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St. Michael's R. C. Church 1880
Poplar Springs
Private

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-290
Woodbine Quad
District 4
MAGI# 1402905608

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

St. Michael's R. C. Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

S. W. Corner of St. Michael's and Hardy Roads

CITY, TOWN

Poplar Springs

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input 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 checked="" 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

Roman Catholic Arch. of Baltimore

Telephone #: 489-7667

STREET & NUMBER

St. Michael's Road

CITY, TOWN

Poplar Springs

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

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Hall of Records

Liber #: 270 42
Folio #: 454 (d) 470

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978-1979

—FEDERAL STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

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District 4

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Fenestration for the building is entirely mitre arched and double-hung. Windows hold two-over-two lights, bordered by seven-over-six lights, underlined by flat wooden sills, now covered with aluminum.

A gabled roof, enclosed entrance porch, centered on the north wall, holds an eight paneled double door, each side of which holds four arched lights. A four light, fan light is set over the entrance and a carved triangular inset is placed above it, in the "A" line of the gable of the entrance porch. The north wall of the church holds a single east and west bay window, similar to those described, which flank the projecting entrance porch. A leaden paned, bull's eye is centered above the entrance porch on the north wall and similarly on the south wall. Its central circle depicts the Mother Mary on the north and St. Michael on the south.

The west wall holds four windows, while the east wall holds three nave windows, with a cellar door placed between the two north bay windows. Its south bay holds the sacristy.

The eaves are deeply cut and feature decorative roof timbering and bange-boards decorated with carvings, on the north elevation, held by four brackets with a central gothic arch, behind which is a narrow, rectangular, louvered attic vent. Another similar vent is placed on the south wall.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

HO-290
Woodbine-Quad
District 4

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 checked="" 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 1880

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Michael's church at Poplar Springs, Howard County, Maryland, is the earliest Catholic Church standing in this community, constructed in 1880.¹ Its distinction is expanded upon by its construction in the Gothic Revival Style of the late 1800's, for it is the only structure of this style in the Poplar Springs - Lisbon area of Howard County.² Additionally, the addition of a small sacristy is important for it reflects a common practise in the building history of the United States, retaining and preserving the original architectural integrity of the building.³

History and Support

1. By the late nineteenth century the number of Roman Catholic families had increased in the Poplar Springs area to such an extent that a meeting of 20 Catholic residents was held in June, 1879 at the home of Lilbourn F. Kuhn. A priest of Woodstock College, Father Ferrari, S. J. was also present and suggested subscriptions be initiated for a new church. By June 12, 1880 the present church had been constructed and the corner-stone laid. On October 18, 1880 the Reverend Edward I. Devitt, S. J., under whom the parish or mission was placed, celebrated the first mass. Archbishop James Gibbons dedicated the church and administered the sacrament of confirmation on June 4, 1882. For the next ten years various Jesuit priests from Woodstock served as pastors and were boarded by members of the congregation. In 1892 St. Michaels at Poplar Springs and Holy Family Church at Harrisonville in Baltimore County were made missions of St. Josephs Church at Sykesville, under the Right Reverend Monsigneur James F. Nolan. Please see Item 7.

2. The western section of Howard County is noted for its fine vernacular architecture exhibited in its log and frame houses, many of which date form the mid-eighteenth to mid-nineteenth century. Very few buildings, except church edifices, feature recognizable stylistic detail. St. Michael's is particularly fortunate in having had little alteration occur and retains its late nineteenth century charm.

3. Alteration, however, has occured with the addition of the intersecting gabled roofsacristy, creating an "L" plan, rather than an "I" plan. This addition, however, has been constructed to the scale of the original building and is an integral part of it. Rather than superimposing itself on the the original structure it blends gracefully into the structure, maintaining only a small, one room addition off the south bay of the east wall, which features a matching pitch to its gable roof and a similar height to its walls. This addition, as well as the original structure, has been covered with a common exterior siding.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Centennial Edition of the Howard County Times

Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Stackhouse
at the Howard County Historical Society, May 20, 1980.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3 Acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 7

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 42 Folio 470

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: St. Michael's Catholic Church

AND/OR HISTORIC: " " " "

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Poplar Springs ~~Poplar Springs~~

CITY OR TOWN: Poplar Springs

STATE: md CODE: COUNTY: Howard CODE:

SW corner of intersection of St. Michael's Rd & Hardy Rd

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input 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 type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built farther west - Howard County -

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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) 1881

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> | Education <input type="checkbox"/> | Political <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Phi-
losophy <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input type="checkbox"/> | Science <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/> | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Human-
itarian <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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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blank area for major bibliographical references.

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: _____

ORGANIZATION _____ DATE _____

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY OR TOWN: _____ STATE _____ CODE _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 _____

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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St. Michael's Catholic Church

located by MOB 7/21/70

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St. Michael's Catholic Church

located at 1000 Ave. A

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St. Michael's Catholic Church

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1. STATE <u>Md</u> COUNTY <u>Howard</u> TOWN _____ VICINITY _____ STREET NO. _____ ORIGINAL OWNER _____ ORIGINAL USE _____ PRESENT OWNER _____ PRESENT USE _____ WALL CONSTRUCTION _____ NO. OF STORIES _____	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY
	2. NAME <u>St. Michael's Catholic Church</u> DATE OR PERIOD <u>late 19th</u> STYLE _____ ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____
3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

St. Michael's Catholic Church is a late 19th century Victorian church very similar in style to other rural religious edifices of the period which dot the Howard County countryside.

Facing N. the facade has a single storey projecting ~~apron~~. The A roof has exposed rafters at the eaves which are carved in a scalloped pattern. The main door to the ~~apron~~ is of recent date but is surmounted by a single segmental ~~arch~~ three paneled stained oversight. On each side of the ~~apron~~, at the N. wall of the main block, is a single lancet arched window containing a fixed (?) sash of rectangular panes. This same window design is repeated in the four windows of the E and W elevation.

The roof plan is A frame with an interior belfry at the N. end. This

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior

lowered belfry is "supported" by a bracketed modillion cornice.



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

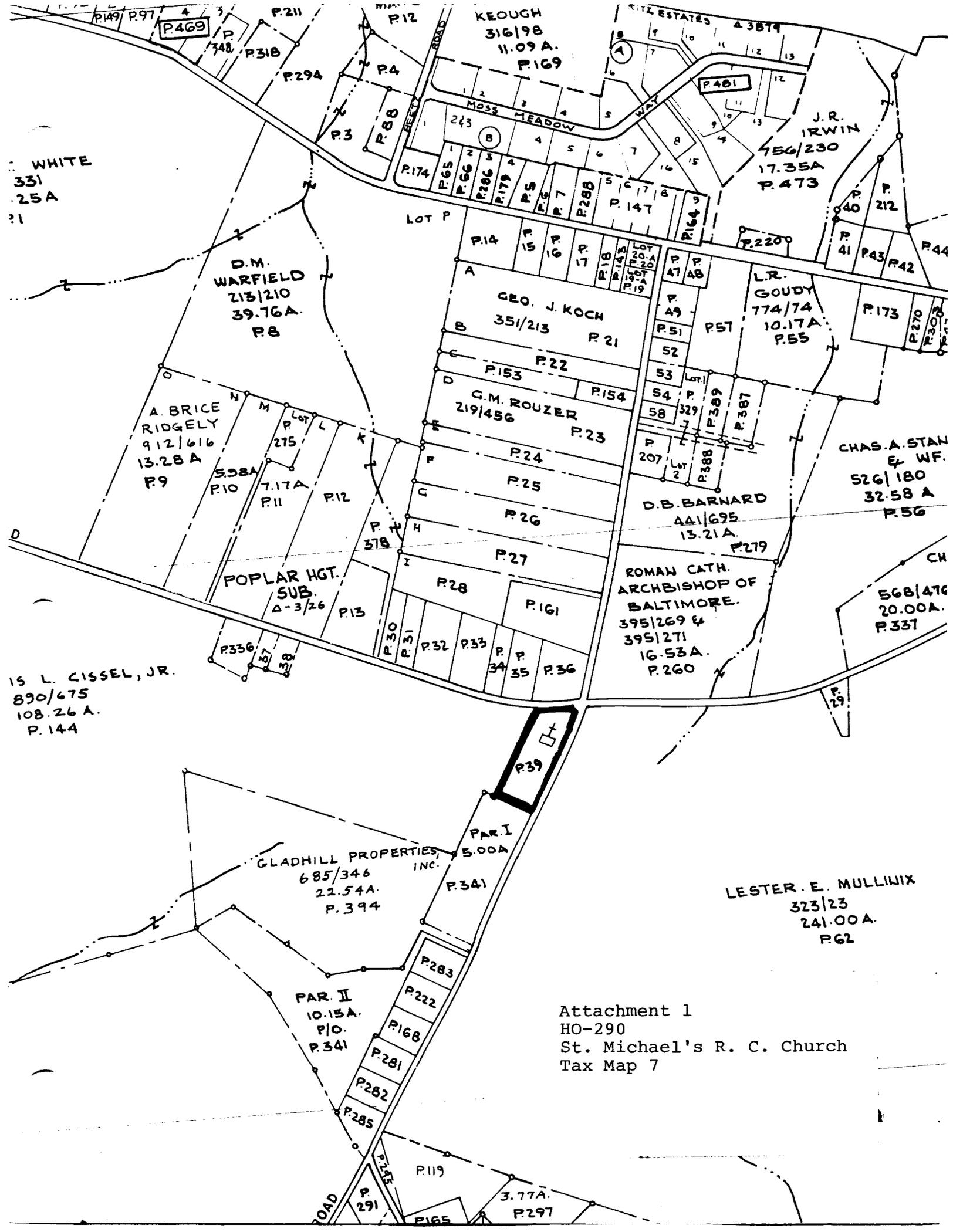
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Attachment 1
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St. Michael's R. C. Church
Tax Map 7

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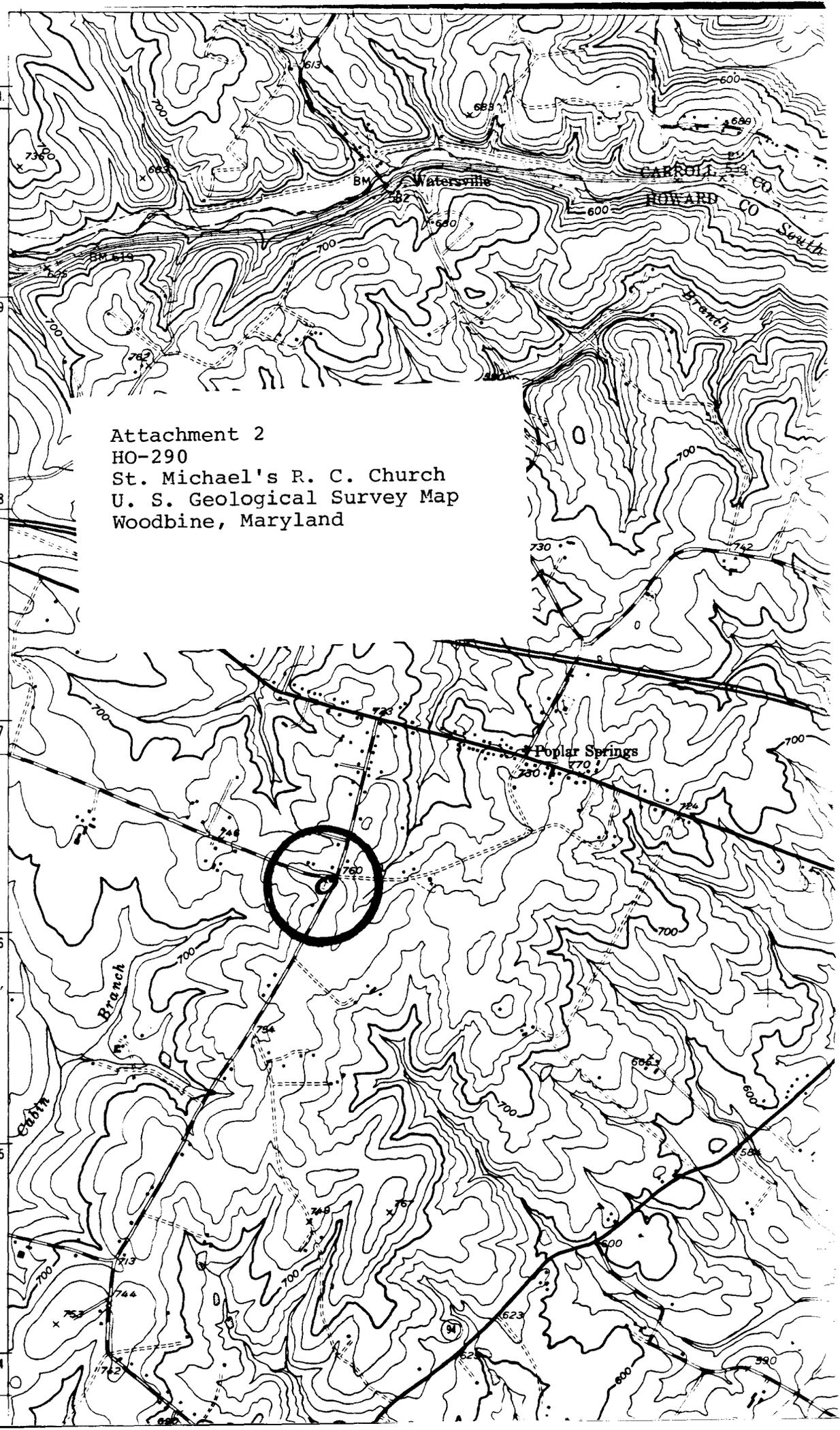
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HAGERSTOWN 42 MI.
FREDERICK 16 MI.

Attachment 2
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St. Michael's R. C. Church
U. S. Geological Survey Map
Woodbine, Maryland





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Mar 7, 1952

St Michael's Catholic Church



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St. Michael's R. C. Church
Location: S. W. corner of St. Michael's and Hardy Roads
Poplar Springs, Maryland
Photographer: Cleora B. Thompson, A.I.C.P.
Date of photograph: May, 1980
Negatives in possession of the Maryland Historical Trust
View: Northwest
Photographer looking: Southeast
Photograph number: 1 of 1