

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Saint John the Evangelist

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Long Green Pike

CITY, TOWN

Baldwin

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input 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

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Archdiocese of Maryland

Telephone #: (301) 592-6206 local

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St. John The Evangelist

CITY, TOWN

Baldwin

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21013

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: "see file card"
Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER
401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Baltimore County Historic Sites Survey BA 256

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Baltimore County Office of Planning & Zoning

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The CHURCH of ST. JOHN the EVANGELIST is of stone, quarried just across the road, in the Early English Gothic Revival style, dating from 1855. It consists of a nave with a steep gabled roof and narrow lancet windows; the principal entrance is in the west end with the altar in the east end, the proper liturgical orientation.

The nave ceiling is covered with plaster vaulting with plaster ribs at the trusses, the whole polychromed. A gallery is at the west end. Windows are filled with stained and stencil-etched leaded glass; a representation of the church's Patron Saint is above the altar. The pews on either side of the central aisle may be original or at least contemporary with the structure. The white marble altar has a two-step reredos and tabernacle. Other furnishings and fittings date primarily, from the nineteenth century.

The Rectory is immediately south of the church, its principal facade to the west. A two story frame house, five bays in length, its central bay projects forward with a gable; eave and rake fascias are jig-sawn, American Gothic Revival motifs to relate it to the church.

A two-compartment privy is east of the church, of frame construction with a hipped roof.

The cemetery is north of the church and it extends some distance to the east. Established at the time of the church's construction it contains representative cemetery sculpture and lettering spanning the mid-nineteenth century to the present day.

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
100-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
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 1855

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Church of ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST is a carefully designed and executed example of the Early English Gothic Revival, undoubtedly the work of an architect as yet unidentified. Dating from 1855, it is in the earliest group of Gothic Revival churches in America. The RECTORY (BA 1877) is a traditional house of the same period, its projecting central bay and jig-sawn eave and rake fascias being Gothic Revival touches. The large parish cemetery contains examples of cemetery sculpture and lettering from the mid nineteenth century to the present day.

ST. JOHN'S is significant as the oldest Catholic parish in Baltimore County, and also for its association with the Jenkins family, prominent landholders in Long Green Valley in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Catholics in Long Green Valley were served from the mid eighteenth century by Jesuit circuit riders from Priest Neale's Mass House on Deer Creek in what later became Harford County. In 1792, St. Ignatius Church was built nearby at Hickory -- the first Roman Catholic Church erected after the Revolution. Priests from St. Ignatius celebrated mass at the homestead of Michael Jenkins who had patented Jenkins' Purchase in 1773 (n.b. not in 1723, as is

commonly reported; Michael Jenkins was born in 1736). Josias

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 9.02

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
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Jenkins succeeded his father.

There is no record of how St. John's came to be; it is recorded in Archbishop Marechal's diary that on his visit of 1819 to St. Ignatius, Hickory, he visited Mrs. Henry Carroll, owner of Quinn House, and Mr. Josias Jenkins. Three years after these meetings, there was a church under construction.

This was St. John's on the Ridge, one of the six daughter churches of St. Ignatius. The frame church, consecrated in May, 1822, was located at Carroll Manor a quarter mile northeast of the present Carroll Manor School. It burned in February, 1855.

By 1855 Josias Jenkins and his eldest son John Hillen, to whom he had entailed the estate, had both died, John Hillen without issue. A court case assured a more equitable distribution of the property among his widow Elizabeth and others of his children. His daughter Sarah, who had married her cousin Edward Jenkins, bought 169 acres from her mother and was in process of constructing MONTROSE (BA 1392, q.v.) In November, 1855, Edward and Sarah Jenkins, on behalf of the entire family, sold Archbishop Kenrick two acres for \$5, the site on the east side of Long Green Pike (then the western branch of Harford Turnpike) now occupied by the second ST. JOHN'S. Limestone for the small Gothic church was hauled from the quarry at the Jenkins homestead, under the supervision of P.T. George, husband of Sarah's sister Ellen. The builders were Abram Spicer and Sons; no architect has been identified. The first mass was celebrated December 30, 1855. Until a RECTORY (BA 1877) was built, Father Jacob Ambrose Walter, Long Green's first resident pastor, made his home with a third sister, Ann, who had married her cousin Mark Jenkins. Their house, Hillendale, now vanished, stood east of the

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church, on Church Lane. The Mark Jenkinses set aside a plot of ground 40' by 50', surrounded by a stone wall, reserved for the Jenkins deceased. The remains were removed from St. John's on the Ridge and from the homestead to this new plot.

A school was established at ST. JOHN'S in 1858, and a "school house lot" conveyed to the church by the Edward Jenkinses in 1873. The present brick school building was dedicated in 1951.

The third St. John's, adjoining the second to the south, is a modern structure of stone, redwood, and glass with hall below, dedicated in 1969.

Notes

1. St. John the Evangelist Parish in Long Green Valley 1822-1972. Souvenir book commemorating the 150th anniversary, p.5. Cf. also Clarence V. Joerndt, St. Ignatius Hickory and its Missions. Baltimore, Publication Press, 1972.

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