



### **77-012 St. Luke's Church Site and Cemetery**

**Dower House Road West and Leapley Road**

#### **Upper Marlboro**

The cemetery contains 47 marked graves that date from 1903–2003; the markers vary by type and materials, and include concrete and slate tablets, granite headstones, marble tablets on concrete bases, concrete obelisks, concrete footstones, and headstones. St. Luke's Church, also known as Niles Chapel, was first constructed in 1868 as a Freedmen's School on land donated by William Niles, a white landowner in the area. Services were held in the schoolhouse until a chapel was built c.1877; this log building was replaced in 1893 by the frame building shown above which was demolished after 1974, when this photo was taken.