

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: Bowman House Inventory Number: PG 61-6B

Address: 4937  
~~4935~~ Prince George's Avenue, Beltsville, MD

Owner: Clinton E. and Roma E. Bowman

Tax Parcel Number: Lot 22, Block 23 Tax Map Number: PG 19

Project: Congestion Relief Study (Project No. PG300B11) Agency: State Highway Administration

Site visit by \_\_\_\_\_ Staff: no yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended X

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

Is property located within a historic district? x no yes Name of district \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed? no yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP form PG61-6b

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

The Bowman House was previously surveyed in 1985 by the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission. The circa 1900, 2 1/2-story, gable-front-and-wing residence has not undergone any changes since that time. No determination of eligibility was made at the time of the previous survey.

The Bowman House is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as an individual resource. Although associated with the neighboring Emanuel Methodist Church, the house itself is not associated with events or trends significant in the development of local, state or national history and therefore is not eligible under Criterion A. The house is not associated with a person of significance and therefore is not eligible under Criterion B. Furthermore, the house is not a distinctive example of architecture and therefore is not eligible under Criterion C. Also, the asbestos shingling and conversion to apartments have lessened the integrity of the property.

Prepared by: KCI Technologies, January 2000

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Eligibility recommended _____	Eligibility not recommended <u>X</u>
Criteria: <u>A</u> <u>B</u> <u>C</u> <u>D</u>	Considerations: <u>A</u> <u>B</u> <u>C</u> <u>D</u> <u>E</u> <u>F</u> <u>G</u> <u>None</u>
Comments: _____	
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>[Signature]</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>3/23/00</u> Date

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PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN  
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)  
 Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)  
 Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)  
 Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815  
 Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870  
 Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930  
 Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present  
 Unknown Period ( prehistoric  historic)

III. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture  
 Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning  
 Economic (Commercial and Industrial)  
 Government/Law  
 Military  
 Religion  
 Social/Educational/Cultural  
 Transportation

IV. Resource Type:

Category: Residential  
Historic Environment: Residential Suburban Neighborhood  
Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Residential  

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Known Design Source: None

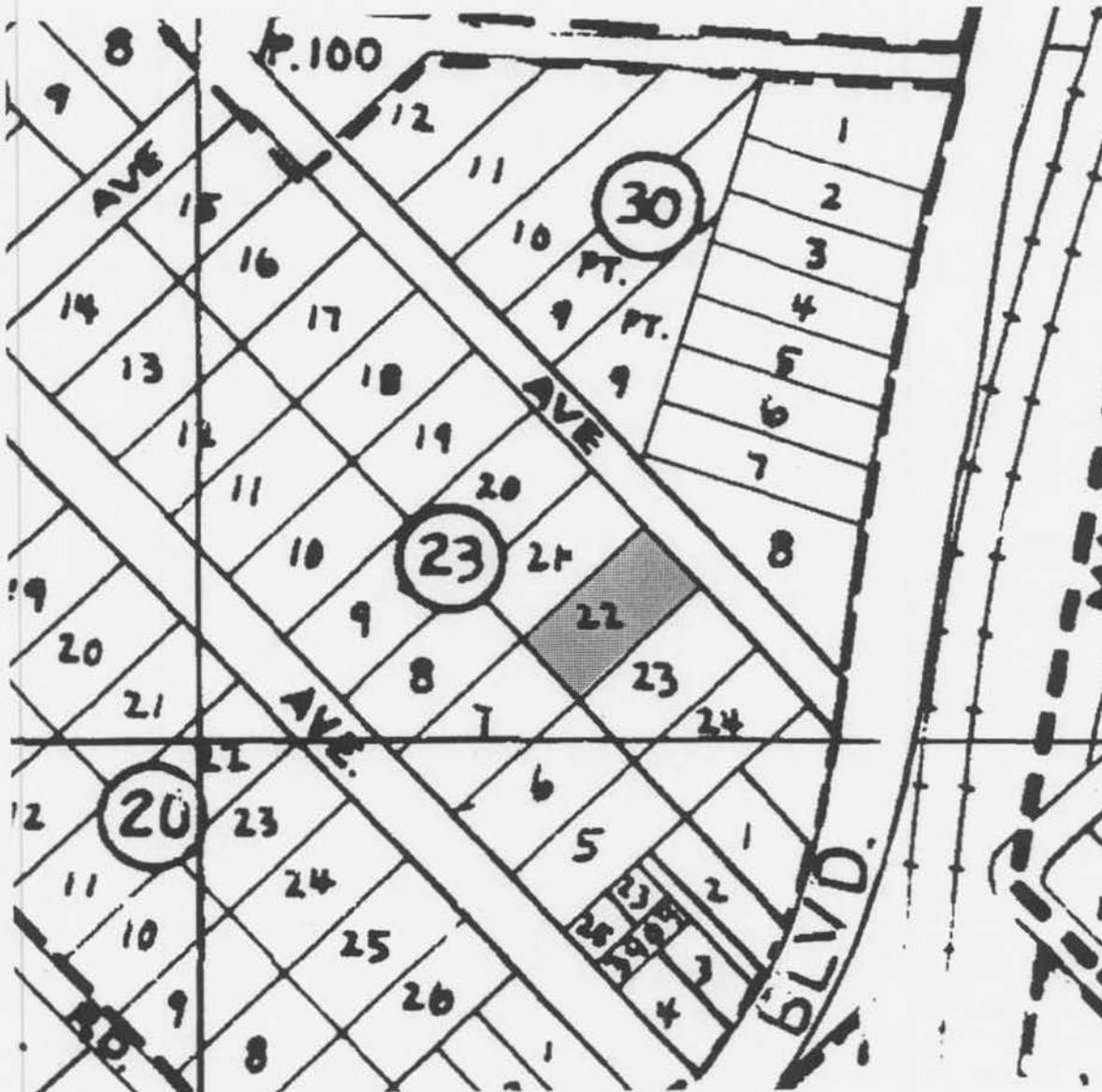
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Resource Location Map:

Prince George's County Tax Map 19, Block 23, Lot 22



Montgomery-Prince George's Short Term  
Congestion Relief  
Town/County: Beltsville/Prince George's  
Quad: Beltsville, MD  
Survey No.: PG:61-6B  
Property Name: Bowman House





1. PG 61-6B
2. BOWMAN HOUSE
3. PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD
4. JUNE MUELLER
5. 12/99
6. MD STPD
7. 4937 PRINCE GEORGE'S AVE, VIEW SW
8. 1 of 2



- 1 PG 61408
- 2 Bowman Trust
- 3 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD
- 4 JUDE MILLER
- 5 12/99
- 6 MD SFPD
- 7 11937 PRINCE GEORGE'S AVENUE, VIEW NE
- 8 2 OF 2

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #61-6b Building Date: ca. 1897

Building Name: Bowman house (Emmanuel Church Parsonage)

Location: 4937 Prince George's Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

The Bowman house is an L-shaped, gable-roofed frame dwelling of the gable-front-and-wing plan, located east of and adjoining the Emanuel Methodist Church building in Beltsville, on lot #22 of Block 23. Its north gable end fronts directly on Prince George's Avenue. The main block of the house is two-and-one-half-stories high; the principal facade faces east, composed of a one-bay gable end to the south, and a two-bay ell extending to the north. Entrance is in the first bay of the ell through a door with a one-pane transom and plain surround. A one-story porch with chamfered bracketed posts shelters this door, and fills the northeast corner of the ell. The north and east gable ends are decorated at loft level with jigsaw bargeboards at the apex, and with courses of rectangular and fishscale shingles. Centered in each gable end is a five-sided keystone-shaped window, highlighted by a triangular surround filled with jigsaw tracery. The cornice is plain and boxed, and the windows are 2/2 double-hung sash. There is an interior chimney in the west slope of the roof. The south elevation of the main block ends in a hip roof, behind which is a two-story two-bay wing. There is a one-story shed-roof addition attached at this south gable end. The building is covered with light green asbestos shingle; it rests on a brick foundation and the roof is covered with asphalt shingle. The house is presently divided into apartments.

Significance:

The Bowman house in Beltsville exemplifies folk Victorian architecture of the gable-front-and-wing plan, a common dwelling house type in late nineteenth and early twentieth century Prince George's County. This house was built at the end of the nineteenth century as the parsonage for the new Emanuel Methodist Church which had been constructed on the adjoining lot in 1893. The parsonage is plainer than other contemporary dwellings of its type; it does not have, for example, the projecting bay of the 1893 Van Horn house (P.G. #70-26), nor does it have the shingled pediment of the 1897 Furgang house (P.G. #82A-23). It does, however, have the standard bracketed porch which fills the corner, and it has Victorian decorative treatment of the gable peaks. This house served as the Emanuel Church parsonage through the first half of the twentieth century. In 1960, when a new church was built, the old church and parsonage were sold to Clinton and Roma Bowman, who have converted both buildings into apartments. The parsonage is an example of adaptive reuse of a common late Victorian dwelling house type.

Acreage: 11,167 square feet

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Emmanuel Church Parsonage

and/or common Bowman House

## 2. Location

street & number 4937 Prince George's Avenue  not for publication

city, town Beltsville  vicinity of congressional district

state county

## 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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Clinton Bowman

street & number 4404 Greenwood Road telephone no.: 937-3559

city, town Beltsville, state and zip code MD. 20705

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 2531

street & number Main Street folio 514

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state MD. 20737

# 7. Description

Survey No. P.G. #61-6b

<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 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.

The Bowman house is an L-shaped, gable-roofed frame dwelling of the gable-front-and-wing plan. It is located on a lot directly east of and adjoining the Emanuel Methodist Church building in Beltsville; it stands on lot #22 of Block 23. The north gable end of the house fronts directly on Prince George's Avenue, three lots west of U.S. Route 1. The main block of the house is two-and-one-half-stories high; the principal facade faces east, and is composed of a one-bay gable end to the south, and a two-bay ell extending to the north. Entrance is in the first bay of the ell through a door with a one-pane transom and plain surround. A one-story porch with chamfered bracketed posts shelters this door, and fills the entire northeast corner of the ell; the porch rests on brick piers. The north and east gable ends are decorated at loft level with jigsawn bargeboards at the apex, and with courses of rectangular and fishscale shingles. Centered at loft level in each gable end is a five-sided keystone-shaped window which is highlighted by a triangular surround filled with jigsawn tracery. The cornice is plain and boxed, and the windows are 2/2 double-hung sash with plain board surrounds. There is an interior chimney in the west slope of the roof.

On the west side of the main block is a two-story shed-roof addition which continues the west plane of its gable roof at a shallower pitch. This narrow, one-bay wide addition has an entrance at both north and south.

The rear (south) elevation of the main block ends in a hip roof, behind which is a (lower) two-story two-bay wing. The wing has a boxed cornice with crown molding. Windows are 2/2 double-hung sash with plain board surrounds; they are slightly smaller than those in the main block. An interior brick chimney rises at the ridge near the south gable end. There is a one-story shed-roof addition attached at this south gable end.

The entire building is covered with light green asbestos shingle; trim, including the gable end decoration, is white. The building rests on a brick foundation (except for that of the south shed-roof addition which is concrete) and the roof is covered with asphalt shingle.

The house is presently divided into apartments. Behind it to the south is a one-story gable-roof garage building, constructed of molded concrete block with overhanging eaves and exposed rafter ends; this building also has been converted into an apartment dwelling. These two buildings share a small back yard with the Emanuel Church building adjoining on the west.

# 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** ca. 1897 **Builder/Architect**

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.

The Bowman house in Beltsville exemplifies folk Victorian architecture of the gable-front-and-wing plan, a very common dwelling house type in late nineteenth and early twentieth century Prince George's County. This house was built at the end of the nineteenth century as the parsonage for the new Emanuel Methodist Church which had been constructed on the adjoining lot in 1893; it was built during the pastorship of Reverend John C. Hawk who was its first occupant.<sup>1</sup> The parsonage is plainer than other roughly contemporary dwellings of its type; it does not for example, have the projecting bay of the 1893 Van Horn house (#70-26), nor does it have the shingled pediment of the 1897 Furgang house (#82A-23). It does, however, have the standard bracketed porch which fills the corner, and it has Victorian decorative treatment of the gable peaks.

This house served as the Emanuel Church parsonage through the first half of the twentieth century. In the 1920's a garage was constructed of molded concrete blocks in the rear of lot #22; it was later converted to a Parish Hall for church-related social functions.<sup>2</sup>

In 1960, a new Emanuel Methodist Church was established on Cedar Lane. The old church (Lot #21), parsonage (Lot #22), and vacant lot (#23) adjoining were sold by the church trustees to Clinton and Roma Bowman, who have converted both buildings into apartments.<sup>3</sup> The garage/social hall at the rear of lot 22 was also converted into an apartment. The parsonage is an example of adaptive reuse of a common late Victorian dwelling house type.

Notes

<sup>1</sup> Emanuel Methodist Church Records, M3524, Md. Hall of Records; A History of Beltsville, 1976 p. 85-86.

<sup>2</sup> ibid.

<sup>3</sup> P.G. County Deed #2531:514.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G. #61-6b

cf. Chain of Title  
cf. Notes, Item #8

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 11,167 Square Feet, Tax Map 19

Lot 22

Quadrangle name Beltsville, Section I

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

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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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
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state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research Historian

organization Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission date July 1985

street & number c/o County Planning Division , M-NCPPC telephone 952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

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  
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21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

Chain of Title

Bowman House  
P.G. #61-6b

#2531:514  
28 Jan 1961  
Deed

Trustees of Emmanuel (or Emanuel) Methodist Episcopal Church, to Clinton E. Bowman and Roma E. Bowman, Lots #21, 22, 23 in Block #23, Section 2, Beltsville, as per plat recorded in Plat Book JWB #5:494 and re-recorded in Plat Book A, at folios 62 and 63.

JWB #39:773  
15 July 1897  
Mortgage

Trustees of Emanuel Methodist Church South of Beltsville, mortgagor, to Mary Fitzpatrick Ricks, mortgagee, in Block 23 of Section 2 of Beltsville (Plat recorded in Liber JWB #5:494).

JWB #39:771  
12 May 1897  
Indenture

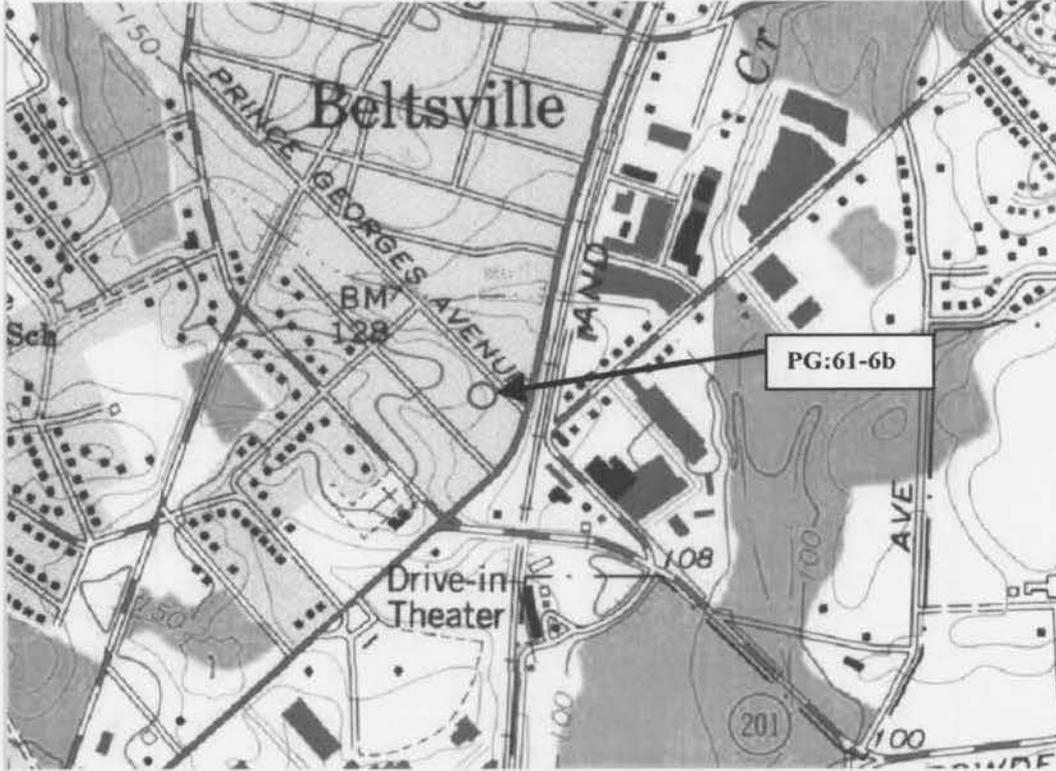
Beltsville Land Improvement Company to the Trustees of the Emanuel Methodist Episcopal Church South of Beltsville, in Block #23 of Section 2 of Beltsville (Plat recorded - Liber JWB #5:494) being a portion of the real estate conveyed to grantor by James Simms and Charles C. Coffin, Trustees, by JWB #16:201.





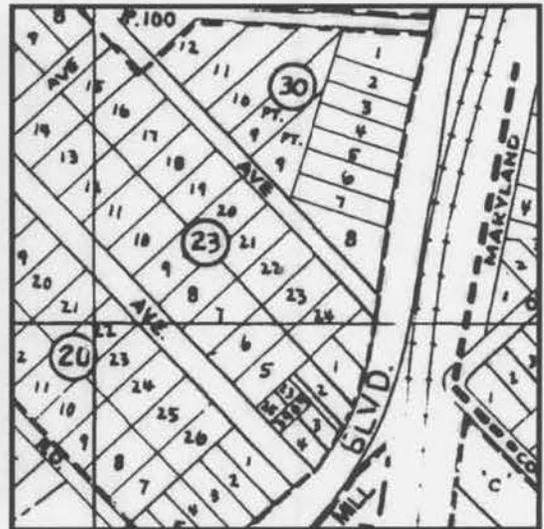


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Emmanuel Church Parsonage (Bowman House)  
4937 Prince George's Avenue, Beltsville  
Beltsville Quadrangle



1998 Aerial Photo

Tax Map 19





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Emmanuel Church Parsonage

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

Northwest 3/4 elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Emmanuel Methodist Parsonage

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

Southwest 3/4 elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G. #61-6b

Emmanuel Methodist Parsonage

Prince George's County, MD.

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April 1985

East elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.