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Quaker Meeting House Site, Lynch Meeting, Cecil Meeting 1696-1900

Lynch

Private

The old brick meeting house disappeared in 1930, but a graveyard enclosed in a white rail fence remains. A plaque says "Site of Cecil Friends' Meeting House where our forebears found devine guidance and extended a lasting influence on the community 1696-1900."

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Quaker Meeting House Site, Lynch Meeting, Cecil Meeting

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Lynch

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

**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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER <u>graveyard</u>

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Third Haven Meeting

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Courthouse

Liber #: *No reference*

Folio #: *No reference*

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland 21620

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The site of Cecil Meeting House and the graveyard is enclosed by a white rail fence. The spot is well maintained with a grassy yard and shade trees. A plaque on the site says "Site of Cecil Friends' Meeting House where our forebears found devine guidance and exerted a lasting influence in the community. 1696 - 1900."

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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 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      1696-1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Cecil (Lynch) Meeting was established prior to 1694 when its existence was reported to the Maryland General Meeting by George Warner and Stephen Coleman, who said that "a weekly meeting settled in Cecil County (later Kent) and a meeting house lately built." Early members included: James Barber, James Delly, Natthew Pope, John Beck, James Coursey, William Bailey, and Edward Beck. The land on which the structure was built belonged to Daniel Lamb (see report of Quaker Estate, 1696, K-230) The Meeting continued to exist throughout the 19th century although its membership continually declined. The meeting was laid down in 1900 and the Meeting House taken down by Howard Turner in 1930. In 1952 the property was given to Third Haven Monthly Meeting in Easton and the records transferred to the Friends Historical Library in Swarthmore.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Information from Carroll, Kenneth, Quakerism on the Eastern Shore, Baltimore, The Maryland Historical Society, 1970, p. 53, 186-187.

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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

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Historical Society

DATE

August, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Church Alley

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown

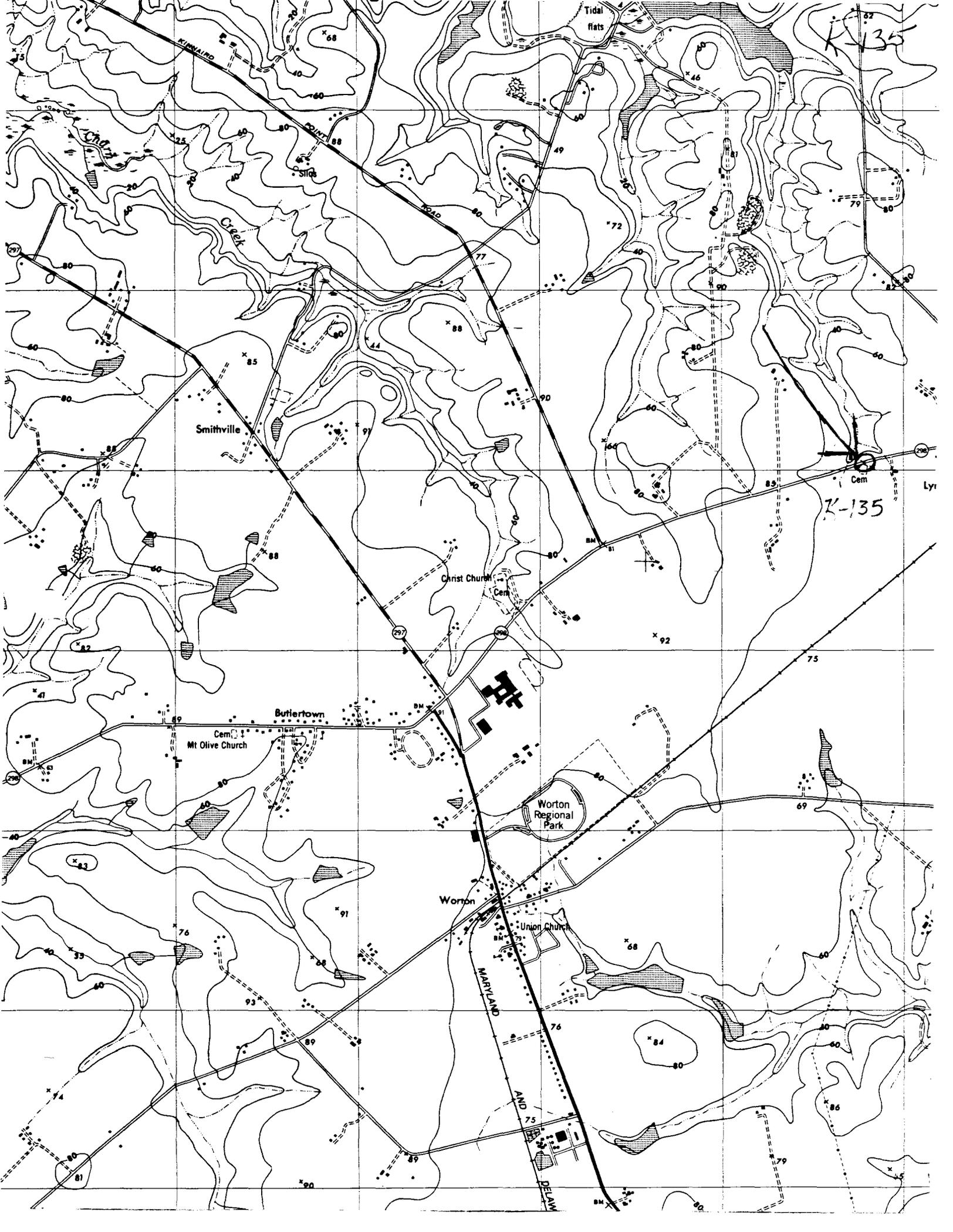
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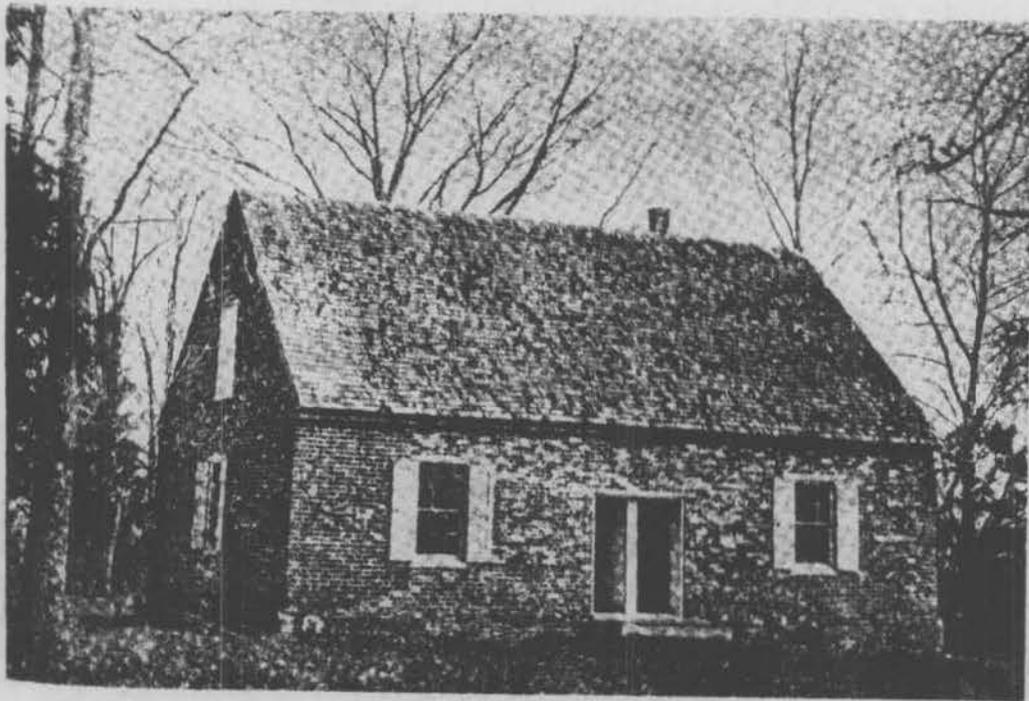
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438





Old Cecil Meeting House

When we built our home in Rose Valley, Pennsylvania in 1942 the old Meeting House was falling down and we gained permission to secure some of the brick. We used them in building the fireplace in the den. When we sold our home in 1960 we hoped we might have been able to move them to our new home, but this was impossible, of course.

In October of 1942 the Turner family, who came from Kent County and who, like the Lambs, were active in the Meeting, held a celebration at the site of the old Meeting House. There were about thirty-one persons there of the Turner family. We were invited and my wife and I attended. It was a delightful

*From:*

*Manuscript by James Lamb. see Lamb's Memoir (K.113)  
Photograph in Carroll*