

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Methodist Rectory (Batson House) Inventory Number: M: 15-54-3

Address: 2134 Spencerville Road City: Spencerville Zip Code: 20868

County: Montgomery USGS Topographic Map: Beltsville, MD

Owner: William M. and K. W. Daniels

Tax Parcel Number: P299 Tax Map Number: KS22 Tax Account ID Number: 00281342

Project: MD 28/MD 198 from MD 97 to I-95 Agency: State Highway Administration

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Is the property located within a historic district? no yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? no yes Determined eligible? no yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Methodist Rectory is a 2-story, 3-bay, cross-gabled, vernacular frame house with minimal stylistic, late-Victorian influences, and a detached garage building located to its northwest. The house has a full-width hipped-roof porch and a shed-roof 1-story rear porch addition. Built circa 1917, the house has a square plan, scrolled verge boards, turned porch supports, and brackets.

The roof has centered gables on the east, west, and south elevations. The lack of a centered gable on the north elevation creates a markedly different appearance to that elevation. The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles, and has a brick interior chimney located at the ridge of the west gable. The building's foundation is concrete, as are the porch stairs with their wrought iron handrails. The porch itself is of wood frame construction and has a 1/2-glazed, 3-panel wood door with a metal screen door in the east bay. Windows are original, 1/1 double-hung, wood sash with decorative vinyl shutters. Smaller paired windows of this type, without shutters, are located in the gable of each elevation. A 3-sided bay window projects from the north end of the east elevation at the first floor level.

The Methodist Rectory is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Spencerville was a significant economic and social rural village center in northeastern Montgomery County from 1850 to 1920. Spencerville's early years were in part defined by its role as a camp meeting town for Free Methodists, however this role appears to have evolved in the late 19th century when the community became more permanent, institutionalized, and commercial in nature. The congregation built their first church in 1905. The Methodist Rectory's land was donated to the trustees of the Free Methodist Episcopal Church by Dr.

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Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Comments: _____	
_____ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	_____ Date
_____ Reviewer, NR program	_____ Date

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John R. Batson in 1917 as a permanent parsonage site. A new church was built in 1957, with a new rectory added by 1965, at which time the Methodist Rectory was sold to Maurice E. and Sylvia A. Waltz in 1965. The Methodist Rectory was constructed well after the founding and development of Spencerville, and is historically associated with a church building that no longer exists. The Rectory's primary association was a residence in which no secular or ecclesiastical significance, under the National Register guidelines, was found to exist. Therefore, the property is not eligible under Criterion A.

The Methodist Rectory is not eligible under Criterion B, as it does not reflect use by residents that made substantive contributions to the community, or Methodism, beyond those of their peers. Consultation with the local historical society, a review of the previously submitted documentation and the "Historic Chronology of Spencerville" confirmed this.

The building was also found to lack the distinctive craftsmanship or design elements that would make it eligible for National Register listing under Criterion C. It is vernacular in design and construction, is not a strong example of any particular school of vernacular design, and has been re-sided. The building is not a strong example of similar period Spencerville homes.

The Methodist Rectory is not eligible under Criterion D, as neither previous nor present research and documentation of Spencerville indicates potential for the property to yield important information about the prehistory or history of the property or of the Spencerville community.

Prepared by: Doug Reynolds/Megan McDonald

Date Prepared: June 2001

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: M: 15-54-3

Construction Date: 1917

Name: Methodist Rectory (Batson House)

Location: 2134 Spencerville Road, Spencerville, Montgomery County

Private Ownership / Present Use: Private Residence / Occupied / Condition: Good

Description:

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The roof has centered gables on the east, west, and south elevations. It is sheathed with asphalt shingles, and has a brick interior chimney located at the ridge of the west gable. The building's foundation is concrete, as are the porch stairs with their wrought iron handrails. The porch itself is of wood frame construction and has a ½-glazed, 3-panel wood door with a metal screen door in the east bay. Windows are original, 1/1 double-hung, wood sash with decorative vinyl shutters. Smaller paired windows of this type, without shutters, are located in the gable of each elevation. A 3-sided bay window projects from the north end of the east elevation at the first floor level.

Significance:

The Methodist Rectory is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Spencerville was a significant economic and social rural village center in northeastern Montgomery County from 1850 to 1920. Spencerville's early years were in part defined by its role as a camp meeting town for Free Methodists, however this role appears to have evolved in the late 19th century when the community became more permanent, institutionalized, and commercial in nature. The congregation built their first church in 1905. The Methodist Rectory's land was donated to the trustees of the Free Methodist Episcopal Church by Dr. John R. Batson in 1917 as a permanent parsonage site. A new church was built in 1957, with a new rectory added by 1965, at which time the Methodist Rectory was sold to Maurice E. and Sylvia A. Waltz in 1965. The Methodist Rectory was constructed well after the founding and development of Spencerville, and is historically associated with a church building that no longer exists. The Rectory's primary association was a residence in which no secular or ecclesiastical significance, under the National Register guidelines, was found to exist. Therefore, the property is not eligible under Criterion A.

The Methodist Rectory is not eligible under Criterion B, as it does not reflect use by residents that made substantive contributions to the community, or Methodism, beyond those of their peers. Consultation with the local historical society, a review of the previously submitted documentation and the "Historic Chronology of Spencerville" confirmed this.

The building was also found to lack the distinctive craftsmanship or design elements that would make it eligible for National Register listing under Criterion C. It is vernacular in design and construction, is not a strong example of any particular school of vernacular design, and has been re-sided. The building is not a strong example of similar period Spencerville homes.

The Methodist Rectory is not eligible under Criterion D, as neither previous nor present research and documentation of Spencerville indicates potential for the property to yield important information about the prehistory or history of the property or of the Spencerville community.

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

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The rear, north elevation is markedly different in appearance, having a different fenestration pattern and lacking the centered gable common to the other elevations. It has a frame, shed-roof porch with wood supports and a concrete slab floor. The west end of the full-width porch is enclosed, with a horizontal 1/1 single-hung window in the north wall. A ½-glazed replacement wood door with a metal screen door is located near the center of the north elevation.

A contemporary of the house, a front-gable, frame garage is located to the northwest of the main structure. The garage has a concrete block foundation and an asphalt shingle roof. The two wood sliding garage doors located in the south gable end are each divided into two sections. Each door has paired 6-light windows whose vertical muntins are mimicked in the patterns of wood panels below.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates	1917-1965	Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction dates	1917		

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The 1917 Methodist Rectory, located immediately east of Batson Road on the north side of Spencerville Road (MD 198), in Spencerville, Montgomery County, is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Spencerville was a significant economic and social rural village center in northeastern Montgomery County from 1850 to 1920. Spencerville's early years were in part defined by its role as a camp meeting town for Free Methodists, however this role appears to have evolved in the late 19th century when the community became more permanent, institutionalized, and commercial in nature. The congregation built their first church in 1905. The Methodist Rectory's land was donated to the trustees of the Free Methodist Episcopal Church by Dr. John R. Batson in 1917 as a permanent parsonage site. A new church was built in 1957, with a new rectory added by 1965, at which time the Methodist Rectory was sold to Maurice E. and Sylvia A. Waltz in 1965. The Methodist Rectory was constructed well after the founding and development of Spencerville, and is historically associated with a church building that no longer exists. The Rectory's primary association was a residence in which no secular or ecclesiastical significance, under the National Register guidelines, was found to exist. Therefore, the property is not eligible under Criterion A.

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The building was also found to lack the distinctive craftsmanship or design elements that would make it eligible for National Register listing under Criterion C. It is vernacular in design and construction, is not a strong example of any particular school of vernacular design, and has been re-sided. The building is not a strong example of similar period Spencerville homes.

The Methodist Rectory is not eligible under Criterion D, as neither previous nor present research and documentation of Spencerville indicates potential for the property to yield important information about the prehistory or history of the property or of the Spencerville community.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>0.5 acre</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>0.5 acre</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Beltsville</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the Methodist Rectory follows the current property lines of 2134 Spencerville Road (Tax Map KS22, Parcel P299) on the north, south, east, and west. This 0.5 acre (21780 square foot) parcel is bounded on the north, east, and west by adjacent tax parcels, and on the south by Spencerville Road. The boundary includes the house, garage, and all land associated with the house since 1917.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Doug Reynolds/Megan McDonald		
organization	KCI Technologies, Inc.	date	June 2001
street & number	10 North Park Drive	telephone	410-316-7800
city or town	Hunt Valley	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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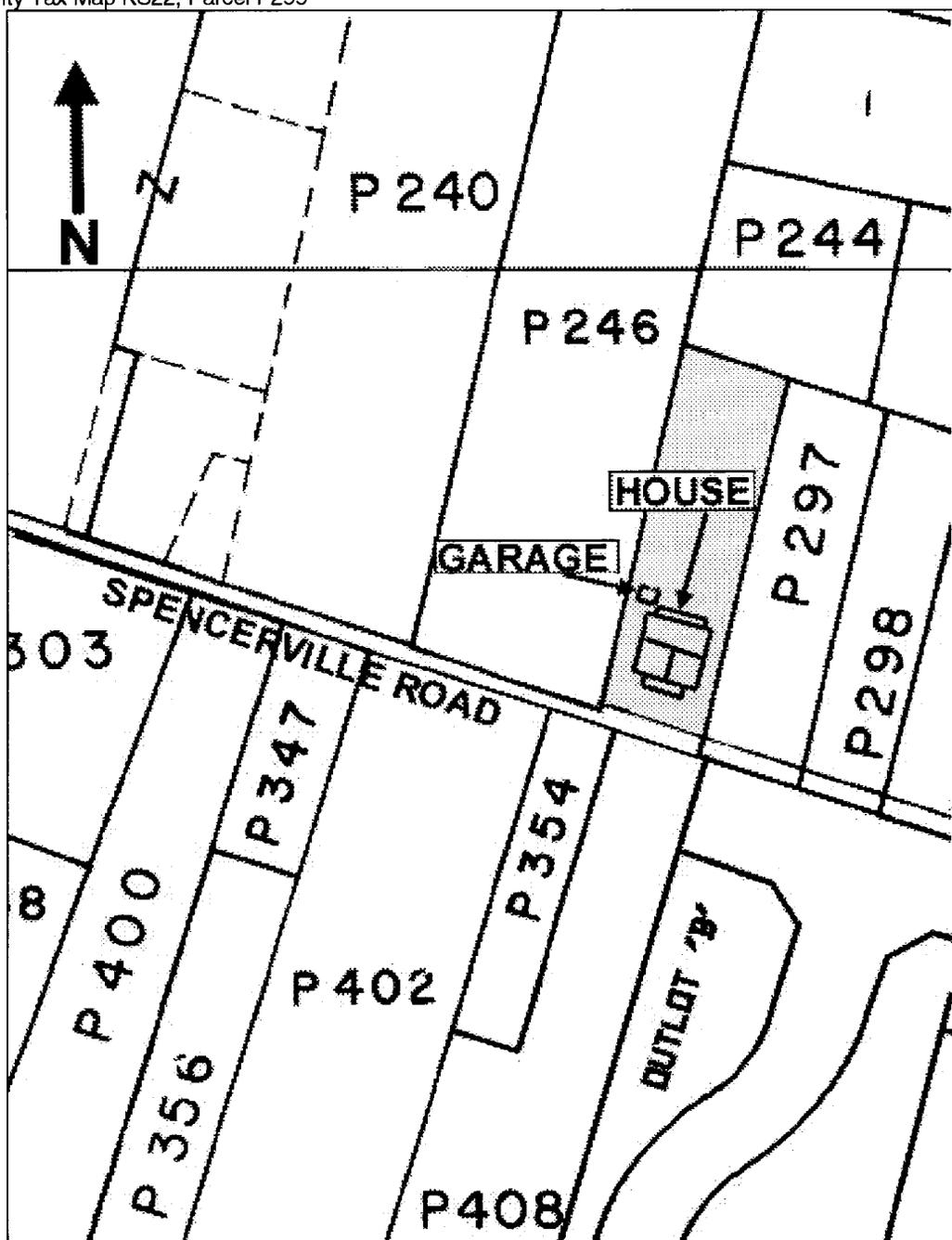
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Montgomery County Tax Map KS22, Parcel P299

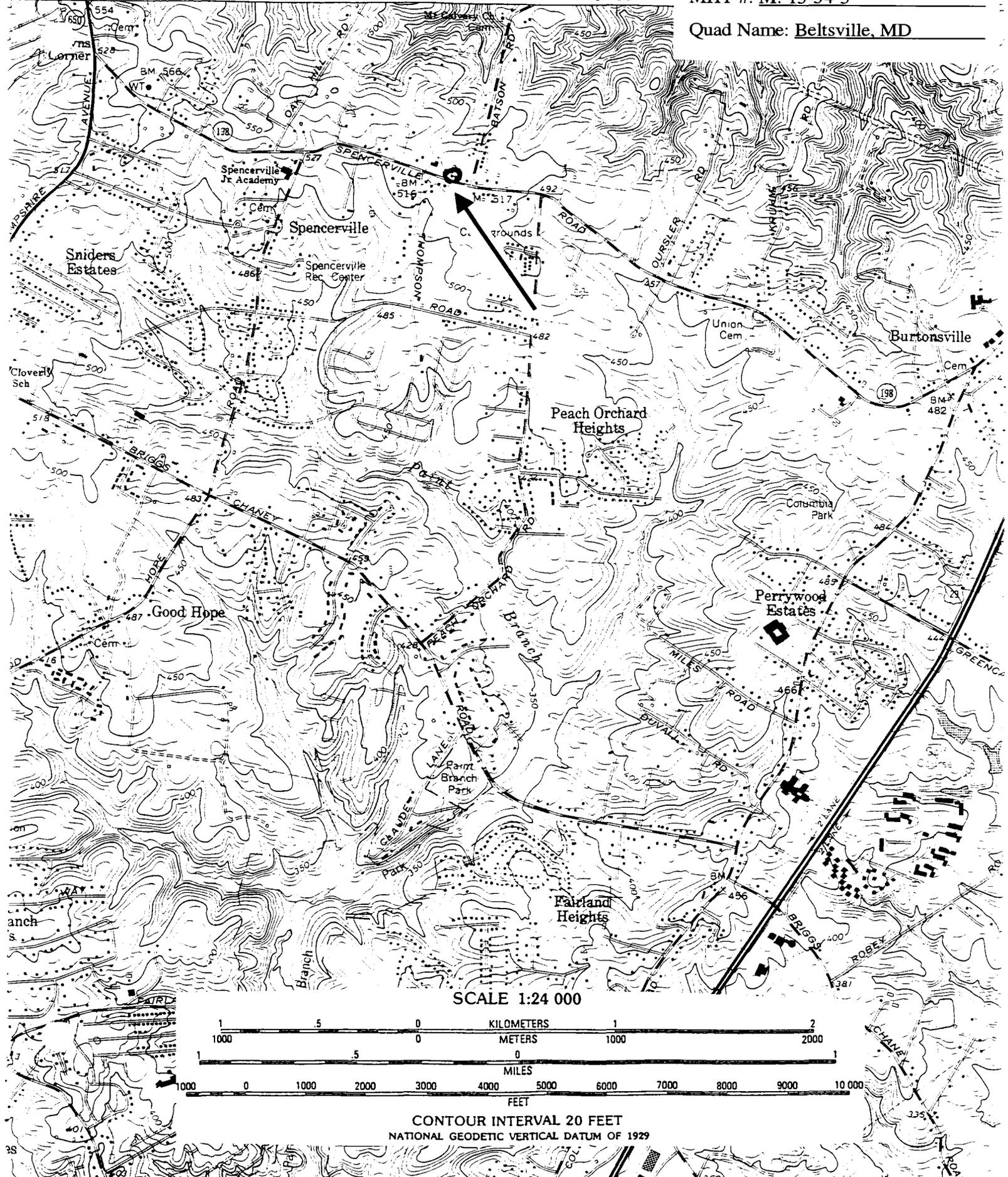


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METHODIST CHURCH AND RECTORY (BATSON HOUSE)

Montgomery County, MD

Megan McDonald

June 6, 2001

MD SHPO

View NE toward S elevation and garage

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METHODIST CHURCH AND RECTORY (BATSON HOUSE)

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

MEGAN McDONALD

JUNE 2001

MD SHPO

VIEW NORTH FROM SPENCERVILLE RD TOWARD SOUTH (MAIN)
AND EAST ELEVATION

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METHODIST CHURCH AND RECTORY (BATSON HOUSE)

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

MEGAN McDONALD

JUNE 2001

MD SHPO

VIEW SOUTHEAST TOWARD EAST AND NORTH ELEVATIONS

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METHODIST CHURCH AND RECTORY (BATSON HOUSE)
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

MEGAN McDONALD

JUNE 2001

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VIEW SOUTHWEST TOWARD NORTH (REAR) ELEVATION
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METHODIST CHURCH AND RECTORY (BATSON HOUSE)
Montgomery County, MD

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June 6, 2001

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View ~~for~~ east to s+w elevations

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METHODIST CHURCH AND RECTORY (BATSON HOUSE)

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

MEGAN McDONALD

JUNE 2001

MD SHPO

VIEW NORTHWEST TOWARD EAST ELEVATION OF THE GARAGE

(No. 80) 017 25+00 NNNNN+05RU 025