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ST. BARNABAS
Sykesville
Private

1850

Built in 1850 as a Chapel of Ease for Holy Trinity Parish in Eldersburg, three and one half miles from Sykeville, St. Barnabas has been noted in the Howard County General Plan as an outstanding Howard County Landmark.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 32 and Forsythe Road
CITY OR TOWN:
Sykesville
STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Howard

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC (Yes/No)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes: Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Holy Trinity Parish -- St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 32 and Forsythe Road
CITY OR TOWN: Sykesville STATE: Maryland ZIP: 21784

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Hall of Records
STREET AND NUMBER:
Howard County Court House
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City STATE: Maryland ZIP: 21043

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Tax Map 4, Blk 16

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Howard County Historic Sites Inventory
DATE OF SURVEY: 1976 Federal State County Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Maryland Historical Trust
STREET AND NUMBER:
21 State Circle
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland ZIP: 21401

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncolored		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. Barnabas is located on Forsythe Road near the intersection of Route 32. A gable roofed granite stone church of four bays depth with a width of one, it presents a simple strong architectural statement. Not picturesque like St. Paul's and St. Mark's, nor of the architectural grandeur of St. Johns or Grace Episcopal Church, it nevertheless presents an outstanding example of a simple granite country church.

Its west elevation holds a rectangular double entrance door surmounted by a four lite transom and decorated by an arched ashlar stone lintel. Fine paneling is represented in the door frame and granite steps approach a smooth granite landing.

Rectangular casement windows with two-two lights decorated with arched ashlar stone lintels and projecting flat stone sills are located on the north and south bays.

The east elevation holds a large tripartite arched window with rectangular inserts decorated with an ashlar stone arched lintel with keystone. On the apex of the roof, above the east window rises a wooden belfrey.

A cellar door is located on the south wall. A square chimney rises from the center of the south wall.

On the east bay of the north wall five stone steps lead to a rectangular entrance door with forty-eight lites which leads into the sacristy and is surmounted by a tripartite leaden stained glass transom. Scalloped barge boards on the east and west elevations lend a quaint picturesque quality to the church. A wooden framed bulletin board decorated with a broken pediment is located north of the west entrance door.

A cemetery is located east of the church. Lovely trees and shrubs dot the church grounds.

The interior of St. Barnabas is softened and lightened by its several stained glass windows.

The large three paneled east window above the altar depicts the Good Shepherd in the center, St. Barnabas on the north and St. Paul on the south. A central rectangular transom depicts a descending dove, symbol of the Holy Spirit. Round stained glass windows over the north and south panels are surmounted by quatre foils.

The three stained glass rectangular windows on the south wall of the nave west to east depict St. Peter, St. John, Gloria in Excelsis Deo. The three windows on the north wall of the nave depict St. Mark, St. Luke and St. James."

Rectangular entrance doors to the sacristy inset into Gothic panels are placed north and south of the altar. A Gothic arch inset creates alter space on the east wall of the nave.

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9. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	losophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of St. Barnabas lies in both its architecture and its history. Its roots go back to St. Thomas Parish which formed "Holy Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church" on March 8, 1771 in Eldersburg, 3½ miles from Sykesville.

Two acres were provided to build a "Chapel of Ease" for the benefit of the "Delaware Hundred", the name of their election district.

This stone structure no longer stands but from it stems St. Barnabas Protestant Episcopal Church which was built in 1850 as a Chapel of Ease for Holy Trinity Parish.

The Warfield family who had settled in this area were instrumental in the formation of this little country church. George Frazier Warfield built "Groveland" in 1834 near Sykesville. Three of his sons were on the first vestry.

Architecturally its simple, clean lines, fine sturdy stone work (fenestration is accentuated by arched ashlar stone lintels and projecting flat stone sills) and pleasing scalloped barge boards with picturesque belfry located on the apex of its gabled roof are its most notable features. Located on the Howard County side of Sykesville it has been noted in the Howard County General Plan as an outstanding county landmark.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Reverend Henry Hammond, Rector of St. Barnabas, 442-2681 Early History of Sykesville and Vicinity, quoted from Scharf's History of Western Maryland, published 1882, Published by Vestry of St. Barnabas, 1950.

Interview with Mrs. Sarah Albaugh, 7530 Main St. Sykesville, Md. 21784, former Rector's wife and present parishioner. September 17, 1976.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

2.075 Acres

Please see Tax Map 4, Blk 16 p. 52 227-249

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION: Office of Planning & Zoning, Comprehensive Planning DATE:

STREET AND NUMBER:
3450 Court House Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City STATE: Maryland ZIP: 21043

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
National State Local

Signature _____

SYKESVILLE

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WILDLIFE FARM

ST BARNABAS
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TAX MAP #4

STATE OF MARYLAND
DEPT. OF FORESTS & PARKS
315/446
123/49
121.74 A.
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S. H. RENE
-HAN
182/544
7.50A
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S.R.C.
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ST. LUKE'S
CHURCH P.13

ST. OF MD.
FORESTS & PARKS
274/111
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ST. OF MD.
342/441
14.73 A
P.10

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P.14
245/236
2.58 A.
P.47
1.79 A.
P.15
P.16
P.17
P.18
2.28 A.
P.19
P.20
MD. 32

J.F. DIXON
219/148
1.4 A.
P.21
354/124
2.42 A.
P.22
42/123



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