

79-046 Union Methodist Episcopal Chapel Site and Cemetery

Valley Lane

Upper Marlboro

In 1865, Frederick Sasscer and his wife sold five acres of land "near the village of Upper Marlborough" to three trustees of the Colored Methodist Church to be used for a church and burying ground; the chapel was abandoned in 1916 and disappeared around 1983 (see Historic Site 79-019-20). Approximately 38 grave markers dating from 1865 stand close to the road; 71 marked graves and an unknown number of unmarked graves lie in a largely open, grassy area; with few exceptions, the grave markers are small and bear minimal inscription; most appear to be handmade.