Gudy, Deacons of "The Baptist Church at Rockville," do grant unto Lewis Keiser, Osborn S. Wilson and Lycurgus Kirner, Deacons of "Mount Zion Baptist Church" and their successors, as Trustees, all of said lot, piece or parcel of land lying and being in said Montgomery County, in the State of Maryland, which are fully described in said deed, from said Elizabeth Bohrer, John G. Bohrer and

others to said Robert G. Lewis, Charles Spates, Edward M. Veins and Samuel C. Veins, Deacons, dated the eighth day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, and recorded in Liber J. G. N. No. 7, folios 442^{ps}, one of the Land Record Books of said Montgomery County, to hold the same in trust for the use of said "Mount Zion Baptist Church," for the purpose of religious worship, and as a burying ground for the members of said Church and those connected with the membership of said Church, and for such other religious purposes as to such Church, may from time to time seem proper,

Witness Our hands and seals,

Witness;

Chas D. Morgan,
Mordecai Morgan,

Edward M. Veins, 
David N. Bonie, 
Samuel B. Nancey, 
Nirvan Grady, 

State of Maryland, Montgomery County, To wit;

I hereby certify, that on this Twentieth day of February, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-three, before me, the Subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Montgomery County, personally appeared Edward M. Veins, David N. Bonie, Samuel B. Nancey and Nirvan Grady, and did each acknowledge the foregoing and annexed deed to be their respective act.

Mordecai Morgan, J.P.

At the Request of Richard N. D. Ricketts, the following Deed was recorded the 22nd May A. D. 1883, To wit;

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7th July
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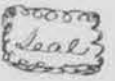
This Deed made this nineteenth day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty three, by Eleanor M. Claffer and George Peter, Executors of the last will and testament of Douglas Claffer, late of Montgomery County, in the State of Maryland, deceased, It is recited, whereas by a power contained in the said last will and testament, the said Eleanor M. Claffer and George Peter, Executors, as aforesaid did on the eleventh day of June, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty one, sell to Richard N. D. Ricketts, of the County and State aforesaid, all that piece or parcel of land, hereinafter mentioned and particularly described, at and for the sum of Fourteen Hundred (\$1400.00) Dollars, which said sale was duly reported to the Orphans Court for Montgomery County aforesaid, and was by an order thereof passed on the nineteenth day of June, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty one finally ratified and confirmed, And whereas the said Richard N. D. Ricketts, has fully paid to the said Eleanor M. Claffer and George Peter, Executors as aforesaid the purchase money for said lands, Now therefore in consideration of the premises the said Eleanor M. Claffer and George Peter, Executors as aforesaid, do grant unto the said Richard N. D. Ricketts, all that piece or parcel or lot of

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paper published in Rockville, in Montgomery County, of record at least once a week, for three successive weeks prior to the day of sale & such other notice as the said trustee may think proper to pay the debt due to the said Edwin J. Island and to pay & reimburse the said trustee all such costs & charges & expenses as he shall or may sustain about such sale and all other costs & charges which may be incurred in the execution of the trusts hereby created & then in trust that the said trustee shall pay the surplus if any to the said Peregrine A. Fitzhugh his executors administrators or assigns. Witness my hand and seal.

Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of
Edmond F. Brown, L. Welch

P. A. Fitzhugh



United States of America District of Columbia to wit:

Be it known that on this twenty third day of June in the year eighteen hundred & fifty nine before me, Edmond F. Brown a Notary Public in and for the County of Washington in District of Columbia aforesaid by lawful authority duly appointed Commissioner & sworn residing in the City of Washington personally appeared Peregrine A. Fitzhugh & acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his act & deed for the uses & purposes therein mentioned. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal of office at Washington aforesaid the day & year aforesaid.



Edmond F. Brown, Notary Public.

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Witnessed
David H. Brown, a
Deacon & also
Pastor of the
Mt. Zion Baptist
Church at Rock-
ville, now
incorporated
under the name
of the
Baptist
Church -
July 1859.

At the request of Robert G. Lewis, Charles Spates, Edward M. Veis, Samuel C. Veis, deacons of the Bethel Baptist Church, the following Deed was recorded 2^d June 1859:
to wit - This deed, made this the eighth day of January in the year eighteen hundred and fifty nine by Elizabeth Bohun, John G. Bohun and Elizabeth Bohun, his wife, Jacob L. Bohun, and Margaret Bohun, his wife, of Montgomery County, in the State of Maryland, Benjamin F. Bohun, and Mary Ann Bohun, his wife of Baltimore County in the State aforesaid and John B. Wittberger, and Mary E. Wittberger his wife, of the District of Columbia. Witness that, whereas sundry persons, members of the Bethel Baptist Church at Rockville in Montgomery County aforesaid have by their united contributions purchased the property hereinafter mentioned at and for the sum of one hundred dollars, and have fully paid the said purchase money, and have desired to have the said property conveyed to Robert G. Lewis, Charles Spates, Edward M. Veis, Samuel C. Veis, deacons of the Bethel Baptist Church at Rockville, and their successors, as trustees to hold the same in trust for the use of the said Church, when or to erect a meeting house for the purpose of religious worship; and as a burying ground for the members of said Church, and other persons connected with the Congregation which may from time to time frequent the said building as a place of religious worship. The said Elizabeth Bohun, John G. Bohun, and Elizabeth Bohun his wife, Jacob L. Bohun, and Margaret Bohun, his wife, Benjamin F. Bohun, and Mary Ann Bohun, his wife, John Wittberger and Mary E. Wittberger his wife, do grant unto said Robert G. Lewis, Charles Spates, Edward M. Veis, and Samuel C. Veis Jr. deacons of the Bethel Baptist Church at Rockville, and their successors, all that part of a tract of land called Toyal, lying and being in Montgomery County aforesaid, abutting on the lands whereof said certain the man Gudenhubel, late of said Montgomery County died possessed, and the lands of the said Robert G. Lewis, on two sides, and the old Fort Detrick road, and

the road thence from to Maguidus School House, on the remaining side, the same being so much of the said lands as was purchased by a certain Jacob Bohner, late of said County deceased, from a certain Thaddeus White, by deed dated April the Ninth in the year eighteen hundred and twenty nine, and recorded in Liber B. S. N. 2. folios 220 & 221, one of the Land Records of said Montgomery County, as was not incorporated by said Jacob Bohner deceased, with his own farm, or granted to the said Truman Greenfield deceased, in trust for the use of the Bethel Baptist Church at Rockville aforesaid, whereon to build a meeting house, for its use for public worship, and for such other religious purposes, as to such Church may, from time to time, seem proper; and for a place, for burying the dead, belonging to said Church, and those connected with the families of the members of said Church, or of the congregation accustomed to worship in said building to be erected on said property. Witness our hands and seals this eighth day of January in the year eighteen hundred and fifty nine.

Edw. R. P. Dunlop

Henry Menshaw

Isaac Perry

As to Elizabeth Bohner, John L. Bohner, Elizabeth A. Bohner, J. Louis Bohner & Margaret E. Bohner.

Elizabeth Bohner
John G. Bohner
Elizabeth A. Bohner
J. Louis Bohner

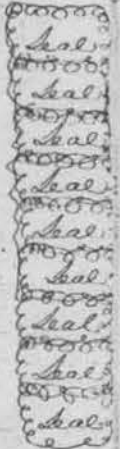
Margaret E. Bohner
Benjamin F. Bohner M. D.

John S. Hollingshead

Mason Piggott

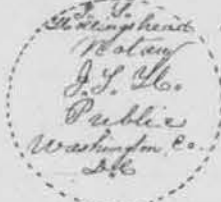
As to Mrs. B. Willberger and Mary E. Willberger

Mary Ann Bohner
Mrs. B. Willberger
Mary E. Willberger



State of Maryland, Montgomery County, Sd:
I hereby certify, that, on this twenty sixth day of January in the year eighteen hundred and fifty nine before the subscriber, a Justice of the Orphans Court for Montgomery County aforesaid, personally appeared Elizabeth Bohner, John G. Bohner and Elizabeth Bohner his wife, Jacob L. Bohner and Margaret Bohner, his wife, and did each acknowledge the foregoing deed to be their respective acts. Witness my hand.
Robert P. Dunlop, Chief Judge of the Orphans Court of Montgomery County Maryland.

District of Columbia, County of Washington Sd:
I hereby certify that on the 31st day of January 1859 before the subscriber, a Commissioner, duly appointed by the Governor of Maryland to take acknowledgments in the District of Columbia, under the act of assembly of 1837, ch. 97, and the supplements thereto, and a Notary Public, personally appeared John Willberger, and Mary E. his wife, and did each acknowledge the foregoing deed to be their respective acts. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year aforesaid.
John S. Hollingshead
a Commissioner of the State of Maryland and Notary Public for the District of Columbia.



State of Maryland, Baltimore County Sd:
I hereby certify, that on this eighth day of January in the year eighteen hundred and fifty nine



NAME MT. ZION/WILDWOOD CH. (SITE OLD CHURCH)

LOCATION OLD GEORGETOWN RD., BETHESDA, MD.

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