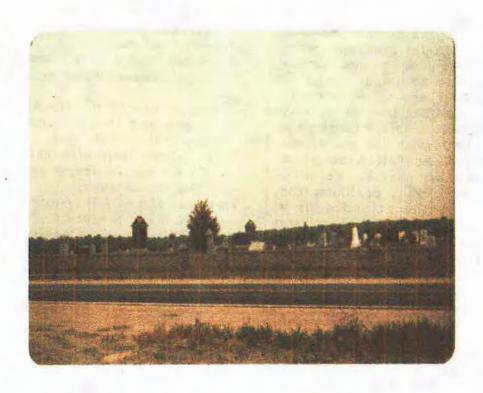
Reynolds Cemetery Historical Marker Dedication April 26, 2008



A POEM
BY A
MILTON
WOMAN
REMEMBERING
HER
CHURCH

William Wagamon, Historian Wanda King, Reporter

Old-timers say that Broad Street in Milton was once a very grand street. Its houses had an elegance about them, and its yards were well-tended. On this street lived a very fine lady, Bertha Jackson. She was Mr. Charlie Jackson's wife, and she grew the most beautiful and abundant trellis of roses of any other gardener nearby. She lived to be very old; 100 or more, I believe, but in 1972 when she was 91 she wrote the following poem about her church. Reynolds Church was, perhaps, the church she attended as a young woman. In her later years when she lived on Broad. Street, she attended the Methodist Protestant Church on Union Street where she taught Sunday School.

Her poem follows, and one can sense that she felt a great devotion to this edifice and to the activities that occurred there. This piece of historical literature was given to the history column by Ethel Clifton Graham whose grandmother used to live on Broad Street.

REYNOLDS CHURCH

Reynolds Church the most important of them all

No one knows how many Preachers responded to the ministerial call

The first Church built like the Mill went down in ashes and up in smoke

To the dismay and sorrow of those faithful country folk.

On the Dedication Day the sermon had been preached, the crowd had gone

A few had stayed to visit and linger and talk on and on.

Some one noticed a wisp of smoke, and then a flame, coming through the roof

They realized their nice, new Church was in danger for there was the proof.

There was a pond full of water so close and so rear by

But these frantic people, had no way to use this bountiful supply

Sadly they watched their nice new Church burn to the ground Then they left for home and to spread the sad news around.

I respect and admire these good people for their determination and strong will

To put in that neighborhood a Church a school, and a mill.

Then they planned to build the second Church, it was built in a different spot

The first Church was larger and nice: built across the road on a corner lot

I respect and honor the folks of that generation

For their great zeal and good and strong determination.

To have a Church in your own or any community

Gives to that neighborhood a very special dignity

In the Church that I knew there was a picture on the pulpit wall

It was painted by a local Artist
as I readily recall

She had painted pictures in local Churches in the country all around

Ollie Atkins was her name and she was from the nearest LBJ town

Friends in the neighborhood entertained her free.

She was five days painting it, and five dollars was her fee

And that picture preached many a sermon to me

Aunt Sallie Rust gave the marble top stand

Old fashion ones are antiques now and very hard to find

On it rested the money plates occaisunally a bouquet which was just fine

Holy Comunion Days from it. they served the bread and wine

Stand was inside the Chancel Rail two cane seated chairs set beside it there

Through all the years it stood there and now its in another place some where

The old Eestey organ comes many thoughts

Memories of it are not easily forgot of that there is no doubt

On it many hands had played the old familiar Hyms

And those country folks would arise and heartily sing

Uncle Polk Jefferson was the oldest, served the longest

While Sarah Donovan Landing was perhaps the youngest

So many are gone here is where I heave a great sigh

Leaving only Mabel Reynolds Sarah Landing and Virginia Burridge

My sincere thanks to Russell McCabe Delaware Public Archives &

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Ethel C. Graham
Officer of Reynolds Cemetery

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Organized and incorporated January9, 1880 under the sponsorship of the Methodist Protestant Convention of Baltimore (see forthcoming <u>Inventory of the Church Archives of Maryland</u>). Services were held in a two story brick building at 7th and Walnut Sts., now the Grace African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (entry 419), until 1930 when the present church was opened and dedicated. Two story stone structure. Gothic style. First settled clergy-

THE CHURCHES OF DELAWARE

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FRANK R. ZEBLEY

Author of "Along the Brandywine"



A history, in brief, of the nearly 900 churches and former churches in Delaware as located by the Author.

presented by Ioka Tribe No. 35 of the Red Men and Ellendale Council No. 32 of the Junior Mechanics, both of which have since become defunct.

Ellendale Pilgrim Holiness. In 1935 the Pilgrim Holiness started to hold services in a one-story frame dance-hall in Ellendale but, in 1936, the effort was abandoned.

Mt. Zion A. M. E. Church at Ellendale was built in 1906. The site had been purchased on May 20, 1905, from Nettie C. Warren.

New Market M. E. Church is located, on a dirt road, one and three-quarters miles east of Ellendale. This church was formally organized as "Wesley M. E. Church" at a meeting held in the home of Wm. Morris, near Elias Lofland's store, on Sept. 8, 1810, when trustees were elected "for the intended place of worship." On Aug. 7, 1811, Elias Lofland donated sixty perches of land, on the road to Nathan Reed's mill as a church site. The church was built and a graveyard was laid out. The oldest tombstone is that of the Elias Baker, one of the original trustees, who died on Jan. 9, 1821.

A new church was completed and was dedicated on Sept. 1, 1850. More land was secured, on May 5, 1858, from John Warren. The present building was erected in 1881. It was repaired and a reopening service was held on Sept. 30, 1883. More land was secured on June 15, 1904, from Wm. Short. Services were discontinued in 1936. The graveyard is enclosed with an iron fence and is well maintained. The Woman's Society for Christian Service is still active

but they meet in the Ellendale Methodist Church.

Reynolds' Methodist Church (M.P.) is located, on a dirt road, five miles cast of Ellendale, near Jensen's Mill, which was known as Reed's, Reynolds' and Ponder's in earlier days. Church trustees were elected on Oct. 14, 1869. On Nov. 18, 1869, Geo. Wilson donated 100 perches of land and on Nov. 19,

1869, James Ponder donated 46 perches as a church site.

The first church was built in 1870 through the efforts of the Rev. J. T. Melvin. On Dec. 25, 1870, the dedication was conducted by Mr. Melvin assisted by the Rev. John Jones. While the dedicatory sermon was being preached, fire was discovered between the ceiling and the roof. The congregation escaped through the door and windows. There was no means to combat the fire but the congregation did save the window sash, the benches, the stoves and the lamps. The building was completely destroyed. Although disheartened, Mr. Melvin immediately started on a soliciting campaign to gather funds to erect another church. It was completed and dedicated in July, 1872. The church was micorporated on Apr. 1, 1897. There is a well-kept graveyard beside the church, the tombstones dating back to 1863.

- St. Johns U. A. M. E. Church was located just north of Milton on the old dirt road to Waples' Mill. This congregation was incorporated in October, 1908. A small church was built and a graveyard was laid out. The older members died off and because of lack of interest, the church was sold, moved some distance to the south and converted into a dwelling. The earliest tombstone is that of Fannie E. J. Brown who died on Jan. 13, 1913.
- St. John the Baptist P. E. Church in the Wilderness was located about two and one-half miles s. w. of Milton beside Long Bridge Branch. The first thurch was built in 1728 under the leadership of the Rev. Wm. Becket, the

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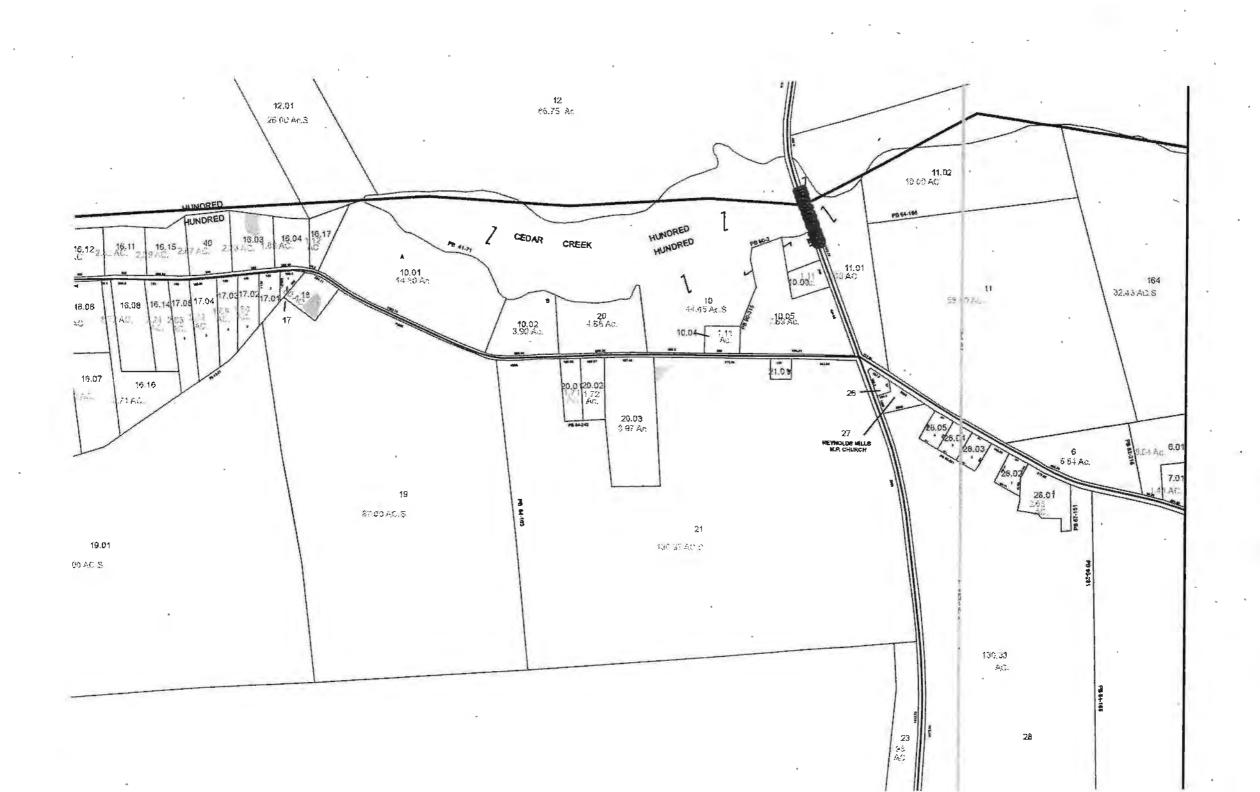
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Organized and incorporated January9, 1880 under the sponsorship of the Methodist Protestant Convention of Baltimore (see forthcoming <u>Inventory of the Church Archives of Maryland</u>). Services were held in a two story brick building at 7th and Walnut Sts., now the Grace African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (entry 419), until 1930 when the present church was opened and dedicated. Two story stone structure. Gothic style. First settled clergy-

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