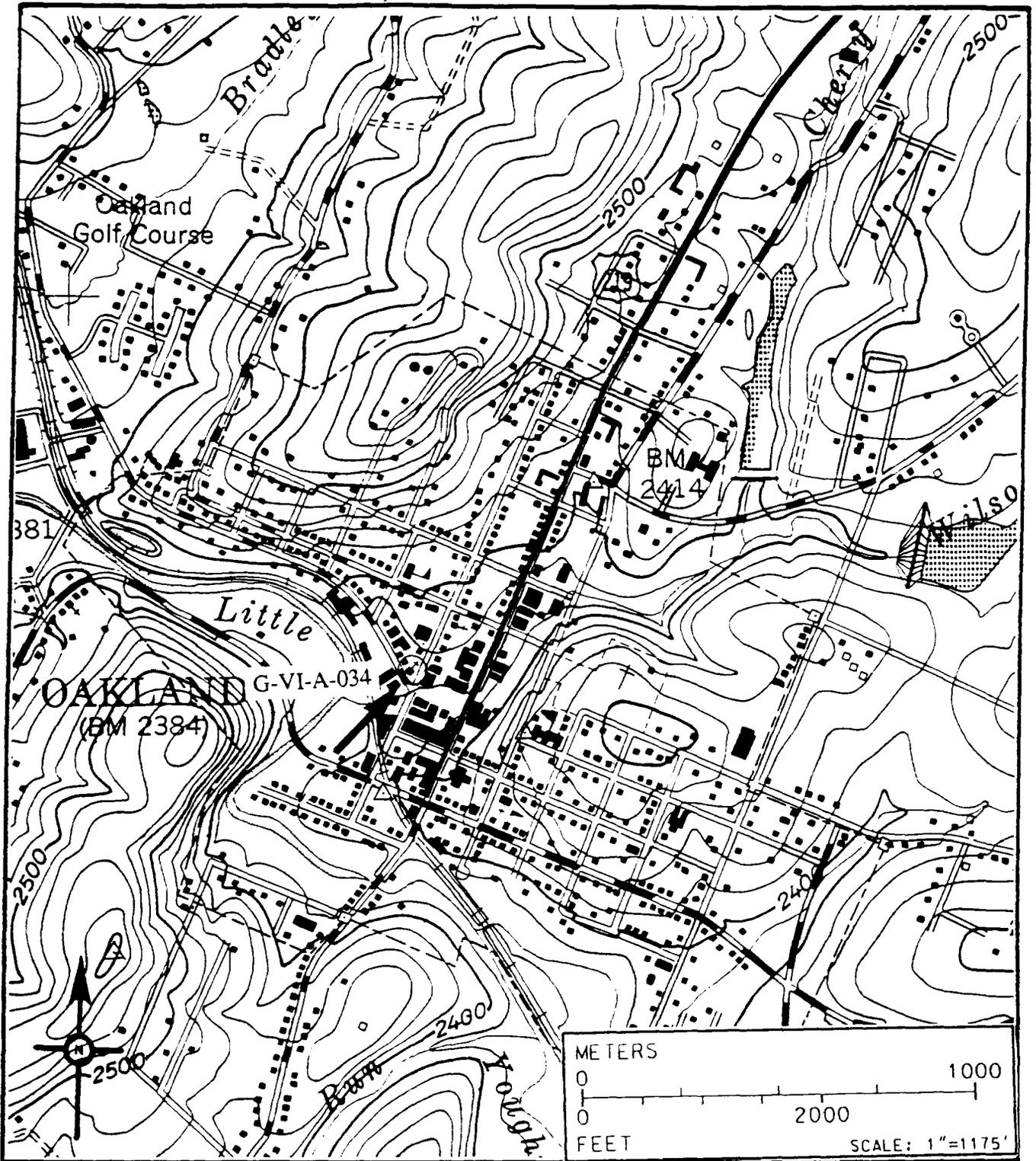


Addendum Sheet

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St. Matthew's Episcopal Church  
Oakland  
Garrett County

Preparer: Helen P. Ross  
Date Prepared: March 27, 1997

Although the original church building of 1868 remains relatively unchanged, hyphenated on its west elevation is a rather large, out of character two-story addition. Dating from the early or mid-1970's, the massive facade gable-roofed wing is made of a stretcher brick bond and has slender paired window units which are recessed in its western wall plane. Both buildings are covered with asphalt roof shingles.



Location Map

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St. Matthew's Episcopal Church  
Oakland, Garrett County

Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)





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N. R. FIELD SHEET

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:  
St. Matthew's Church (Episcopal)

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
'Church of the Presidents' / Garrett Memorial Church

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Liberty & Second Streets (nw corner)

CITY OR TOWN:  
Oakland

STATE: Maryland CODE: COUNTY: Garrett CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:  
St. Matthew's Parish (Diocese of Maryland)

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Liberty Street

CITY OR TOWN: Oakland STATE: Maryland CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: city lot

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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STATE:  
COUNTY:  
ENTRY NUMBER  
DATE  
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church is a long and narrow rectangular block with a rather steep roof. Built of rusticated stones about the size of cinder blocks (darkened with age and soot), the nave is 5 bays divided by simple exterior buttresses, each bay having one stained glass filled lancet. These are the only windows except for a circular stained glass window just below the eaves on the 'east' and 'west' ends. There is also no articulated chancel as such, but there is a small stone entrance porch with peaked roof and pointed arch doorway. At the 'south-west' corner of the church there is a simple buttressed octagonal tower with two stages of masonry (the 2nd stage has lancets on three sides), while the 3rd stage is an octagonal wood belfry with louvred lancets on all sides. This is topped by a shingled spire and a cross. The church is approached up seven new concrete steps which break through a stone retaining wall.

The interior of St. Matthew's is as simple as the exterior. The walls are white stucco with no decoration save three lamps hanging from the ceiling. There is a gallery across the rear bay. Although a simple, unrelieved box, the chancel-altar area is set off by low steps; the choir seats further accentuate the chancel by being set 'in choir'. Furniture is recent (1966), as is wainscoating, carpeting and walls.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/>	16th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	18th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	20th Century <input type="checkbox"/>
15th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	17th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	19th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1868

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Political <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>architecture</u>
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		_____
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

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St. Matthew's was built in 1868 by John W. Garrett as a memorial to his brother Henry, and was called the Garrett Memorial Church, becoming a Presbyterian church officially in 1903. In 1936 the Episcopal Church began using the building and in 1962 the Baltimore Presbytery deeded the building to St. Matthew's, who then restored the church in 1966 when it was consecrated by Bishop Doll. [information from plaque in the church].

Despite the church's simplicity (when compared to other Episcopal churches of the period), the exterior is not unattractive, and with its spire, it occupies an important site in the center of Oakland. Associated with the family that opened up the county as a summer resort, this must be one of the older buildings in Oakland. The so-called 'Church of the Presidents', this is where Presidents Grant, Harrison, and Cleveland worshipped, which would make the church a monument.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Rev. W. Shelby Walthall, Rector  
 Rectory: 140 N. Fourth Street, Oakland, Md.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
 William Morgan

ORGANIZATION: Department of Art History

DATE: June 2, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 University of Delaware

CITY OR TOWN: Newark

STATE: Delaware

CODE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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N.R. FIELD SHEET

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: "Church of the Presidents"  
 AND/OR HISTORIC: ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH (EPISCOPAL)  
 GARRETT MEMORIAL CHURCH

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: (NW CORNER) Liberty's Second Streets  
 CITY OR TOWN: Oakland  
 STATE: MD CODE: COUNTY: GARRETT CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>		

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH  
 STREET AND NUMBER: LIBERTY STREET  
 CITY OR TOWN: Oakland STATE: Md. CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
 STREET AND NUMBER:  
 CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:  
 APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: city lot

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
 DATE OF SURVEY: Federal  State  County  Local   
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
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 CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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STATE: COUNTY: ENTRY NUMBER: DATE: FOR NPS USE ONLY

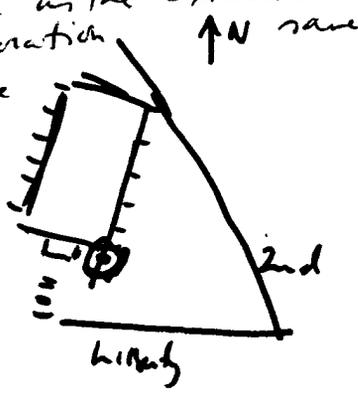
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CONDITION	(Check One)					
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

ST. Matthew's Episcopal Church is a long ~~with~~ rectangular ~~block~~ block with a ~~very~~ rather steep roof. Built with rusticated stone blocks ~~and~~ ~~massive~~ ~~massive~~ ~~stones~~ stones about the size of ~~of~~ cinder blocks (darkened w/ age-soot), the nave is divided 5 bays by simple exterior luthenes, @ bay having one stained glass filled lancet. These are the only windows except for a circular stained glass window at east + west ends placed high up. There is no <sup>articulated</sup> chancel as such, but there is a small stone entrance porch with peaked roof + pointed arch doorway. At the 'north west' corner of the church there is simple luthened octagonal tower with 2 stages of masonry; the 2nd stage has lancets on 3 sides, while the 3rd stage is an octagonal wood belfry with loured lancets on all sides. This is topped by a shingled spire + cross. The church is approached up 7 new concrete steps which break through a stone wall.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 16th Century
- 18th Century
- 20th Century
- 15th Century
- 17th Century
- 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1868

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>    | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>  | Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>  | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/>       | Industry <input type="checkbox"/>     | Science <input type="checkbox"/>              | <u>Architecture</u>                      |
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
**W. MORGAN**

ORGANIZATION: **MHT** DATE: **VI/2/1970**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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 Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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FIGURE 190.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Oakland

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