

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: M:26-32 (PACS 7.14) Construction Date: 1938 Circa 1945

Name: Owen/Slye Property

Location: 915 Veirs Mill Road, Rockville, Montgomery County

Private/Religious, Private Residence/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description:

The Owen/Slye Property is located on the south side of Veirs Mill Road in the City of Rockville, Montgomery County. The property consists of a church and a vernacular cottage which are connected by a masonry wall. The 1-story, 3-bay vernacular church was constructed circa 1945 and has an enclosed vestibule on the north elevation. The 1½-story, 3-bay cottage was constructed in 1938 and has a projecting gable and porch on the north elevation.

Significance:

The Owen/Slye Property is located on land owned by John H. Bogley during the early twentieth century. In 1938, Joseph W. and Florence E. Owen bought a 0.76 hectare (1.87 acre) lot from Bogley's heirs. The Owens sold the property one year later to David John Lavezzo, developer of the surrounding subdivision. In 1944, the property was sold to Benjamin M. Slye and Stella M. Slye. It was described at that time as Lots 1 and 2 in Block A of Lavezzo's subdivision. The Slye's held the property until 1956, when it was acquired by the Rockville Assembly of God of Montgomery County. The current owners, the First Bible Baptist Church of Rockville, acquired the property in 1965.

Maryland Historical Trust
 Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
 Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term Congestion Relief

DOE yes no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic (preferred) Owen/Slye Property

and/or common Trinity Baptist Church

2. Location:

street & number 915 Veirs Mill Road not for publication

city, town Rockville 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 checked="" 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"/> other:
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	

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

name First Baptist Church of Rockville

street & number 915 Veirs Mill Road

telephone no.:

city, town Rockville

state and zip code MD 20851

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Montgomery County

liber 3426

street & number 50 Maryland Avenue

folio 323

city, town Rockville

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 2

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

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The church building has a stuccoed exterior with a layer of formstone over the north elevation. A small, wood-frame steeple is located at the north end of the asphalt-shingle, front-gable roof. The church has modern, 1/1 double-hung windows with brick sills.

On the north, or front elevation, a vestibule with a front-gable roof projects from the center bay. The vestibule has double glass doors at the top of four concrete steps. Windows are located on the east and west walls of the vestibule and in the east and west bays of the sanctuary.

The east elevation has four symmetrically-arranged windows on the first story. Four 3-light, fixed-sash windows are located at the basement window.

The south elevation has a small, concrete-block shed with a standing-seam metal gable roof projecting from the west bay at the basement level. A 3-light, fixed-sash window is located east of the shed. The east bay has an entry at the first story level at the top of five wood steps. A door leading to the basement is located below this entry. East of the entry is a brick chimney. A double-hung window, now covered is located in the gable.

The west elevation has four symmetrically-arranged windows on the first story and four 3-light, fixed-sash windows at the basement level.

Several alterations have been made to the exterior of the church, including the addition of formstone on the north elevation and the replacement of the original roof. The windows and front doors have also been replaced, as have the steps leading to the rear entry. The church retains its original form.

The cottage is located west of the church. A formstone wall with a segmental-arch opening connects the church and cottage. The cottage has a brick foundation and first story and a wood-frame half-story. The hipped roof is covered in asphalt shingles and has shed dormers on the east and west sides and a gable on the north side. A brick chimney is located on the west wall. The 1/1 double-hung windows are modern.

The north, or front elevation of the cottage has a 1-story, projecting gable with a single window over the east bay. The other two bays are sheltered by an integral front porch with a brick foundation and posts. The porch has a simple, modern balustrade. Entry is located in the center bay. A window is located in the west bay. Above the porch is a gable covered in vinyl siding. The gable has paired, 1-light sliding windows.

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The east elevation has an entry in the second bay from the north. The half-glass door is accessed by a concrete stoop. One window is located to the north of the entry, while three windows are located to the west. Two shed dormers covered in vinyl siding are located at the half-story level.

A small, stuccoed entry with a gable roof and a modern door projects from the center of the south elevation. A window is located east of the entry.

Two windows are located near the south end of the west elevation. A shed dormer with three windows is located at the half-story level.

The cottage has undergone several minor alterations. The doors and windows have been replaced. The siding on the north gable is modern, and the shed dormers are additions. The house otherwise retains its original shape.

The Owen/Slye Property is located on the south side of Veirs Mill Road in a suburban residential area. The lot is open and has a stand of trees to the south. The area behind the two buildings is paved. Veirs Mill Road is a heavily travelled route with commercial development around major intersections.

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symbolized the building's function; rounded, Gothic arches, and pointed shapes helped distinguish the church from its secular neighbors. However, vernacular churches occasionally omitted these distinguishing shapes in the interest of economy.

The dwelling on the Owen/Slye Property is an example of a vernacular cottage. Between 1870 and 1950 the vernacular cottage style was typically built for Americans of modest means. They are characterized by simple ornamentation and mass-produced components, such as door frames, moldings, sash and window units, and porch decoration. The development of post-Civil War machinery capable of producing large amounts of standardized housing elements, such as those found in cottages, contributed greatly to the development of the modern American housing industry. Designs for vernacular cottages were obtained from popular magazines, such as House Beautiful, or carpenter's and builder's journals, such as American Builder. A variety of front-gable, side-gable, cross-gable and hipped roof frame cottages were developed in the early to mid-twentieth century. Front-gable and hipped roof cottages are primarily 1 to 1½-stories tall, 3-bays wide and several rooms deep. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually 2 to 2½-stories tall, are typically 2 to 3-bays in width and vary from one to three rooms deep. They usually include a porch covered with a shed roof. Porches are supported by posts often containing machine-produced Victorian ornamentation. Some cottages feature ornamentation drawn in a Craftsman style or Colonial Revival architecture (Gottfried and Jennings 1988, viii-xv).

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National Register Evaluation:

Constructed between 1938 and 1945, the Owen/Slye Property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state, or local history. 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. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as neither building is an outstanding example of its type. Better examples of vernacular church buildings and vernacular cottages exist within the project area, and would have more architectural detail as well as more original materials. Also, alterations such as the replacement of windows and the addition of formstone have compromised the integrity of the property. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility Not Recommended X
Comments _____

Reviewer, OPS: [Signature] Date: 2/29/2000
Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature] Date: 3/1/02

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. M:26-32 (PACS 7.14)

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name Rockville Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

/s/ Julie Darsie

organization P.A.C. Spero & Company date May 1998

street & number 40 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 412 telephone (410) 296-1635

city or town Baltimore state Maryland

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 infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCP/DHCD
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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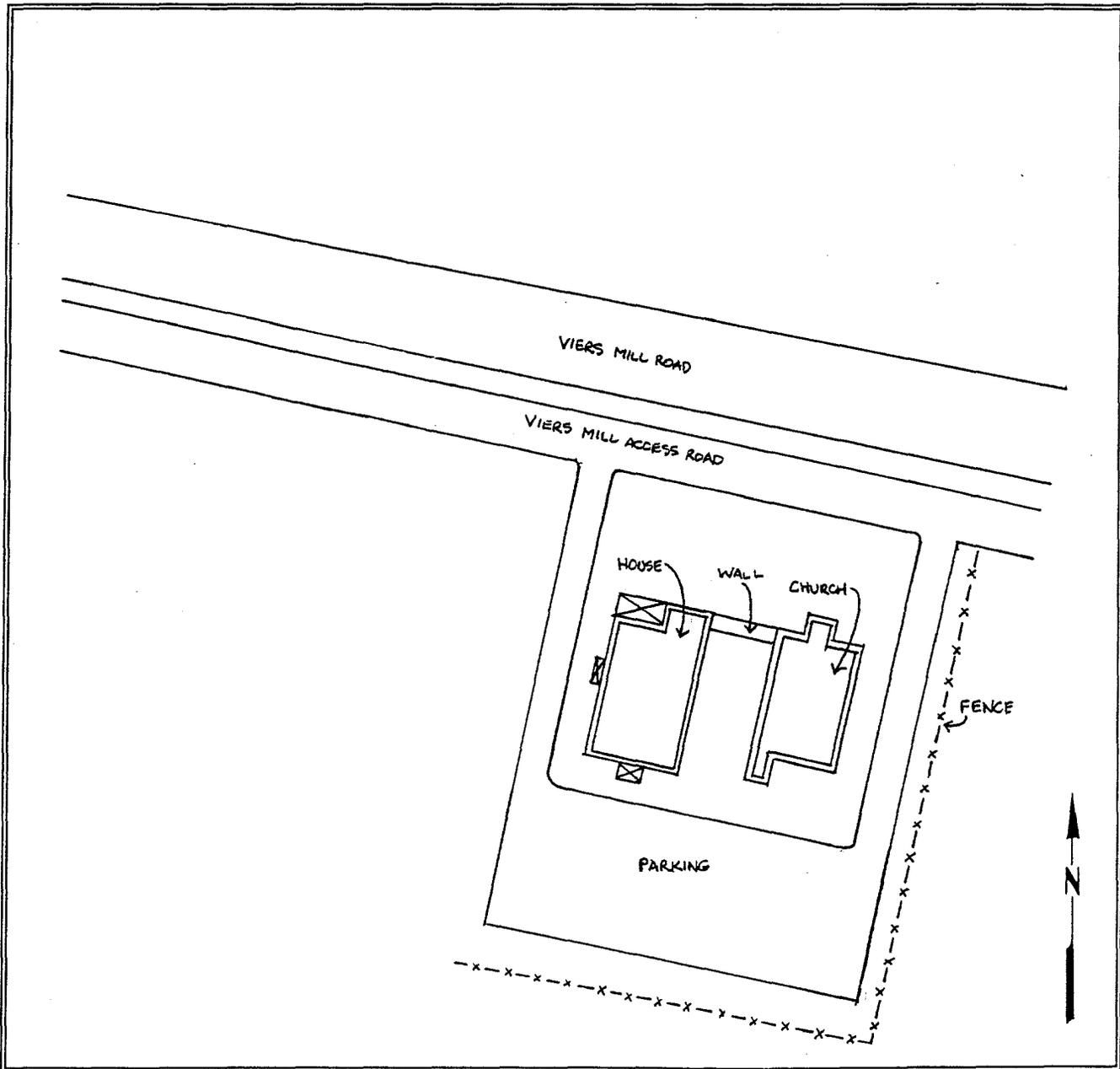
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10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Resource Sketch Map



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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):

Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

Religion

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

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

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Religious

Private Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

Preparer
P.A.C. Spero & Company
May 1998

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- 1 M 86-32
- 2 Owen / Slay Property
- 3 Montgomery & Md
- 4 Julie Davis
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md SHPs
- 7 1/2 elevations
- 8 1 of 9

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1 M. 26-32

2 Owen (State Property)

3 Montgomery Co. Md

4 Julie Davis

5 5198

6 Md. State

7 NE corner

8 2 of 5

109 0271 N H + 12





- 1 M 26-32
- 2 Owen 1 (Slope Property)
- 3 Montgomery Co Md
- 4 Julia Davis
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md STATE
- 7 SE corner
- 8 429

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1 M-26-37

2 Owen; Super Property

3 Montgomery Co Md

4 Julie Davis

5 5/98

6 Md 8110

7 W eler

8 5 of 9



1 M. 26-37

2 Over on (State Property)

3 Montgomery Co. Md.

4 G. L. Davis

5 5/98

6 Md. H. P.

7 E. elev.

8 6 of 9



- 1 M 26 32
- 2 Owen/Style Property
- 3 Montgomery Co Md
- 4 Julie Danbee
- 5 5/95
- 6 Md SHPO
- 7 Sus Carter
- 8 7 of 9



- 1 M. 16-32
- 2 Owen/Steve Property
- 3 Mortgage to 3 Md
- 4 Joint Deeds
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md. SAPPD
- 7 m. elev.
- 8 8 of 9



UNITY
BAPTIST
CHURCH

1 m: 26-32

2 Owen/Steve Property

3 Montgomery Co. Md.

4 Julie Davis

5 5/27

6 Mr. SAPP

7 NW corner

8 9 of 9