

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 19-17-3

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC M.E. Church South

AND/OR COMMON The Medical Clinic (current use and name)

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 18730 Germantown Road

CITY, TOWN Germantown, Md. VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland COUNTY Montgomery

**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	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input checked="" 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 Dr. Rosario G. Guerzon

Telephone #: (301)365-3339  
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STREET & NUMBER 9119 River Road

CITY, TOWN Potomac, Md. VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Md. 20854

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 5975  
Folio #: 727

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Rockville, Md. STATE Md.

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Locational Atlas of Historic Sites, Montgomery County, Md.

DATE 1976  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission

CITY, TOWN 6700 Needwood Road STATE Rockville, Md. 20855

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

The building (which started out as a church, was used as a residence for a period, and has now been converted to a medical center) is a two-story, two bay by one, wood-frame, rectangular building with a steep gable roof; the gable end is toward the street (Germantown Road, Route 118). The eaves are bracketed and a concrete slab attached to the front of the building is what remains of a porch which ran the length of the front facade and which was removed when the building was altered for medical clinic use. The porch was probably added when the church was converted to residential use. The building is now covered in vinyl siding. It sits on a half acre of land near the intersection of Germantown and Clopper Roads.

With the sale of the building for use as a medical clinic two years ago, extensive interior and exterior changes were made to the structure; basically, only the form of the building on the exterior remains unchanged. The interior space was divided into two floors, with examining rooms and a waiting room on the first floor. The second floor (as of October, 1984) is unfinished, but the owner plans to finish it for office use in the near future. (As a church, it was one-story).

In its unfinished state, the original church ceiling and the upper part of the interior walls can still be seen on the second floor. The outlines of the pressed tin used on the ceiling and as molding around the top of the walls (removed during the renovation) can still be seen, along with partial outlines of eight gothic windows (four on each side), covered during the renovation process. The side walls now have only one window apiece, but there are plans to add additional windows. The original center entrance was moved to one side of the front facade, and an additional entrance will be added on one side when offices are created on the second floor. The first floor rooms are panelled, and there is no evidence that the building was ever used as a church.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
X1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1902

BUILDER/ARCHITECT -

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The building was originally erected in 1902 to serve as a place of worship for part of the congregation of a Methodist Church which, in the mid-1800's, stood on a site on Clopper Road across from the intersection of Clopper and Schaeffer Roads. In 1900, the Clopper Road congregation underwent a North-South division, presumably because of the antagonisms within the congregation caused by the Civil War. The "northern" segment, known as the Methodist Episcopal Church, remained at the Clopper Road building until the early 1900's, when that congregation decided to erect a new church on Germantown Road, in New Germantown (now the Trinity United Methodist Church at 19225 Germantown Road). The "southern" contingent built (in 1902) the building on Germantown Road which is now being used as a medical clinic and used it as a church until the 1930's, when both congregations reunited at the Trinity United Methodist Church.

The M.E. South Church building was used for some years as a residence after the congregation departed. In 1982 it was bought for use as a medical facility. At the time, the building was badly deteriorated and had been condemned by the County for its building code violations.

A cornerstone in the left-hand corner of the side facing Germantown Road is inscribed "M.E. Church South 1902".

The building is significant for its role in Methodist Church history in this area and as a symbol of the deep divisions created by the Civil War.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land Records of Montgomery County, Md. (L5975/727)  
 Conversation and site visit with Dr. Asuncion, tenant in  
 clinic

"A History of Trinity United Methodist Church, Germantown, Md.  
 1902-1973"

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/2

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

"Beginning at a stone standing on the West side of the public road  
 leading from Germantown to Germantown Station, to a corner of  
 Robert B. Leaman's lot, running thence with said stone----  
 containing 1/2 acre more or less----"

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Lois Snyderman

ORGANIZATION

Historic Preservation Commission of Montgomery County, Md.

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

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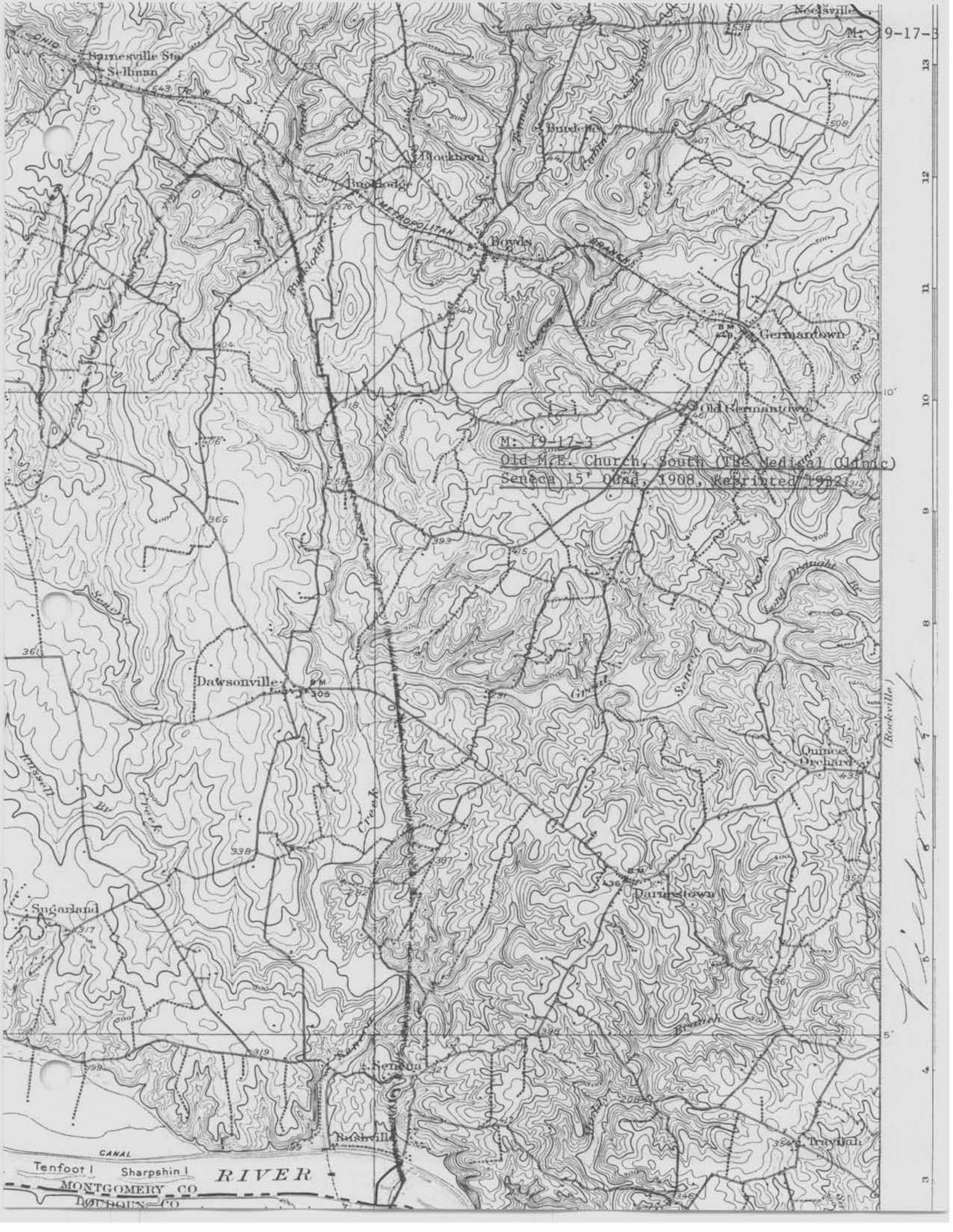
STATE

(301)279-1325

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 infringe-  
 ment of individual property rights.

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438



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Old Germentown

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Seneca 15 Quad, 1908, Reprinted 1982

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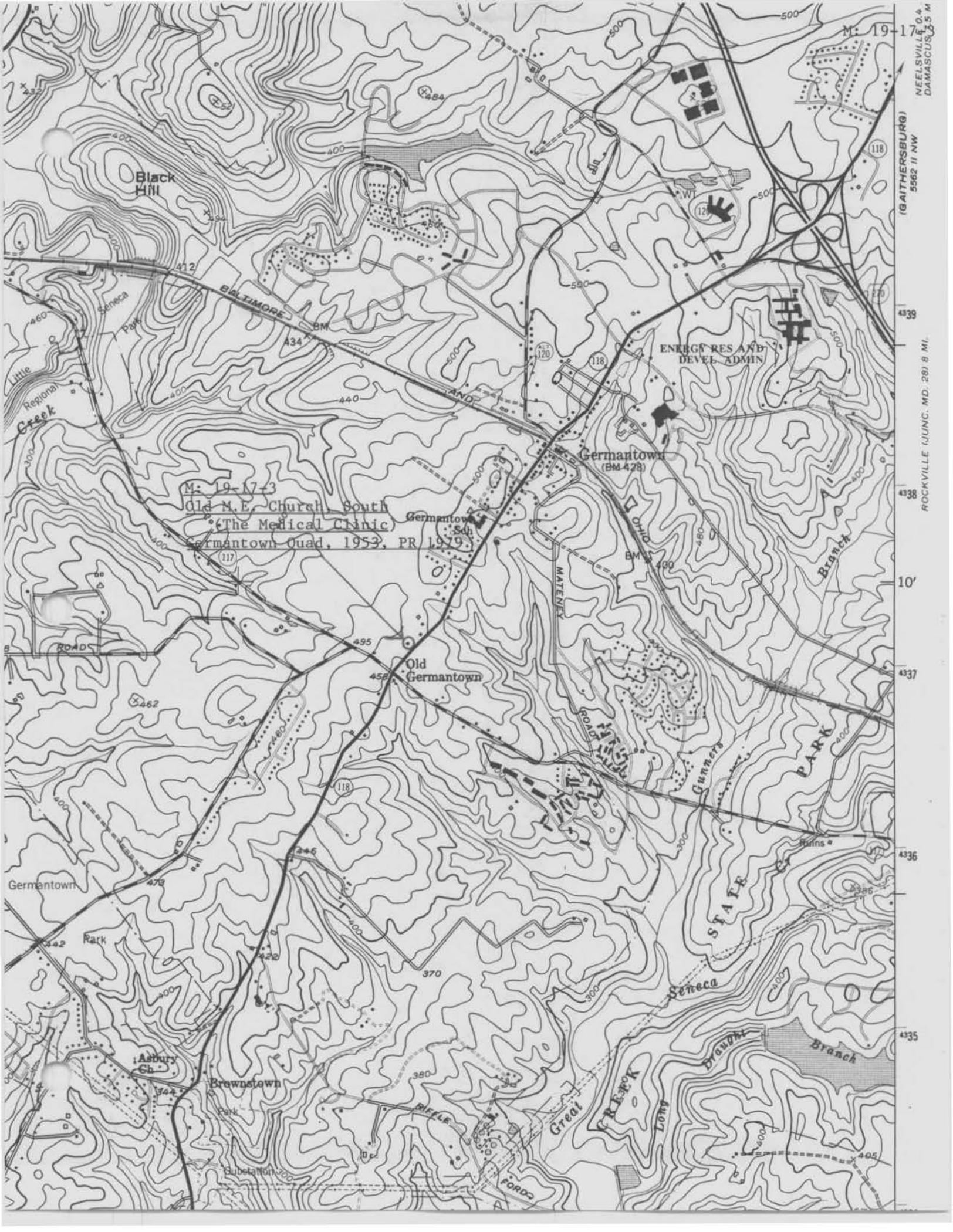
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Black Hill

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Old N.E. Church South  
(The Medical Clinic)  
Germantown Quad, 1959, PR 1979

Germantown (BM 428)

ENERGY RES AND DEVEL ADMIN

Old Germantown

Germantown

Asbury Ch

Brownstown

STATE PARK

Seneca

Great Creek

NEELSVILLE 0.4  
DAMASCUS 3.5 M

(GAITHERSBURG)  
5562 II NW

ROCKVILLE (JUNC. MD. 28) 8 MI.

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Clara Jane Crawford Bowman was an ardent Methodist. In 1903, she and her husband, Charles, gave land to build Trinity Methodist Church in Germantown. She was superintendent of the Sunday school for many years. For her continuous service to the church, she was awarded a lifetime membership in the Methodist Women's Society; she wore the pin for the rest of her life and was buried with the single adornment on her black dress. Courtesy of Jean King Phillips



Germantown Methodists first worshipped together in a log chapel on the east side of Clopper Road at Route 118. But the membership divided in 1902, and some of them built Trinity Methodist Church, a mile farther east, near the railroad tracks. Others built Methodist Episcopal Church South in Old Germantown, pictured here. Like the log chapel, it was built on Route 118 near Clopper Road.

This church and the Germantown Presbyterian churches were later converted into dwellings and yet again rehabilitated as office spaces. The Methodist log chapel's adjoining graveyard still remains. Courtesy of Idella Leaman