

CH-504
Glymont School
(Williams Funeral Home)
Indian Head vic.
Private

circa 1922

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. CH-504

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Glymont School
common/other name Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior;
Williams Funeral Home

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2. Location

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street & number 4270 Hawthorne Road not for publication
city or town Indian Head vicinity X state Maryland code MD
county Charles code 017 zip code 20640

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing		Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>		buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		objects
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>		Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes Name of Listing _____
No X

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>EDUCATION</u>	Sub: <u>School</u>
<u>RELIGION</u>	<u>Church</u>
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Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>FUNERARY</u>	Sub: <u>Funeral Home</u>
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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Gothic Revival (alterations)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation solid: parged concrete

roof hipped: asphalt shingles

walls frame: asbestos shingles

other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

EDUCATION
RELIGION

Period of Significance circa 1922 - circa 1940

Significant Dates circa 1922

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Brown, Jack D., et al. *Charles County, Maryland, A History*. Charles County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Charles County Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, La Plata, Maryland.

Charles County Retired Teachers Association, *A History of the One and Two-Room Schools in Charles County*, Unpublished manuscript, 1976.

Charles County Retired Teachers Association, *A Legacy: One- and Two-Room Schools in Charles County*, Unpublished manuscript, 1984.

Klaphor, Margaret Brown. *The History of Charles County, Maryland*. La Plata, MD: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

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 10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property 1.16 acres

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property at 4270 Hawthorne Road is designated as Parcel 584 on Map 11, Grid 24 on the Charles County Property Map.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The building at 4270 Hawthorne Road has been associated with Parcel 584, Map 11 since its construction circa 1922.

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 11. Form Prepared By
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name/title Kathryn Gettings Smith, Architectural Historian
 organization Charles County Planning Dept. date Oct.15,1998
 street & number P.O. Box B telephone 301-645-0689
 city or town La Plata state MD zip code 20646
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12. Property Owner
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name Paul Lagana & Charles W. Howard
 street & number 3543 Ashland Drive telephone _____
 city or town Davidsonville state MD zip code 21035
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The 1.16-acre lot that the school occupies is characterized by a level grade, a large gravel parking area at the front, and a slope down at the rear. The building sits about two hundred feet north of Hawthorne Road near its intersection with Old Glymont Road. Planting beds adorn the front of the building.

The 3-bay facade features a centered entrance flanked by single window openings. The front gable portico that shelters the entrance features attenuated Tuscan columns set on concrete plinths and flared eaves. Capped by a fanlight, the double-leaf entry holds panel-and-light replacement wood doors, and is flanked on either side by pointed-arch window openings. Each opening contains fixed 6-light windows and is trimmed with square-edged wood casings.

The east and west flanks of the former schoolhouse retain evidence of banks of five original windows that would have provided light to the classrooms prior to the installation of electricity. These rows of windows are trimmed with square-edged wood casings and have been infilled with boards.

The original rear wall of the building has been obscured by a 1-bay-deep frame shed addition. The north wall of the addition is pierced by three casement windows, one with nine lights and the other two with four lights. A small side gable frame addition extends off the west side of the original building. This addition is pierced by a 6-light wood awning window on its west wall, and a 9-light awning window on its south side.

The original building has been altered several times. The exterior has been reclad in asbestos shingles, the roof recovered with asphalt shingles, and the side windows enclosed. The facade appears to have been remodeled circa 1942, when the Lutheran church took over the building. At that time the Gothic revival-style pointed arch windows were added and the door likely remodeled.

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Two temporary trailers stand near the north and east sides of the building. Both are connected to the main building via decking and a canopy.

Today, the interior of the building is nearly unrecognizable as a church or a school. The funeral home that now occupies the space has redesigned the interior for its use, incorporating an office, chapel, and work rooms.

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The Board of County School Commissioners of Charles County purchased "The Glymont School Lot" from Benjamin D. & Sarah E. Tubman in 1882. Shortly thereafter, a primary school was established in a new one-room schoolhouse built there. The school was threatened with closure in 1898 because of its low enrollment and the proximity of the Indian Head school. However, the local school trustees, R.R. Knott, Hyland Brawner and John J. Gering were successful in soliciting several new students for the school and it remained open.¹

The Glymont School was expanded sometime early in the 20th century. A second room was added to house the fourth through seventh grade students. In 1922, both sections of the school burned down.² For a short time, the students were taught in two nearby abandoned stores, until the new schoolhouse was complete.³

This new structure had two classrooms and served for nearly twenty years before the Glymont School was consolidated with Indian Head around 1940. The land and school building were sold at public auction in 1945. For several years prior to the sale, the local Lutheran congregation, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior, utilized the building for its services. They purchased the building in 1946 and remodeled it for use as a church. The

¹ Charles County Retired Teachers Association, *A Legacy: One- and Two-Room Schools in Charles County*, The Charles County Retired Teachers Association, 1984, pp.23-24.

² Interview with Robert Boykin, longtime Glymont resident and Glymont School alum, September 1998.

³ Charles County Retired Teachers Association, 1984, p. 24.

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Lutherans occupied the building for over thirty years.⁴

The Lutherans sold the property to Kenneth L. Yates in 1979 for \$50,000. In 1987, the building and lot was acquired by Paul Lagana and Charles W. Howard. The building currently houses Williams Funeral Home.

The village of Glymont grew up around the steamboat wharf established before the Civil War along the Potomac River just north of Indian Head Point. Prior to the war, mail was delivered by contract with the Washington & Fredericksburg Steamboat Company whose steamers stopped twice daily at Marbury Landing (the lower of the two Glymont wharves). From there, mail was carried by stage to Port Tobacco and to the various rural post offices.⁵ In addition, Glymont served as a center of trade where farm products were shipped out and manufactured goods brought into the county. In 1827, regular steamboat passenger service was instituted along the Potomac River, servicing Glymont and the many wharves along Charles County's shoreline.⁶ Steamboats, thus, became the main mode of transportation to the "outside world" for many Charles Countians until the 1930s.

By the mid-19th century, Glymont consisted of two landings, Marbury to the south and Pye's to the north. The town grew to incorporate at least one store, a hotel, and the post office. By 1878, the town's population had reached 75, making it the fifth largest village in Charles County at that time.⁷ One doctor, N. Chapman, served the town, and shortly after 1882, the Glymont school was established. During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Glymont was the undisputed "hub" of water transportation in Charles County, appearing in more steamboat advertisements than any other wharf in the county.⁸

⁴ Brown, et al., p.186.

⁵ Jack D. Brown, et al., *Charles County, Maryland: A History*, 1976: p. 75.

⁶ Brown, et al., pp. 37-38.

⁷ Brown, et al., pp.75, 243, 386.

⁸ Brown, et al., p.41.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930
Modern Period, 1930-present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

EDUCATION; RELIGION; ARCHITECTURE

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): EDUCATION/School
RELIGION/Church

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title:

February 3, 1882: Benjamin D. & Sarah E. Tubman to
Board of County School Commissioners
of Charles County
"The Glymont School Lot"
Charles County Land Records
Liber BGS 5 Folio 587

May 14, 1946: The Board of Education of Charles
County to The Evangelical Lutheran
Church of Our Savior
\$3200
1 acre
Sold at public auction held
September 11, 1945
Charles County Land Records
Liber 86 Folio 416

February 13, 1979: Lutheran Church of Our Savior
(formerly The Evangelical Lutheran
Chirch...) to Kenneth L. Yates
\$50,000
Charles County Land Records
Liber 632 Folio 76

May 6, 1987: Kenneth L. Yates to Paul Lagana &
Charles W. Howard
\$65,000
Charles County Land Records
Liber 1213 Folio 71

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

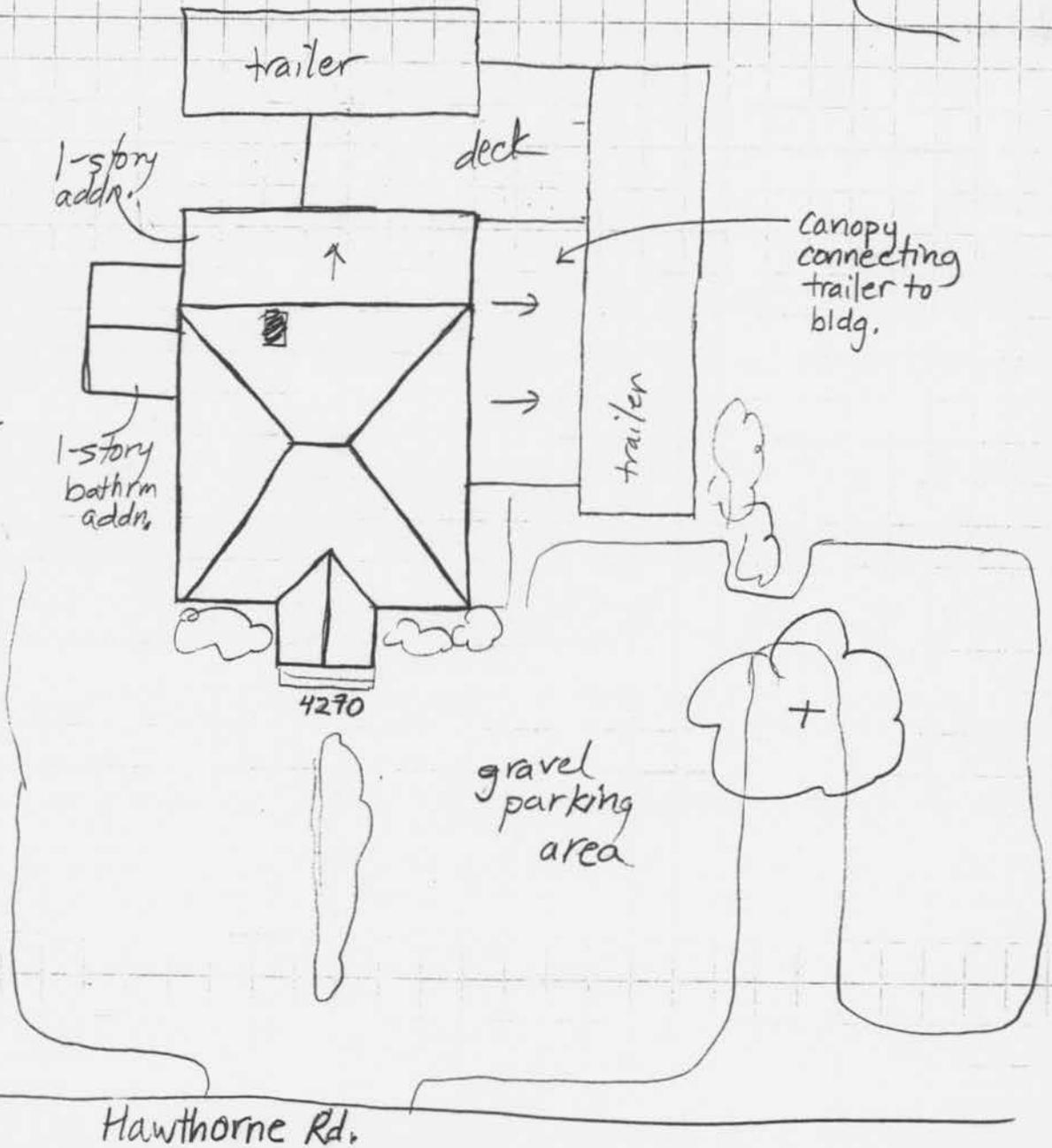
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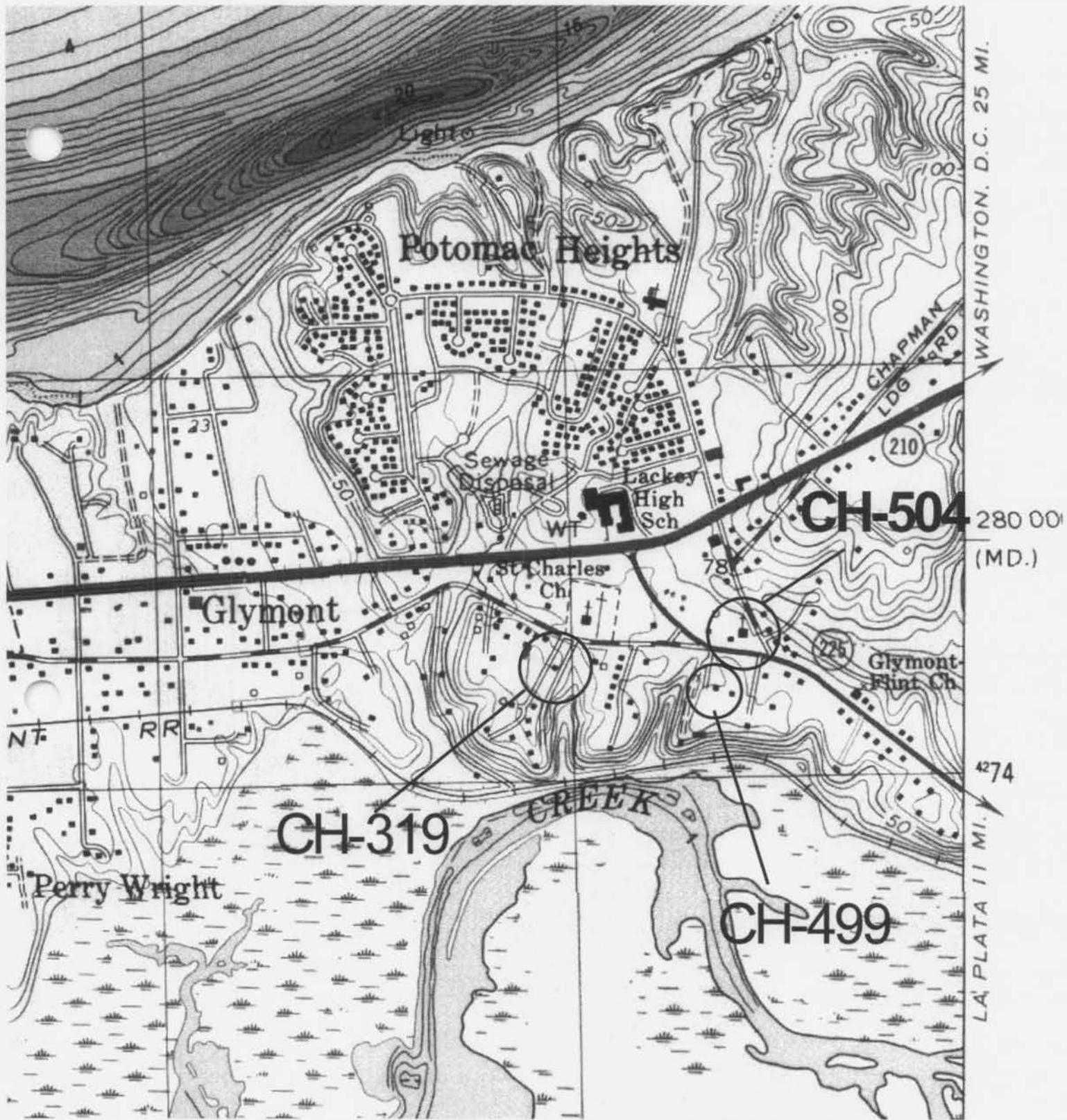
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