

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Old Methodist Church Site and Cemetery

AND/OR COMMON Same

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER Northeast side of Clopper Road near the intersection of Clopper and Schaeffer Roads

CITY, TOWN Germantown VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland COUNTY Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Trustees of Trinity United Methodist Church Telephone #: (301)972-3059 (Rev. B. Jones)

STREET & NUMBER P.O. Box 477

CITY, TOWN Germantown, Md. VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Md. 20874

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Liber #: 24 Folio #: 410  
 STREET & NUMBER Montgomery County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN Rockville, Md. STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Locational Atlas of Historic Sites, Montgomery County, Md.

DATE 1976  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission

CITY, TOWN 6700 Needwood Rd. STATE Rockville, Md. 20855

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Overgrown</u>		

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 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE
 

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In the late 1800's a Methodist Church stood on the northeast side of Clopper Road, near the intersection of Clopper and Germantown Roads and directly across from the intersection of Clopper and Schaeffer Roads. Nothing is known about the appearance of the building except that it was of log construction. Part of the foundation may still exist, but the site was overgrown (as of October, 1984) and it was impossible to determine whether anything remains.

The Church cemetery is also badly overgrown, but at least one complete gravestone, with the name Leaman inscribed on it, remains. It is thought that there are two or three other gravestones at the site, but it has been difficult to locate them, given the condition of the cemetery site. Members of the German families who settled the area in the mid-19th century were buried in the Methodist Church cemetery.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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      Mid-late 1800's      BUILDER/ARCHITECT      -

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The old Methodist Church and cemetery consists of approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an acre, deeded to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1866 by Solomon Leaman and others so that "said trustees shall erect or build---a house or place of worship for the use of the members of the M.E. Church". The Clopper Road Church was in use until the early part of the century, when the "northern" contingent which had used it after a split in the congregation between "northern" and "southern" factions built a new church in New Germantown. A deed dated February, 1903 conveys the same parcel of land mentioned in the 1866 deed to the "Trustees of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church", incorporated in 1903. The "southern" contingent of the Clopper Road Church built, in 1902, a new church building on Germantown Road, near the intersection of Germantown and Clopper Roads. They used that building (now a medical clinic) until the 1930's, when both factions of the old Clopper Road Church reunited at the Trinity United Methodist Church in New Germantown.

It is interesting to note that Trinity United Methodist intends to erect a new church building in the near future on a site across from the 19th century church, on Clopper Road.

The site of the church and the cemetery are significant because of their relationship to the development of the Methodist Church in Montgomery County and because of its association with the German families who settled in the area in the 19th century and helped to shape its history.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land Records of Montgomery County, Md. (L24/F410)  
Conversations with the pastor of Trinity United Methodist,  
Rev. Jones  
"A History of Trinity United Methodist Church, Germantown, Md.  
1902-1973"

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY  $\frac{1}{4}$

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Conveyed in two pieces (Church and cemetery): "Beginning at a stone where the gate now stands---" and "Beginning for the first part at the end of the original Church lot---".

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

STATE	COUNTY
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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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STREET & NUMBER	Department of Housing and Community Development	TELEPHONE	(301) 279-1325
CITY OR TOWN	Rockville, Md.	STATE	20850

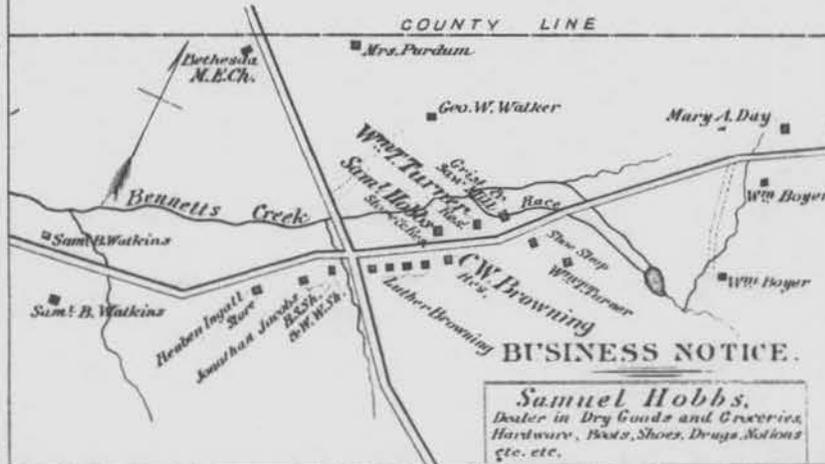
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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Scale 66 Rods to the Inch.



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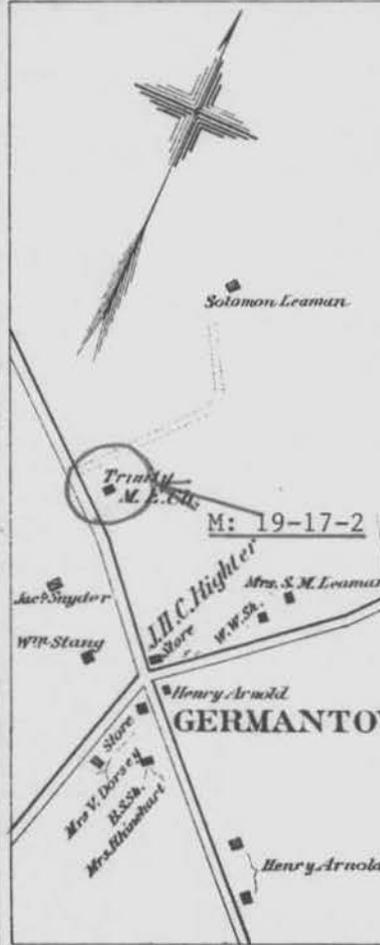
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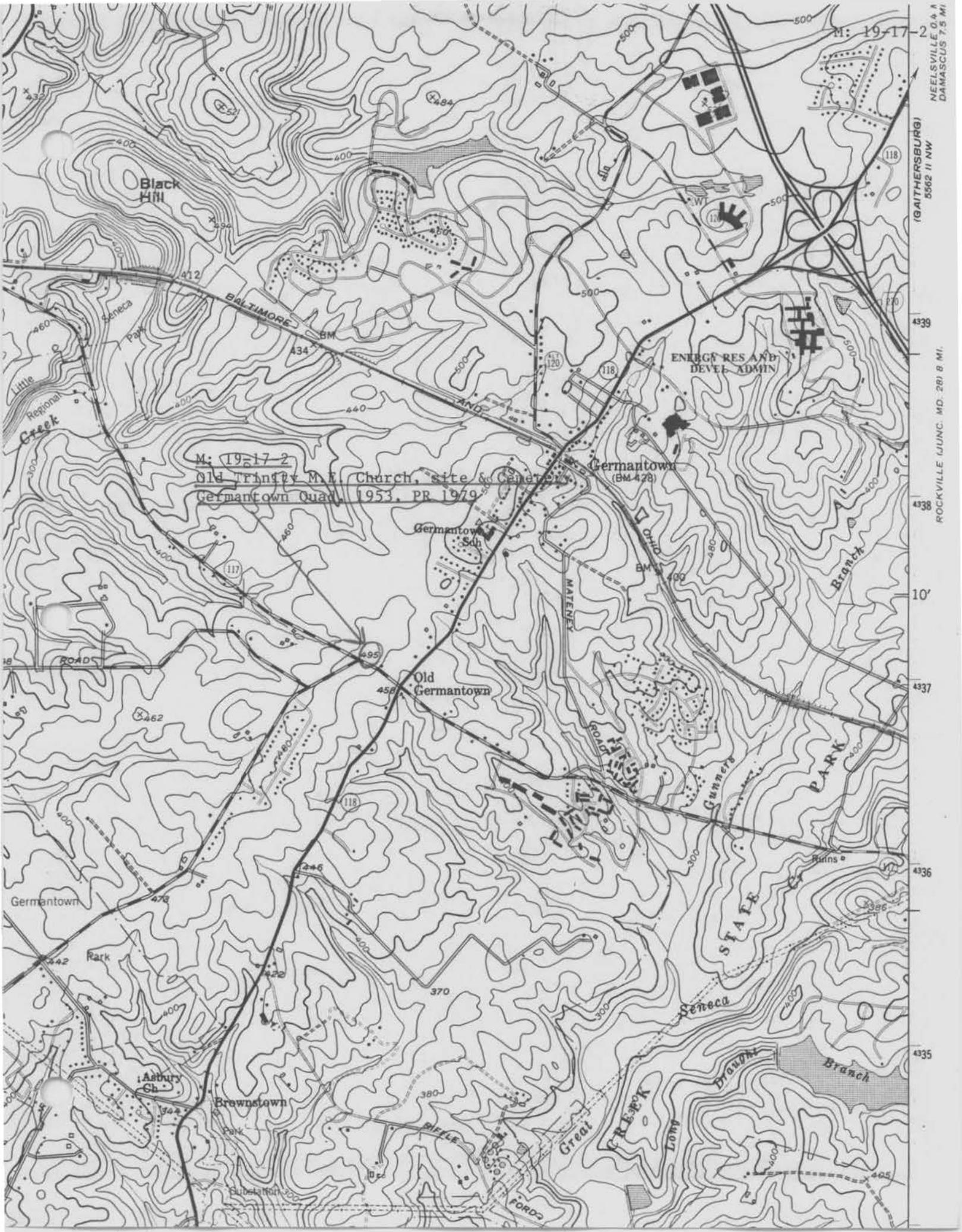
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Old Trinity M.E. Church, site & Cemetery  
Germantown Quad, 1953, PR 1979

(GAITHERSBURG)  
5662 11 NW  
NEELSVILLE 0.4 MI  
DAMASCUS 7.5 MI  
4339  
4338  
10'  
4337  
4336  
4335

ROCKVILLE (JUNC. MD. 28) 8 MI.

MY HUSBAND

**C. T. LEAMAN**

BORN OCT. 5, 1834  
DIED MARCH 19, 1916

Rest in thy long rest  
Thy pain, cease to weep  
For thy dear one, calm the  
Pangs of grief, break the  
Sorrows which afflict us  
Rest O God grant rest  
Everlasting to the soul of  
my beloved, Redeemed by  
the precious blood of Jesus

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NAME APPLEBY & LEAMAN CEM - SITE OF TRINITY ME CHURCH

LOCATION CLOPPER Rd AT Rt 118 GERMANTOWN, Md

FACADE

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