

Commanding one of the most magnificent views in Tidewater Maryland, this brick edifice was built against the west end of the original 17th century church structure standing on this site, with the sanctuary of the present church partially enclosed within the earlier structure. The earlier building now serves as a combination hyphen and sacristy connecting the manor house to the church.

The interior of St. Ignatius Church was destroyed in 1866 and all existing interior detail dates from the second half of the 19th century. Early 20th century photographs show the galleried interior to have had elaborate wall and ceiling frescoes of which only those within the sanctuary remain.

St. Thomas Manor dates from 1662 when the deed to the 4,000 acre property was formally turned over to the Jesuit Order after having been held in trust for the Society of Jesus by Thomas Matthews since the original grant to Father Copley in 1649. Shortly thereafter, a house and church, which the existing two buildings replaced, were erected here.

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There is a balcony around three sides supported by Doric style columns. There are two staircases in the west corner.

The Knights of Columbus marker reads:

St. Ignatius Catholic Church
St. Thomas Manor
Chapel Point, Maryland

Dating from 1662. The oldest continuously active parish in the United States founded 1641 by Father Andrew White S. J. who named Chapel Point. Present Church built in 1798. St. Thomas Manor has been a Jesuit Residence since its erection in 1741.

Archbishop Neale Council,
Knights of Columbus No. 2279
St. Thomas Manor General Assembly
Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus

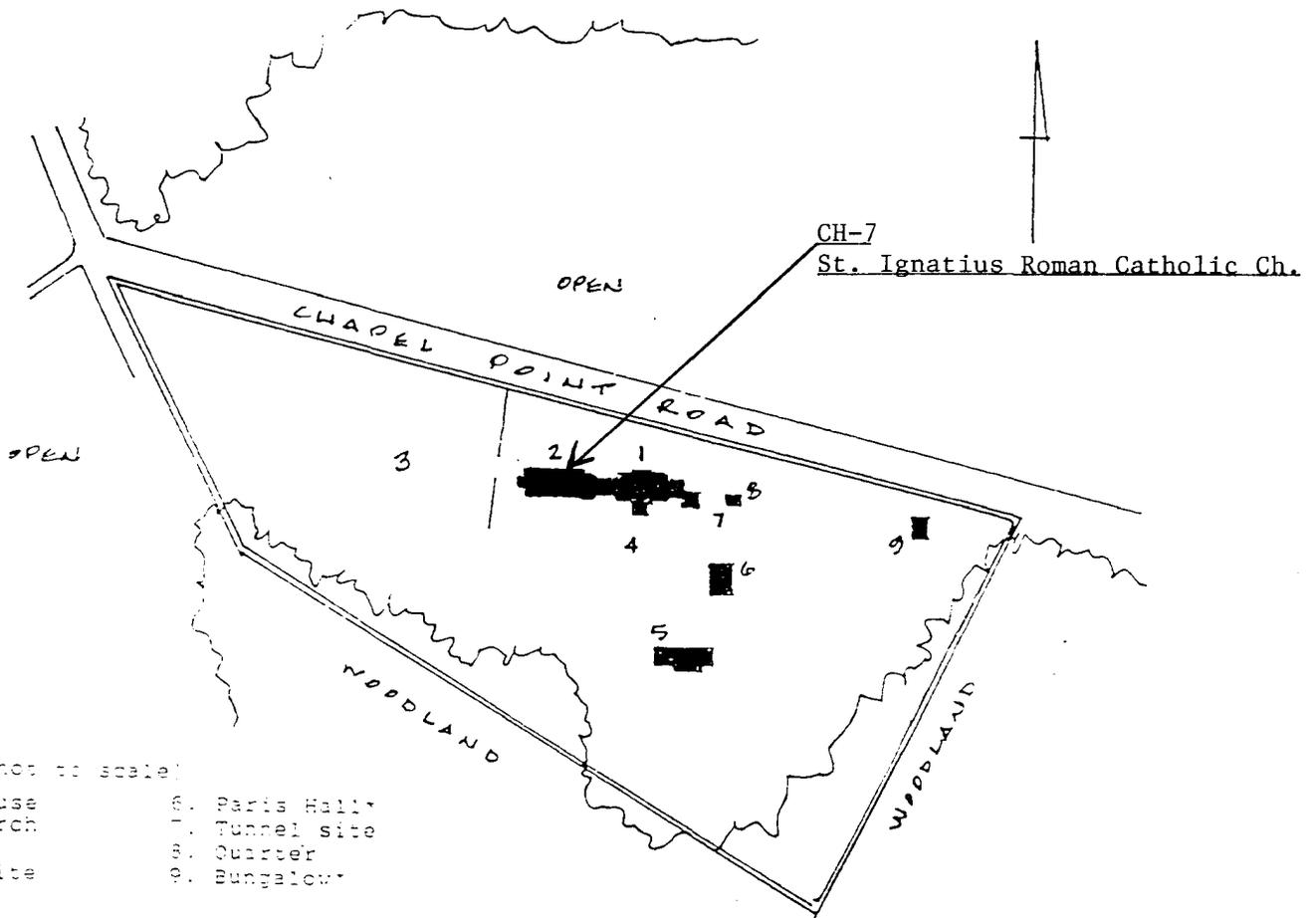
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RESOURCE SKETCH MAP, 1988

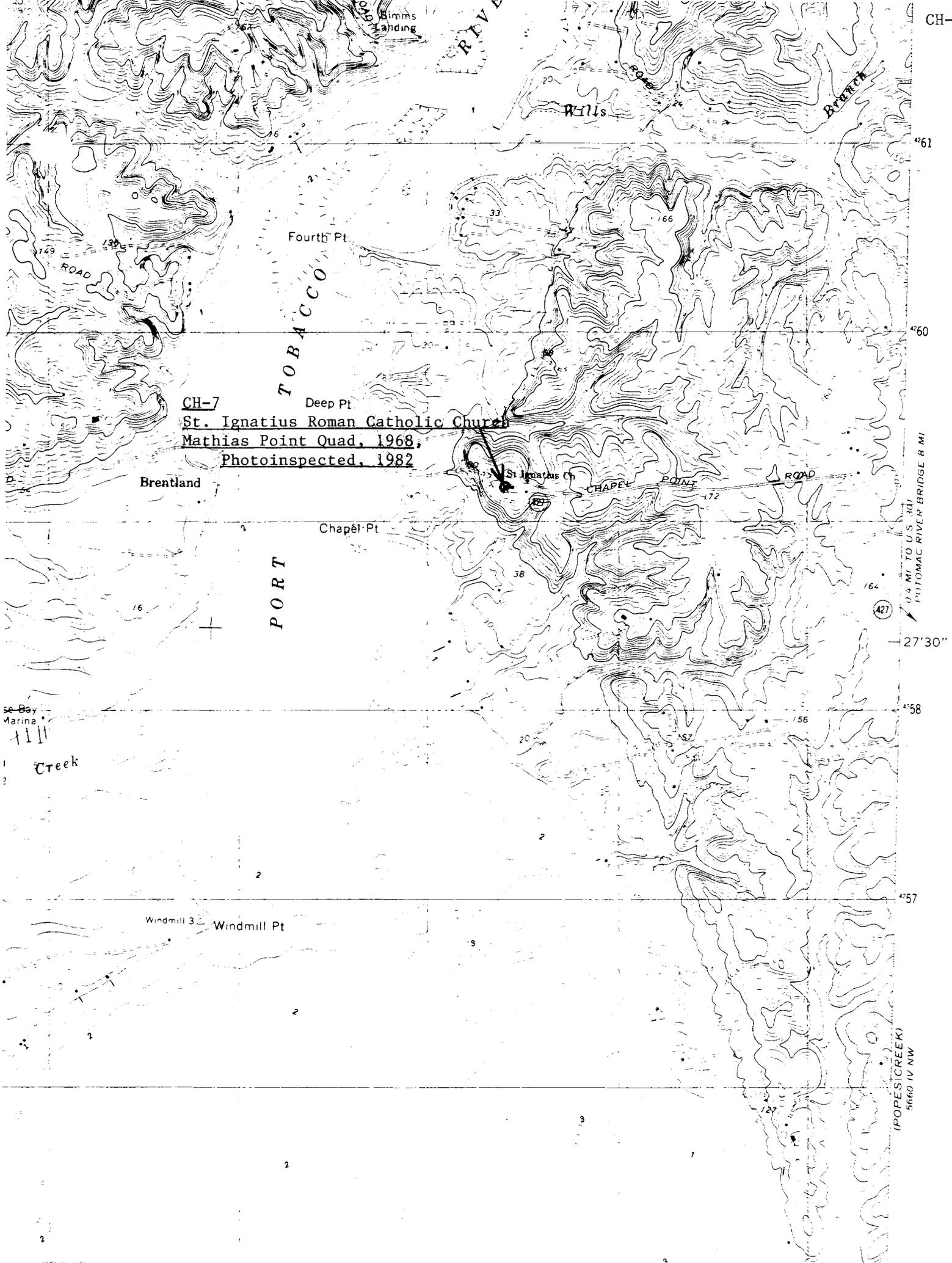


SITE PLAN:

(Buildings not to scale)

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| 1. Manor House | 8. Paris Hall* |
| 2. 1793 Church | 7. Tunnel site |
| 3. Cemetery | 8. Quarter |
| 4. Garden Site | 9. Bungalow* |
| 5. Barn | |

* Non-contributing



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 St. Ignatius Roman Catholic Church
 Mathias Point Quad, 1968,
 Photoinspected, 1982

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 POTOMAC RIVER BRIDGE 8 MI

(POPE'S CREEK)
 5660 IV NW



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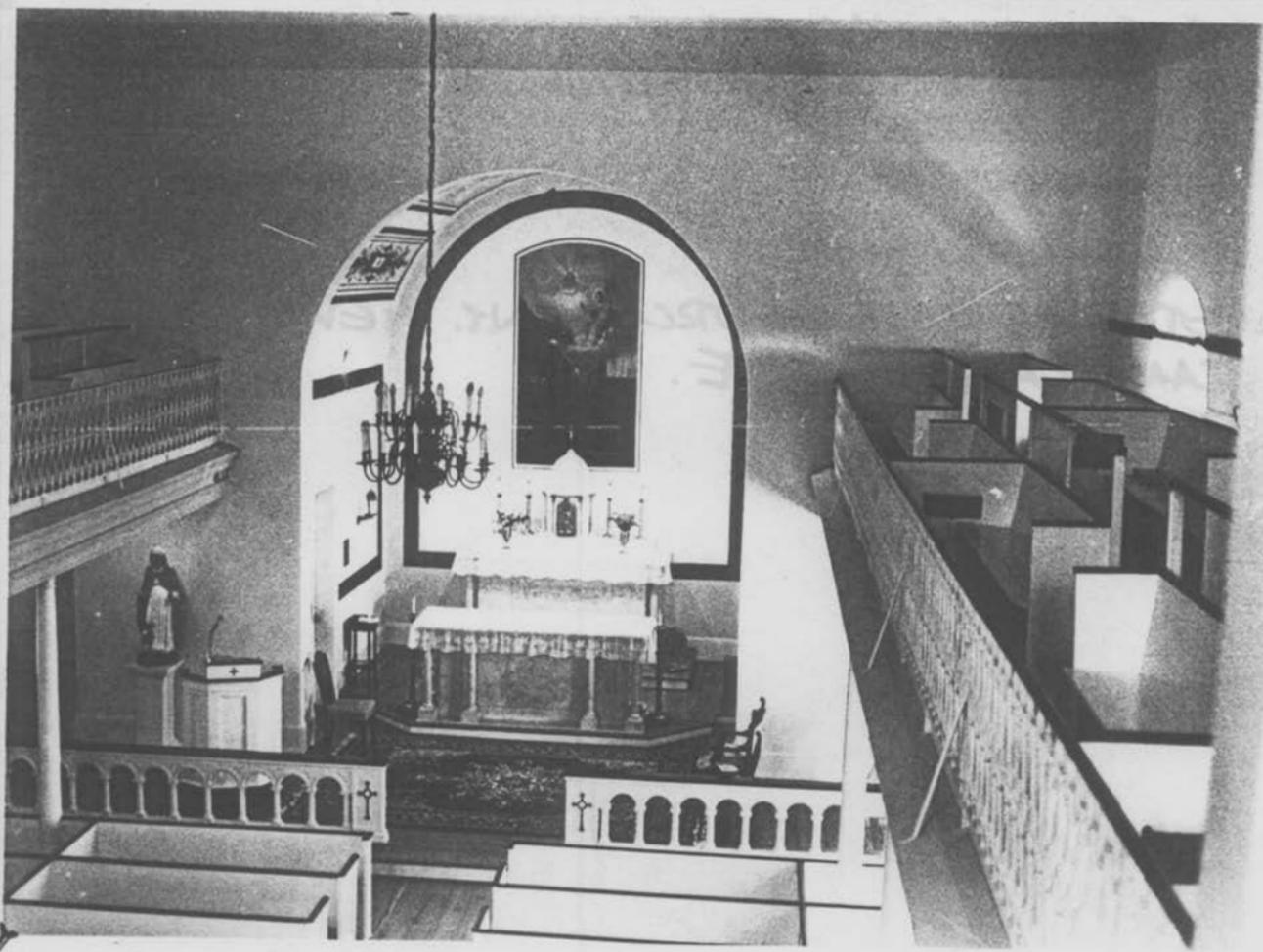
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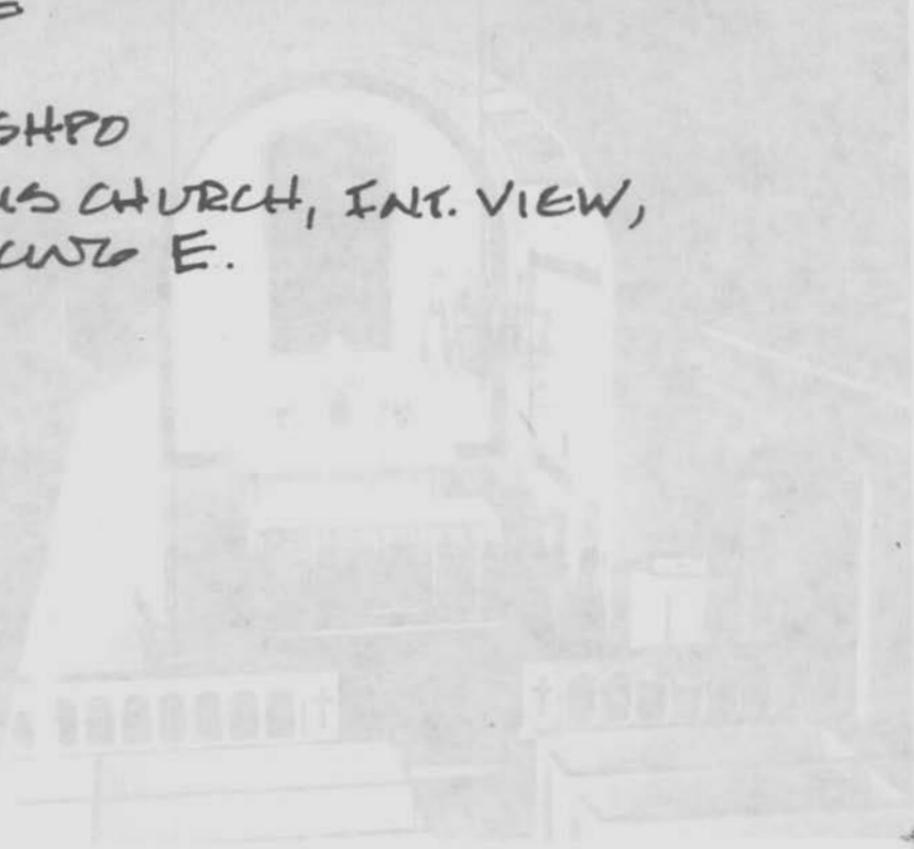
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2. CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND
3. J. R. RIVOIRE
4. 5/1988
5. MARYLAND SHPD
6. ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH, INT. VIEW,
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