

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

### 1. Name of Property

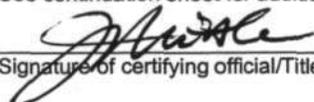
historic name St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall  
other names PG:79-25

### 2. Location

street & number 14825 Pratt Street  not for publication  
city or town Upper Marlboro  vicinity  
state Maryland code MD county Prince George's code 033 zip code 20772

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments).

 2-1-05  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
State or Federal agency and bureau

### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby, certify that this property is:  
 entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.  
 determined eligible for the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.  
 Determined not eligible for the National Register.  
 removed from the National Register.  
 other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

African American Historic Resources in Prince George's  
County, Maryland

**number of contributing resources previously  
listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

SOCIAL: meeting hall

RELIGION: religious facility

EDUCATION: school

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/TRADE: professional

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

No style

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK

walls WOOD: weatherboard

\_\_\_\_\_

roof METAL

other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

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### DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall, constructed in 1892, is located in the bustling county seat of Upper Marlboro, Prince George's County, Maryland. The lodge building faces west toward the convergence of Pratt Street and Main Street, and is located nearly across the street from St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, with which it is historically associated. The 1-story, wood-frame, front-gable building has a ca. 1930s hipped-roof porch on the west, an original shed-roof wing on the east, and a mid-20<sup>th</sup> century shed restroom addition on the east. The interior of the building was completely gutted and remodeled for a law office in 1988.

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### GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall is located in the bustling county seat of Upper Marlboro, Prince George's County, Maryland. The building faces west toward the convergence of Pratt Street and Main Street, and is located nearly across the street from St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, with which it is historically associated. A large public parking lot lies to the south, and a wooded area lies to the east and north. The building stands on a triangular lot and has a small, gravel parking lot to its north. The rest of the lot is wooded. Small sections of recent picket fence and ca. 1950s wrought iron fence protect the porch from oncoming traffic.

St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall, constructed in 1892, is a 1-story, wood-frame, front-gable building. It has a brick pier foundation, wood lap siding with cornerboards, and a metal shingle roof with a boxed cornice and returns. A brick chimney rises from the ridge at the east gable end. The main entry is located in the center of the west gable front and consists of 5-panel double doors with a 3-light transom and plain surround. The 6/6 wood windows have plain surrounds and louvered shutters. A ca. 1930s porch extends across the front (west) elevation. The porch has a concrete foundation, a recent brick floor, square chamfered posts, a beadboard ceiling, and a hipped roof. A ca. 1940s box office occupies the south end of the porch. The box office has beadboard wainscoting, lap siding upper walls, a small ticket window (now boarded over) facing north onto the porch, and a full size window facing south. On the east side of the building is a 2-bay shed-roof wing with an original window and 4-panel door facing north. A small pent shelters the door. A smaller shed addition contains the restrooms.

The interior of St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall originally consisted of a large hall, a small room to the east, and two restrooms. The interior was completely gutted and remodeled when a law firm acquired the building in 1988.

St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall retains its integrity of location, setting, materials, and workmanship. The building remains in its original location and setting, facing a main street in a small but busy county seat. St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, historically associated with the Beneficial Society, is located across the street. Although the interior of the Hall has been adapted to modern use, the materials and workmanship on the exterior remain entirely intact.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history.
B Property associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets)

Previous documentation on files (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
previously listed in the National Register
previously determined eligible by the National Register
designated a National Historic Landmark
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey
recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Area of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

- ETHNIC HERITAGE: African American
SOCIAL HISTORY
POLITICS/GOVERNMENT
ENTERTAINMENT/RECREATION
ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1892-1954

Significant Dates

1880: St. Mary's Beneficial Society founded

1892: Meeting hall constructed

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

African American

Architect/Builder

unknown

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
Other State agency
Federal agency
Local government
University
Other

Name of repository:

Prince George's County Planning Department

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### SUMMARY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall, constructed in 1892, is significant for its association with the themes "The end of Reconstruction in Prince George's County, 1872-1896," "*Plessy vs. Ferguson* and the institution of government-sanctioned segregation in Prince George's County, 1896-1916," and "Education for African Americans in Prince George's County, 1896-1954." These themes are set forth in the Multiple Property Documentation for African American Historic Resources in Prince George's County, Maryland. In 1880, African American Roman Catholics founded St. Mary's Beneficial Society to provide for the society welfare of their community. The Hall, an excellent example of an African American multi-purpose building, served as a meeting place, social and political center, and house of worship for African Americans living in a segregated society.

The period of significance, 1892-1954, encompasses the date of construction through the end date of the associated theme, "Education for African Americans in Prince George's County, 1896-1954."

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### RESOURCE HISTORY AND HISTORIC CONTEXT:

St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall was constructed in 1892 by African American members of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Upper Marlboro. The Hall is an excellent example of a multi-purpose building constructed for African Americans. The building served as a meeting place, social and political center, and house of worship for African Americans living in a segregated society.

Even before the Civil War, free African Americans in Upper Marlboro attended St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.<sup>1</sup> After the Civil War freedmen struggled to establish homes and livelihoods. African American churches and societies provided community and support networks. In 1880, with assistance from white parishioner William A. Rhoder, African American members of St. Mary's Church founded St. Mary's Beneficial Society.<sup>2</sup> Founding members included Matthias Simmons, Stephen Perry, James Forbes, and Dominic Quander.<sup>3</sup> The Society purchased a lot across the road from the church in 1887, and the lodge opened in 1892.<sup>4</sup>

St. Mary's Beneficial Society was a combination social service and insurance organization that provided financial assistance and other services to its members. Members between the ages of 16 and 50 paid a \$5.00 membership fee plus monthly dues. A corresponding "Children's Society" for those between the ages of one and 16 collected lower dues. The Society provided sick benefits of \$2.50 a week to its members for up to eight weeks. The Society also provided lump sum payments of \$100 to the families of deceased members. Upon the death of a member, all other members paid one additional dollar to replenish the treasury.<sup>5</sup> The officers of the Society, called "marshals," rode horseback to notify members of illnesses and deaths and helped conduct funerals. Members were required to attend mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and to attend all funerals.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Susan G. Pearl, *African-American Heritage Survey*, 86.

<sup>2</sup> A History of the St. Mary Beneficial Society, 1-2. Many freedmen had problems with literacy.

<sup>3</sup> Susan G. Pearl, *African-American Heritage Survey*, 88.

<sup>4</sup> Susan G. Pearl, *African-American Heritage Survey*, 88.

<sup>5</sup> Susan G. Pearl, Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties form for St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall; Constitution of St. Mary's Beneficial Society.

<sup>6</sup> A History of the St. Mary Beneficial Society, 3-4.

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St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall provided a safe place of assembly for African Americans barred from much of the world by segregation and white hostility. Like most African American lodges, churches, and schools, St. Mary's Hall housed a number of functions. It served not only as a meeting place for the society, but also as social hall, a church for both blacks and whites from 1898 to 1899 (while the present St. Mary's Church was being constructed), a school from 1892-1921, and a rental hall for society events in the African American community.<sup>7</sup>

From the 1890s through ca. 1920, St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall also was the meeting place for Prince George's County Republican Party conventions. Both black and white party members attended meetings at the Hall, one of the only places permitting racially integrated assemblies. (Jim Crow laws had left African American men with extremely few opportunities for political participation, and they were generally relegated to low-level county and state positions.<sup>8</sup>)

St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall was used by the Society until the 1980s, when it was sold to an Upper Marlboro law firm. The law firm restored the exterior of the building.

<sup>7</sup>Susan G. Pearl, *African-American Heritage Survey, 1996*, 88; Bianca Floyd, *Records and Recollections*, 37.

<sup>8</sup>Bianca Floyd, *Records and Recollections*, 64-77.

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### MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

- Constitution of St. Mary's Beneficial Society of Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Typescript. [Prince George's County Planning Department]
- Floyd, Bianca P. *Records and Recollections: Early Black History in Prince George's County, Maryland*. Upper Marlboro, MD: Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, 1989.
- A History of the St. Mary Beneficial Society, Upper Marlboro, Md. Photocopy of handwritten manuscript. [Prince George's County Planning Department]
- Pearl, Susan G. *African-American Heritage Survey, 1996*. M-NCPPC, 1996.
- . St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall, Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Maryland Inventory of History Properties Form. Maryland Historical Trust. 1987.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 0.34 acres

### UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

1	1   8 Zone	3   4   8   2   4   7 Easting	4   2   9   8   0   2   2 Northing	3															
2				4															

See continuation sheet

### Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet)

### Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet)

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Betty Bird, Julie Darsie

Organization Betty Bird & Associates date August 2003

street & number 2607 24<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Suite 3 telephone (202) 588-9033

city or town Washington, District of Columbia state N/A zip code 20008

## Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

### Continuation Sheets

#### Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

#### Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

### Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

## Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO)

name Hal C. B. Clagett, III et al.

street & number P.O. Box 1299 telephone (301) 627-5844

city or town Upper Marlboro state Maryland zip code 20773

**Paperwork Reduction Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et. seq.*).

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The National Register boundary for St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall is identical to that of Prince George's County Tax Map 101, Parcel 170. The boundary encloses 0.34 acres.

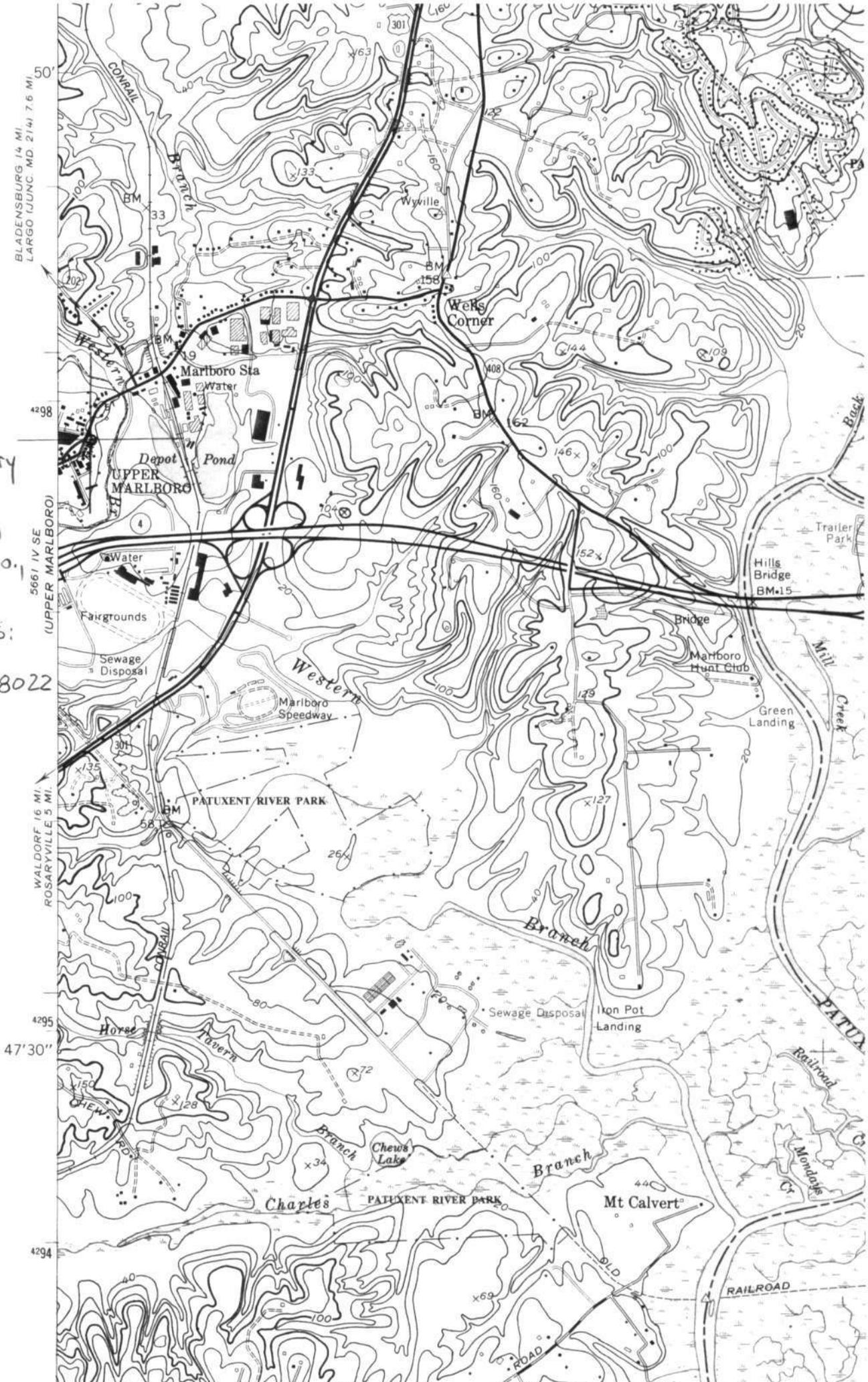
## BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:

The above-described National Register boundary follows the lines of the lot purchased by the St. Mary's Beneficial Society in 1887.

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St. Mary's  
Beneficial Society  
Hall  
Upper Marlboro,  
Prince Georges Co.,  
MD

UTM References:

1348247/4298022



BLADENSBURG 14 MI.  
LARGO (UNCL MD 214) 7.6 MI

5661 IV SE  
(UPPER MARLBORO)

WALDORF 16 MI.  
ROSARYVILLE 5 MI.

47'30"

4294



PG: 79-25<sup>25</sup>

St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall

Prince George's County, Maryland

Julie Darsie for Betty Bird & Associates

August 2003

MD SHPO

View to SE from across Pratt Street, showing  
west and north elevations

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2030211 N N N N 2



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St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall  
Prince Georges County, Maryland

Julie Darsie for Petty Bird & Associates  
August 2003

MD SHPO

West elevation

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20030211 N N N 1 2



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Prince George's County, Maryland

Julie Darsie for Betty Bird & Associates

August 2003

MD SHPO

North elevation

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7030211 NNNN2



PG: 79-25

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Prince George's County, Maryland

Julie Darsie for Betty Bird & Associates

August 2003

MD SHPO

South elevation

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2030211 N N H 2



14825  
PINE STREET

MAIL BOX

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St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall

Prince George's County, Maryland

Julie Darsie for Betty Bird & Associate

August 2003

1AD SHPO

Box office in southwest corner of porch

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20030211 N N N 12

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #79-25 Building Date: ca.1892

Building Name: St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall

Location: 14825 Pratt Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Private/Social/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall is a one-story front-gabled frame building with two shed additions. The main block is four bays by one bay; entrance is centered in the principal west facade, and is the only opening in that elevation. There is a plain wooden double door, with plain board surround. The west gable end is sheltered by a low hip-roof porch with a small square, flat-roof box-office built into the corner. The building is clad with German siding painted white. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash set high in the wall, and have narrow molded surrounds painted black. The cornice is boxed with crown molding and returned at the principal gable end. The gable roof is covered with pressed metal shingles in fishscale pattern. The land on which the building stands drops off sharply, east of the building, to the Western Branch. Just outside the west porch is a wrought iron spike fence.

Significance:

The St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall has for nearly a century been the center of the social, religious and charitable activities of the black Catholic community of Upper Marlboro. Membership in the Society assured emergency financial assistance to its members, and provided a center for social and cultural events. The building is representative of the growth of black benevolent societies in the 1880's. St. Mary's Beneficial Society was organized in 1880 with the purpose of providing financial assistance for emergencies, as well as death benefits, to its members. In July 1887, the Society purchased a lot in Upper Marlboro between the jail and the Western Branch. The lodge building was built soon afterwards; its form was similar to school buildings of the period, a one-story front-gabled building with simple entry porch. It became the meeting place of the Society, whose purpose was to maintain funds for relief of the sick and burial of the dead. Through dues and fees, the members were provided a kind of insurance otherwise unavailable to blacks during this period. St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall is one of only two known black Benevolent Society halls in Prince George's County; it is an important example of the black social and cultural heritage of Prince George's County.

Acreage: 9910 square feet

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 14825 Pratt Street  not for publicationcity, town Upper Marlboro  vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 St. Mary's Colored Beneficial Society of Prince George's County

street &amp; number 109 42nd Street telephone no.:

city, town Washington, D. C. state and zip code 20019

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Court House liber JWB#10

street &amp; number Main Street folio 256

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD.

## 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 Historic Preservation Commission M-NCPPC

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD.

## 7. Description

Survey No. PG. #79-25

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall is a one-story front gabled frame building, which was constructed to serve as a Benevolent Society meeting hall. It fronts directly on one of the main streets of the town of Upper Marlboro.

The Beneficial Hall consists of a gable-roof main block, with two shed additions. The main block is one-story, four bays by one bay, 44 by 24 feet. Entrance is centered in the principal west facade, and is the only opening in that elevation. There is a plain wooden double door, with plain board surround. The west gable end is sheltered by a low hip-roof porch, supported by plain posts; this porch was built before 1940 to replace an earlier, similar porch. It has a plain cornice, and a concrete slab floor. A small square, flat-roof box-office was built into the south corner of the porch after 1940; it is clad with German siding above vertical wainscoting.

The building is clad with German siding painted white. Windows on the long sides are 6/6 double hung sash; they are set high in the wall, and have narrow molded surrounds painted black; there are no shutters. The cornice is boxed with crown molding and returned at the principal gable end. The gable roof is covered with pressed metal shingles in fishscale pattern. There is an interior brick stove-chimney centered at the east (rear) gable end. The building rests on brick piers.

A low shed-roof wing was constructed at the rear (east) gable end at approximately the same time as the construction of the main block; it is two bays deep, with a window and door in its north facade. A further small shed extension has added two bathrooms to the rear of the building.

Interior of the main block consists of one large space. The walls are covered with vertical beaded wainscoting. Door and window surrounds are wide and molded, with plain board backbands and deep molded sills. A boxed staircase in the front northwest corner leads to loft space which is unlighted and unventilated. Centered in the east wall is a furnace, which replaces the original coal stove. Two doors in the east wall lead into the rear wing; this wing includes a kitchen space on the south, and, on the north, a small entry space from which the two rear bathrooms are accessible.

The land on which the building stands drops off sharply, immediately east of the building, to the Western Branch. Just outside the west porch, and serving to protect the building from street traffic, is a wrought iron spike fence, erected in the 1950's.

# 8. Significance

<b>Period</b>	<b>Area of Significance—Check and justify below</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" 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		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)		

Black History

**Specific dates** ca. 1892 **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.

The St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall has for nearly a century been the center of the social, religious and charitable activities of the black Catholic community of Upper Marlboro. Membership in the Society assured emergency financial assistance to its members, and provided a center for social and cultural events. The building, although modest, is representative of the growth of black benevolent societies in the 1880's.

St. Mary's Beneficial Society was organized in January 1880 with the purpose of providing financial assistance for emergencies, as well as death benefits, to its members. The Constitution of the Society calls for a board of 14 officers, including a President, two Vice-Presidents, two Secretaries and a Treasurer. Four of the charter members were Matthias Simmons, Stephen Perry, James Forbes and Dominic Quander, all active men in the black community of Upper Marlboro.<sup>1</sup>

The organization of the Society was led by William A. Rhoder, a (white) parishioner of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Rhoder, the son of a German immigrant, was a salesman in one of the general stores in Upper Marlboro, and lived in the house just north of Rothstein's bakery; he helped to draw up the Constitution and the bylaws of the Beneficial Society, and trained the members of the new Society to continue the management of it.<sup>2</sup>

The principal purpose of the Society was to maintain sufficient funds for relief of the sick and burial of the dead. All members, Catholics between the ages of 16 and 50, paid a set membership fee, as well as small monthly dues. A Junior Division known as the "Children's Society" accepted members between the ages of 1 and 16; fees and dues were correspondingly lower. Members who suffered prolonged illness would receive sick benefits for up to eight weeks; families of deceased members received a large payment at the time of death, and immediately thereafter the other members replenished the treasury by payment of a death tax. By this means, the members were provided a kind of insurance otherwise unavailable to blacks during this period.<sup>3</sup>

During the late 1880's, members of the Society began to look for property on which to build a meeting hall. After the death of Benjamin Westerfield in 1878, the small lot on which stood his house and tailor shop was offered for sale; this lot was close to St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, the home church of most of the Society members. Before Westerfield's lot could be sold, however, his house and shop were entirely destroyed by fire in May 1884. Three years later the property was again offered for sale; in July 1887, Westerfield's "lot in Upper Marlborough fronting on the public street from the jail to the Western Branch bridge" was sold for \$50 to St. Mary's Colored Beneficial Society of Prince George's County.<sup>4</sup>

The small one-story building which serves as the Hall of the St. Mary's Beneficial Society was completed by 1892. Its form was very similar to school buildings of this period, a one-story front-gabled building with simple entry porch (cf. for comparison P.G. #80-12, Silesia Schoolhouse, 1902).

During the construction of the present St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church (May 1898-May 1899), the Beneficial Society Hall was consecrated and used for church services.<sup>5</sup>

There have been several alterations to the St. Mary's Beneficial Hall building in this century. Before the 1930's, the original porch was replaced by the present porch structure; later, in the 1940's, a small box office was constructed within this porch structure, to provide admission to special events. At approximately the same time, the bathroom addition was built on the rear, wainscot panelling applied to the interior walls, and the iron fence erected around the front porch. The Society has continued to function, but membership has decreased; in recent years, the building has been rented to local groups for regular meetings.<sup>6</sup>

There is only one other (known) example of a black Benevolent Society Hall surviving in Prince George's County: it is Rebecca Lodge #6 of the Benevolent Sons and Daughters of Abraham, located on Rossville near Beltsville. Abraham Hall, as this building is known, was constructed in 1889, and is a two-story front-gabled building with handsome interior trim typical of the period.<sup>7</sup>

During the twentieth century, St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall was part of an historic streetscape of four frame buildings ranging in date from circa 1850 to 1920. Three of these buildings have been destroyed since 1973 and the Hall is the single survivor; the site of the other three buildings immediately to its south is now in use as a parking lot. The St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall is now a noticeable landmark in the town of Upper Marlboro. Although it is not as large and substantial as Abraham Hall, it is an important example of the black social and cultural heritage of Prince George's County.

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Statement of Significance (continued)

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Notes

- 1 Constitution of St. Mary's Beneficial Society, 1880; conversation with James Quander, son of Charter member and Society president 1944 to present, June 1987.
- 2 A History of the St. Mary's Beneficial Society, manuscript; Prince George's County Equity #2875; Census for Prince George's County, 1880,1900.
- 3 Constitution of St. Mary's Beneficial Society, 1880.
- 4 Prince George's County Equity #1282; Prince George's County Deeds, JWB #10:256, ON #1:106.
- 5 A History of St. Mary's Beneficial Society, manuscript; Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1890's; cf. also P.G. #79-44.
- 6 Conversation with James Quander, June 1987.
- 7 Cf. Inventory file and National Register nomination for Abraham Hall, P.G. #62-7.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. PG #79-25

cf. Chain of Title

cf. Notes, Item # 8

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 9910 sq. feet

Tax map 101, parcel 170

Quadrangle name Bristol, Section D

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

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing							

B 

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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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research Historianorganization Historic Preservation Commissiondate July 1987street & number c/o M-NCPPCtelephone 952-3521city or town Upper Marlborostate MD

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ST. MARY'S BENEFICIAL SOCIETY HALL  
P.G.#79-25

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Deed

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St. Mary's Beneficial Society building  
14825 Pratt Street, Upper Marlboro, Md.  
Priv/occ/soc-relig/good

(1888)

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Until recent years, this building was part of an historic streetscape of four frame buildings ranging in date from ca. 1850 to 1930. Two of these buildings have been demolished since 1973. St. Mary's Beneficial Society would like to have its building established as an individual historic resource or site, in hopes of protecting it from a similar fate.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

P.G.79-25

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

(revised information entered 11/9/81)

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall  
 AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 14825 Pratt Street  
 CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro VICINITY OF 4th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
 STATE Maryland Prince George's 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 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 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Social

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME St. Mary's Beneficial Society of P.G Telephone #:  
 STREET & NUMBER 14825 Pratt Street  
 CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro VICINITY OF Md. STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. P.G. Co. Courthouse Liber #: JWB#10  
 Folio #: 256  
 STREET & NUMBER Main Street  
 CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro Md. STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE P.G. Inventory of Historic Sites  
 DATE 1974  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Calvert Mansion, MNCPPC, 4811 Riverdale Rd.  
 CITY, TOWN Riverdale, Md. STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

EXCELLENT                       DETERIORATED  
 GOOD                                 RUINS  
 FAIR                                  UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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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. 1888                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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1. Equity #1282
2. JWB#10:256

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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Deeds JWB#10:256; ON#1:106  
Equity #1282  
Interview with members

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Susan G. Pearl

ORGANIZATION

P.G. Historical & Cultural Trust

DATE June 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Calvert Mansion, MNCPPC, 4811 Riverdale Rd.

TELEPHONE

779-2011

CITY OR TOWN

Riverdale, Md. 20737

STATE

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Store Buildings				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: Various Addresses				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Prince George's		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public        Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC				
Yes:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted				
<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted				
<input type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific        _____				
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Various private owners -- see p. 3				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
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	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

These store buildings appear on the 1878 "Hopkins Atlas" as the R. Scott, T. Westerfield, and Charles Ridgely buildings. The parking lot on the southwest end of the row of extant buildings was owned by George Wilson.

The buildings are one and two-and-one-half story structures, built of frame with tongue-and-groove siding. One building has bracketed porch posts, another has chamfered posts, and one has had the post removed, although the shed-type porch roof remains. All buildings have plain board window frames.

The buildings, although singularly of minor importance, as a group, give a good view of what Upper Marlboro's Main Street probably looked like in the mid-nineteenth century. The buildings are typical of the period's commercial or combined commercial and residential structures.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

OTHER: Owners of record (from NE to SW)

St. Mary's Beneficial Assoc.

James E. Diggs, 14823 Pratt St.  
Upper Marlboro

Lois I. Spaulding,  
1705 Ritchie Road  
Forestville

William Finglass  
4054 Main Street  
Upper Marlboro

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**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
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SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE:	COUNTY:

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC      DATE: April 17, 73

STREET AND NUMBER:  
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring      STATE: Maryland

**12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)**

Significance of this property is:  
 National     State     Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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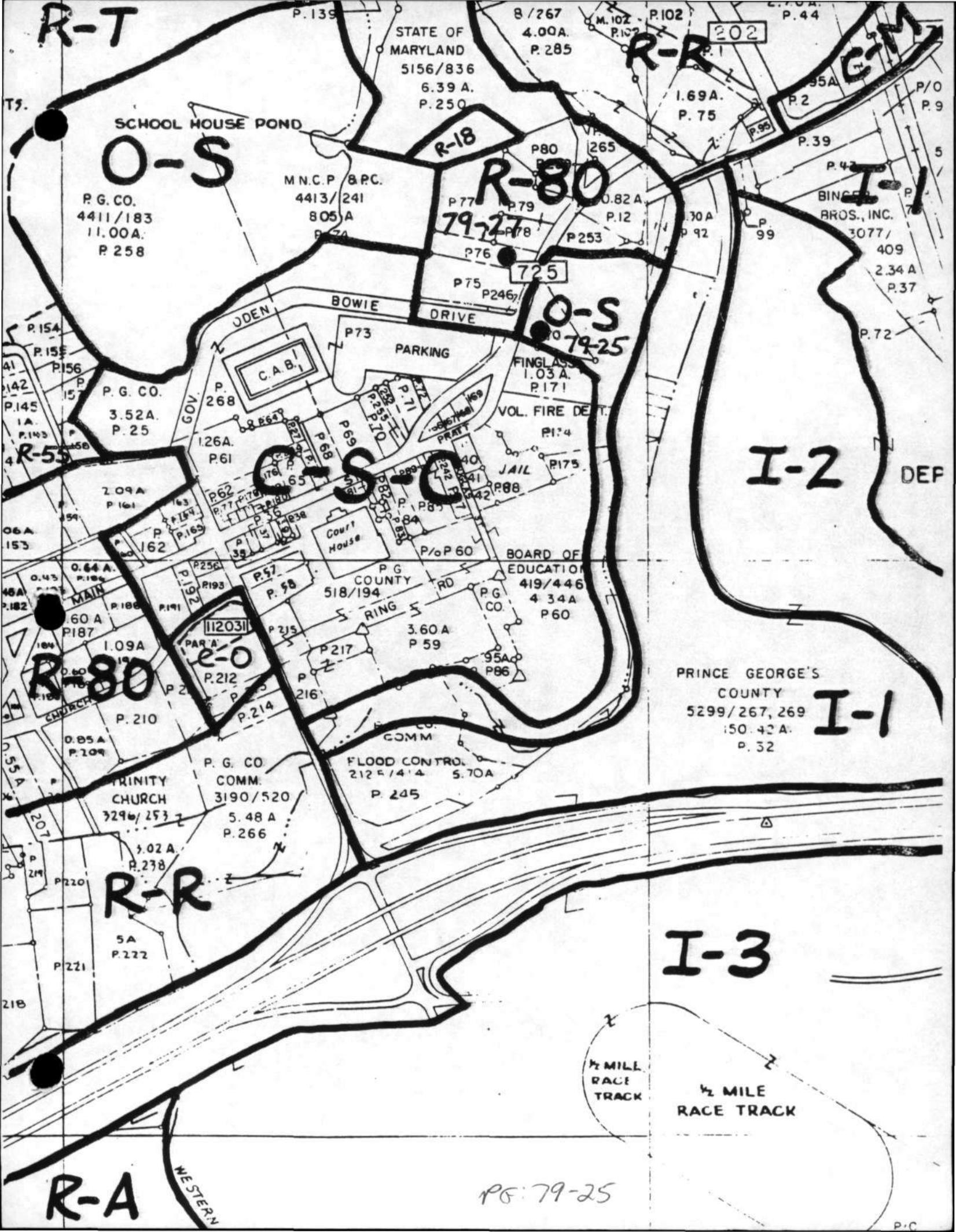
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WESTERN

PG 79-25

1/2 MILE RACE TRACK

1/2 MILE RACE TRACK

P.C

# Bristol

4302  
4301  
4300  
50'  
4298  
5661 IV SE (UPPER MARLBORO)  
WALDORF 16 MI  
ROSBURYVILLE 5 MI

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June 1987  
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St. Mary's Beneficial Hall  
Prince Georges County  
Susan G. Pearl  
June 1987  
Southwest 3/4 elevation  
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St. Mary's Beneficial Hall  
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