

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-2  
Magi No.  
DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Green Hill Church St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number Southeast side of Green Hill Church Road  not for publication

city, town Green Hill  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

## 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 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 Green Hill Church Preservation Committee  
c/o Dr. Robert McFarlin

street & number 3881 Five Friars Road telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21801

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

date 1970  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state MD 21032

# 7. Description

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

Green Hill Church, also known as St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, is located on the east side of Green Hill Church Road on a high bluff overlooking the Wicomico River southeast of the crossroads of Green Hill, Wicomico County, Maryland. The single-story, Flemish bond brick church faces west with the gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Green Hill Church is dated to 1733 in glazed bricks that were figured in the east gable end elevation. The rectangular brick structure rests on a low foundation defined by a single stepped watertable, and the building is covered by a steeply pitched gable roof of wood shingles. Joining the church on the lot are several marked burials with eighteenth and nineteenth century stones.

The west (main) elevation is a carefully laid Flemish bond wall with two beltcourses, one at the top of the first floor and a second close to the top of the gable end wall. A regular series of glazed headers yields a checkerboard pattern between the watertable and the second beltcourse. The lower beltcourse is three bricks wide and was laid with alternating glazed bricks, while the upper beltcourse is two bricks wide and was not laid with glazed headers. The wall surface above the second beltcourse is not distinguished by the distinct checkerboard pattern either. The gable end is pierced by two large double door openings spanned with segmental arches that feature alternating glazed rowlocks. Double doors distinguished by flat panels are framed by wide surrounds accented by bold ogee backbands. The doorways are topped by four-light transoms. Piercing the gable end is a vertical six-pane window. Fixed above the window is an iron bell fastened by a wooden bracket that extends through the wall surface. The edge of the roof is finished with a molded bargeboard.

The north side of the church is four bays across with each bay defined by a segmental arched window opening. The wall is laid in Flemish bond with a uniform checkerboard pattern of glazed bricks. The segmental arches have alternating glazed rowlocks. Twelve-over-twelve sash windows are protected by paneled shutters secured with an iron cross bar. The shutters date from the nineteenth century and feature four flat panels to each shutter leaf. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice.

The east gable end is a Flemish bond wall that does not display the checkerboard pattern but is distinguished by the glazed brick date of 1733 fixed between the upper and lower beltcourses. A pair of segmental arched window openings and evenly spaced across the wall and are filled with twelve-over-twelve sash protected by flat panel shutters.

Defining the north wall are four twelve-over-twelve sash window openings that pierce a Flemish bond wall undecorated with a checkerboard pattern. Each window opening is fitted with paneled shutters secured with an iron cross bar.

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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"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1733 **Builder/Architect**

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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.

Situated on a high bank overlooking a broad expanse of the Wicomico River, Green Hill Church is clearly one of the outstanding eighteenth-century architectural survivals remaining on the lower Eastern Shore. Today, the Flemish bond brick church stands in a quiet river location, although original intentions had been that the church would be surrounded by scores of developed lots in Green Hill Town, a port of entry created as part of an Act of Provincial Assembly in 1706. The population and development of Green Hill Town with the support of the local Anglican jurisdiction of Stepney Parish warranted the construction of this sizable 68'8" by 43' Flemish bond brick church in 1733, thereby replacing a frame structure erected during the first decade of the century. Flemish bond walls rise from a low, single ledge watertable, and the south and west elevations are highlighted by uniform checkerboard patterns of glazed headers. The decorative greyish blue bricks were also used in alternating rhythm within the broad segmental arches that span the four south windows and two west entrances. One of the most dramatic features of the brick exterior is the glazed brick date of 1733 that was executed in the Flemish bond pattern of the east gable end. While other glazed brick dates are found on buildings located in the middle and upper portions of the Eastern Shore, Green Hill Church is the only example of this architectural tradition surviving in the three lower Shore counties.

The interior has retained large portions of its early eighteenth century raised-panel pew partitions that are arranged on each side of wide aisles that align with the two front doors. Rising almost four feet from the brick floor, the pew partitions consist of deeply cut raised panels set in mortised and tenon frames. Many of the raised-panel pew doors also survive with original butterfly or H-shaped hinges. The pulpit is fixed against the south wall and it is surmounted by an original canopy secured by a timber angle brace. Although the interior brick walls are now coated with layers of paint, the original finish would have been plaster, which remains in a few remote corners. The barrel vault ceiling is currently finished with narrow pine boards which date from the late nineteenth century. Stretching across the middle of the church from side to side are tremendous beaded edge tie beams.

Green Hill Church was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973, and it is an extremely important historic site in Wicomico County.

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10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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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

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organization Private Consultant date 7/23/96

street & number P. O. Box 5 telephone 410-651-1094

city or town Westover state Maryland 21871

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.

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

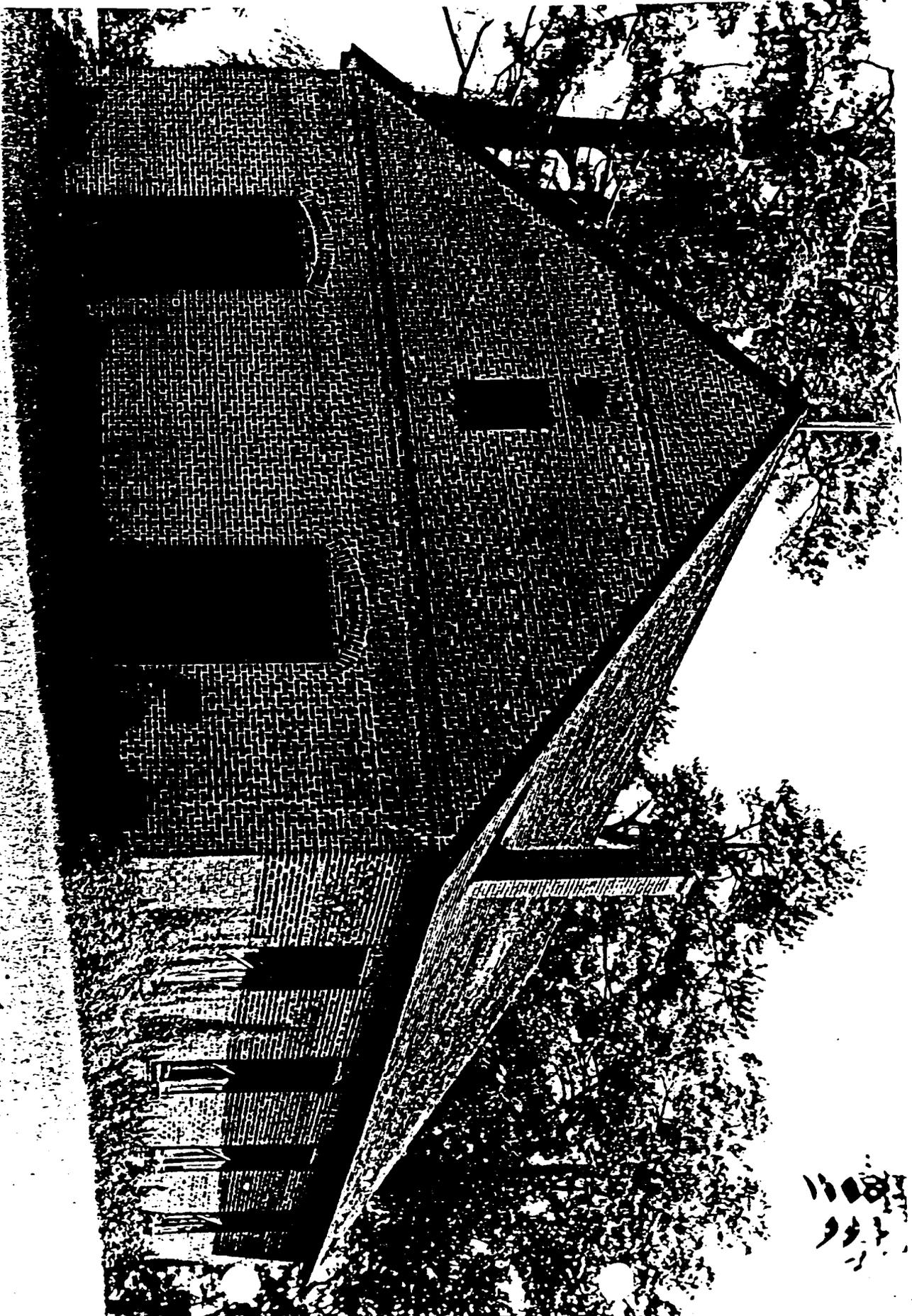
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<b>COMMON</b> Green Hill Church	<b>AND/OR HISTORIC</b> St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church	<b>NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)</b>
<b>2. LOCATION</b>		
<b>STATE</b> Maryland	<b>COUNTY</b> Wicomico	<b>TOWN</b> Quantico
<b>STREET AND NUMBER</b> Green Hill Church Road		
<b>3. PHOTO REFERENCE</b>		
<b>PHOTO CREDIT</b> Anthony Oliver James	<b>DATE</b> July 1973	<b>NEGATIVE FILED AT</b> Maryland Historical Tr
<b>4. IDENTIFICATION</b>		
<b>DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.</b>		

East elevation





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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**  
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interior looking east to altar.

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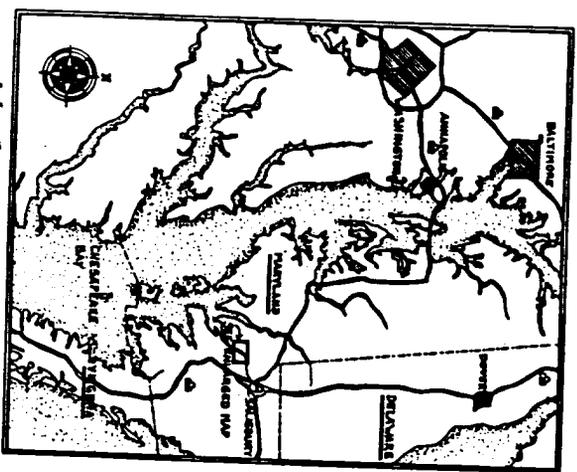
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## OLD GREEN HILL CHURCH QUANTICO, MARYLAND

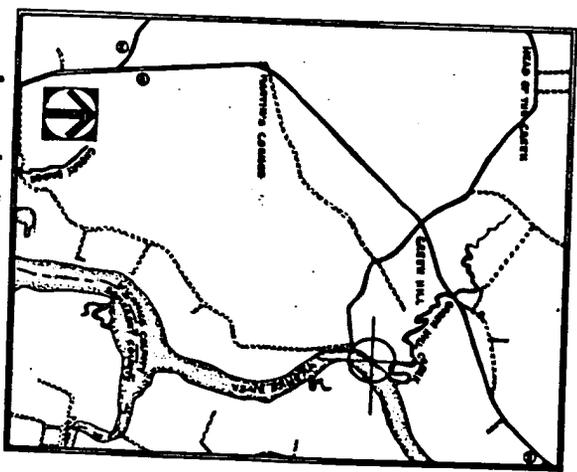
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH (ALSO KNOWN AS GREEN HILL CHURCH AND OLD GREEN HILL) WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 1733, AND WAS THE SECOND STRUCTURE TO BE BUILT ON THE SITE. THE ONE-STORY BRICK CHURCH IS SITUATED ON THE NORTH BANK OF THE VICOMICO RIVER APPROXIMATELY ONE MILE SOUTHEAST OF THE VICOMICO COMMUNITY OF GREEN HILL LOCATED WITHIN VICOMICO COUNTY ON THE EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND. IT SERVED AS THE MAIN CHURCH OF STENEY PARISH, FORMED BY AN ACT OF ASSEMBLY IN 1692. UNTIL IT WAS SUPERCEDED BY ST. PETER'S, SAUSBURY, IN 1707 GREEN HILL TOWN WAS LAID OUT AS A PORT OF ENTRY, BUT IT APPARENTLY DID NOT PROSPER.

THE CHURCH HAS REMAINED ALMOST UNTOUCHED TO THE PRESENT DAY AND IT CAN BE ASCERTAINED THAT THE BUILDING WAS A VERY SIMPLE STRUCTURE INSIDE AND OUT. THE EXTERIOR IS BUILT OF BRICK LAID IN FLEMISH BOND WITH RANDOM GLAZING. ON THE GABLE FACING THE VICOMICO RIVER IS THE DATE 1733 IN LARGE GLAZED NUMERALS. LIKE ST. MARTIN'S, WORCESTER COUNTY, THE INTERIOR HAS SIMPLE BOX Pews, DIVIDED BY FIELDED PANELING, AND A VAULTED CEILING.

MEASURED DRAWINGS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH WERE PREPARED BY THE INTERIOR DESIGN DEPARTMENT, MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE, WASHINGTON, D.C. IN COOPERATION WITH THE MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST (MHT) AND THE VICOMICO COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DURING THE WINTER OF 1982 UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MARK R. EDWARDS, HISTORIC SITES SURVEY COORDINATOR (MHT), JACQUELINE F. DIAMICH, CHAIRMAN OF THE VICOMICO COUNTY COMMITTEE (MHT), AND ROBERT F. HEDEN, AIA, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF INTERIOR DESIGN, MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE. DOCUMENTATION WAS CARRIED OUT BY STUDENT DESIGNERS JOANNE BARBERA, SANDI CALDWELL, DONA DANIEL, MARY ELIZABETH GETNER, VALIKATANA KAMBHU, COLLEEN LINDVALL AND BAMBHY RAY. THE DRAWINGS WERE COMPLETED IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

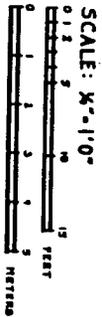
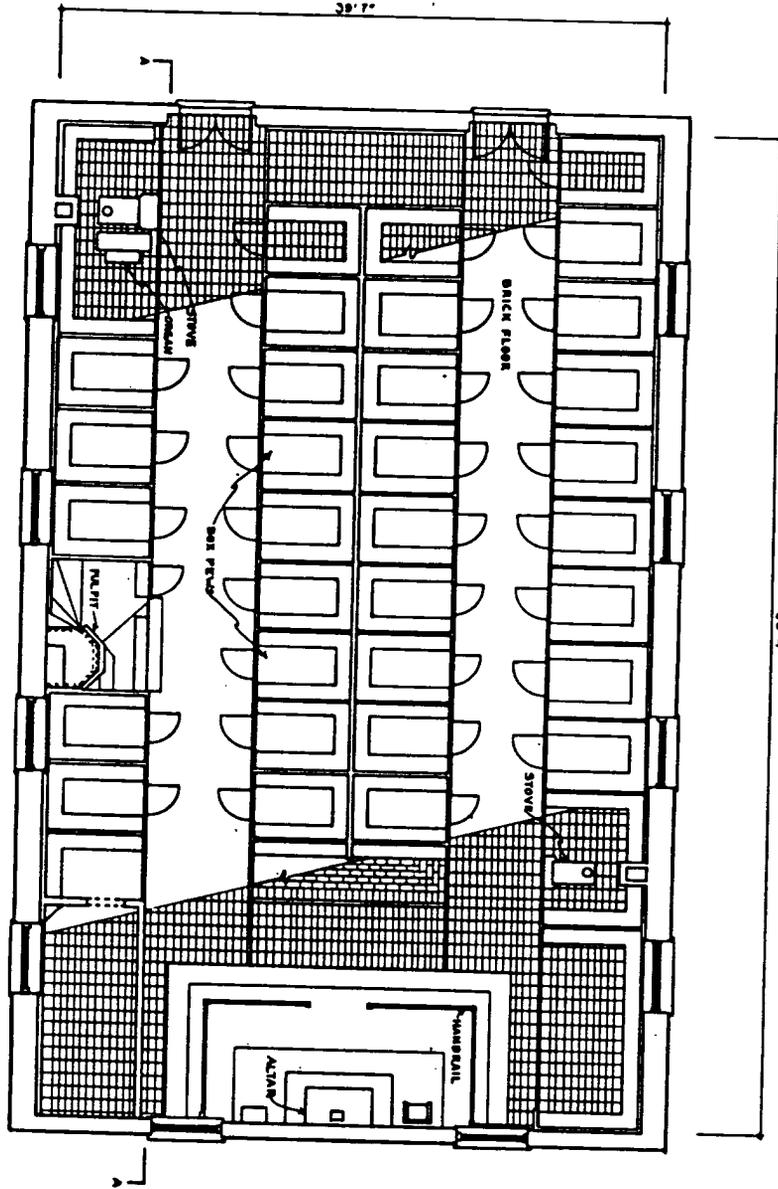


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FLOOR PLAN



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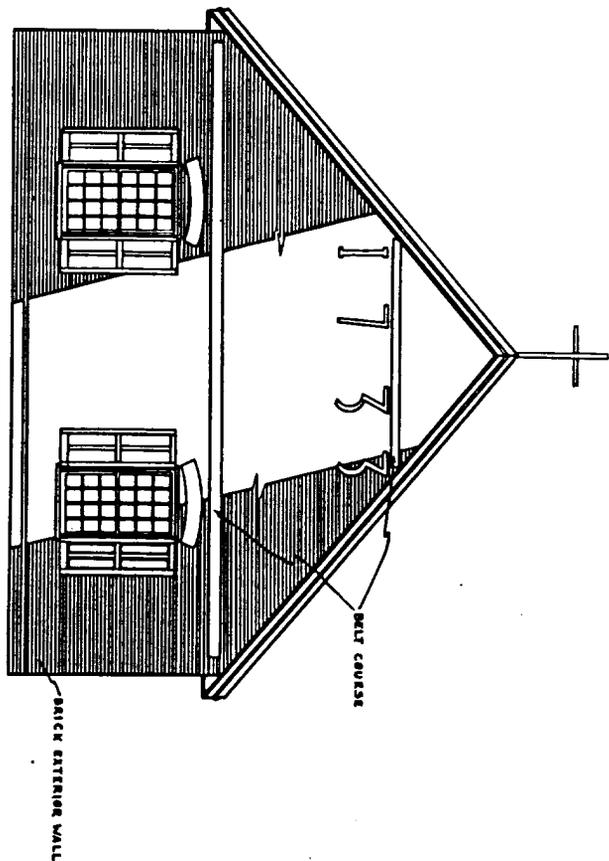
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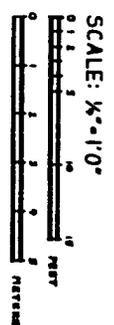
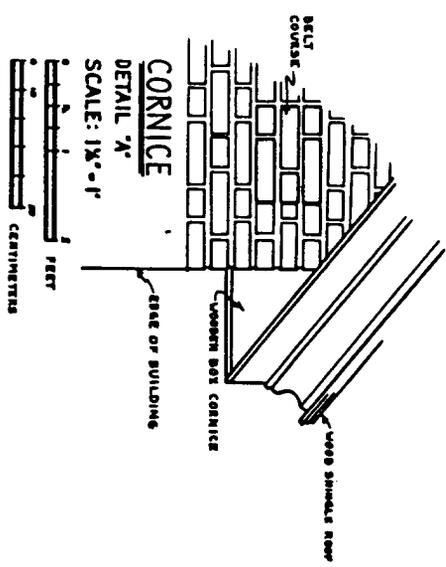
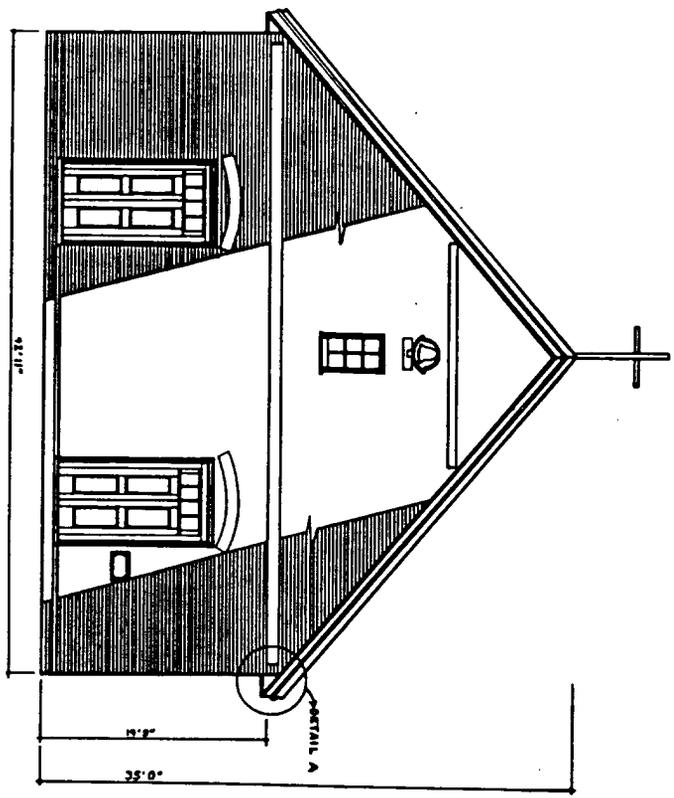
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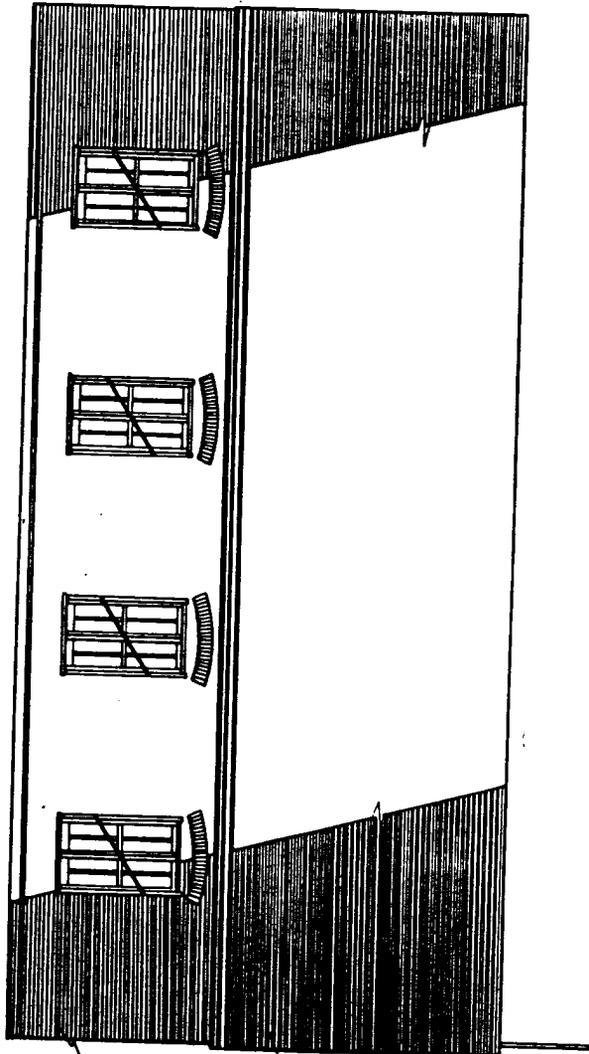
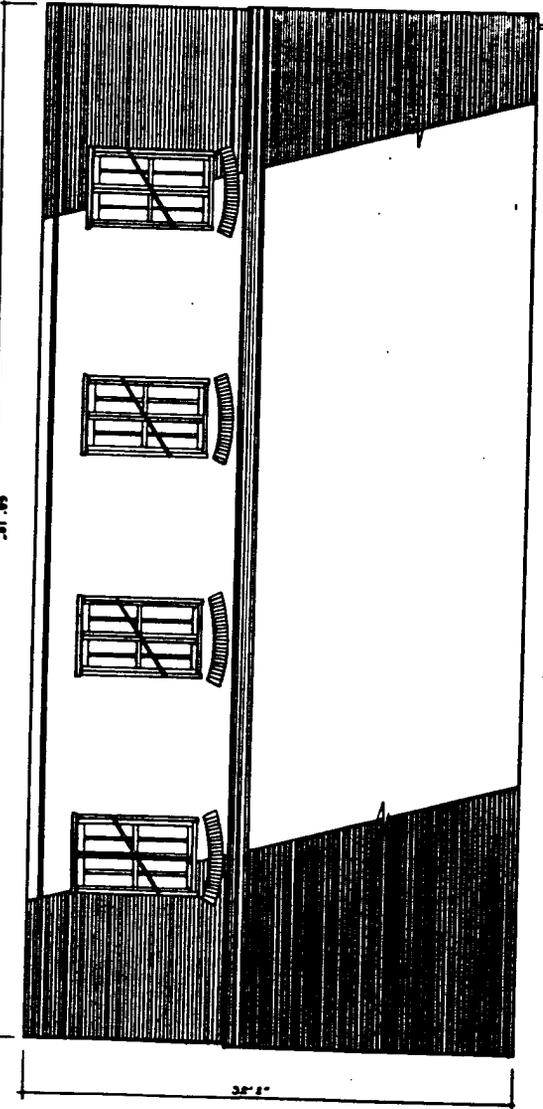
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NORTH  
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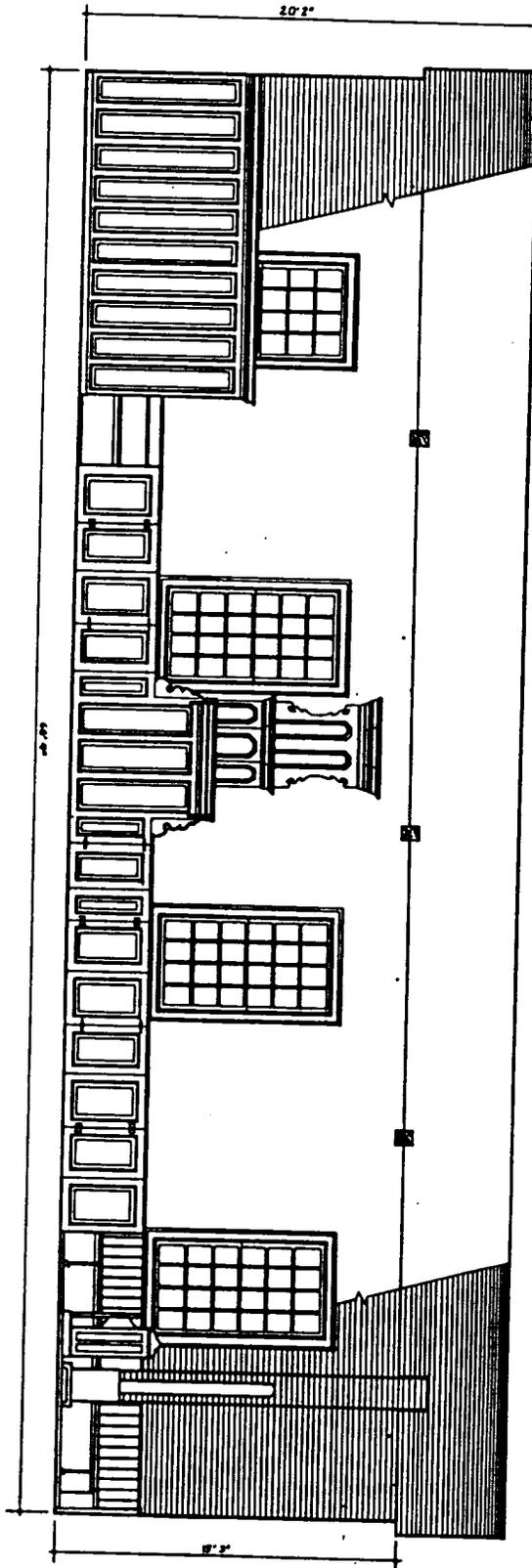
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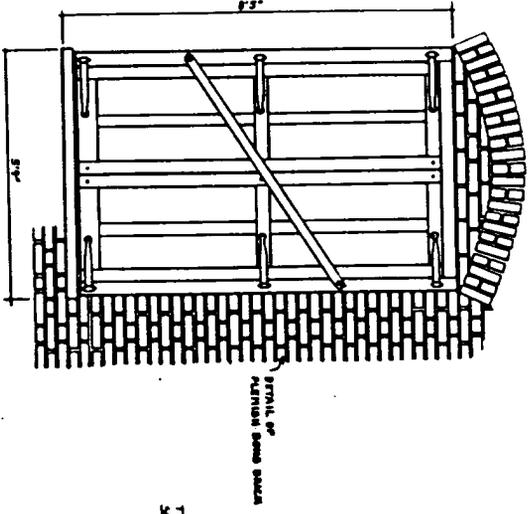
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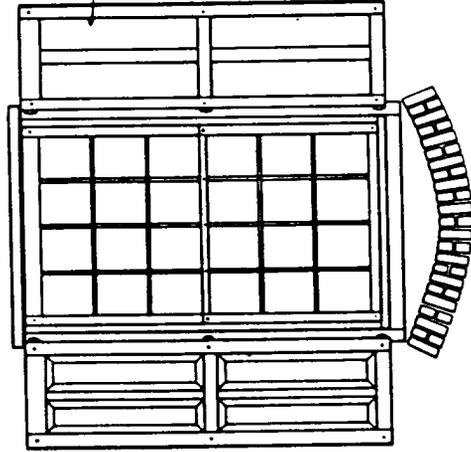
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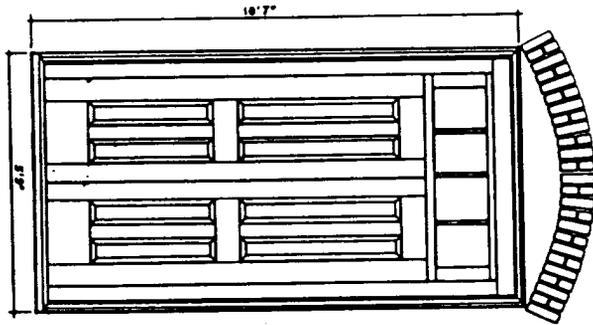
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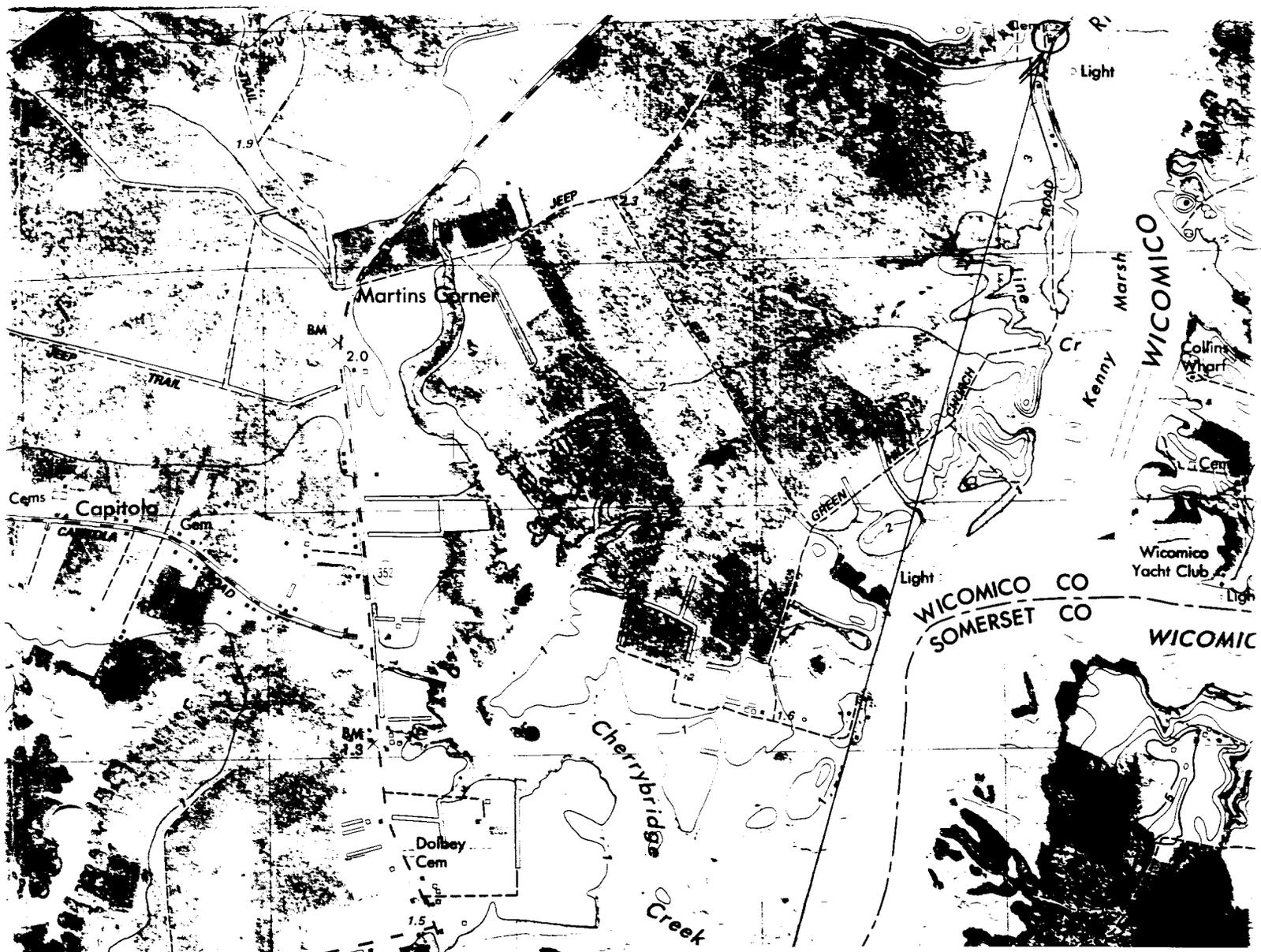


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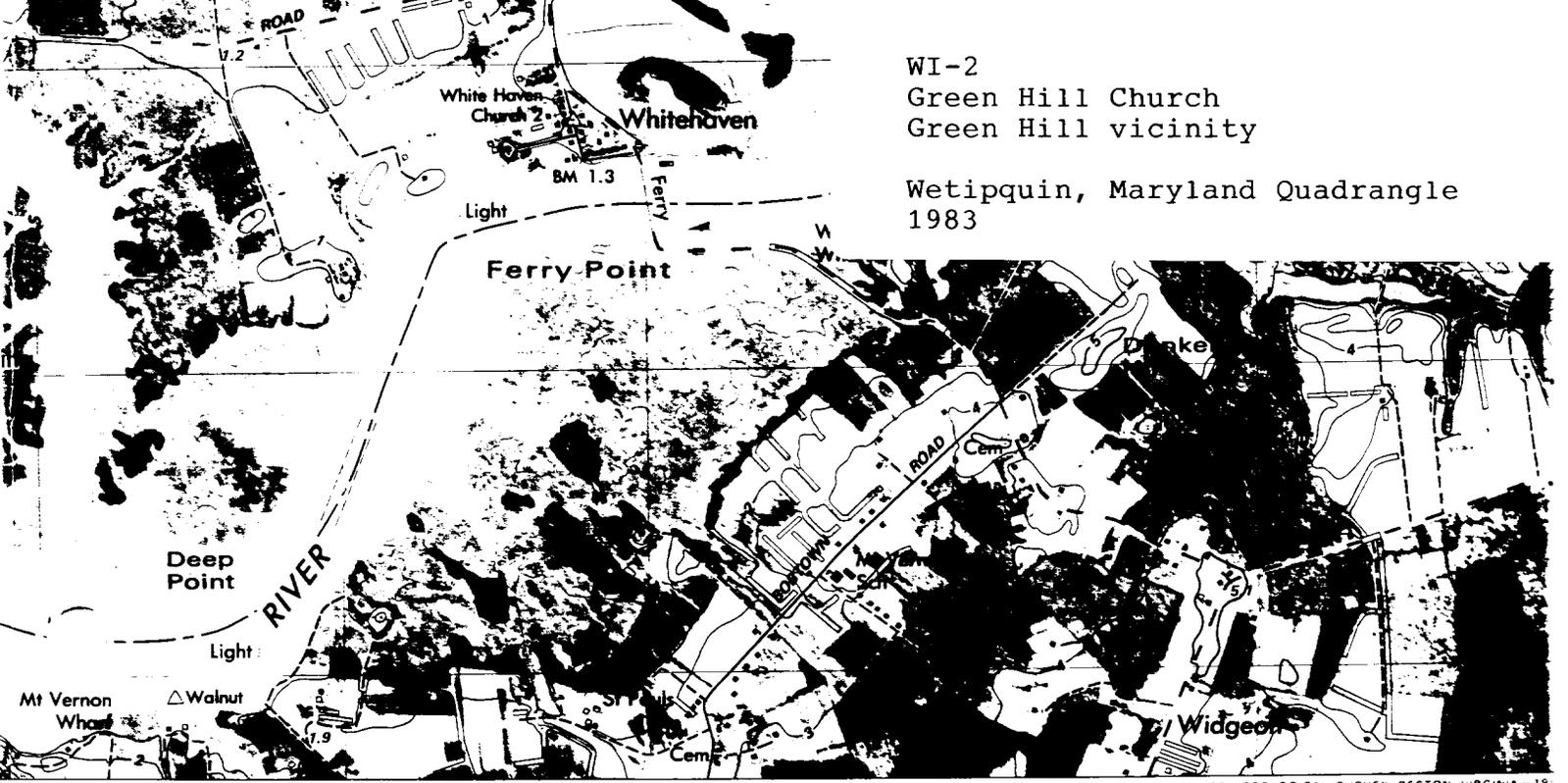


**WEST ELEVATION  
DETAIL OF NORTH DOOR**





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 Green Hill Church  
 Green Hill vicinity  
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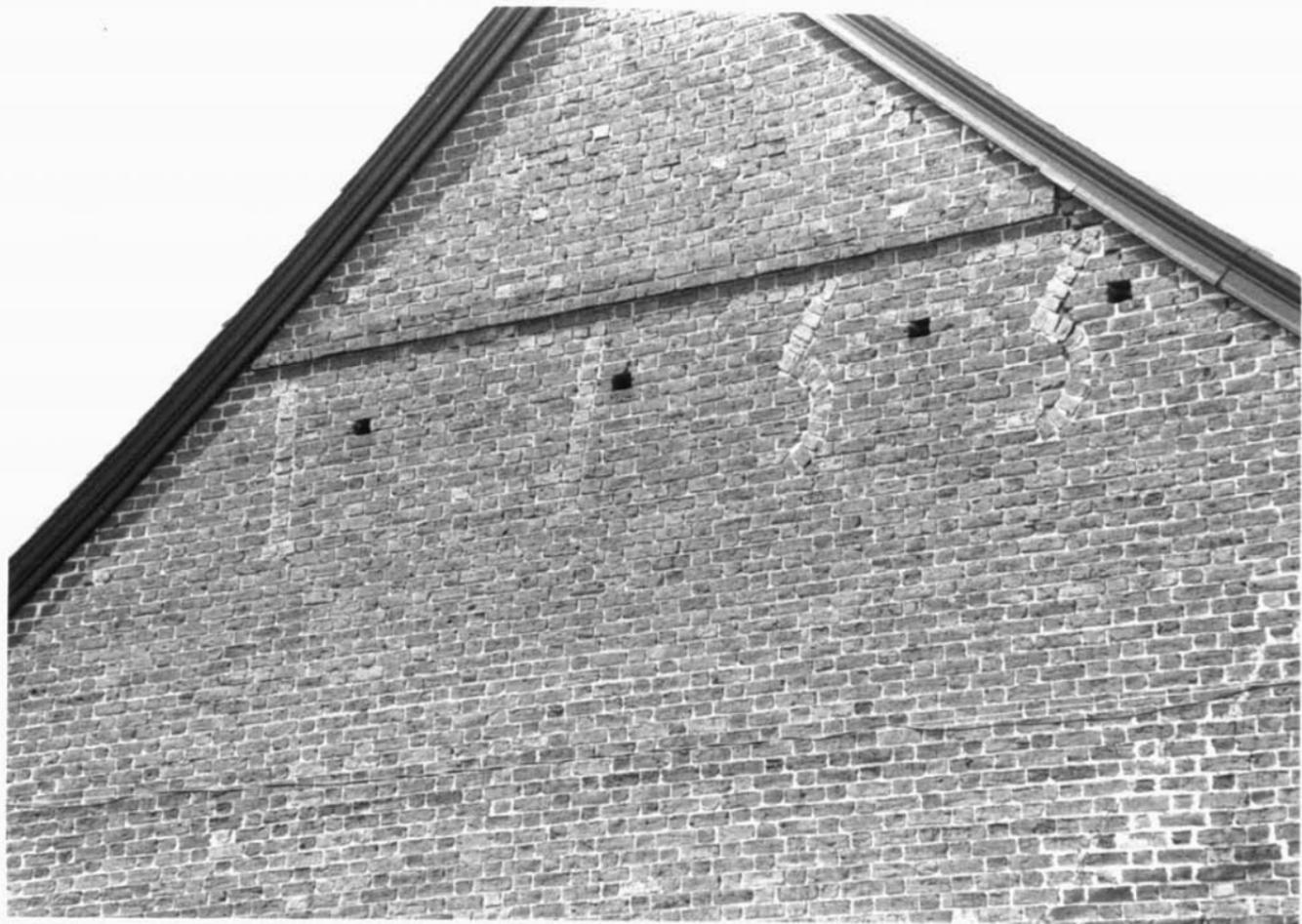
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