

4021  
M: 23-113-1  
Mount Pleasant Church  
~~4104~~ Muncaster Mill Road  
Norbeck

late 19th century

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**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form**  
**Intercounty Connector Project**

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

**1. Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic Mount Pleasant Church and Cemetery

and/or common Waves of Glory Worship Center Inc.

**2. Location:**

street & number 4021 Muncaster Mill Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Norbeck \_\_\_ 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"/> education <input type="checkbox"/> private
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation

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

name Mt. Pleasant Church

street & number 21 Wood Lane telephone no.:

city, town Rockville state and zip code MD 20850

**5. Location of Legal Description**

Land Records Office of Montgomery County liber 4924

street & number 50 Maryland Avenue folio 154

city, town Rockville state MD

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form/Norbeck Historic District

date 1977 \_\_\_ federal  state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository/survey records Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

city, town Silver Spring state MD

## 7. Description

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

Resource Count: 2

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

The Mount Pleasant Church and Cemetery includes a circa 1885 church building and a cemetery. The church is a 1½-story, 1-bay vernacular Gothic Revival-style building on the east side of Muncaster Mill Road in Norbeck, Montgomery County. The church has a 1-story, concrete block vestibule on the front, or west elevation, and a ½-story wood-frame entry porch on the rear, or east elevation.

The structure has a front-gable metal roof with a brick chimney. It is of wood-frame construction, which has been stuccoed and it has a stone foundation. The windows are Gothic arch, stained glass, with a stained glass hopper window in the lower third of each.

The front, or west facade has wood double doors in the 1-story, hipped roof, projecting vestibule. Centered on the elevation is one Gothic arch window.

The north elevation has two, 1-light casement windows at the basement level. In addition, the basement level has a coal chute. The first story has four Gothic arch windows.

The rear, or east elevation has a ½-story, front gable entry porch, which covers brick steps leading to the basement. The basement level has one door and a 1-light awning window. The first story has a steel door, accessed by concrete steps, and a triple, Gothic arch window is centered on the elevation.

The south elevation has four Gothic arch windows.

Typical elements of a rural Gothic Revival-style church, including the Gothic arch stained glass windows and the front-gable orientation are evident in this structure. Alterations to the property include the construction of the vestibule on the front elevation and the entry porch on the rear elevation and deterioration is evident in the metal roof, which has rusted, the chimney is missing a portion of the cap, and the stucco has some cracks.

There is a small cemetery associated with this church. The cemetery is located to the rear, or east of the church, and contains approximately thirty headstones. The earliest stone dates to 1902, with the most recent stone dating to 1961. The cemetery is very deteriorated, with many stones overturned and cracked.

The property is located on the east side of Muncaster Mill Road, with a modern church to the west, a County recreation building (formerly an African-American school) and park to the north and south and woods to the east of the cemetery. The property's setting is suburban with considerable commercial development to the west and south.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below				
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input 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	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: African-American culture	

Specific dates	circa 1885	Builder/Architect
check:	Applicable Criteria: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
	and/or	
	Applicable Exceptions: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
	Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

The land on which the Mount Pleasant Church is located was sold to the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Mount Pleasant by Job Mackall in 1885, for the establishment of a church for the surrounding African-American community. The deed for the property describes the parcel as "adjoining or near Mount Pleasant School House" and stipulates that "said premises shall be used and kept maintained and disposed of as a place of divine worship for the use of the ministry and membership" (Land Records of Montgomery County). The property for the cemetery was subsequently sold to the church circa 1895 and the earliest remaining grave markers in the cemetery date to 1902.

The nineteenth century community of Norbeck was composed of two separate but related communities; Mount Pleasant, the African-American settlement established by freed slaves on Muncaster Mill Road, and a white commercial crossroads settlement at the intersection of Norbeck Road and Georgia Avenue. The community also extended along Norbeck and Bradford Roads, east of the crossroads. The African-American settlement was oriented around the Mount Pleasant Church, the community church, and the Mount Pleasant School, while the white settlement centered around the post office, general store, and blacksmith shop. While remnants of both communities still exist, the environment in which they developed has been greatly altered over time.

The community at the crossroads was established in the decade following the Civil War, when increased agricultural prosperity and an increased population created a greater demand in the area for goods and services. In addition to the growth of the local farm community, the area grew as a result of its location at the intersection of two of the oldest roads in the county, the Baltimore Road (Route 28/Norbeck Road) and the Washington-Brookeville Turnpike (Route 97/Georgia Avenue).

The years following emancipation brought reconstruction of society in Montgomery and Prince George's counties. While many African-Americans moved out of the counties, especially into the District of Columbia, others formed communities centered around a place of worship, such as Mount Pleasant near Norbeck in Montgomery County (M-NCPPC 1993: 13).

Mount Pleasant was founded circa 1866, by freed slaves of A.B. Wadsworth, an area farmer. The community was located on Muncaster Mill Road, on land donated or sold by Wadsworth to freed African-Americans. Mount Pleasant became a distinct, yet integral part of Norbeck, with most of its residents employed on surrounding farms (State Highway Administration & Maryland Historical Trust 1977).

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

RESOURCE NAME: Mount Pleasant Church and Cemetery

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ADDRESS: 4021 Muncaster Mill Road, Norbeck, Montgomery County, Maryland

## 8. Significance (Continued)

Religious architecture, such as the Mount Pleasant Church, frequently melded vernacular residential building types with religious architectural elements such as bell towers and front-gable orientation. The degree of architectural pretension exhibited by the churches of the area depended upon congregation size, wealth, and denomination. The design of churches reflected both functional and symbolic concerns. Churches (as opposed to meeting houses) in the area, as well as the nation, almost invariably featured front-gables. The front-gable orientation was the logical exterior architectural accommodation of the lengthened nave so frequently utilized by denominations tracing their lineage ultimately to the Roman Catholic Church, rather than Eastern Orthodox Church. A bell tower not only called parishioners to worship, but also provided a visual symbol of the building's spiritual, rather than secular, function. Fenestration also frequently symbolized the building's function; rounded, Gothic arch, and pointed shapes helped distinguish the church from its secular neighbors. However, some vernacular churches occasionally omitted these distinguishing shapes in the interest of economy.

Cemeteries provide information about the religious affiliation, ethnicity, and level of affluence of the people who settled a region. The earliest burial places found in any given area are the isolated, crudely marked, graves found along country roads or even in the middle of a forest. Once a region was settled sufficiently, church cemeteries appeared. A typical church cemetery, such as the cemetery to the rear of the Mount Pleasant Church, had the church building located on one corner and graves laid in a grid pattern (Meyer 1989, 237-251).

The Mount Pleasant Church and Cemetery was included in the National Register of Historic Places Inventory - Nomination Form for the Norbeck Historic District, prepared by the State Highway Administration and Maryland Historical Trust in 1977, however this form did not provide architectural descriptions and significance statements for individual buildings. The Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places determined in 1978 that the area is too altered to constitute a historic district, but that the significance of individual buildings, including the Mount Pleasant Church, should be considered. In addition, the church was placed on the Montgomery County Master Plan for Historic Preservation in 1987.

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8. Significance (Continued)

NATIONAL REGISTER EVALUATION:

The Mount Pleasant Church and Cemetery is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C. The property is eligible under Criterion A, for its role as the community parish for Mount Pleasant, a nineteenth century African-American community, and its continued function as a primarily African-American parish into the twentieth century. In addition, the property meets Criterion C, as a good example of vernacular Gothic Revival architecture in rural church design. Despite some alteration, the structure retains a high degree of architectural integrity, evidenced through the retention of such character-defining features as the Gothic arch windows and the building's form. The period of significance for the property extends from circa 1885 to 1947. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. Finally, the property does not meet Criterion D, as it has no known potential to yield important information.

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Eligibility recommended   X   Eligibility Not Recommended                     

Comments: Criteria A and C

Eligible for association with historic African-American community.  
Not significant architecturally.

Reviewer, OPS: E. Hannold/K. Williams Date: 11/25/1996

Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature] Date: 3/4/02

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Continuation Sheet

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of nominated property .16 hectare (.41 acres)  
Quadrangle name Kensington, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet

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### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Caroline Hall

organization P.A.C. Spero & Company

date December 1996

street & number 40 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 412

telephone (410) 296-1635

city or town Baltimore

state Maryland

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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 purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCP/DHCD  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
(410) 514-7600

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## 10. Geographical Data (Continued)

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Verbal boundary description and justification:

The National Register boundaries of the Mount Pleasant Church follow the current property lines of Parcels P968 and P913 on Tax Map HS 342. These parcels are bounded on the north by the Norbeck Park community building (the former Mount Pleasant School/Norbeck School), on the east and south by a playground associated with Norbeck Park, and on the west by Muncaster Mill Road. The boundary includes the church building and the cemetery, which both contribute to the significance of the property. The parcel containing the church is .10 hectare (.25 acres), while the cemetery is .06 hectare (.16 acres).

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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Religion  
Social/Cultural

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Church and Cemetery

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

Preparer:  
P.A.C. Spero & Company  
December 1996

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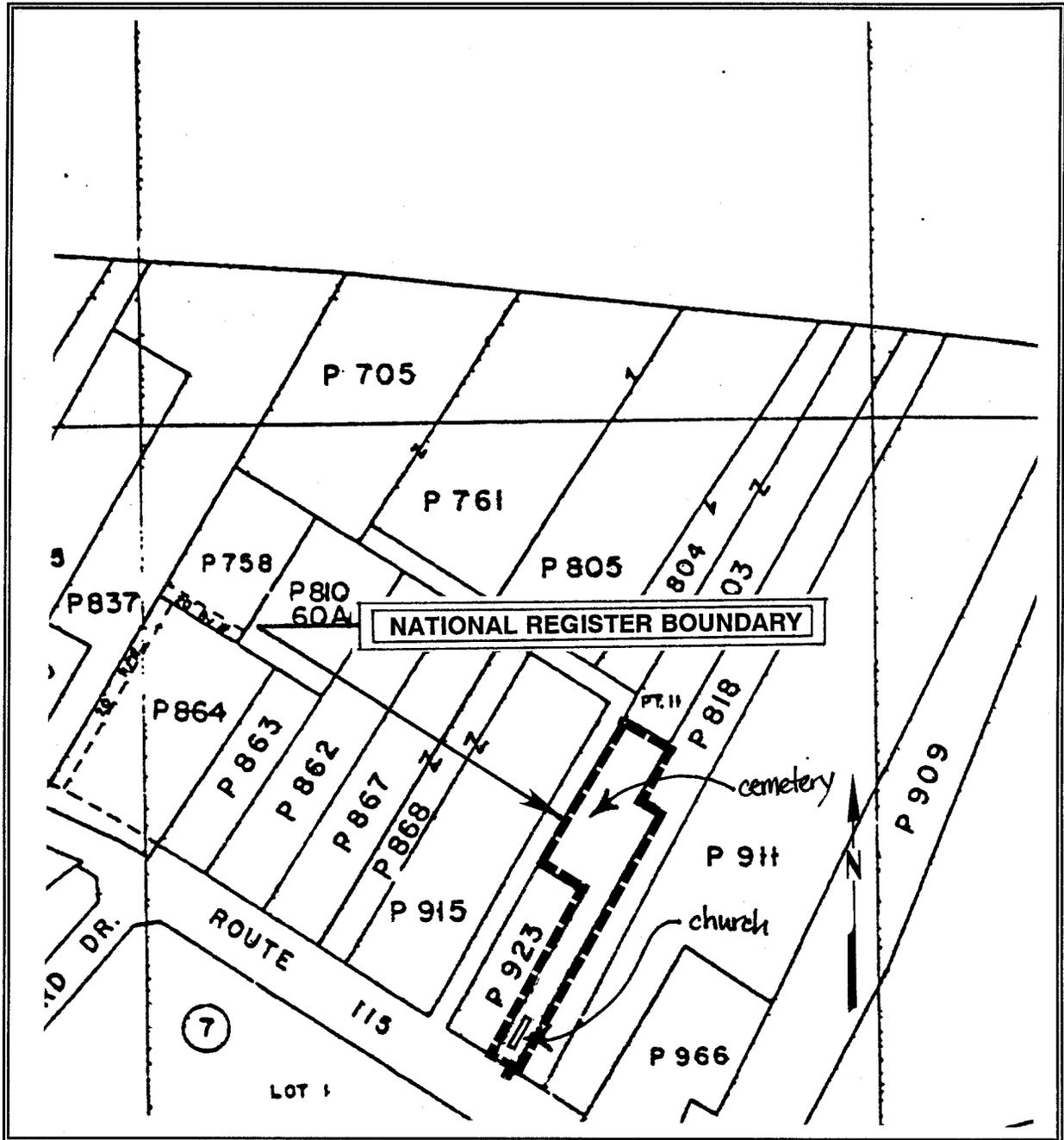
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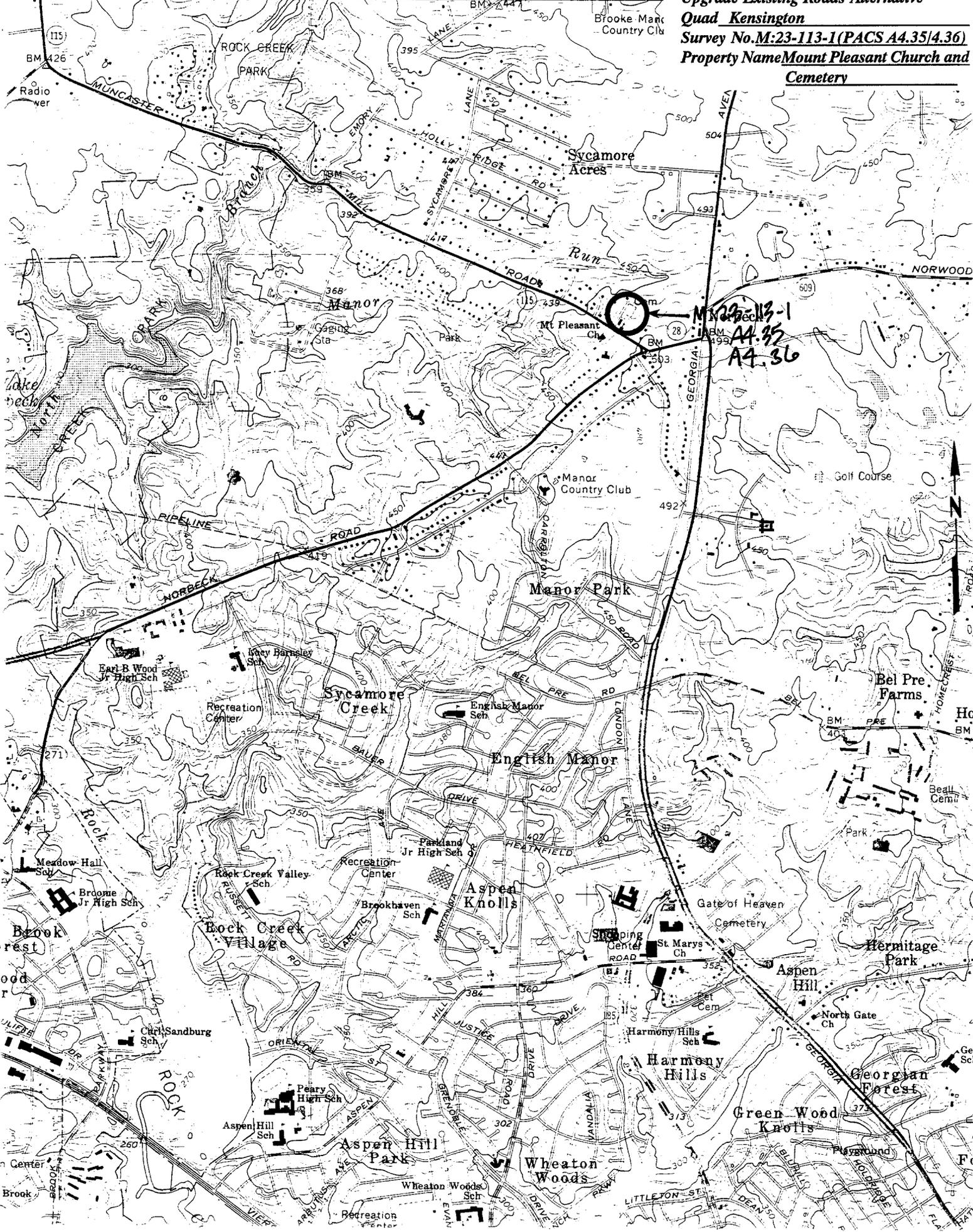
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## 10. Geographical Data

Resource Sketch Map and National Register Boundary Map:



**Intercounty Connector Project**  
**Upgrade Existing Roads Alternative**  
**Quad Kensington**  
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**Property Name Mount Pleasant Church and Cemetery**



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- 2 Mount Pleasant Church and Cemetery
- 3 Montgomery County
- 4 Caroline Hall
- 5 June 1996
- 6 PAC Spew and Company, 40 W. Chesapeake Ave.  
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- 7 west facade, 4021 Munster Pk Rd
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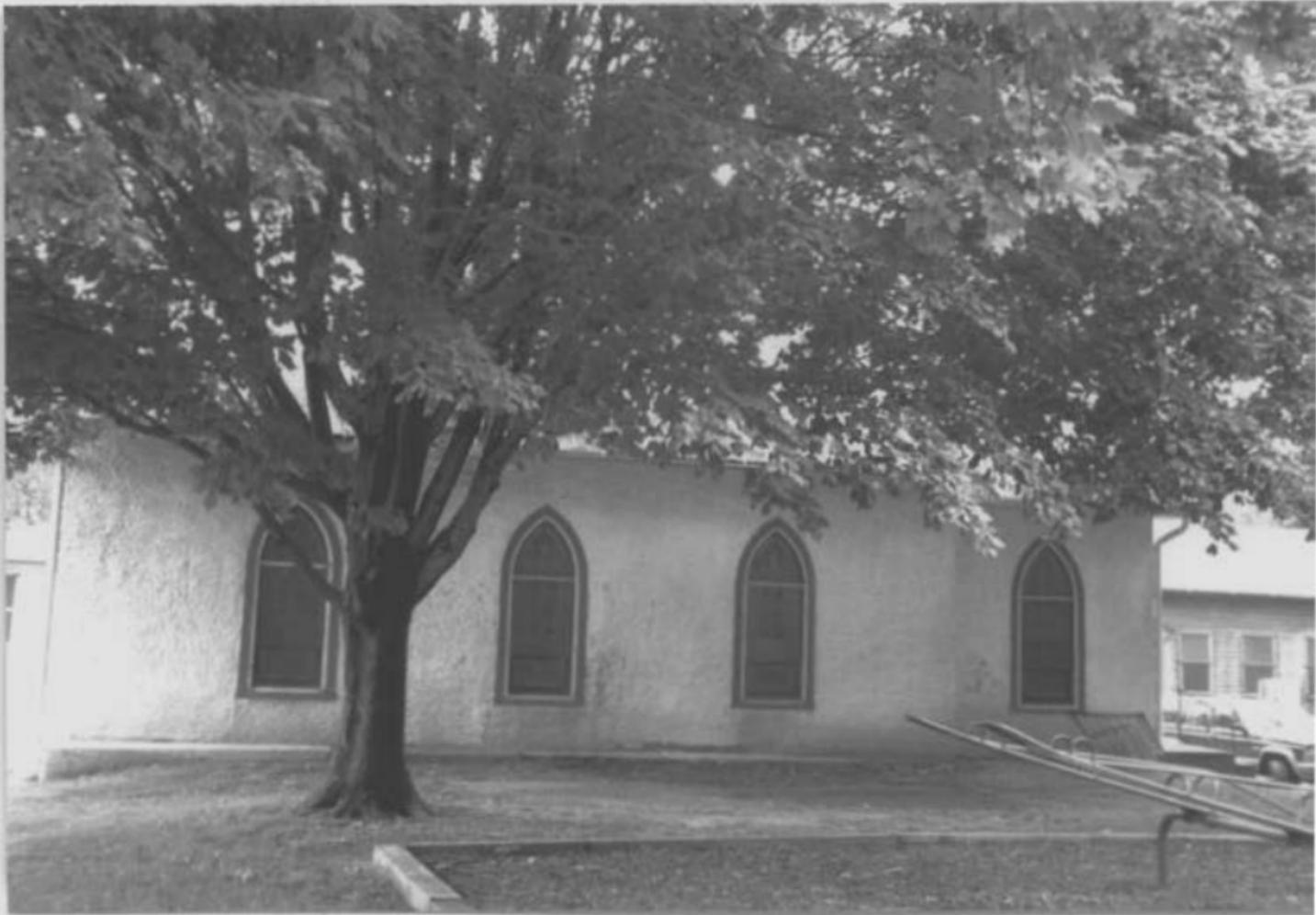
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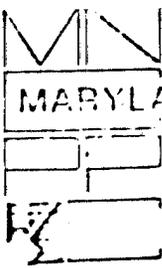
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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated April 8, 1987

ACTION TAKEN

Final Draft Amendment to the Master Plan  
OLNEY AREA HISTORIC RESOURCES

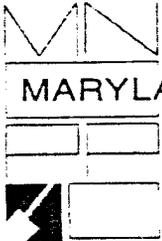
The purpose of this Amendment is to designate the following sites on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation thereby extending to them the protection of the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code.

M: 23/9	Elton
M: 23/29	Fair Hill II
M: 23/31	Pleasant Fields/Sundown Hills
M: 23/58	Gustavus Jones Farm
M: 23/63	Longwood
M: 23/66	Bordley's Choice (Merrywood)
M: 23/71	Far View
M: 23/73	Gittings Ha Ha
M: 23/79	Roslyn Bank Barn
M: 23/84	Brooke Meadow
M: 23/89	Walnut Hill
M: 23/98-4	St. John's Episcopal Church
M: 23/196106	Oakdale-Emory United Methodist Church
M: 23/112	Sycamores
M: 23/113-1	Mount Pleasant Church
M: 23/119	Holland Store & House

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MEMORANDUM

March 21, 1986

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TO: Richard Ferrara, Director  
 Department of Housing and Community Development  
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 ✓ J. Rodney Little, Director  
 State Historic Preservation Office  
 Philip Cantelon, Chairperson  
 Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Melissa C. Banach, Coordinator  
 Community Planning North *MCB*

SUBJECT: Preliminary Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for  
 Historic Preservation: Northern and Eastern  
 Montgomery County Resources

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I am pleased to transmit to you this Preliminary Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation: Northern and Eastern Montgomery County Resources.

This document contains the recommendations of the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission on approximately 80 historic sites located in the Olney, Sandy Spring, Aspen Hill, and Burtonsville areas of the County.

The Montgomery County Planning Board will hold a public hearing on this Preliminary Draft Amendment on Monday, April 21, 1986, at 7:30 P.M., in the Auditorium of the Montgomery Regional Office at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Should you have any questions concerning this specific Preliminary Draft Amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Reinhart at 495-4565.

MCB:MR:dws  
 Attachment

PRELIMINARY DRAFT

AMENDMENT TO THE APPROVED AND ADOPTED  
MASTER PLAN FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

NORTHERN AND EASTERN  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC RESOURCES

Including sites located in the Olney, Sandy Spring,  
Aspen Hill, Norbeck and Burtonsville Areas

March 1986

An amendment to the 1980 Olney Master Plan, 1980 Sandy Spring/  
Ashton Special Study Plan, 1970 Aspen Hill Master Plan, and the  
1981 Eastern Montgomery County Master Plan; being also an  
amendment to the General Plan for the Physical Development of the  
Maryland-Washington Regional District and to the Master Plan of  
Highways within Montgomery County, Maryland.

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IMPLEMENTATION

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Once designated on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation, any substantial changes to the exterior of a resource or its environmental setting must be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission and a historic area work permit issued. The Ordinance also empowers the County's Department of Environmental Protection and the Historic Preservation Commission to prevent the demolition of historic buildings through neglect.

It is the intent of the Master Plan and Ordinance to provide a rational system for evaluating, protecting and enhancing Montgomery County's heritage for the benefit of present and future residents. The accompanying challenge is to weave protection for this heritage into the County's planning program so as to maximize community support for preservation and minimize infringement on private property rights.

THE AMENDMENT

The purpose of this Preliminary Draft Amendment is to consider the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission's recommendations that the following sites be designated on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation and protected under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. A copy of the Ordinance is provided in Appendix B of this document.

*(NOTE: Unless otherwise specified in the Preservation Commission's nomination, the recommended environmental setting for each site is the entire parcel on which the resource is located as of the date it is designated on the Master Plan as defined in Section 24A-2 of the County's Preservation Ordinance. Where additional buildings of historical or architectural importance are associated with a site, these buildings are noted in the nomination as being part of the recommended setting.)*

<u>Atlas #</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Location</u>
15/55	Spencer/Carr House	2420 Spencerville

- Dating from 1855 with a rear section added in the 1870's, this three-story house is distinguished by three over three windows on the third floor and a one-story porch with bracketed pillars on the front facade.
- Significant as an example of the "Spencerville style", a local style characterized by a special grouping of architectural detail most notably half windows on the third story extending into the boxed cornice and roof line.

- 23/110 Childs House 16500 Emory Lane
- Circa 1858 -- Two-story frame farmhouse in the rural colonial style accented by six over six windows and cornice returns.
  - Good example of rural vernacular architecture constructed in the County during the later half of the 19th century.
- 12/112 Sycamores 4929 Muncaster Mill Road
- Circa 1867 -- Second Empire style residence constructed of fieldstone, now covered by whitewashed stucco.
  - Associated with the Prescotts and the Beards, prominent farming families in the County.
  - The recommended environmental setting of approximately 5 acres is delineated so as to coincide, as closely as possible, with the fenced area surrounding the house.
- 23/113-1 Mount Pleasant Church 4101 Muncaster Mill Road
- Built in the late 1800's the church is a one-story, white frame, stucco covered building with stained glass, lancet windows, stone foundation and a gabled roof covered with standing seam tin.
  - Representative of rural vernacular church architecture of the late 19th century.
  - Church has been associated with the local black community for nearly 100 years and was the religious and social center of the Mount Pleasant community in the 19th century.
  - The recommended environmental setting includes the cemetery associated with the church.
- 23/118 Amersley 1721 Norbeck Road
- Built in the 1880s', this Victorian residence is a stately version of the Queen Anne style, reflecting the restraint of its Quaker builder, R. Rowland Moore.
  - The 1890's additions to the house re-enforced the simple, provincial design of the dwelling and contribute to making this one of the more interesting architectural resources of the Sandy Spring area.
  - The nomination notes that the site is located in a 2-acre zone.



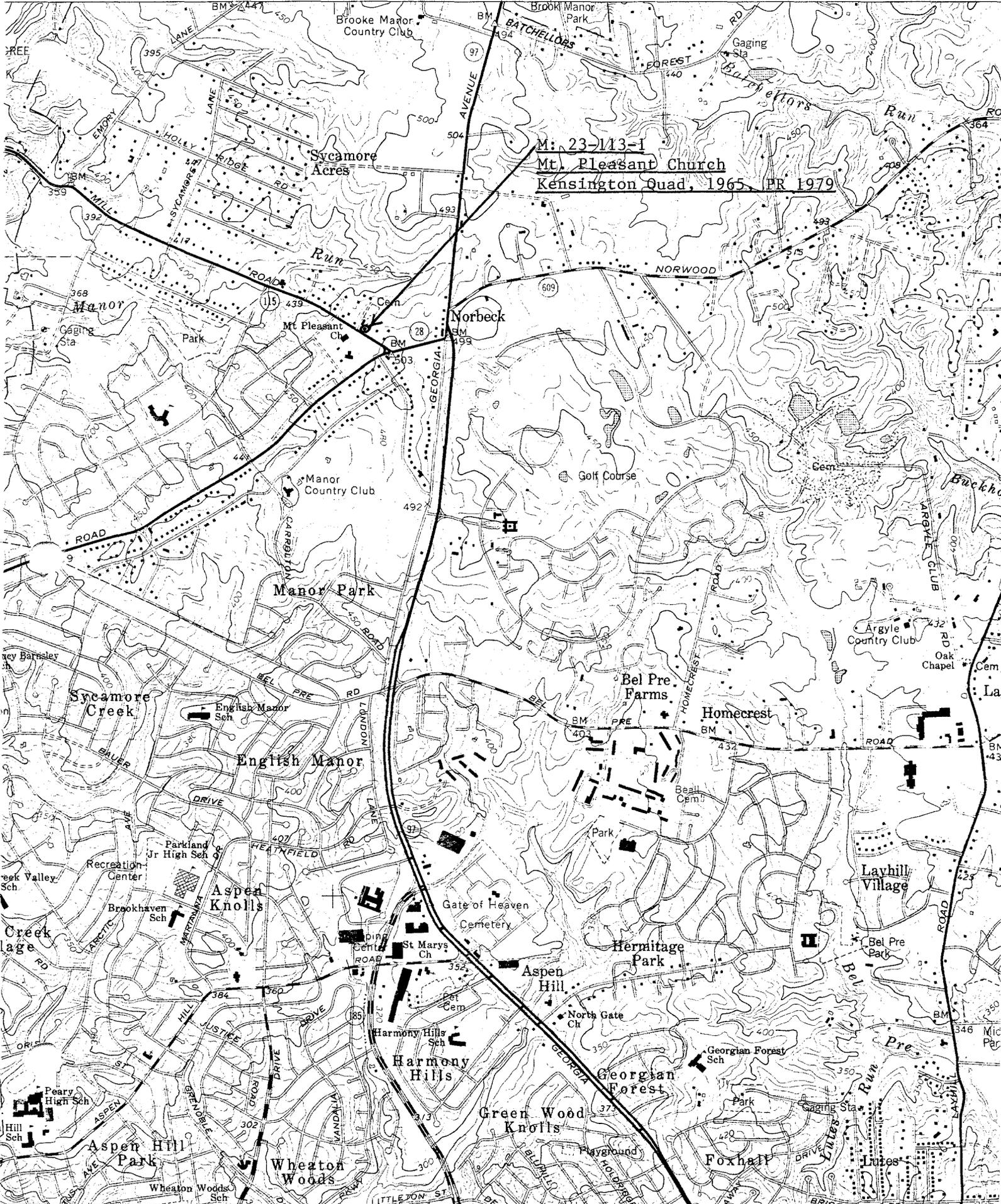
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5' 320 COOKSVILLE 15 MI. OLNEY 2 MI.

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5562 II NE (SANDY SPRING) 322

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Mt. Pleasant Church  
Kensington Quad, 1965, PR 1979

Sycamore Acres

Norbeck

Manor Park

English Manor

Aspen Knolls

Harmony Hills

Green Wood Knolls

Bel Pre Farms

Homecrest

Hermitage Park

Aspen Hill

Layhill Village

Georgian Forest

Foxhall

Sycamore Creek

Creek Village

Aspen Hill Park

Wheaton Woods

Bel Pre Park

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