

Dorchester - 605  
Waugh ME Church  
429 High St.  
Cambridge, MD 21613

1826, 1838, 1872, 1901

Access:Public

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Waugh ME Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

429 High Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Dorchester

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

**OWNERSHIP**

**STATUS**

**PRESENT USE**

\_\_\_DISTRICT

\_\_\_PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

\_\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

\_\_\_UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_PARK

\_\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_\_BOTH

\_\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

\_\_\_EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

\_\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_OBJECT

\_\_\_IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

\_\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_NO

\_\_\_MILITARY

\_\_\_OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Trustees, Waugh ME Church  
C/O Rev. George O. Commodore

Telephone #: 742-6529

STREET & NUMBER

402 Pine Street

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD, 21613

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Dorchester Co. Court House

Liber #: CL 24

Folio #: 89

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Cambridge

STATE Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

N/A

DATE

\_\_\_FEDERAL \_\_\_STATE \_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**
 EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

 DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED
**CHECK ONE**
 UNALTERED  
 ALTERED
**CHECK ONE**
 ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE 1826
**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This historic old church stands 10' from the west side of High Street; it faces east. It is constructed of brick and has a slate roof. It is 60' across the front facade and 120' in depth. It is a beautiful example of late Victorian architecture. There are two entrance towers, one on the northeast corner and one on the southeast. The southeast tower had an open belfry and is topped by an embriated slate cap. Both entrances are reached by eight stone steps. The double-doors (both sides) are wooden and painted red. There is a frontispiece stained glass window is in the center of the front facade. This window has "Christ as the Good Sheperd" depicted in the central panel (it is a Cathedral window ...20'). There are two circular windows in the front (in each one of the towers). These windows have 9 panes of colored glass (green & blue). There are two more 20' Cathedral stained glass windows on the north side of the building flanked by 2 20' lancet stained glass windows. On the south side of the building are 5 rectangular stained-glass windows 20'. Unfortunately, a brick addition (flat roof) was erected on the southwest end of the building in 1954 (Waugh Parish Hall). The main body of the church is gabled (East-West).

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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MAJOR HISTORICAL KEYPLACES

| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE  | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION   | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 1826-1838-1872-1901 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

| STATE | COUNTY |
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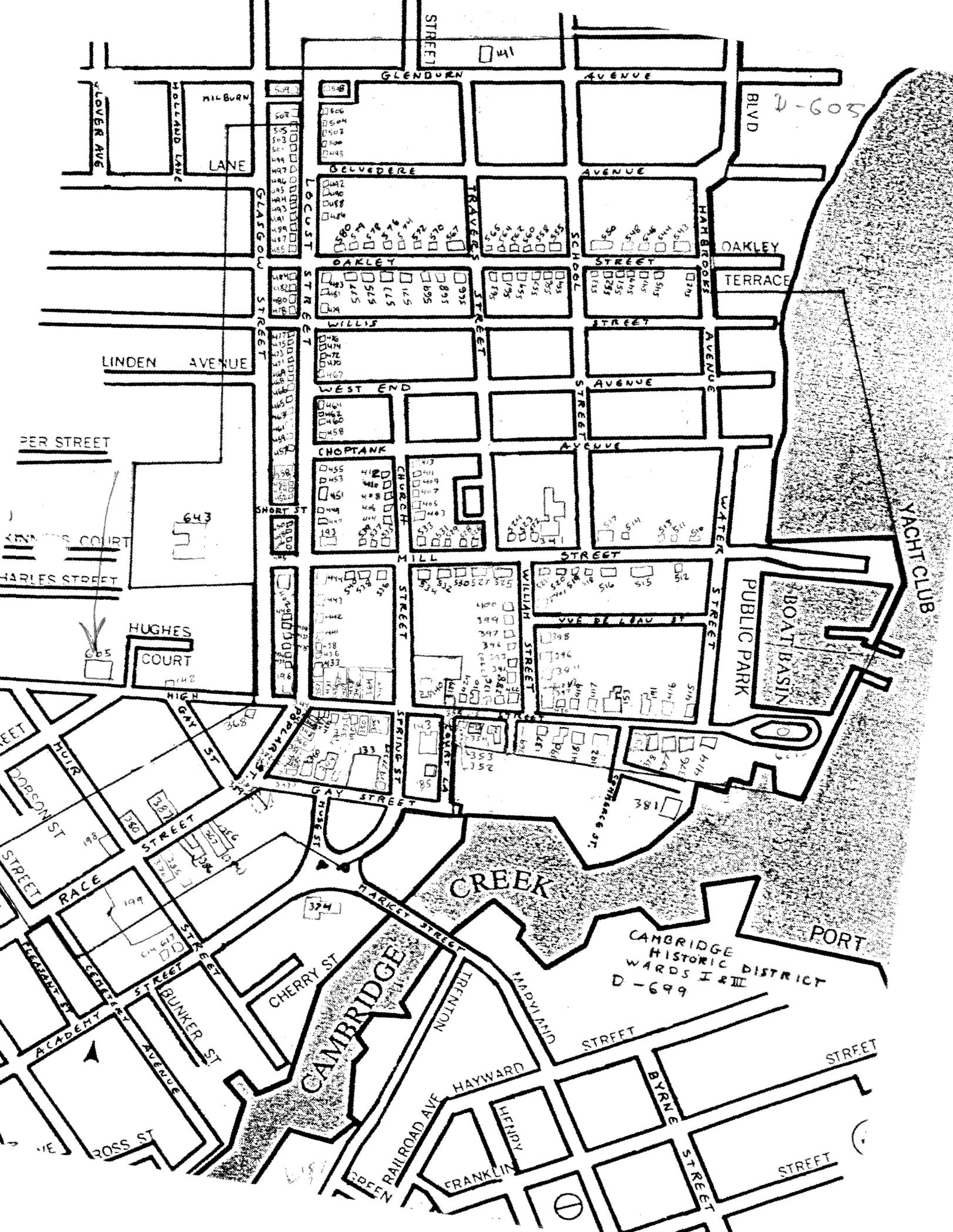
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| James W. Clark, Historic Sites Surveyor                |           |  |
| ORGANIZATION   | DATE      |  |
| Maryland Commission on Afro-American History & Culture |           |  |
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| 20 Dean Street   | 269-2893  |  |
| CITY OR TOWN   | STATE     |  |
| Annapolis,   | Maryland  |  |

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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PER STREET

KNOWLES COURT

CHARLES STREET

HUGHES COURT

CAMBRIDGE

CAMBRIDGE HISTORIC DISTRICT WARDS I & III D-699

BOAT BASIN

PUBLIC PARK

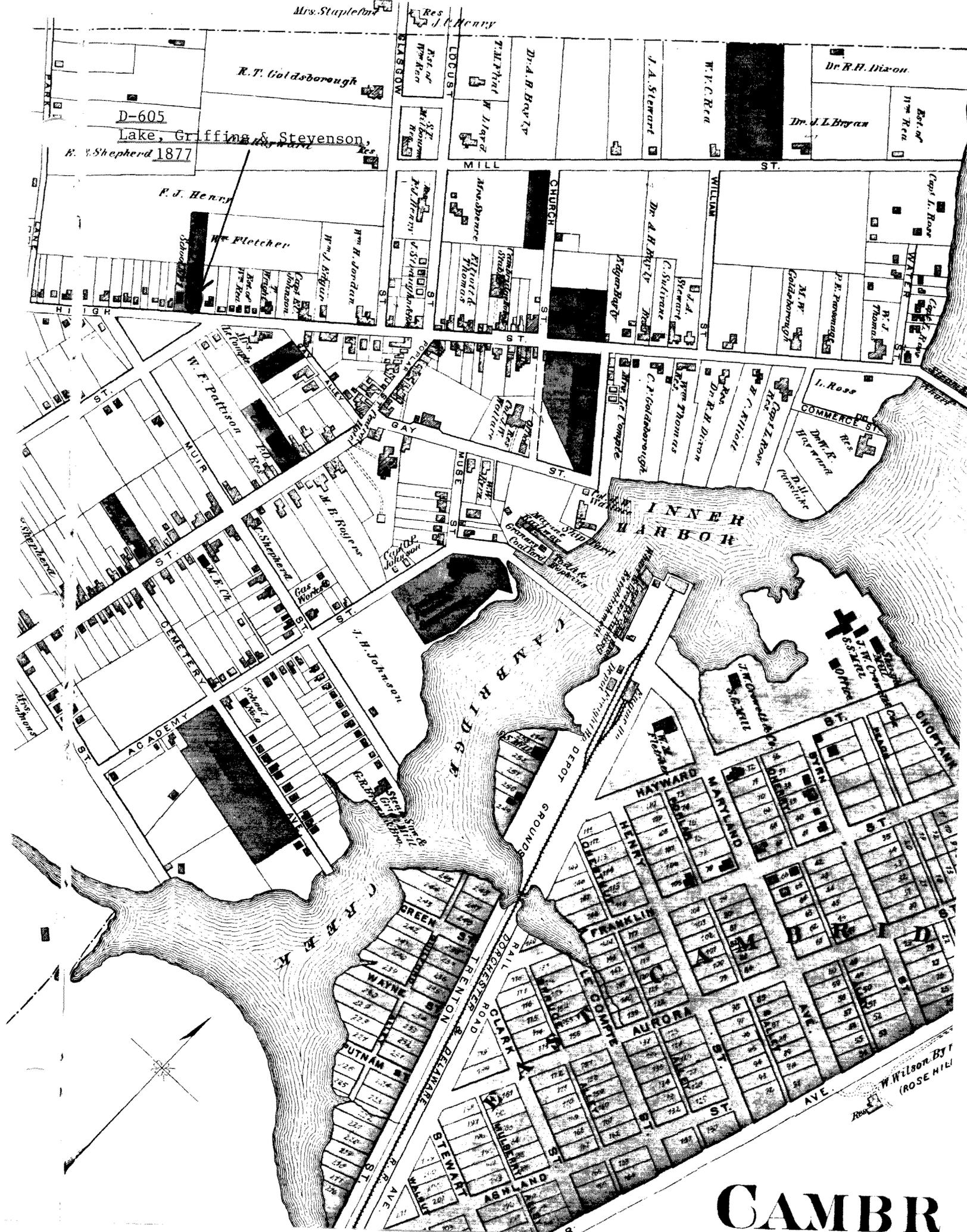
YACHT CLUB

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Lake, Griffing & Stevenson,

H. V. Shepherd 1877

P. J. Henry

W. Fletcher

W. F. Patton

MUIR

ACADEMY

CENETERY

J. H. Johnson

GREEN

WAYNE

PUTNAM

TRENTON

ORCHESTER

CLARK

STEWART

ASHLAND

RAIL

ROAD

DELAWARE

AVE

CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE

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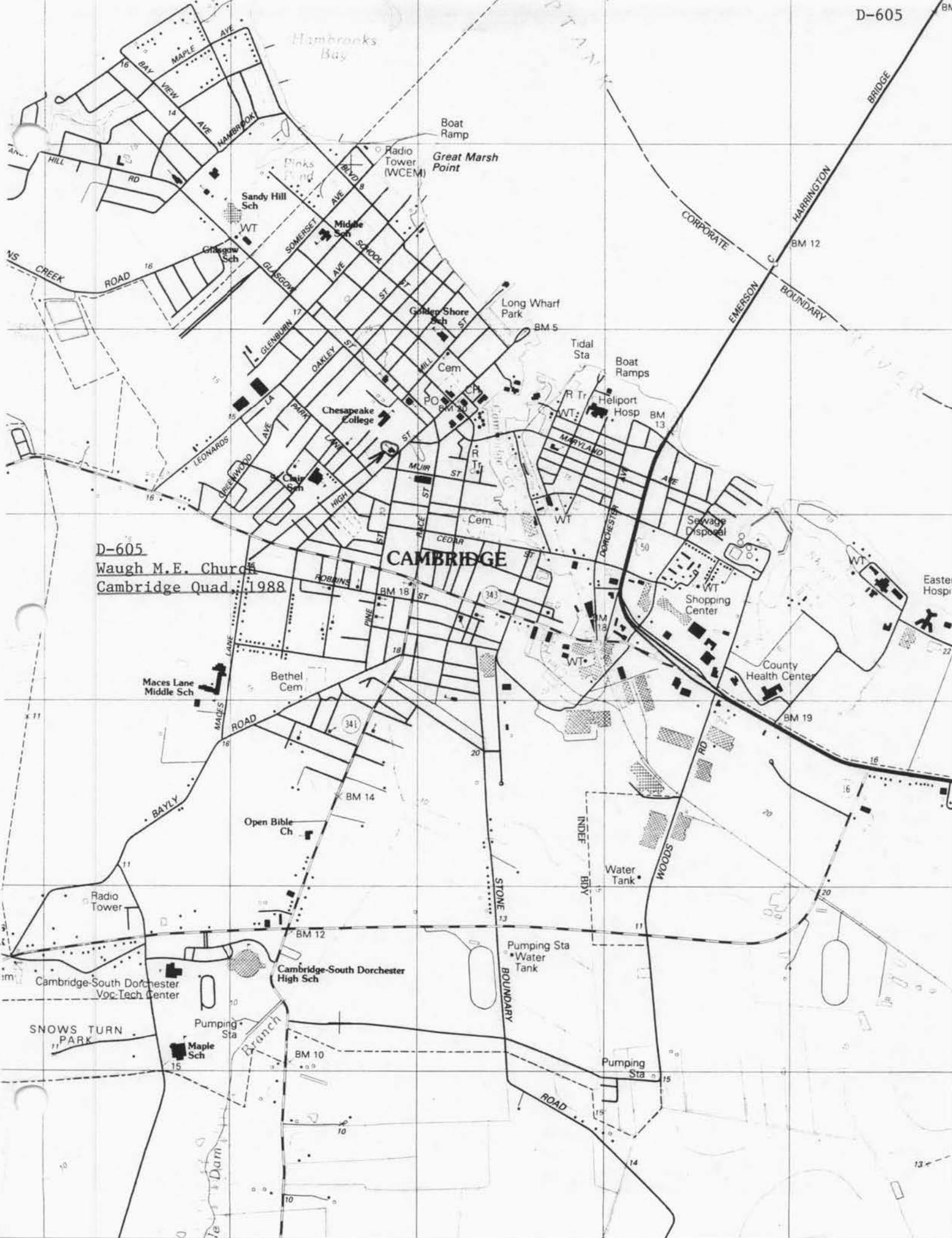
ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

WILSON BY

ROSE HILL

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 Waugh M.E. Church  
 Cambridge Quad. 1988

CAMBRIDGE

Maple Ave, Bay View Ave, Hill Rd, VS Creek Road, Somers Ave, Middle School, Chesapeake College, Golden Shore Sch, Long Wharf Park, Tidal Sta, Boat Ramps, Heliport Hosp, Sewage Disposal, Shopping Center, County Health Center, Easter Hosp, Water Tank, Pumping Sta, Water Tank, Cambridge-South Dorchester High Sch, Cambridge-South Dorchester Voc-Tech Center, Macses Lane Middle Sch, Bethel Cem, Open Bible Ch, Radio Tower, SNOWS TURN PARK, Te Dam Branch, BAYLY ROAD, ROBINS ST, PINE ST, CEDAR ST, MUR ST, RICE ST, WOODS RD, INDIE BAY, STONE BOUNDARY, WOODS BOUNDARY, HARRINGTON BRIDGE, EMERSON BOUNDARY, CORPORATE, BM 12, BM 5, BM 13, BM 18, BM 14, BM 10, BM 15, BM 19, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100



Waugh Methodist Episcopal Church  
Cambridge, Dorchester County, MD  
Michael Hosford

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Northeast elevation  
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