

Focus Area 4: Services for Persons of African Descent by SMC Clergy

The fourth focus area comes straight out of research that started with the 2014 Trail of Souls Pilgrimage and the continuing research completed by the time of the 325th anniversary of SMC in 2017.



It comes with recommendations and we look forward to the entire parish discussing how to further incorporate these findings into the work of the Task Force.

As we wrote in the 2014 Trail of Souls report . . . Historical Marker I inside SMC is a reminder that SMC clergy conducted many baptisms, marriages, and burials for enslaved and free persons of African descent for more than 40 years during the 1800s.

We did not know that there were many more services that we could report, even with the rise of Asbury Broadneck AME (now Asbury Broadneck UMC) by 1852 and the end of chattel slavery in 1864.

In 2014, we reported there were no records of enslaved persons appearing in the histories of SMC until the 1800s. It is nearly impossible to report what may have occurred before 1827.

This parish lost most records in the 1803 fire that destroyed the second church and left SMC without a church building except the chapel of ease until 1827.

We reported using the parochial report for 1825 that there were five *colored* baptisms (the first such reporting). The accuracy of this report is highly questionable. The parish reported no other baptisms, marriages, and confirmations in 1825 — a year when the parish had no rector and no church building other than Marley Chapel on Curtis Creek more than 10 mile north in today's Glen Burnie..

According to the Rev. Orlando Hutton, rector, SMC, clergy performed 16 *colored* baptisms, and five *colored* marriages in 1844. There is no information about where these services were held.

Extending sacraments and pastoral care to persons of African descent would continue in 1846 when the homegrown, Whitehall Plantation living, slave holder, the Rev. Samuel Ridout, M.D. became rector, serving as rector until the close of 1860 when he would move with wife Hester Chase Ridout to Scottsville, VA, south of Charlottesville, where he would serve as rector of St. Anne's Scottsville and a surgeon for CSA military forces.

According to annual parochial reports submitted by Dr. Ridout to the (Episcopal) Diocese of Maryland before 1860 , he conducted these *colored* services at unknown locations (likely private services and not inside the church building)



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| 1846 | three baptisms |
| 1847 | seven baptisms, one marriage |
| 1848 | 12 baptisms |
| 1849 | nine baptisms, one burial |
| 1850 | seven baptisms |
| 1852 | nine baptisms, two burials |
| 1853 | 20 baptisms, four burials |
| 1854 | 19 baptisms, two marriages |
| 1855 | 13 baptisms, six marriages |
| 1856 | nine baptisms three marriages |
| 1857 | 16 baptisms, two marriages |

With the Civil War still raging and Dr. Ridout still in Virginia, in 1864, SMC clergy apparently conducted *colored* services that included 10 baptisms, four marriages, and two burials. Little information is available about who conducted these services and where they were held. No dates are available, consequently we cannot know whether they occurred before or after November 1, 1864.

After 1864 only three baptisms and four marriages of persons of African descent appear until Dr. Ridout returned to SMC as rector in 1870.

SMC's register shows Dr. Ridout conducted services for persons of African descent who were not members of St. Margaret from 1870 until just before his death in 1885, at age 63. Services included two baptisms at the then Asbury Broadneck AME Church and two weddings at the rectory — his Whitehall Plantation home.

In the Trail of Souls report we included the period beyond 1864 through the death of Dr. Ridout because we could. The sources we found for the data from 1870 through 1874 led us to other sources, and from those sources we have been able to include with this report more than 260 records with names, dates, and families for services provided for persons of color by clergyman at SMC.

We welcome discussions, corrections, astonishment. We have looked at the data and have tried to visualize each individual. In the name we have sought the person.

While SMC clergymen baptized, married, and buried persons of color — few if any services were within the church building itself, and no burials on church property. SMC apparently put forward no person of color for Confirmation. Confirmation before 1979 brought with it membership in the church, the right to worship within the church, the right to share the bread and wine with the other (white) members of the worshipping congregation.

We wonder what SMC could have become if persons of color had become full participating members starting in the 1800s. If all persons could walk in the front door and become welcomed, encouraged to become members, establishing a diverse worshipping community.



There is grave sadness at this opportunity lost to the past and an urgency that the future find this parish moving beyond a welcoming parish to an inviting parish. Persons who were not members, who could not become members, who did not look like members of the past, who were uninvited, found their way to SMC. They and their descendants are now elsewhere. Who will come our way as SMC lives through its process of reconciliation and reparations?

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What's Next ?

We recommend that persons of African descent whom we can only enumerate and those we can name, who before and after the abolition of chattel slavery, were not allowed to walk into the front door of SMC and Marley Chapel, who could not select pews of their choosing, who were denied the sacraments made available to white members, who were baptized and married outside church services and the church building . . . who were never permitted to become members . . . that starting in 2021 and going forward be remembered regularly in an appropriate manner.

That the congregation is told at appropriate remembrances about these persons and that non-monetary reparations are made because of what the parish was, what the parish did in the past, and what SMC must become. We will be honoring those enslaved and freed persons of African descent who worked to build parish structures and were connected to our community through baptism, marriages, and burials conducted by SMC Clergy.

Honor and Reconciliation can be done liturgically with a service that details known family surnames that may have become lost. A shorter version can be recorded for those that no longer reside locally. A larger one-time event would be primarily focused on those families.

Honor and Reconciliation can be done annually. For example, modifying an All Saints/All Souls or other feast day service to include identification of these persons so that annually we identify with the struggle of atrocities recorded in our history. Allowing existing and new parishioners to heal in a gradual manner, just as we annually hear of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection. An ongoing process of understanding.

Outside participation is welcome but not expected. The realities of so much time passing, there may be no interest from the generations of families still connected to our area.

Costs would be minimal and much of the work is already done.



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| 1867 | Marriage | 1 | 1884 | Baptism | 1 | | | |
| | | | | Marriage | 1 | 1909 | Baptism | 16 |
| 1870 | Baptism | 1 | | | | | Marriage | 6 |
| | Marriage | 2 | 1886 | Baptism | 4 | | | |
| | | | | Marriage | 1 | 1910 | Baptism | 5 |
| 1871 | Baptism | 4 | | | | | Marriage | 2 |
| | Burial | 5 | 1887 | Marriage | 2 | | | |
| | | | | Burial | 1 | 1911 | Baptism | 4 |
| 1872 | Baptism | 1 | | | | | Marriage | 1 |
| | | | 1888 | Marriage | 3 | | | |
| 1873 | Baptism | 3 | | Burial | 2 | 1912 | Baptism | 8 |
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| 1874 | Baptism | 7 | 1889 | Baptism | 5 | 1913 | Baptism | 5 |
| | Marriage | 5 | | Marriage | 1 | | | |
| | Burial | 1 | | Burial | 3 | 1919 | Baptism | 1 |
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| 1875 | Marriage | 1 | 1890 | Baptism | 1 | 1920 | Baptism | 2 |
| | | | | Marriage | 4 | | | |
| 1876 | Baptism | 4 | | Burial | 2 | 1921 | Baptism | 3 |
| | Marriage | 5 | | | | | | |
| | | | 1891 | Baptism | 3 | 1924 | Baptism | 2 |
| | | | | Burial | 2 | | | |
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| 1877 | Baptism | 5 | 1892 | Baptism | 2 | 1925 | Baptism | 2 |
| | Marriage | 3 | | Marriage | 4 | | Marriage | 1 |
| | | | | Burial | | | | |
| 1878 | Baptism | 9 | | | | 1926 | Baptism | 1 |
| | Marriage | 4 | 1898 | Baptism | 1 | | | |
| | Burial | 4 | | | | 1928 | Marriage | 1 |
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| 1879 | Baptism2 | | 1900 | Baptism | 2 | 1930 | Marriage | 1 |
| | Marriage | 3 | | | | | | |
| | Burial | 3 | 1901 | Baptism | 7 | 1932 | Marriage | 1 |
| | | | | Marriage | 1 | | | |
| 1880 | Baptism | 5 | | | | | | |
| | Marriage | 2 | 1902 | Baptism | 13 | 1933 | Baptism | 2 |
| | Burial | 1 | | Marriage | 3 | | Marriage | 1 |
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| 1881 | Baptism | 1 | 1903 | Baptism | 1 | 1935 | Baptism | 1 |
| | | | | Marriage | 3 | | | |
| 1882 | Baptism9 | | | | | 1937 | Baptism | 3 |
| | Marriage | 4 | 1904 | Baptism | 8 | | | |
| | Burial | 1 | | | | 1938 | Baptism | 4 |
| | | | 1906 | Baptism | 1 | | | |
| | | | | | | 1939 | Marriage | 1 |
| 1883 | Baptism | 2 | 1907 | Baptism | 4 | | | |
| | Marriage | 2 | | | | ? | Baptism | 2 |
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Listing— *Colored* Services Conducted by Clergy of St. Margaret’s Church 1867-1938

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|------|---------|------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1001 | Baptism | 1870 | June 12 | Ennis, Victoria |
| 1002 | Baptism | 1871 | January 18 | Green, Charles Thomas |
| 1003 | Baptism | 1871 | January 18 | Little, Emma Cecelia |
| 1004 | Baptism | 1871 | February 10 | Smith, Milliard Filmore |
| 1005 | Baptism | 1871 | May 7 | Green, William George Page Gray |
| 1006 | Baptism | 1872 | July 29 | Hindsman, Harriett Ann |
| 1007 | Baptism | 1873 | June 6 | Calvert, Gilbert Thomas |
| 1008 | Baptism | 1873 | November 9 | Thomas, Charles |
| 1009 | Baptism | 1873 | November 14 | Honey, Richard |
| 1010 | Baptism | 1874 | January 23 | Chambers, John Alexander |
| 1011 | Baptism | 1874 | February 20 | Barnes, John Henry |
| 1012 | Baptism | 1874 | February 22 | Hayman, Alexina |
| 1013 | Baptism | 1874 | March 8 | Harris, James Daniel Wheeler |
| 1014 | Baptism | 1874 | March 25 | Hays, John Williams |
| 1015 | Baptism | 1874 | August 20 | Insay, William |
| 1016 | Baptism | 1874 | October 6 | Harrod, Philip Moses |
| 1017 | Baptism | 1876 | January 7 | Honey, Lydia |
| 1018 | Baptism | 1876 | July 24 | Hindsman, Lucy Elizabeth |
| 1019 | Baptism | 1876 | July 24 | Hindsman, Martha Ann |
| 1020 | Baptism | 1876 | July 24 | Levin, Daniel |
| 1022 | Baptism | 1877 | April 9 | Nash, Harriett D. |
| 1023 | Baptism | 1877 | September 27 | Spencer, Howard |
| 1024 | Baptism | 1877 | December 2 | Calvert, George Henry |
| 1025 | Baptism | 1877 | December 2 | Johnson, Charles Emory |
| 1026 | Baptism | 1878 | February 24 | Butler, James Andrew |
| 1027 | Baptism | 1878 | February 24 | Butler, John Franklin |
| 1028 | Baptism | 1878 | March 9 | Hindsman, Julianna |
| 1029 | Baptism | 1878 | March 9 | Murray, Alice |
| 1030 | Baptism | 1878 | March 9 | Murray, Joshua |
| 1031 | Baptism | 1878 | March 9 | Stepney, Sarah Eliza |
| 1032 | Baptism | 1878 | March 9 | White, Harriett Elizabeth Thomas |
| 1033 | Baptism | 1878 | April 17 | Murray, Hayward Octavius |
| 1034 | Baptism | 1878 | June 30 | Carr, Arminta Nellie Ridout |
| 1035 | Baptism | 1879 | April 27 | Dykes, David Spencer |
| 1036 | Baptism | 1879 | May 25 | Johnson, Carrie Virginia |
| 1037 | Baptism | 1880 | June 27 | Hill, George William |
| 1038 | Baptism | 1880 | October 2 | Anderson, Levi |
| 1039 | Baptism | 1880 | October 2 | Carr, Mary Pamela Alice |
| 1040 | Baptism | 1880 | October 2 | Murray, Caleb Martin |
| 1041 | Baptism | 1880 | October 2 | Stepney, Thomas Benj. Pinkney |
| 1042 | Baptism | 1881 | October 16 | Gardner, John Wesley |
| 1043 | Baptism | 1882 | February 12 | Anderson, John Henry |
| 1044 | Baptism | 1882 | February 12 | Cephas, Frances Isabella |
| 1045 | Baptism | 1882 | February 12 | Murray, Hannah Irene |
| 1046 | Baptism | 1882 | February 12 | Smith, George Edward |
| 1047 | Baptism | 1882 | June 25 | Maynard, Margaret Julietta |
| 1048 | Baptism | 1882 | July 14 | Calvert, Leon DeFord |
| 1049 | Baptism | 1882 | August 27 | Fleetwood, Carrie |
| 1050 | Baptism | 1882 | August 30 | Larkins, William Thomas |
| 1051 | Baptism | 1882 | October 4 | Honey, Thomas |
| 1052 | Baptism | 1883 | September 22 | Henson, Angenetta |
| 1053 | Baptism | 1883 | September 22 | Stephens, Phoebe Ann Eliza Virginia |
| 1054 | Baptism | 1884 | September 14 | Smith, Carrie Lee |
| 1055 | Baptism | 1886 | August 3 | Colbert, John William |

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| 1056 | Baptism | 1886 | August 4 | Tucker, John William |
| 1057 | Baptism | 1886 | December 19 | Hinson, Jacob Waddell |
| 1058 | Baptism | 1886 | June 3, | Hanson, John Edgar |
| 1059 | Baptism | 1889 | April 9 | Cesca, Daisy Evaline |
| 1060 | Baptism | 1889 | April 22 | Harris-Wright, Jemima Daisy |
| 1061 | Baptism | 1889 | August 18 | Thomas, William Henry |
| 1062 | Baptism | 1889 | September 3 | Nash, Dorothy |
| 1063 | Baptism | 1889 | November 4 | Tucker, David |
| 1064 | Baptism | 1890 | July 9 | Fleetwood, Mary Ellen |
| 1065 | Baptism | 1891 | April 15 | Stevens, Sarah Eliza Rebecca |
| 1066 | Baptism | 1891 | July 13 | Smith, Stephen Asbury |
| 1067 | Baptism | 1891 | October 29 | Honey, Margaret Anne Frances |
| 1068 | Baptism | 1892 | August 15 | Smith, James William Burton |
| 1069 | Baptism | 1892 | December 13 | Honey, Mary Elizabeth Catharine |
| 1070 | Baptism | 1898 | May 9 | Tucker, Frances Viola |
| 1071 | Baptism | 1900 | July 17 | Tucker, Sarah Jessie |
| 1072 | Baptism | 1900 | October 4 | Sprigg, Harry James |
| 1073 | Baptism | 1901 | June 27 | Thomas, Henry Goding |
| 1074 | Baptism | 1901 | July 18 | Cromwell, Chas. Daniel |
| 1075 | Baptism | 1901 | July 18 | Cromwell, Rachel Magdalin |
| 1076 | Baptism | 1901 | July 23 | Day-Maynard, Wm. Henry Harrison |
| 1077 | Baptism | 1901 | August 2 | Fleetwood, Chas. Wm. Tucker |
| 1078 | Baptism | 1901 | August 13 | Hall, Rachel Marietta |
| 1079 | Baptism | 1901 | September 2 | Johnson, Geo. Melvin |
| 1080 | Baptism | 1902 | May 30 | Little, Willis Augustine |
| 1081 | Baptism | 1902 | May 31 | Fleetwood, Jn. Wm. Washington |
| 1082 | Baptism | 1902 | June 9 | Harrison, Ida Augusta |
| 1083 | Baptism | 1902 | June 9 | Harrison, Irene Augusta |
| 1084 | Baptism | 1902 | June 9 | Harrison, Martha Augusta |
| 1085 | Baptism | 1902 | June 19 | Henson, Annie Beatrice |
| 1086 | Baptism | 1902 | June 19 | Tucker, Bessie Gertie |
| 1087 | Baptism | 1902 | August 27 | Maynard, Mary Elizabeth |
| 1088 | Baptism | 1902 | August 27 | Maynard, Vernon Asbury |
| 1089 | Baptism | 1902 | September 3 | Smith, Cathy Geneva |
| 1090 | Baptism | 1902 | September 3 | Smith, Mary Magdalene |
| 1091 | Baptism | 1902 | September 26 | Sprigg, Lillie Isabel |
| 1092 | Baptism | 1902 | October 3 | Martin, Mintie Amelia |
| 1093 | Baptism | 1903 | July 28 | Johnson, Alberta |
| 1094 | Baptism | 1904 | January 27 | Harris, Rachel Irene |
| 1095 | Baptism | 1904 | July 1 | Stepney, Jos. Alexander |
| 1096 | Baptism | 1904 | July 2 | Colbert, Charles Hampton |
| 1097 | Baptism | 1904 | July 30 | Cook, Edw. Mayfield |
| 1098 | Baptism | 1904 | September 17 | Green-Cary, Chas. Alexander |
| 1099 | Baptism | 1904 | September 23 | Tucker, Frank Edward |
| 1100 | Baptism | 1904 | September 25 | Fleetwood, John Vermont |
| 1101 | Baptism | 1904 | September 25 | Henson, Daisy Asbury |
| 1102 | Baptism | 1906 | November 2 | Sprigg, Queen Arena |
| 1103 | Baptism | 1907 | March 28 | Fleetwood, Charles Asbury |
| 1104 | Baptism | 1907 | July 9 | Carey, Edward Alexander |
| 1105 | Baptism | 1907 | July 15 | Hall, Hattie Louise |
| 1106 | Baptism | 1907 | July 31 | Mose, Edna Margaret |
| 1107 | Baptism | 1909 | May 20 | Fleetwood, Nola Peasline |
| 1108 | Baptism | 1909 | May 20 | Sprigg, Clarence Asbury |
| 1109 | Baptism | 1909 | June 10 | Cook, Geo. Henry |
| 1110 | Baptism | 1909 | June 16 | Chambers, Gladis Marguerite |
| 1111 | Baptism | 1909 | June 16 | Harris-Hopkins, Ernest Randolph |

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| 1112 | Baptism | 1909 | June 16 | Harris, Alice Biddison |
| 1113 | Baptism | 1909 | June 16 | Hopkins, John Henry |
| 1114 | Baptism | 1909 | June 16 | Matthews, John Eskie |
| 1115 | Baptism | 1909 | June 16 | Porter, Chas. Edward |
| 1116 | Baptism | 1909 | July 2 | Henson, Hinkel Annolino |
| 1117 | Baptism | 1909 | July 10 | Carr, David Thomas |
| 1118 | Baptism | 1909 | July 14 | Green, Frank Wm. Neals |
| 1119 | Baptism | 1909 | August 11 | Scroggins, Morsie Acton |
| 1120 | Baptism | 1909 | September 1 | Carey, James Sylvester |
| 1121 | Baptism | 1909 | September 1 | Colbert, Raymond Ridgely Smith |
| 1122 | Baptism | 1909 | October 30 | Tucker, Wardel Ashby |
| 1123 | Baptism | 1910 | February 27 | Johnson, Rosa Viola |
| 1124 | Baptism | 1910 | March 1 | Jones, Elbert Alexander |
| 1125 | Baptism | 1910 | June 16 | Harris, Edith Elinora |
| 1126 | Baptism | 1910 | July 4 | Smith, Vinton Alexander |
| 1127 | Baptism | 1910 | July 7 | Stepney, Allen Randolph |
| 1128 | Baptism | 1911 | July 21 | Scroggins, Norman Henry |
| 1129 | Baptism | 1911 | July 21 | Sprigg, Clara Alverta |
| 1130 | Baptism | 1911 | August 10 | Henson, Thos. Edward |
| 1131 | Baptism | 1911 | August 14 | Harris, Elsie Marie |
| 1132 | Baptism | 1912 | March 26 | Fleetwood, Maria Louisa |
| 1133 | Baptism | 1912 | March 26 | Stevens, Colonel Asbury |
| 1134 | Baptism | 1912 | July 30 | Harris, |
| 1135 | Baptism | 1912 | August 5 | Insey, Nona Lucille |
| 1136 | Baptism | 1912 | August 6 | Green, Ernest Earle |
| 1137 | Baptism | 1912 | August 6 | Green, Sterling Isaiah |
| 1138 | Baptism | 1912 | August 29 | Tucker, Charlotte Eleanora |
| 1139 | Baptism | 1912 | October 11 | Insey, Virginia |
| 1140 | Baptism | 1913 | May 28 | Gantt, Annie Rebecca |
| 1141 | Baptism | 1913 | July 16 | Hays, Lilly Evalin |
| 1142 | Baptism | 1913 | September 27 | Cook, Wm. Sylvester Colbert |
| 1143 | Baptism | 1913 | September 27 | Sprigg, Louis Herbert |
| 1144 | Baptism | 1913 | September 29 | Cromwell, Alverda |
| 1145 | Baptism | 1919 | May 15 | Chambers (Scroggins), Lola Magnolia |
| 1146 | Baptism | 1920 | November 1 | Johnson, Oscar Wingfield |
| 1147 | Baptism | 1920 | | Colbert, Pearline Louise |
| 1148 | Baptism | 1921 | March 11 | Harris, Charles Fernan |
| 1149 | Baptism | 1921 | March 11 | Harris, Franklin Webster |
| 1150 | Baptism | 1921 | April 13 | Maynard, Mauntry Idella |
| 1151 | Baptism | 1924 | May 20 | Cromwell, Harry Rudolph |
| 1152 | Baptism | 1924 | May 20 | Johnson, Bessie Isabel |
| 1153 | Baptism | 1925 | August 4 | Cromwell, Clarence Sylvester |
| 1154 | Baptism | 1925 | August 4 | Johnson, Preston Randolph |
| 1155 | Baptism | 1926 | November 7 | Scroggins, Thanksgiving McKinley |
| 1156 | Baptism | 1933 | September 25 | Cromwell, Clara Louise |
| 1157 | Baptism | 1933 | November 19 | Turner, Lorita Mabel |
| 1158 | Baptism | 1935 | July 18 | Allen, Joseph Irving |
| 1159 | Baptism | 1937 | September 1 | Allen, Patsy Loretta |
| 1160 | Baptism | 1937 | September 1 | Harris, Audrey Beatrice |
| 1161 | Baptism | 1937 | September 1 | Hayes, James Melvin |
| 1162 | Baptism | 1938 | April 3 | Carr, Villa |
| 1163 | Baptism | 1938 | April 3 | Smith, Mary Katherine |
| 1164 | Baptism | 1938 | April 13 | Colbert, Raymond Thomas |
| 1165 | Baptism | 1938 | April 13 | Cromwell, Lola Burnetta |
| 1166 | Baptism | 1944 | March 21 | Johnson, Helen Marie |
| 1167 | Baptism | 1944 | March 21 | Johnson, Marshall Edward |
| 1168 | Baptism | | | Chambers, |
| 1169 | Baptism | | | |