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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Elkridge,
Private

1911

The congregation of Grace Episcopal Church was begun in 1841 when the Reverend Robert Piggott held Sunday afternoon services at Rockburn and other surrounding Elkridge homes. In 1845 it was admitted into the diocese of Maryland as a parish.

Two previous buildings were destroyed by fire before the present structure was erected in 1911.

Designed by George Worthington, a vestryman of Grace Church, it is an exceptionally fine example of English perpendicular in a cruciform plan with high pitched intersecting gabled slate roofs, located on the crest of a hill commonly called Elkridge Heights south and west of the B&O railroad.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: Grace Episcopal Church					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: Southeast Side of Main Street & B & O Railroad/West, B & O Railroad/West					
CITY OR TOWN: Elkridge Heights -- Elkridge					
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Howard		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District	<input type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Grace Episcopal Church c/o Robert Gaurlay					
STREET AND NUMBER: 5805 Main Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Elkridge			STATE: Maryland		21227
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Hall of Records					
STREET AND NUMBER: Howard County Court House					
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City			STATE: Maryland		21043
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Map 38, Blk 14					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY: Howard County Historic Sites Inventory					
DATE OF SURVEY: 1976 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust					
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle					
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis			STATE: Maryland		21401

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unclered </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>Grace Church is located on the crest of a sloping hill commonly called ElkrIDGE Heights south and west of the railroad. It is an exceptionally fine, well crafted representation of English perpendicular in a cruciform plan with high pitched intersecting gabled slate roofs.</p> <p>The west entrance has a low pitched gable roofed portico supported by three square columns on each side, one of which is inset into the west wall on either side of the entrance. A stone wall connects the columns and creates a semi-enclosed portico. A tripartite gothic window with perpendicular vertical stone lintel and stone sill is inset into the A formed by the roof gable. A stone cross in relief is above the Keystone of the lintel. Two splayed brick steps lead to the patterned brick entranceway and perpendicular double entrance door.</p> <p>The western prong of the cruciform plan is four bays long and forms the nave of the church. Its windows are tripartite, vertical leaden glass casement windows with leaden glass transoms and fine projecting stone lintels.</p> <p>The south entrance is three bays wide and two bays deep. Its west wall contains a north bay tripartite window with central stained glass window and side panels of leaden glass. A square window is inset into the south bay of the wall. The south entrance has a perpendicular double wooden door with a vertical stone arched lintel, decorated by a projecting stone band. It is flanked by perpendicular leaden glass windows.</p> <p>Three vertical rectangular leaden glass windows are inset into its east wall. A stone campanile is at the apex of the roof. Vertical projecting stone bands drop from the gable to meet the flat arched stone lintels of the second story windows. A square vent is between these bands.</p> <p>The east wall of Grace Church holds a perpendicular tripartite window similar to that on the west wall inset into the A formed by the gabled roof.</p> <p>The north entrance has a crenolated closed porch with perpendicular double wooden door similar to that of the entrance on the south porch. Stone brackets hold the cornice line which holds a crenolated wall.</p> <p>A tripartite window similar to that on the east and west lies above. The north door is flanked by stone perpendicular recesses which appear to be ready to hold future windows similar to those of the south entrance.</p> <p>A circular drive runs around the church to a cemetery located north of the structure next to the railroad.</p>	

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The congregation of Grace Episcopal Church was begun in 1841 when the Reverend Robert Piggott held Sunday afternoon services at Rockburn and other homes as well as the building owned by Melville Chapel near the railroad tracks where Toomey's coal yard now stands.

The 1845 Convention of the Diocese of Maryland admitted Grace Church of Elkridge as a parish. Land was bought from the B&O Railroad and a wooden church built "situated on the Washington Turnpike Road, near the place in said landing where the railroad crosses the Turnpike".

In 1855 this building was destroyed by fire and a new building built and dedicated in 1856. Two years later, a Sunday School building was opened.

The Reverend John C. Gray was priest at Grace Church during the 1890's and founded St. John's Chapel in Relay.

On August 10, 1909, another fire destroyed the church building, the Sunday School building, and the carriage sheds. A new rectory, located southwest of the church built after an 1899 fire damaged the old rectory, survived the 1909 fire.

After this fire, a new Parish House was built within three months and a decision made to move the church up the hill, farther from the railroad, resulting in the present structure.

George Worthington, the architect, was a vestry man of Grace and the son of the first registrar of the first vestry of the church. The building was consecrated on October 8, 1911.

In 1957 a new rectory was built on Lawyer's Hill and the old one on Main Street sold.

In 1966 a new Parish House on Montgomery and Landing Roads was opened which is the location of Sunday School classes on Sunday mornings and of community meetings. A day care center is held there on weekdays.

Significant as a congregation of 135 years old it is also significant architecturally as a unique example of English Gothic perpendicular. It is constructed of fine material.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Sipes, Betsy. "Grace: Stone Church By the Tracks" Elkridge: A Bicentennial Journal. June, 1976.

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 TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

Please see Tax Map 38 Blk 14 P. 592 40/243 6/227 46/1
1.50 Acres

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION: Office of Planning and Zoning - Comprehensive Planning DATE:

STREET AND NUMBER:
3450 Court House Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City STATE: Maryland 21043

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
National State Local

Signature _____



BALTO. CO.
MAP 113

BALTIMORE CO.

GRACE E. CHURCH
ELKRIDGE, MD.

HARLES E.
IRBY
15/514
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CHURCH

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TOOMEY
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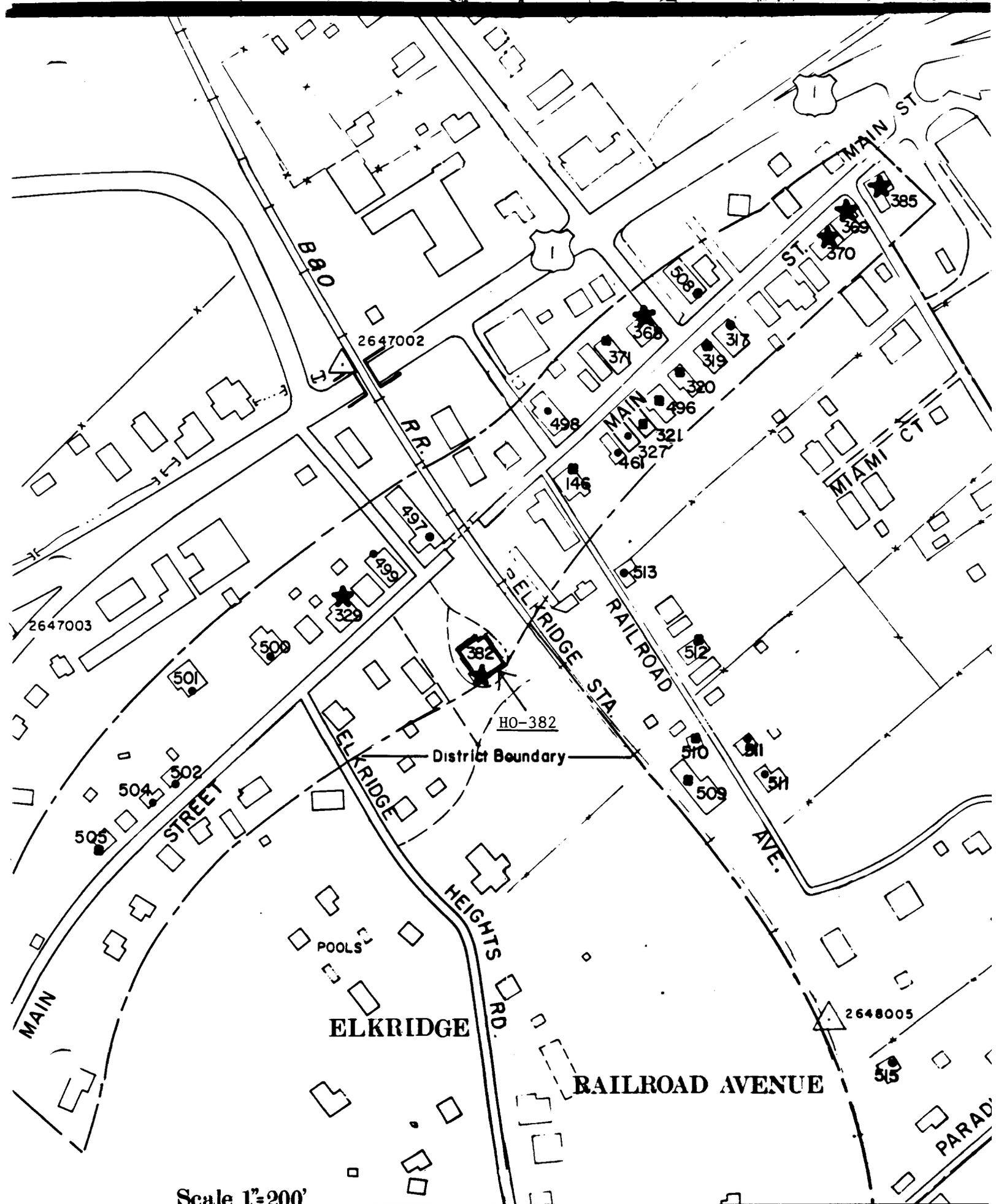
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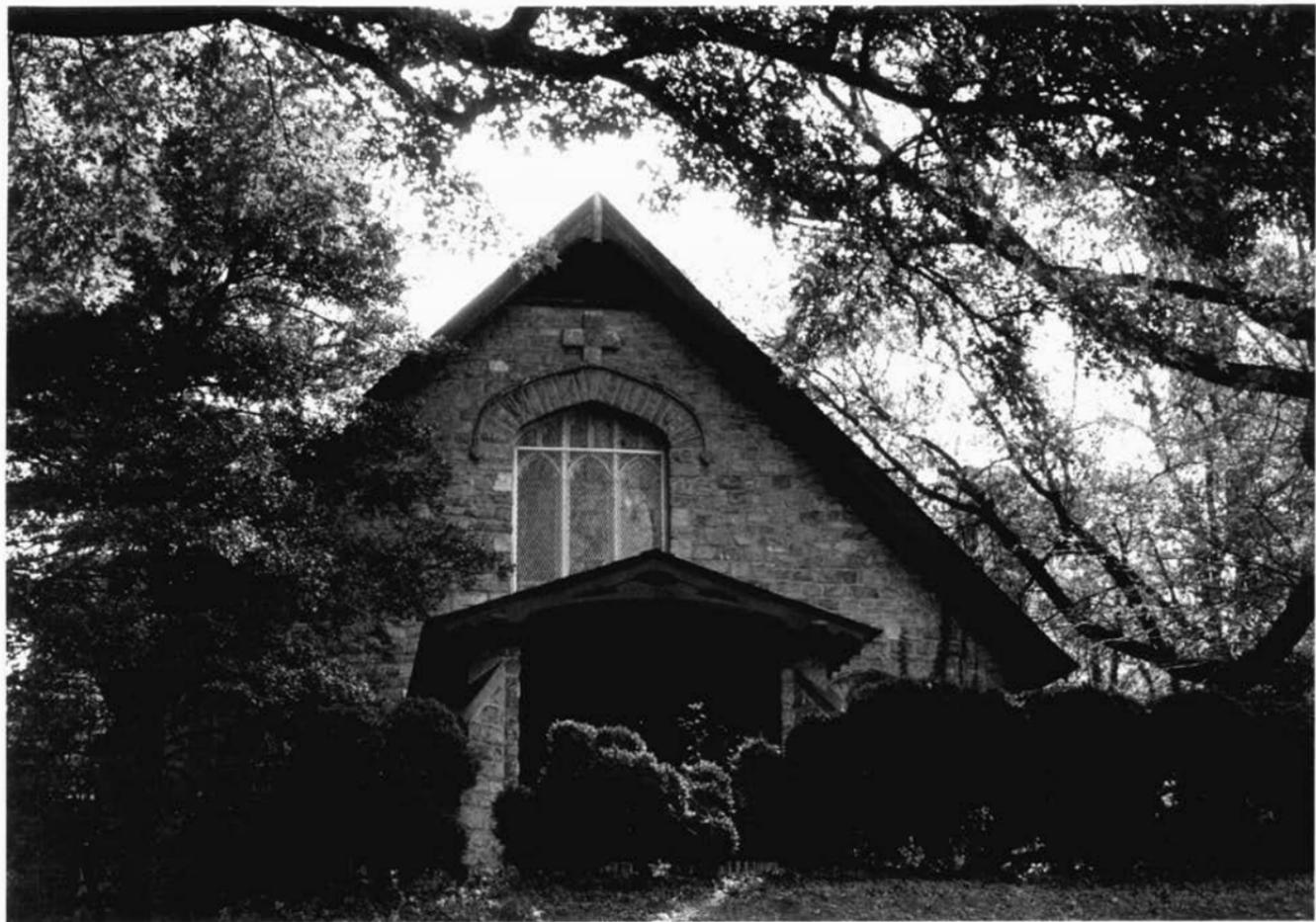
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