

**Joshua Methodist Episcopal Church
Joshua Church Road
Morgnec**

K-441

1839

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HISTORIC CONTEXT

K-441

JOSHUA CHAPEL and MORGNEC VILLAGE

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization

- 1) Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period

- 10) Agricultural-Industrial Transition

Historic Period Themes

- 2) Architecture
- 7) Social/Cultural

Resource Type

Category - Building, private, occupied, public acquisition, not applicable, not accessible.
Historic Environment - Village
Historic Functions and Uses - church/dwelling
Unknown Design Source

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. *K-441*

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Joshua Methodist Episcopal Church and Morgnec Village

and/or common Joshua Methodist Chapel

2. Location

street & number Joshua Church Road, off Rte. 291 not for publication

city, town Morgnec Village, Chestertown vicinity of congressional district One

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Joshua Methodist Chapel

street & number Morgnec telephone no.: -

city, town Millington state and zip code MD 21651

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kent County Courthouse liber -

street & number Cross Street folio -

city, town Chestertown, MD state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Joshua Methodist Church is the focal point of a mid-19th century Free African-American settlement. The building is a simple one-story frame structure. In the vicinity are several two story frame houses, showing traces of pre-1860 construction.

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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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	1839-1860	Builder/Architect	Unknown
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check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
 Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

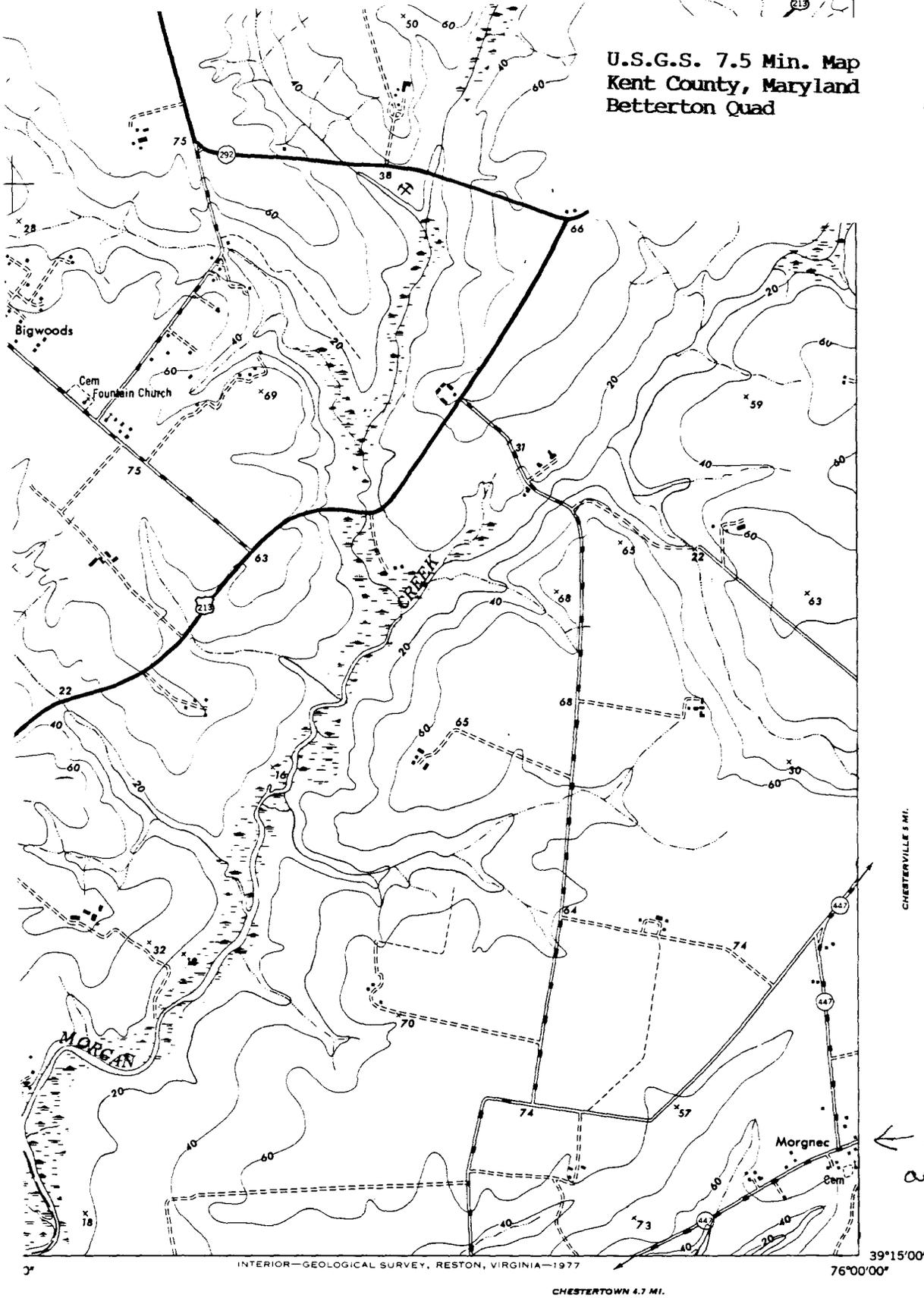
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U.S.G.S. 7.5 Min. Map
 Kent County, Maryland
 Betterton Quad

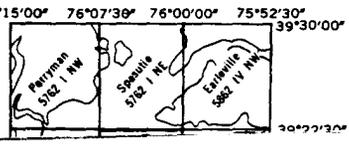
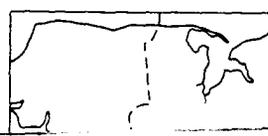
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← Joshua Chapel and Morgnac Village

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Joshua M.E. Church K-441
Church Lane
Morgue

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March 1996

JOSHUA CHAPEL
Chestertown, Maryland
(ca 1898)

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The present building, a simple one story structure with a gable roof, was constructed about 1898 and replaces an earlier structure, the "Old Tabernacle", which stood behind the present structure. The 1877 Atlas also shows the location of a "Camp Meeting Ground" near the location of the Old Tabernacle.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC AND/OR COMMON Joshua Chapel

2 LOCATION

Village of Morgnac, 1/4 mile south of Old River Road, Morgnac Road 1st
Chestertown (Morgnac) Kent
Maryland

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
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			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Joshua M. E. Church Telephone #:
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN Millington Circuit xx VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21651

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Kent County Court House Liber #: SB 4 Folio #: 41
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN Chestertown, Maryland 21620 STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Joshua Chapel is located in the village of Morgnec in a kind of town square which includes the church, the annex, and the graveyard; the elementary school (K-445) was also located here when first constructed. The chapel is shaded by tall oak trees and surrounded by thickets.

The building is a three bay by three bay frame structure with a 90° gable roof and a brick foundation. The entry is in its northern gable and the alter is located in a shallow rectangular extension in the rear. There is a low, gable-roofed belfry above the entry, and a tall brick chimney in the east roof slope.

Exterior detailing is very simple. The overhanging eaves of the roof are enclosed and finished with simple moldings. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Window and door trim and sills are unmolded and filled with 2 over 2 sash. All exterior wooden trim is painted white, and the building is covered with asbestous shingles painted grey.

The interior room is 1½ stories tall with a ceiling which follows the roof slope. Greek ogee and bevel moldings--stock material in the late 19th century--are used to trim out doors and window openings. Simple pews and kerosene lanterns which hang from the ceiling date from the original construction period.

Behind the church is the one-story annex building. It is 2 by 3 bay frame structure built with a shallow gable roof. It rests on brick piers and was moved to its present location in 1917.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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	
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<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 ca 1898 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Joshua M.E. Chapel

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The present building was constructed about 1898 and replaces an earlier structure, the "Old Tabernacle", which stood behind the present structure. The 1877 Atlas also shows the location of a "Camp Meeting Ground" near the location of the Old Tabernacle. The one acre was purchased for \$200.00 in 1869.¹ In the deed of sale, the tract was described as one acre "near the col'd peoples' Church." (JKH 8/281.)

1. Tradition holds that the land for the church and cemetary was donated by Joshua Caulk, who's grave stone is shown and for whom the chapel is named. He died in 1867 and may therefore have been involved in the land for the earlier church. No land records have been located to confirm or deny this legend.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Lake, Griffing & Stevenson. An Illustrated Atlas of Kent and Queen Anne (sic) Counties, Md. (Philadelphia: 27 South Sixth Street, 1877.)

Handbook of the Delaware Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, 1964 Edition.

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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, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

778-4600, ext.67

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

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

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

In 1883 Land records (SB4/41) show that the mortgage debt had been satisfied. The present church was constructed several years later², and the annex building was moved to its site in 1917 for use as a social center.

2. Trustees were Charles W. Jones, Marshall S. Jones, Isaac Cotton, Samuel Gleaves, Isaac S. Jones, Josiah Caulk, Jno. Stricking, Samuel J. Gleaves, and Isaac Caulk.

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Joshua Chapel(Methodist)
Morgnec Rd.
Near Chestertown
Morgnec,MD

1879

Access:Public

This small chapel stands 20' from the east side of Morgnec Rd. in rural Kent County. The chapel faces west. It measures 18' across and 22' in depth. Joshua Chapel is used mostly as a mortuary chapel. It was built by black field hands and farmers. When I visited the site there were ten members in the congregation. The chapel is part of the Millington-Pondtown Charge. This charge consists of five small black congregations that are located from Chestertown (Boyer's Chapel) to the Delaware border.

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AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Morgnec Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Morgnec

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

--- VICINITY OF Chestertown First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

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4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Trustees, Joshua Chapel (Methodist)
C/O Rev. Phillip A. Henry

Telephone #: 1-302-378-8770

STREET & NUMBER

Box 282

CITY, TOWN

Odessa

--- VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
DE, 19730

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Kent Co. Court House

Liber #: JKH 8

Folio #: 281

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE N?A

DATE

--- FEDERAL --- STATE --- COUNTY --- LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

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SPECIFIC DATES

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Joshua Chapel is a small rural Methodist congregation used now mostly as a mortuary chapel. The Chapel was built and attended by black field hands and farmers. When I visited this site there were no more than ten members left in the congregation. The Chapel is part of the Millington-Pondtown Charge . This charge consists of five small black congregations that are located from Chestertown (Boyer's Chapel) to the Delaware border.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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
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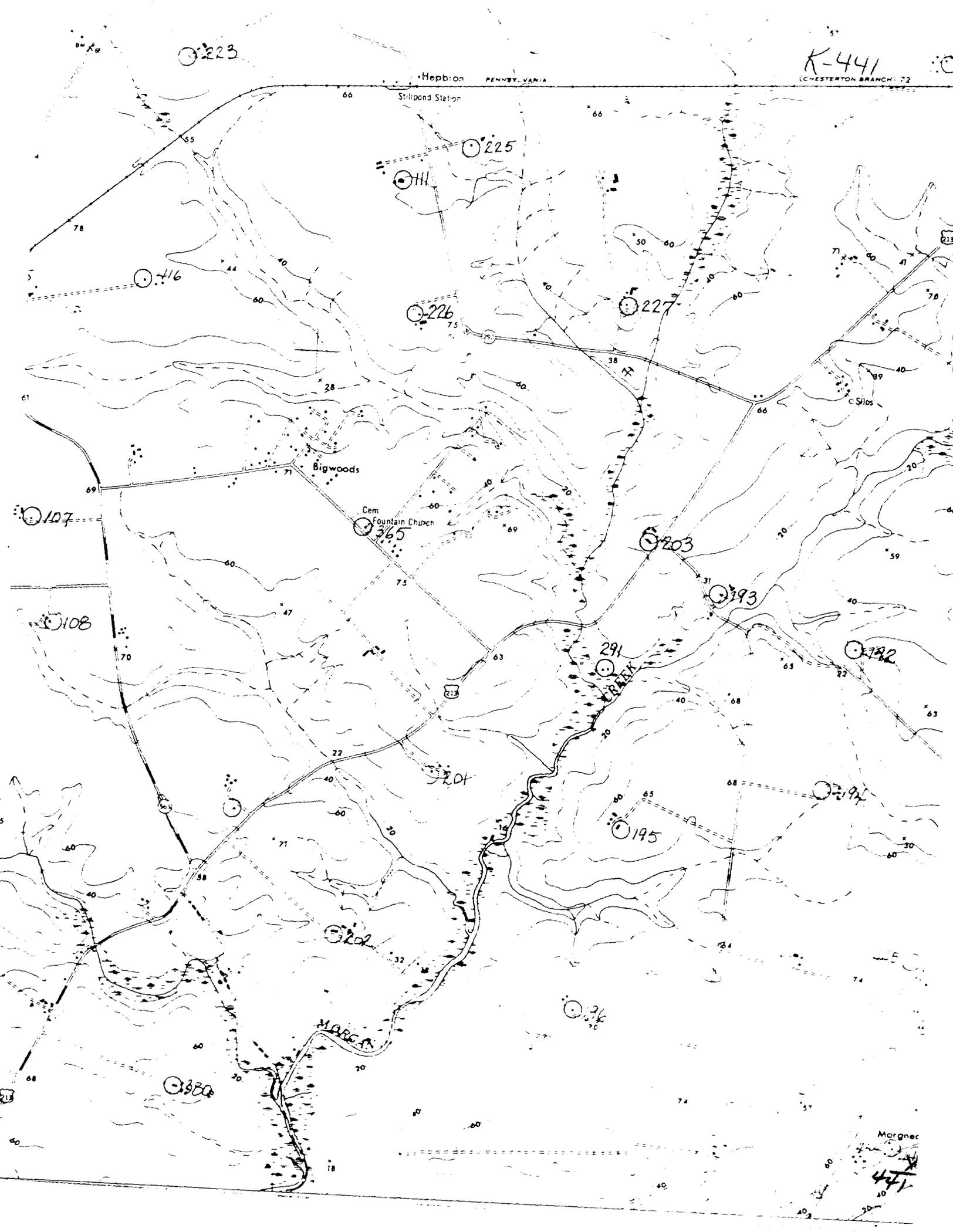
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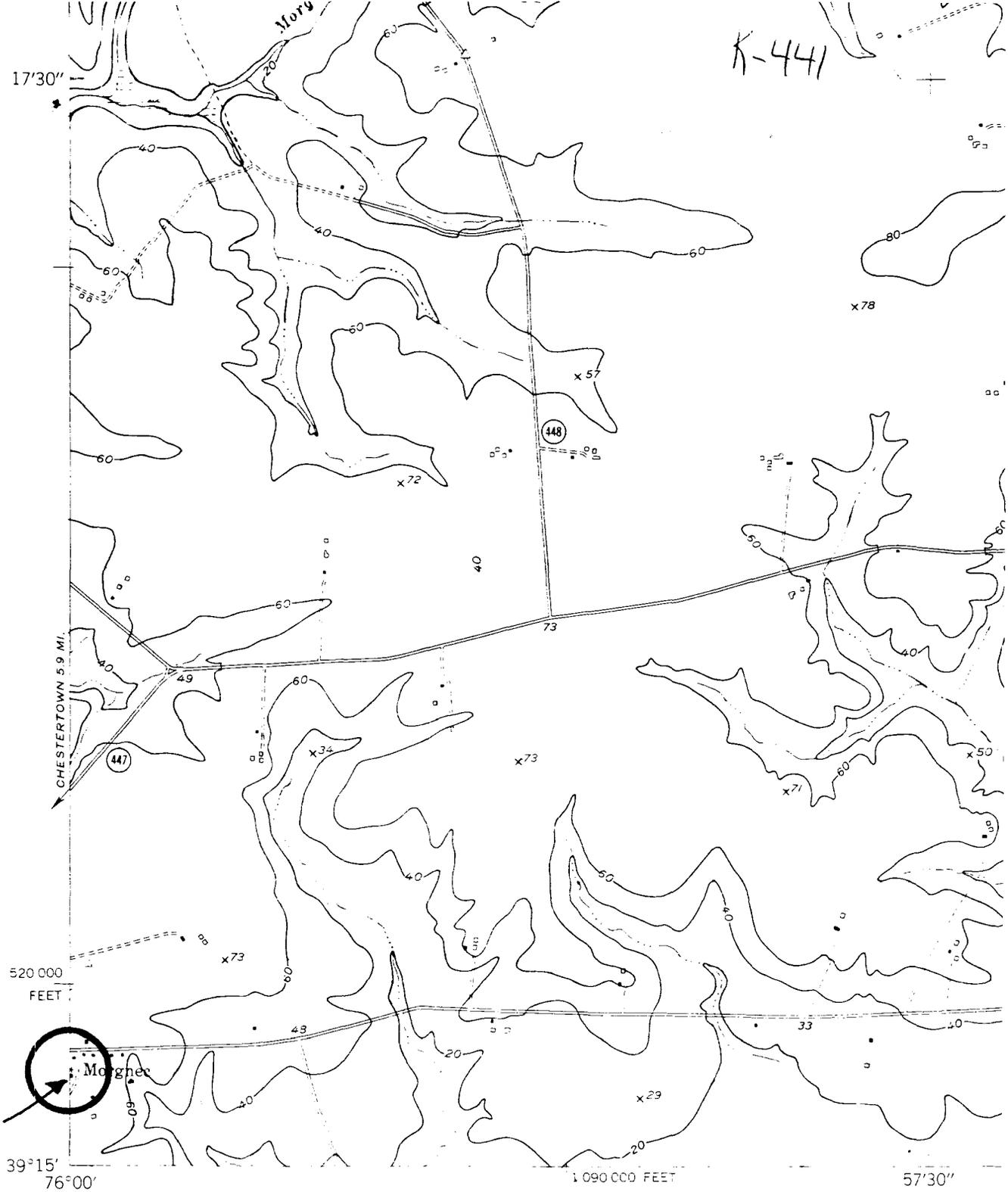
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Joshua Chapel

View to southwest

Chestertown

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In memory of
FATHER & MOTHER
JOSHUA CAULK
Died 1867

In the 80th year of his age
MARTHA CAULK
Died 1878

In the 50th year of her age
She is buried in the same grave as
her husband and is buried in the
same grave as her husband
by the side of her husband

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Joshua Chapel Cemetery

Joshua & Martha Caulk
Gravestone

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