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Circa 1891

Mt. Hope A.M.E. Church Site and Cemetery  
7043 Allentown Road, Camp Springs, Md.  
Priv/Unocc/Cemetery/Unexposed

This is the site of an African Methodist Episcopal Church, established and constructed circa 1891. The church structure was destroyed in the late 1960's, but the cemetery remains and is still in use.

In 1891, two acres of land in the Camp Springs area were sold to three Black trustees "of a certain colored Methodist Church" for the purpose of "erecting thereon a house for public worship." A small church was built and came to be known as Mt. Hope A.M.E. Church; its congregation joined in activities with the previously established congregations of Union-Bethel and Metropolitan A.M.E. Churches. In 1902, the Board of County School Commissioners responded to the request of the Black community of Camp Springs, and ordered that a "colored" school be established there. Following the regular pattern, the school site was selected near a well-established Black church, in this case, Mt. Hope, thus beginning a long partnership between church and school. In 1924, at the time of the building of the second (Rosenwald) school, the trustees of Mt. Hope gave permission to the school children to use the two-acre churchyard as a playground. The school was closed in 1954 and sold in the next year. In the late 1960's, Mt. Hope A.M.E. Church closed, and its congregation merged with that of Union Bethel A.M.E. Church in T.B. Because, together with the schoolhouse, Mt. Hope was for a long time a focal point for the Black community of Camp Springs, it is a significant site in the Black history of Prince George's County.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Site of Mt. Hope A.M.E. Church and Cemetery

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number ca. 7043 Allentown Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Camp Springs \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county P.G.

## 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 checked="" 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 cemetery
<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"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Trustees of Union-Bethel A.M.E. Church

street & number 6810 Floral Park Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Brandywine Vic. T.B. state and zip code Md.

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P. G. Co. Courthouse liber JWB #19

street & number Main Street folio 444

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

**7. Description**

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

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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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Black History

**Specific dates** 1891 **Builder/Architect**

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check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

In 1891, John and Alice Roberts sold two acres of land to David Reeder, Henry T. Mills, and James E. Young, "trustees of a certain colored Methodist Church", for the purpose of "erecting thereon a house for public worship." A small church was built and came to be known as Mt. Hope A.M.E. Church; its congregation joined in activities with the previously established congregations of Union-Bethel A.M.E. (T.B.) and Metropolitan A.M.E. (Clinton) churches.

In 1902, the Board of County School Commissioners of P.G. County responded to the request of the black community of Camp Springs, and ordered that a "colored" school be established there. Following the regular pattern, a school site was selected near a well-established black church, in this case, Mt. Hope. Thus began a long partnership between church and school. In 1924, at the time of the building of the second school, the trustees of Mt. Hope, Jeremiah Bruce, John Dodson, and John H. Wright, gave permission to the school children to use the two-acre church grounds as a playground.

This partnership ended in 1954, when the school was closed, and sold at auction a year later. In the late 1960's, Mt. Hope A.M.E. Church was closed, and its congregation merged with Union-Bethel A.M.E. Church in T.B.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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P. G. Co. Deeds: JWB #19:444  
Union-Bethel A.M.E. Church History Booklet  
Interview with Rev. M. Bell  
P. G. School Archives, P.G. Schools Plant Maintenance Office

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing
C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
E	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing
D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
F	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

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organization History Division date April 1983

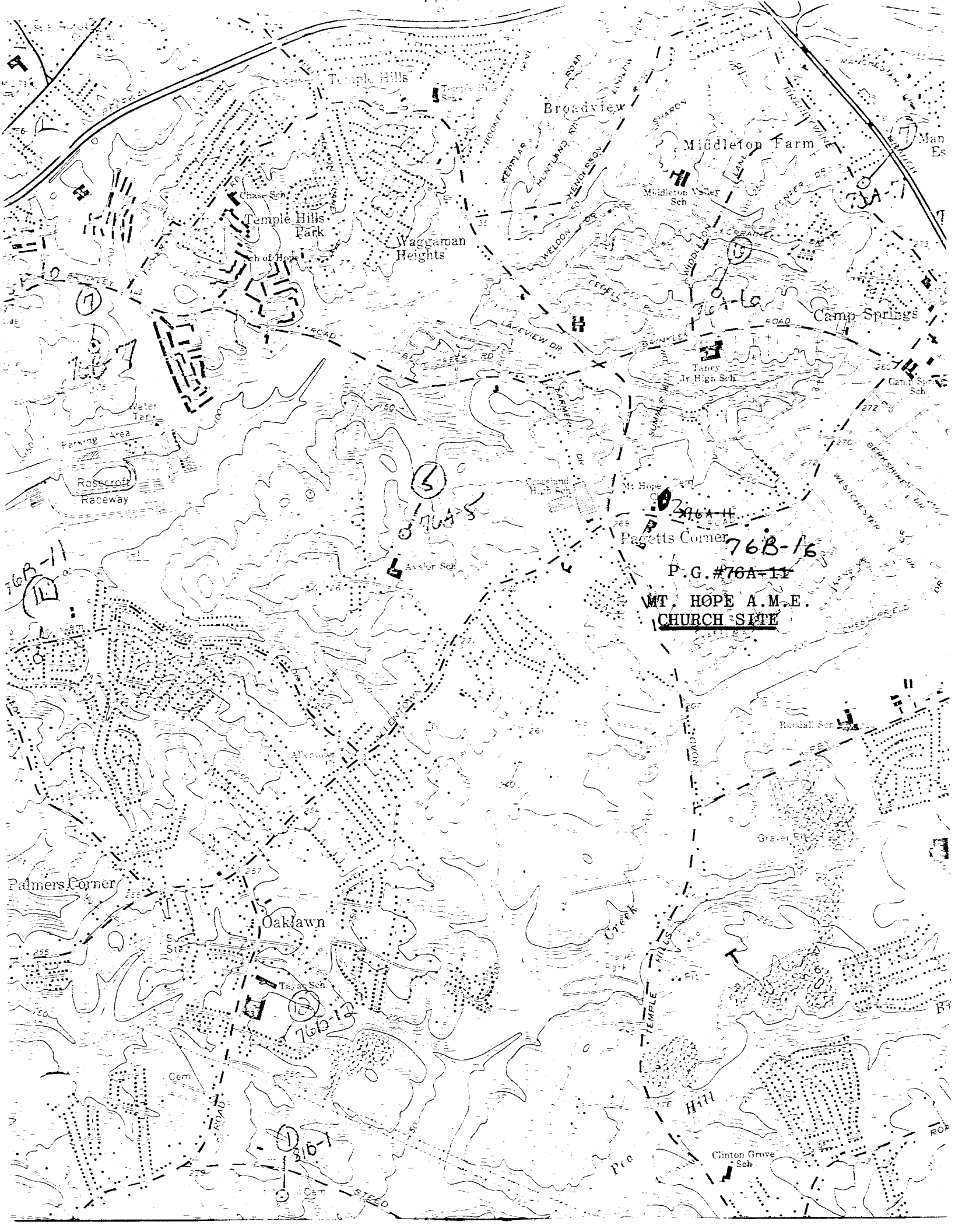
street & number 4811 Riverdale Road telephone 779-2011

city or town Riverdale state Maryland

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Temple Hills

Broadview

Middleton Farm

Temple Hills Park

Wagaman Heights

Middleton Sch

Camp Springs

Parking Area  
Rosecroft Raceway

Taney Jr High Sch

Crossland High Sch

Pagetts Corner

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**WT. HOPE A.M.E.  
CHURCH SITE**

Avastor Sch

Randal Sch

Palmers Corner

Oaklawn

Taney Sch

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Hill

Clinton Grove Sch



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Mount Hope A.M.E. Cemetery  
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Susan G. Pearl  
April 1983  
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