

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Church of St. Mary of the Assumption
AND/OR COMMON St. Mary's old Church building

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER St. Mary's Church Road
CITY, TOWN Pylesville VICINITY OF first
STATE Maryland COUNTY Harford County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Archdiocese of Baltimore, Corporation Sole Telephone #:
STREET & NUMBER Catholic Center, 320 Cathedral Street
CITY, TOWN Baltimore VICINITY OF STATE, zip code MD

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: ALJ 8
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse FOLIO #: 153
STREET & NUMBER 40 South Main Street
CITY, TOWN Bel Air STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE
_FEDERAL _STATE _COUNTY _LOCAL

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	Crude Additions	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This rectangular Church building is located on the west side of St. Mary's Church Road in Pylesville. Originally, this building's principal entrance was on the south facade but crude frame structures have been added to both the north and south facades and limit this building's visibility.

The old church building is a one story, common bond, brick structure, three bays by one. It is built onto low rubble stone foundations. Its roof runs north-south and has slate shingles. The brick forms a step cornice at the roof line.

There are three windows on both the east and west facades: these have sashes of twelve lights over twelve under a semi-circular arch of eight lights. A semi-circular brick arch surrounds the lighted arch. On the east facade, there appears to have been, at one time, a side entrance, as a flat, brick arch is clearly visible. No details are visible on the north facade as a frame addition blocks its view.

An old photograph, reproduced in Clarence Joerndt's St. Ignatius, Hickory, and Its Missions, shows the details of the principal facade (the south side) before the addition of a frame structure. A frame belfry had been present at the center of roof ridge on the south side. What appears to be the belfry's base is still present. This facade had a center door, probably double hung and of moulded wood panels. A window above the door is sketched on the enclosed page. This church bears a striking resemblance to the original Church of St. Ignatius in Hickory.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input 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 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 1855

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This church, constructed in 1855 and completed in 1856, bears a striking resemblance to the original church of St. Ignatius in Hickory. The church was completed during the tenure of Rev. J.A. Walter, pastor at St. Ignatius, through the work of a very dedicated community.

The land on which this building stands was donated by Ignatius G. and Margaret Macatee in June of 1856. The tract was called Harry's Delight. The Macatee family had long been active in affairs of the Church and prior to the building's construction had offered their home as a place of worship. The stone dwelling built by Henry Macatee on the family Belle Farm (HA-477) often its completion in 1820. This home was used for many years after and Mass was held there regularly. This area, known as the Barrens in the early nineteenth century, was often mentioned on the correspondence of priests serving in northern Maryland.

As the years passed, by around the middle of the nineteenth century, the Catholics residing in the area became increasingly restive about the absence of a Church and the fact that they had to depend on what must have been infrequent visits by the pastor stationed at St. Ignatius. On March 2, 1844, when Capt. Henry Macatee drafted his last Will and testament, one provision sets aside a lot of land for the construction of a church. This lot was never used for the Church's purpose.

In 1872 the church received its first resident pastor, Rev. Joseph A. Gallen, after the completion of the frame rectory still present. Between 1880 and 1883, during the tenure of the Rev. John J. Conway, the sanctuary was enlarged and a sacristy was added.

A new church was started between 1889 and 1890 and was finished in 1895. The old church building is now used as a social room and a crude frame building now butts against it at one end.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Joerndt, Clarence V.; St. Ignatius, Hickory, and Its Missions, 1972.

Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage; 1967.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property on which the Church building stands is bordered on the south by additional Church lands; on the east by St. Mary's Church Road.

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susan M. Deeney, Field Historian

January 25, 1977

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission

DATE

838-6000 ext. 207

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

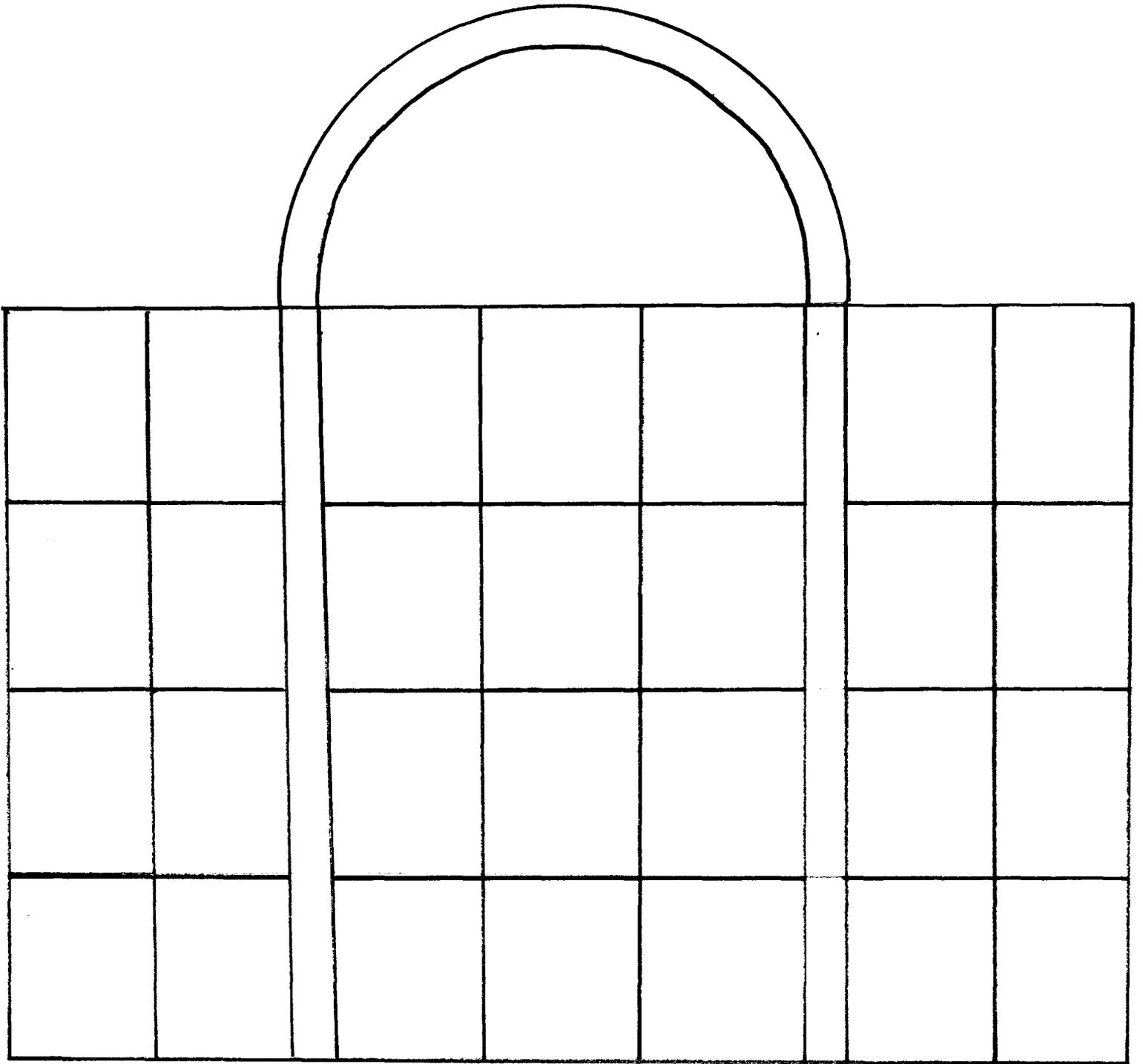
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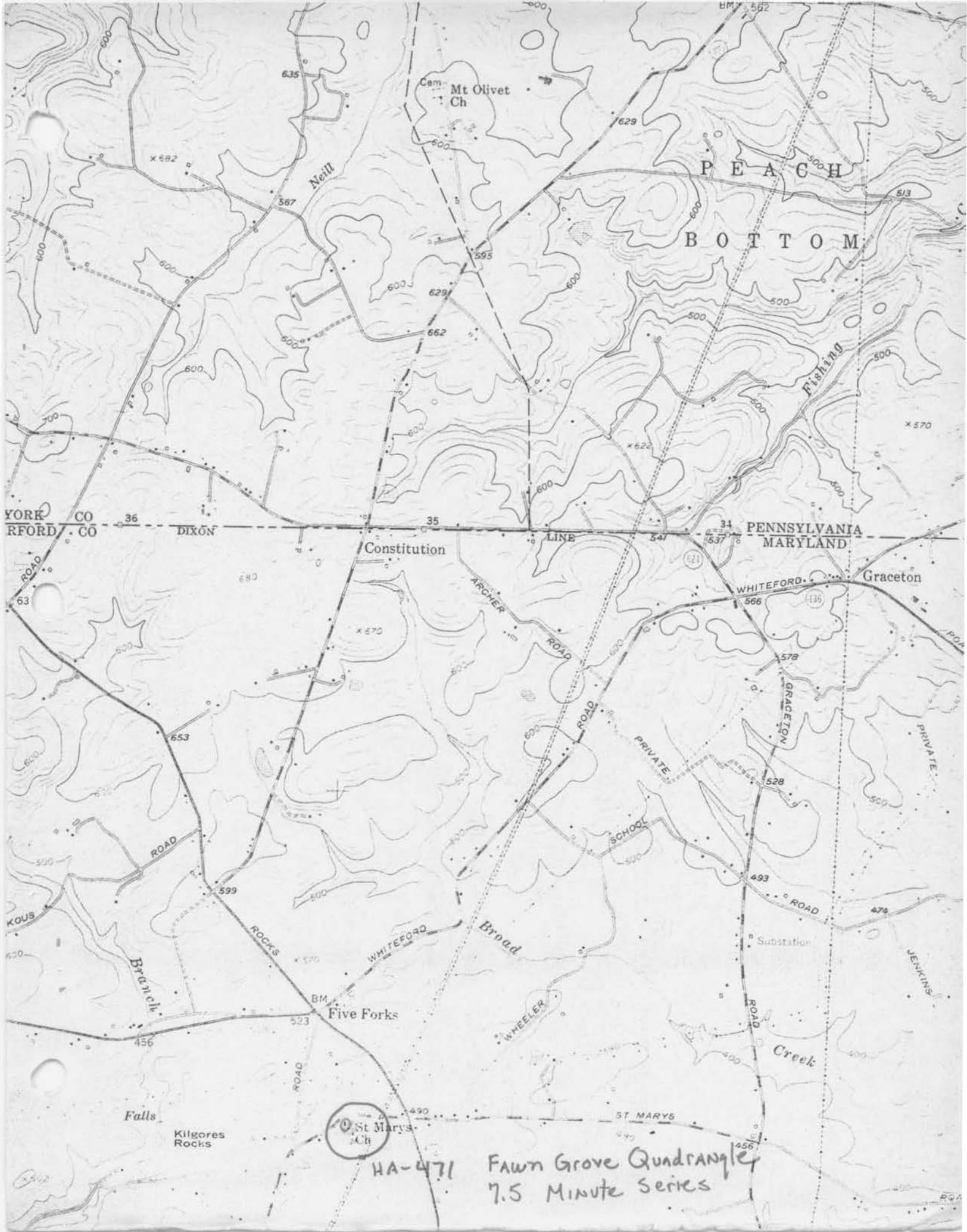
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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