

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

AL-VI-B-044  
Church Hill, Midland  
1899

St. Joseph's School is one of three buildings which comprised St. Joseph's Parish. In addition to the school, the Parish included both a convent and a church. All three were frame structures covered with novelty siding. The school itself was founded in 1899 by Father Don Luigi Sartori and staffed by Notre Dame Sisters.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC St. Joseph's School  
 AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER Church Hill  
 CITY, TOWN Midland  VICINITY OF Sixth CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
 STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME St. Joseph's Catholic Church Telephone #: 463-2877  
 STREET & NUMBER Church Hill  
 CITY, TOWN Midland  VICINITY OF Maryland STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Allegany County Courthouse Liber #: 284  
 STREET & NUMBER 30 Washington Street Folio #: 400  
 CITY, TOWN Cumberland, STATE Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
 DATE  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
 CITY, TOWN STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. Joseph's School faces south on Church Hill in Midland. It consists of a one and a half story frame structure abutted by a one story hipped roofed addition on the facade. A finished basement is also included within the structure, which rests upon a low stone and cement block foundation with a beveled water table. Very well kept novelty siding comprises the exterior walls. Large four over four double hung wooden sash frames are found in the main block; double hung sashes with one over one lights make up the windows in the front addition. The south-facing front entrance is served by a nine stair wooden landing set up to accommodate the grade which slopes from north to south. Over that same door is a transom light, a gabled dormer containing a cross at the top and a gothic sash ventilator surrounded by wooden fish scale shingling. There is also a rear, northeast entrance enclosed by a one bay shed roofed addition. Both entrances have their original horizontal paneled doors. The roof over the main block is hipped and covered by replaced asphalt shingling; a soffit underlies the eaves. The school features one original corbeled brick chimney with an outside end location.

St. Joseph's School stands very similar to the way it looked when built in 1900, is structurally sound and is in excellent condition.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Joseph's Parish dates back to 1891 when it became the first Catholic Church in Midland. An architect from Baltimore by the name of Stack drew up the plans for the building, which was built rather rapidly due to the desire of the people in the little coal mining town of Midland to have their own church. The Rev. Peter Manning of St. Mary's in Lonaconing held the First Holy Mass on Christmas Day of 1891. In 1898, the Parish received its first resident paster, an Italian Priest of Noble birth - Reverend Don Luigi Sartori.

Of particular significance to the St. Joseph's Parish are the three bells in which Don Luigi Sartori had installed in the Church Tower in 1898. The largest weighs 2000 pounds, has a diameter of 46 inches, and rings out an E natural. They were cast by the McShane Bell Foundry of Baltimore.

A new larger church was completed in 1967. The bells mentioned above were all that was left when the original church was torn down. A memorial was placed in front of the property, which includes the original three bells, which have been refinished, electrified, and remounted.

St. Joseph's School was founded in 1899 by Father Don Luigi Sartori, for his belief was that "real education should prepare for the eternal as well as the temporal." On August 16, 1899, a group of Notre Dame Sisters arrived in Midland. Sister Mary Thomasine was the first superior of the school, which had 200 students its first year of existence. Today the institution still prospers.

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\* "Solemn Blessing and Dedication of the New Church, School and Rectory and the Commemoration of the completion of Seventy Five Years," Sunday, October 15, 1967. (A booklet)

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# MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

12-VI-B-044

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4.32 acres

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

12/8/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. AI-VI-B-044

DATE: 11/26/74

284/400  
4.32 acres

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: St. Joseph's School

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Church Hill, Midland

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: (200°) South

NAME OF OWNER: St. Joseph's Catholic Church 463-2877

ADDRESS: Midland

1/2 STORIES: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: FRONT HIPPED ROOF REAR SHED ROOF COVERED ENTRANCE

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Novelty Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- ( ) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- ( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- ( ) LOG
- ( ) Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE concrete block

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( ) 4/4  
single sink & lights cornice pegged( ) nailed( ) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION:

HARDWARE: original() replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

GABLE PEAK w/ CROSS OVER ENTRANCE

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original() replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK() STONE( ) CORBELED() original() replaced( )  
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end() Central( ) Interior( )

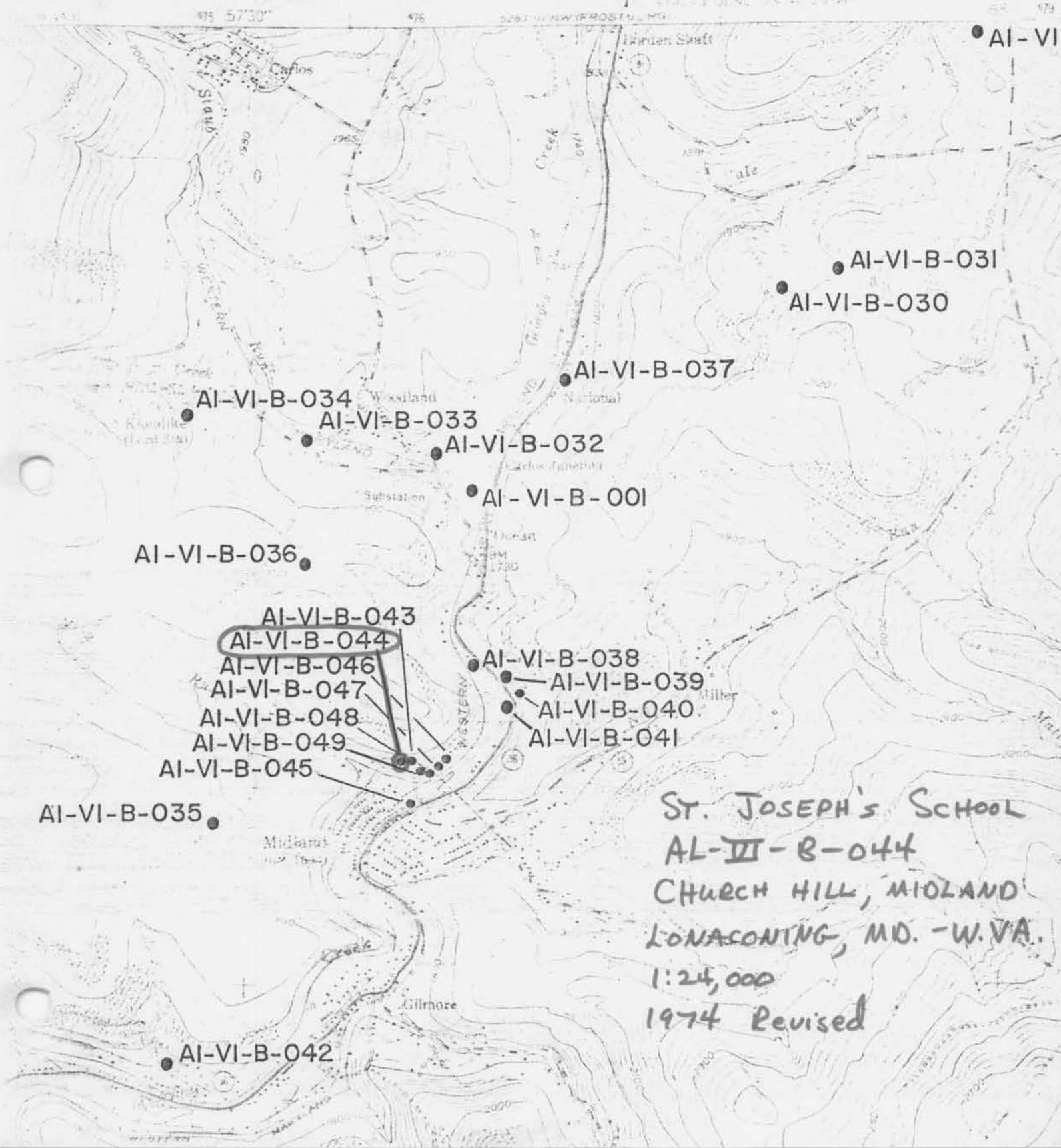
ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

- Use - None
- Significance - Arch Religion
- Date Constructed - 1900
- Condition - Fair

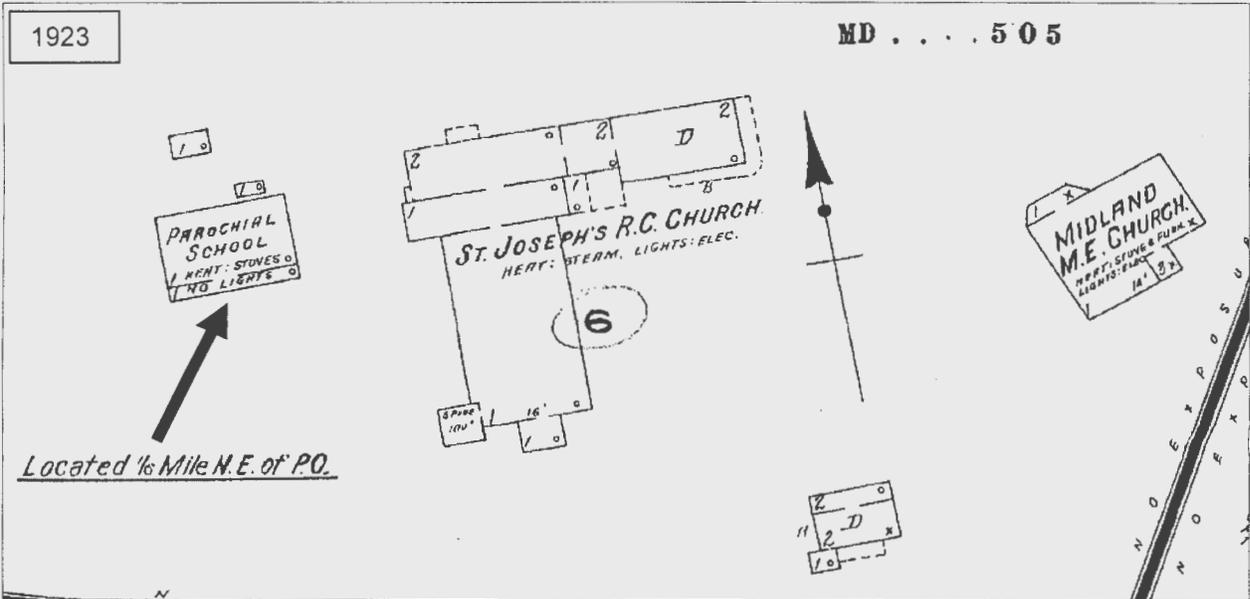
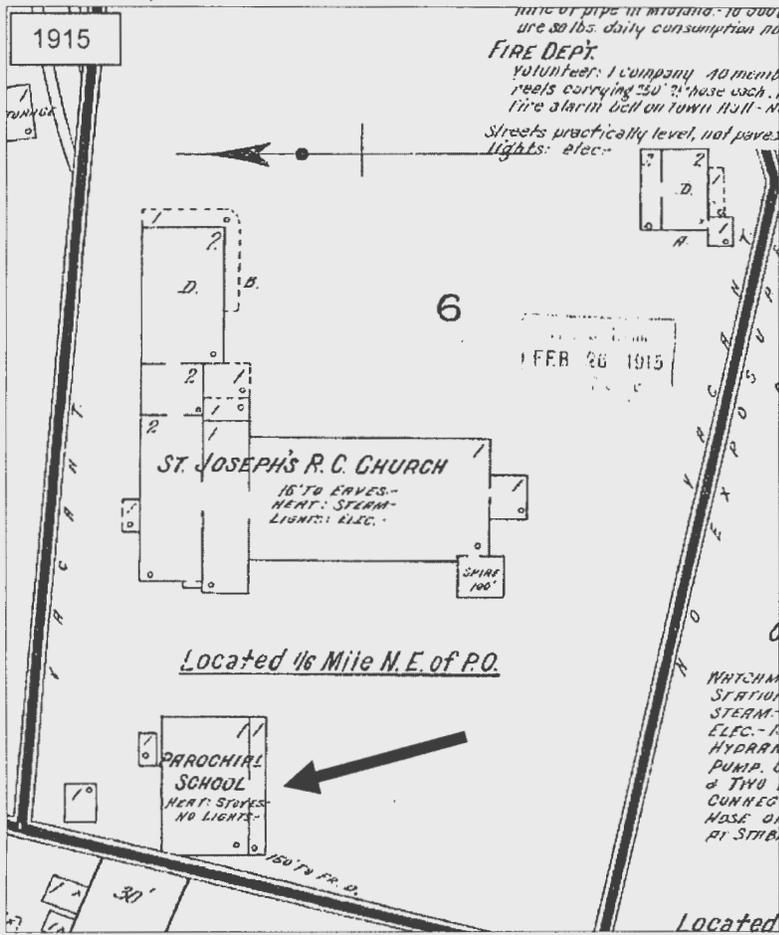
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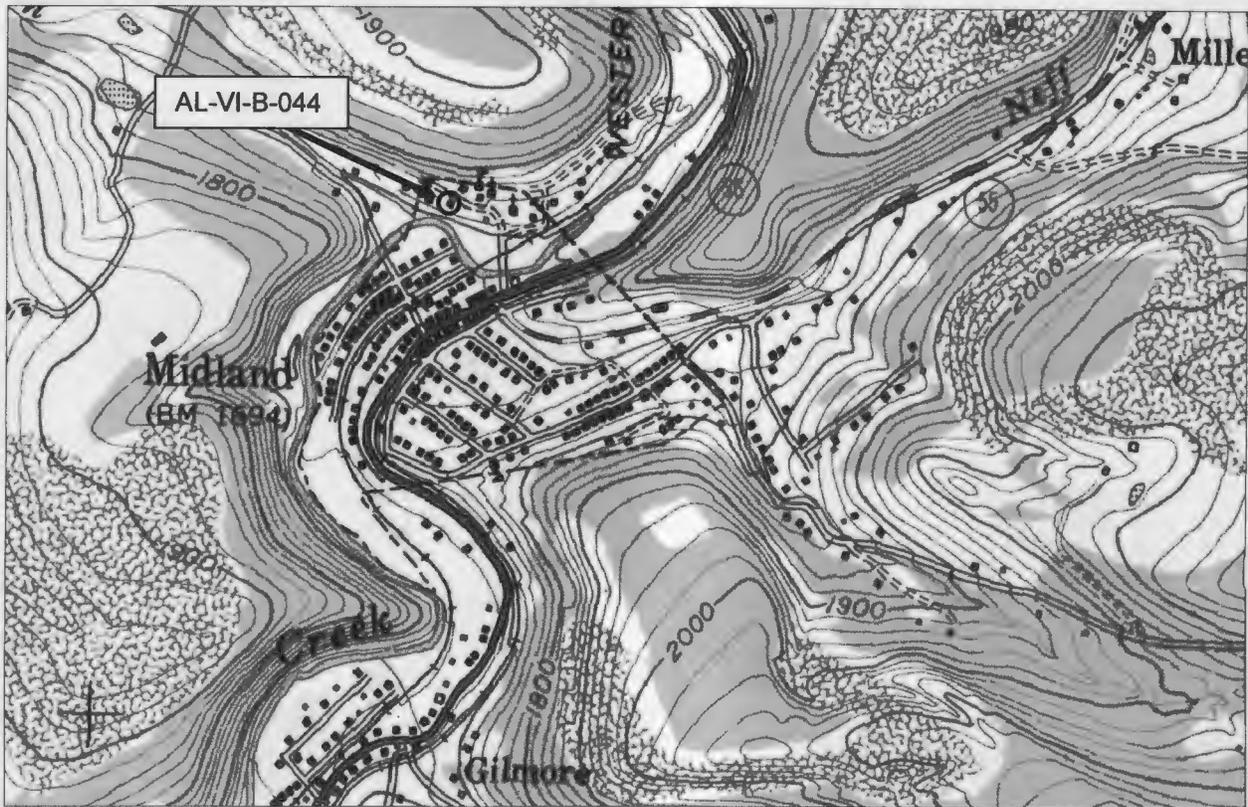
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 Sanborn Maps



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Lonaconing Quadrangle 1950, Photorevised 1981



Allegheny County Tax Map 1i (and 47), p. 99



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FIGURE 84.

12/7/1976 - John Nelson & Joan Baldwin



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Church Hill, Midland

John Nelson

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