

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #83-8 Building Date: 1744, 1857

Building Name: Christ Church at Accokeek

Location: 600 W. Farmington Road, Accokeek

Private/Church/Occupied/Good/Accessible

Description

Christ Church at Accokeek is a high one-story, rectangular brick structure with a gable roof. There is a small entry vestibule on the south side, a low rectangular cupola surmounted by a cross at the west gable peak, and a gable roof sanctuary projecting from the east gable end. The church stands on a 12 acre parcel accompanied by a ca. 1970's brick school building and a ca. 1930's frame Rectory, at the intersection of Farmington and Bryan Point Roads. The west gable end, fronting on Farmington Road, has a centered tripartite window of diamond-paned glass with wooden muntins. The main block of Christ Church is laid in Flemish bond. The roof is slate covered. The ornate cornice has a wide wooden frieze with brackets supporting the overhanging ogee molded cornice. The west gable end is surmounted by a rectangular wooden cupola with a pyramidal cap. The five bay south facade has the main entry in a small gable roof wooden vestibule in the west bay. There are four high diamond-pane casement windows on the main block. Each has a round-arch head with a wide flat hood mold. The interior of Christ Church has a rectangular plan and contains primarily the large open nave and sanctuary. Flooring at the front and rear and in the center aisle is covered with hexagonal brick tiles. The roof trusses, painted or stained a dark brown are exposed. The Church is surrounded by a cemetery, the oldest grave dating to 1775. Cedar trees are scattered in the church yard.

Significance

Christ Church at Accokeek is architecturally significant, displaying features from its two major periods of construction, 1744 and 1857. Its colonial main block, rectangular in plan, laid in Flemish bond, dates to 1744. Repairs and renovations in 1857 resulted in the addition of Italianate details such as a frame entry vestibule with a round-arch entry door, a bracketed cornice and hood molds over the round-arch windows. The building is historically significant for its long history in Accokeek and its place as one of the early Episcopal churches in Southern Maryland.

Acreage: 12 acres

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Christ Church, Accokeek

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 600 W. Farmington Road  not for publicationcity, town Accokeek  vicinity of congressional district 4th

state Maryland county Prince George's

## 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 Vestry of Christ Church

street &amp; number 600 W. Farmington Road telephone no.: 301-292-5633

city, town Accokeek state and zip code Maryland 20607

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Maryland Hall of Records Prince George  
liber County Court  
Records, DD:15

street &amp; number Rowe Boulevard folio 16

city, town Annapolis state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic American Building Survey, 1936, Library of Congress, Washington D.C.

Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date July, 1981  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission, Room 4010, CAB

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

# 7. Description

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|   |                                       |   |   |                    |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|
| <b>Condition</b>                              |                                       | <b>Check one</b>                            | <b>Check one</b>                                  |                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good                 | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved                    | 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.

Christ Church at Accokeek is a high one-story, rectangular brick structure with a gable roof. There is a small entry vestibule on the south side, a low rectangular cupola surmounted by a cross at the west gable peak, and a gable roof sanctuary projecting from the east gable end. The church stands on a 12 acre parcel accompanied by a ca. 1970's brick school building and a ca. 1930's frame Rectory, at the intersection of Farmington and Bryan Point Roads.

The west gable end, fronting on Farmington Road, has a centered tripartite window of diamond-paned glass with wooden muntins. The largest, central window is a double casement. All three windows have round-arch heads and wide flat board surrounds with wooden sills. Centered above the windows is a rectangular stone plaque which reads "Built 1696, Burned 1856, Christ Church, Rebuilt 1857, Consecrated 1857, this tablet erected by the Ladies, July 1871." Centered above the tablet is a circular leaded, stained glass window with a wide plain wood surround.

The main block of Christ Church is laid in Flemish bond. The mortar is an aggregate of sand mixed with pebbles and shells. There is a projecting water table. The roof is slate covered. The ornate cornice has a wide wooden frieze with brackets supporting the overhanging ogee molded cornice.

The west gable end is surmounted by a rectangular wooden cupola with a pyramidal cap. The cupola is sided with flush vertical boards and has a round-arch louvered opening in each face. It is surmounted by a gilded cross.

The five bay south facade has the main entry in a small gable roof wooden vestibule in the west bay. The vestibule is set on a brick base and the entry is reached by one brick step. The vestibule is sided with flush horizontal siding with corner boards. The cornice is similar to that on the main block. The double entrance doors have three panels each, defined by raised half-round moldings. The central panel is oval with a rectangular lower panel and a triangular upper panel fitting into the round-arch door head. There are four high diamond-pane casement windows on the main block. Each has a round-arch head with a wide flat hood mold which ends in a small multi-course molding at the arch springing. There is a row of tiny headers between the window and the hood mold. There is a wooden window sill. The five-bay north facade is identical to the south facade with the exception that there are five windows and no entry vestibule.

The east gable end has a corbelled interior brick chimney rising from the north and south roof slopes. The main block is dominated by the projecting gable roof sanctuary which has two low flanking lean-to wings with entry doors. The sanctuary has a wide centered segmental-arch window surmounted by a lintel composed of an alternating pattern of two headers to one brick stretcher. The window is tripartite with a round-arch center panel divided into four sections by wooden muntins. It is flanked by two lower, narrower round-arch panels.

The sanctuary is laid in 7:1 common bond. The cornice is identical to that on the main block. The low side wings are slightly recessed from the east elevation. They are laid in the same brick bond as the sanctuary but have a simplified ogee cornice with no frieze or bracketing. The south wing contains the furnace for the church. The north wing contains a small kitchen.

The interior of Christ Church has a rectangular plan and contains primarily the large open nave and sanctuary. Flooring at the front and rear and in the center aisle is covered with hexagonal brick tiles. The flooring beneath the pews is of dark stained random width boards. The wall surface below the windows is covered with wide vertical board wainscoting. The wainscoting continues into the sanctuary. The upper walls are plaster covered.

The round-arch of the window heads is repeated by the round-arched opening into the sanctuary. Centered in the east wall is a tripartite stained glass casement window with diamond panes colored yellow, blue, green and red. The window surround is of dark wood, with a wide half-round molding and an inner and outer bead. Doors placed opposite each other in the north and south walls of the sanctuary lead to the small flanking wings containing a utility room on the south and a kitchen on the north. The doors are four-panel with a wood-filled round-arch transom.

The windows lining the north and south walls are double casement, glazed with diamond-pane clear glass. They are set into the brick walls at a depth of 18 inches.

Across the west (rear) of the room is a gallery, supported on two slender fluted metal pillars with capitals decorated with stylized Egyptian papyrus leaves. A spiral stair in the northwest corner of the room leads up to the gallery. The wooden stair rail, gallery rail and rail at the rear of the sanctuary all are variations of the same design, of dark wood with the motif of repeating round-arches.

A multi-course wood cornice lines the ceiling along the north and south walls. The roof trusses, painted or stained a dark brown are exposed. The trusses cross at their intersection, which has an open-work design of a quatrefoil. The trusses are supported by large brackets where they intersect the north and south walls. Each bracket is defined by a sharply pointed turned spike which points inward, toward the opposite wall. This roof treatment continues in the sanctuary.

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Centered in the upper gable, in the west end of the room is a round stained leaded glass commemorative window. It depicts a dove at the center and an inscription at the bottom reads, "In memory of Rev. and Mrs. Charles J. Curtis."

The Church is surrounded by a cemetery, the oldest grave dating to - 1775. Cedar trees are scattered in the church yard. A brick walk leads around the building. To the east (rear) is one-story brick school and office, constructed in several stages dating to 1961, 1970 and 1977. An asphalt drive runs along the north side of the church yard and forms a parking lot on the north side of the school building. A brick wall along the west side of the church yard separates it from another parking area abutting Farmington Road. South of the church is a two-story frame rectory dating to the 1930's.

# 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 |
| <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           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education              | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input type="checkbox"/> social/             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> theater             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government    | <input type="checkbox"/> transportator       |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify      |

Specific dates

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.

Christ Church at Accokeek is architecturally significant, displaying features from its two major periods of construction, 1744 and 1857. Its colonial main block, rectangular in plan, laid in Flemish bond, dates to 1744. Repairs and renovations in 1857 resulted in the addition of Italianate details such as a frame entry vestibule with a round-arch entry door, a bracketed cornice and hood molds over the round-arch windows. The building is historically significant for its long history in Accokeek and its place as one of the early Episcopal churches in Southern Maryland.

In 1692 the General Assembly of Maryland instituted the Church of England as the established church and divided the colony into 30 parishes. King George's Parish (originally called Piscataway Parish, for the indigenous peoples in the area) was established at that time. Centered at Broad Creek, the Parish was bounded by the Potomac River on the west and stretched north to Pennsylvania.<sup>1</sup>

Christ Church at Accokeek was established in 1698 as a Chapel of Ease for King George's Parish.<sup>2</sup> There was apparently enough population in Accokeek to warrant construction of a church closer than St. John's at Broad Creek.

By 1744, according to court records, the original frame church had "gone to Decay" and the Vestry petitioned for an Act of Assembly to fund the building of a brick chapel. The Vestry was empowered to raise funds and purchased three acres out of a tract called Calverton Manor. Building began in 1747 and the church was opened in January 1748.<sup>3</sup>

Christ Church became a separate Parish church in 1823. On December 23, 1856 the brick chapel burned, leaving only the exterior brick shell. According to the Planter's Advocate, \$2500 for reconstruction was raised within two months. Proposed renovations included, ". . .first-pointed for round-headed windows. A chancel and porch, or little tower . . .An open roof is to crown the whole." The reconstructed chapel was dedicated on June 18, 1857.<sup>4</sup>

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Statement of Significance (continued)

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Present architectural features of the church which probably date to the 1857 reconstruction include the exposed beam structure of the roof, the apse, exterior cornice detail, and the south entry vestibule. The original entry in the west gable end was replaced by the present tripartite window. The windows were left in a round-arch form but were surmounted by Italianate hood moldings. A belfry may have been added at that time. A bell was donated by Reverend Theophiles Smoot, who served 1890-99, indicating that a belfry was in place by the 1890's. The belfry now on the building differs from the one recorded in the 1936 HABS photograph of Christ Church, and must be of more recent date.

The original rectory was constructed in 1841.<sup>5</sup> It burned in 1932, destroying Parish records dating from 1823 through the fire. The present rectory was built the following year.

The church was again renovated in 1968. A center aisle replaced the two side aisles in the nave. The hexagonal brick flooring was installed, duplicating early flooring material found during the renovation.<sup>6</sup>

Christ Church has an active congregation and established a school on the grounds in 1961. It stands as a landmark at the crossroads of Farmington and Bryan Point Roads.

Notes

- 1 "A Guide to Historic Episcopal Churches of Southern Maryland, 1634-1984", Printed to commemorate the 350th anniversary of Maryland's settlement, compiled by a voluntary committee, funded by a grant from the Diocese of Washington. For information contact Fred T. Bishop, Box 117, Valley Lee, Maryland 20692. Pg. 21
- 2 Ibid. Pg. 24
- 3 Prince George's County Court Records, DD:159,160; GG 211, 212. Archives of Maryland, XLII:635; XLVI:144-146
- 4 Planters' Advocate, 15 February, 1857, 10 June, 1857.
- 5 A Child's History of Accokeek, Maryland, Jennie Clagett, presented 18 March 1971, Founder's Night. Pg. 3
- 6 Conversation with Reverend Johnson, April 1988.



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P.G. County Survey # 83-8 Date 1748/9, 1856  
Building Name Christ Church, Accokeek  
Location Farmington Road at Bryan Point Road, Accokeek  
Open to Public  yes  no (restricted)

Christ Church, Accokeek, is a brick structure with an A-roof, laid in Flemish bond. The long sides, north and south, are five bays wide, and the entrance is through a porch in the first bay of the south side. The remaining nine windows on the north and south facades are round-headed with heavy hood moldings. The cornices of the building have cyma recta brackets. The west gable end is lighted by a central round-headed window flanked by two similar smaller ones; in the gable above is a small circular window and above this at the ridge stands a square bell tower. At the east end of the building is a recently constructed apse, laid in common bond, with an arched window above the altar.

Records indicate that there was a chapel in the lower end of King George's Parish as early as 1733; by 1744 it had "gone to Decay" and the Vestry petitioned for an Act of Assembly to fund the building of a brick chapel to replace it. Accordingly, the Vestry was empowered to raise funds and purchase three acres out of a tract called Calverton Manor; building began in 1747 and the church was opened in January 1748/9.

On December 23, 1856, this brick chapel (by then known as the "old Accokeek Church") was burned to the ground leaving only the brick walls standing. Immediately, a subscription was taken to raise money for reconstruction, and a building plan was approved. The church was rebuilt upon its original walls, and consecrated in June of 1857.

Priv/Occ/Relig/Excellent

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Christ Church, Accokeek

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Bryan Point and Farmington Roads, Accokeek

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Accokeek

VICINITY OF Accokeek

4th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

PG

**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 type="checkbox"/> NO                        | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER                     |

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Vestry of Christ Church

Telephone #: 292-5633

STREET & NUMBER

Farmington Rd. at Bryan Point Rd.,

CITY, TOWN

Accokeek

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 20607

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Maryland Hall of Records

Liber #: P.G. Court  
Folio #: Records. DD:159, 160

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis,

Md.

21404

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

H.A.B.S. (1936) (Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.)

DATE

P.G. Historic Sites Inventory (1974) FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Calvert Mansion, MNCPPC, 4811 Riverdale Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Riverdale, Md.

20840

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

PG:83-8

|   |                                       |   |   |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>CONDITION</b>                              |                                       | <b>CHECK ONE</b>                            | <b>CHECK ONE</b>                                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD                 | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR                 | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |   |

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

Christ Church, Accokeek, is a brick structure with a gable roof, laid in Flemish bond. The long sides, north and south, are five bays wide, and the entrance is through a porch in the first bay of the south side. The remaining nine windows on the north and south facades are round-headed, with heavy hood moldings. The cornices of the building have cyma recta brackets.

The west end is lighted by a central round-headed window flanked by two similar smaller ones; in the gable above is a small circular window and above this at the ridge stands a square bell tower.

At the east end of the building is a more recently constructed apse, laid in common bond, with an arched window above the altar.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

| 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 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           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699   | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE            | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799   | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899   | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-       | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|                                      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Record indicate that there was a chapel in the lower end of King George's Parish as early as 1733; but by 1744 it had "gone to Decay" and the Vestry petitioned for an Act of Assembly to fund the building of a brick chapel in its place. Accordingly, the Vestry was empowered to raise funds and purchase three acres out of a tract called Calverton Manor; building began in 1747 and the church was opened in January 1748/9.

In the early evening of December 23, 1856, this brick chapel (by then known as the "old Accokeek Church") was burnt to the ground leaving only the brick walls standing. Immediately a subscription was taken to raise money for reconstruction, and a building plan was approved. The church was rebuilt upon its original walls, and consecrated in June of 1857.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

P.G. Court Records, DD:159,160; GG:211,212  
Archives of Maryland, XLII:635; XLVI:144-146  
Vestry minutes of King George's Parish 1693-1779: p.60,78,82-3;  
" " " " " 1843-63: 12/23/1856 - 6/18/1857  
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3 acres

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

May 1980

STREET & NUMBER

Calvert Mansion, 4811 Riverdale Rd.

TELEPHONE

779-2011

CITY OR TOWN

Riverdale, Md.

STATE

20840

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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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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P.A. # 83-8

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

|  |  |   |   |  |
|--|--|---|---|--|
| <b>1. NAME</b>   |  |   |   |  |
| COMMON:  |  |   |   |  |
| AND/OR HISTORIC:<br>Christ Church (Accokeek)   |  |   |   |  |
| <b>2. LOCATION</b>   |  |   |   |  |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>Farmington Road  |  |   |   |  |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Accokeek  |  |   |   |  |
| STATE<br>Maryland  |  |   | COUNTY:<br>Prince George's                |  |
| <b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>   |  |   |   |  |
| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)  |  | OWNERSHIP                                     |   | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Public               | Public Acquisition:                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Site  | <input type="checkbox"/> Structure           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private   | <input type="checkbox"/> In Process       | <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Object  | <input type="checkbox"/> Both                |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)   |  |   |   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural  | <input type="checkbox"/> Government          | <input type="checkbox"/> Park                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial  | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial          | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)  | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational   | <input type="checkbox"/> Military            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious | _____                                     | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment   | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum              | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific           | _____                                     | _____  |
| <b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>  |  |   |   |  |
| OWNER'S NAME:<br>Vestry of Christ Church   |  |   |   |  |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>Farmington Road  |  |   |   |  |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Accokeek  |  |   | STATE:<br>Maryland                        |  |
| <b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>  |  |   |   |  |
| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:<br>Prince George's County Courthouse  |  |   |   |  |
| STREET AND NUMBER:   |  |   |   |  |
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| Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):  |  |   |   |  |
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7. DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The church is a brick structure laid up in Flemish bond except for the apse, which is a later addition in common bond. The building has an A-roof.

The entrance is through a porch on the south side wall of the building. The porch, enclosed with flush horizontal siding, has a round headed double door with heavy Italianate mouldings. The south wall has four round headed windows with heavy hood mouldings supported by small brackets; the windows themselves are diamond-paned. The north wall has five identical windows.

The west end has a large central round headed window flanked by smaller windows of similar design. There is a circular light in the gable, glazed with stained glass. At the ridge is a square bell tower with louvered, arched openings on each face.

The east end has an A-roofed apse with a triple-lighted, arched window above the alter.

The cornices of the main block, the porch, and the apse are similarly bracketed.

On the interior, an arch separates the alter from the nave. A gallery runs across the west end.

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P. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1856-7

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Christ Church (Accokeek) was originally established as the lower chapel of King George Parish, the parish church of which is St. John's (Broad Creek). The first brick building was built during the incumbancy of Rev. Henry Addison (1742-1775).

After the Revolutionary War, the Chapel at Accokeek became an independent church without territorial jurisdiction within King George Parish. The present building was built to replace the earlier structure, which burned in 1856.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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NAME AND TITLE:  
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC      DATE: 16 Apr 74

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

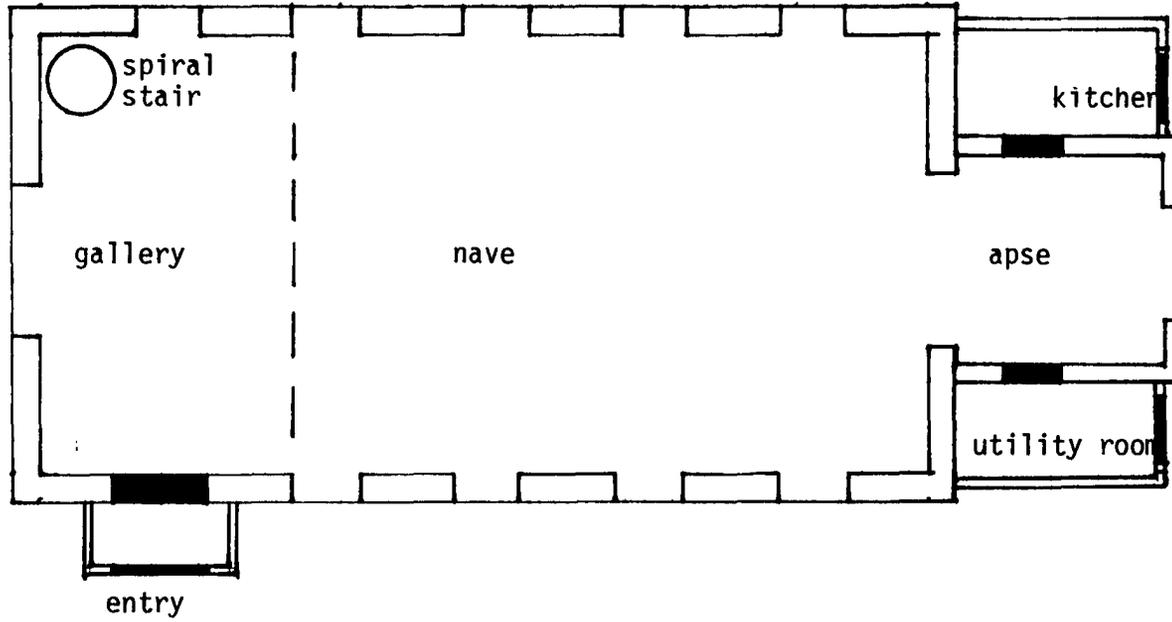
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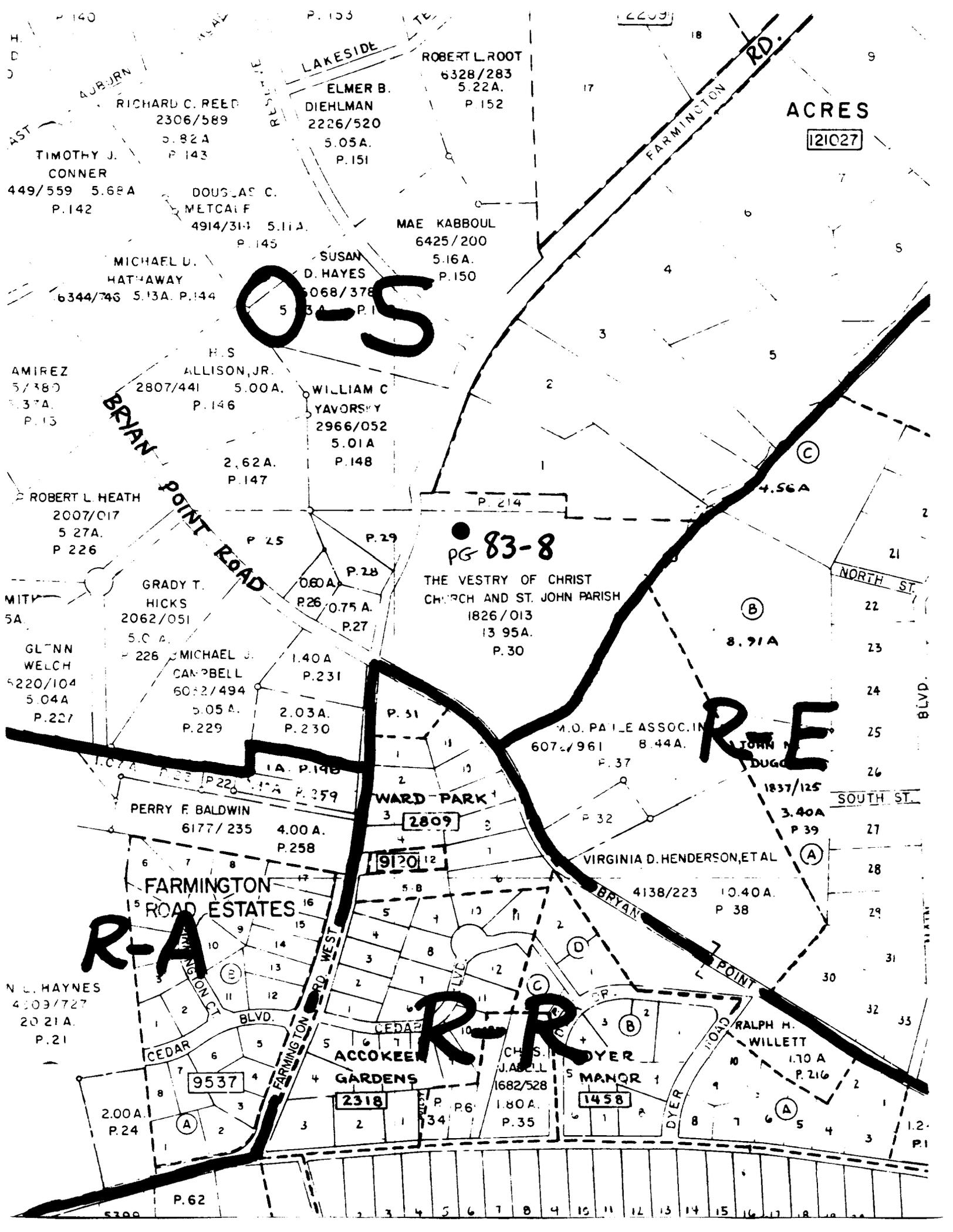
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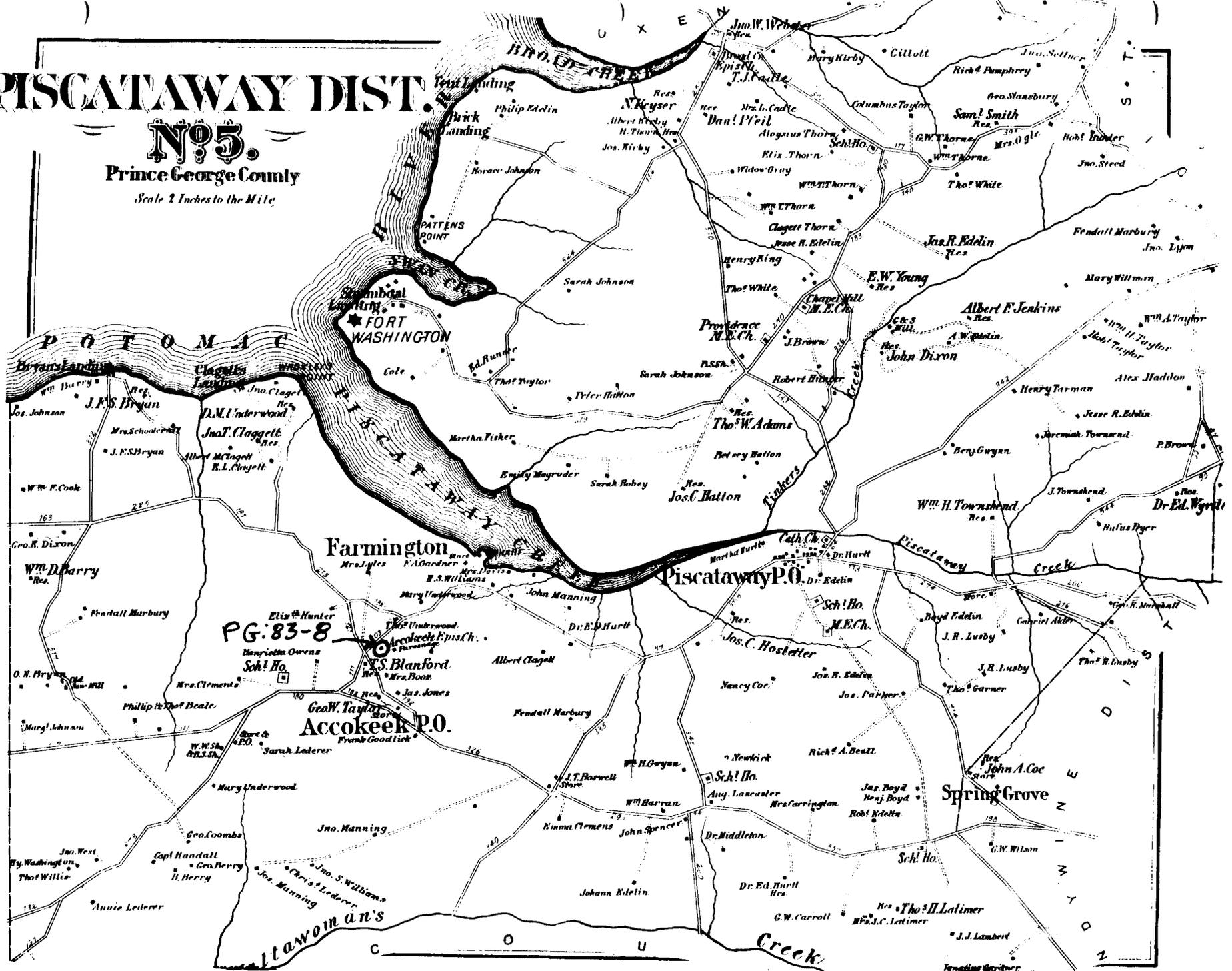
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Christ Episcopal Church in Accokeek was built in 1748 to replace one which the vestry complained had "gone to decay." Originally a chapel of King George's parish (Saint John's Church), it became a parish church in its own right in 1823. Christ Church was gutted by fire on December 23, 1856, leaving only the walls standing. It was rebuilt within six months, incorporating a number of stylistic elements of that later period. Some later renovations were made in 1969. The bell tower has been altered since this photograph was made in the 1930s, and an apse was recently built on the opposite end. Historic American Buildings Survey photograph; courtesy of the Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division



The oldest gravestone in the old Presbyterian cemetery at Bladensburg is that of William Mauduit, who died in 1749. Like so many of the other early settlers of the upper Eastern Branch (Anacostia River), he was a Scot. He was one of the original Bladensburg town commissioners (appointed 1742) and was sheriff of Prince George's County from 1746 to 1748. The land for the cemetery and the old Presbyterian church which once stood there was given by Archibald Edmonston in 1725. In 1818 the Presbyterian congregation built a new church in town, which served as their home until 1874, when it was sold to a black Baptist congregation. That church, with additions, still stands on Forty-seventh Street, surrounded by industrial development. The Bladensburg Presbyterian congregation is now located in Hyattsville, and their church is known as Hyattsville Presbyterian. The old cemetery is south of Bladensburg. It has been maintained by the

of the City of Annapolis, the sixth Day of May, the Year of his Lordship's Dominion, and in the Year of our Lord CHRIST, 1760.  
HOR<sup>o</sup>. SHARPE.

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Mrs. DOUGLASS.  
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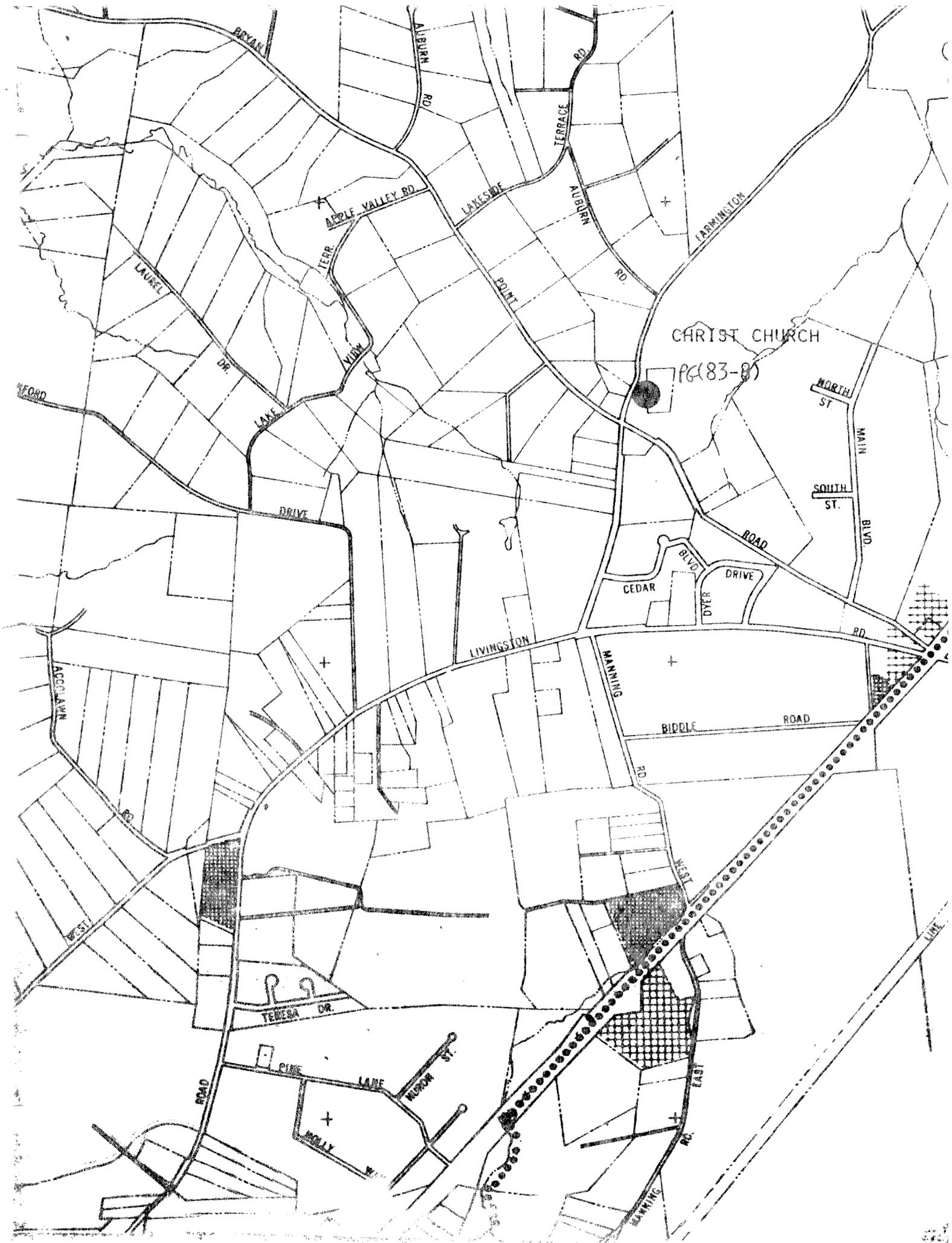
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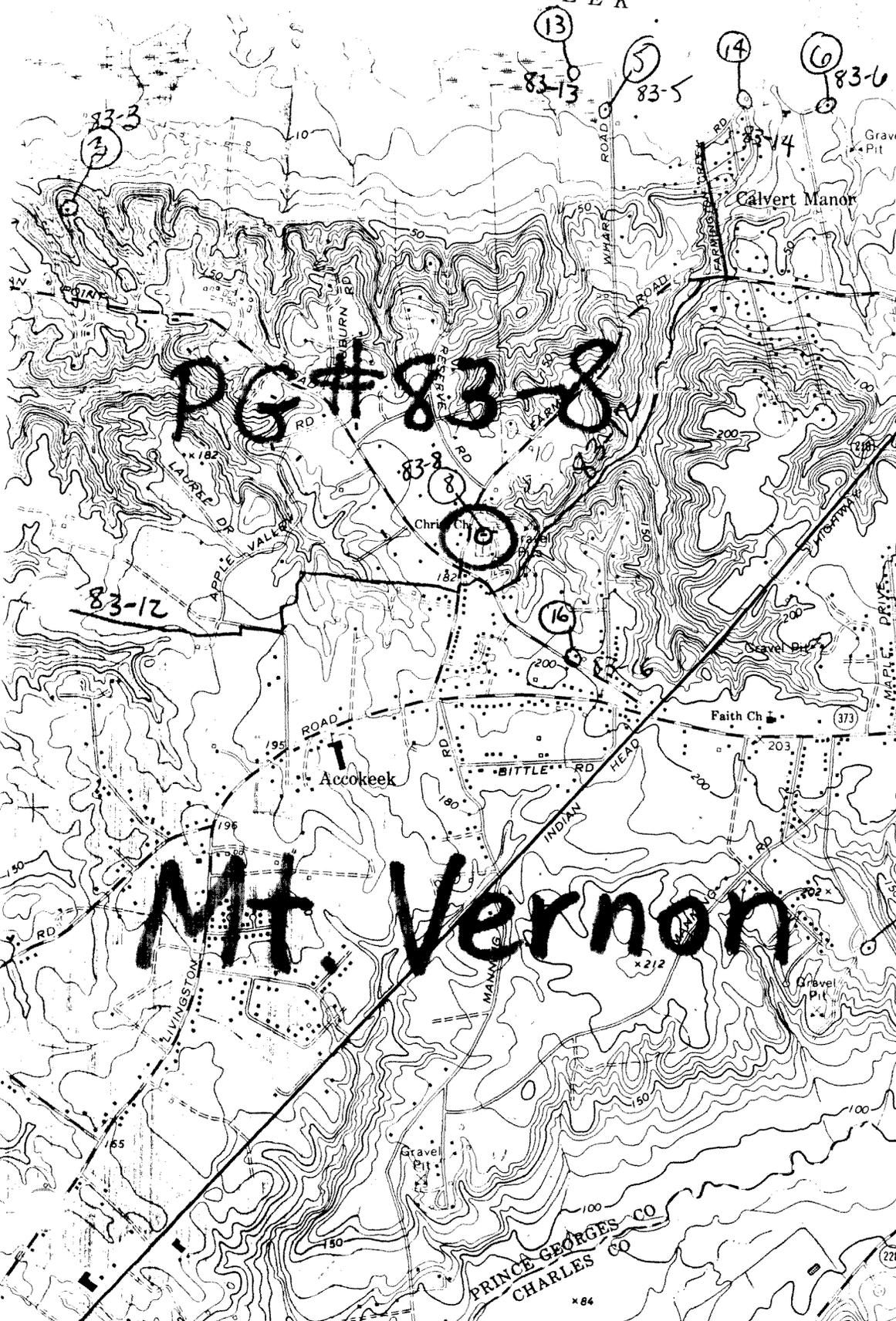
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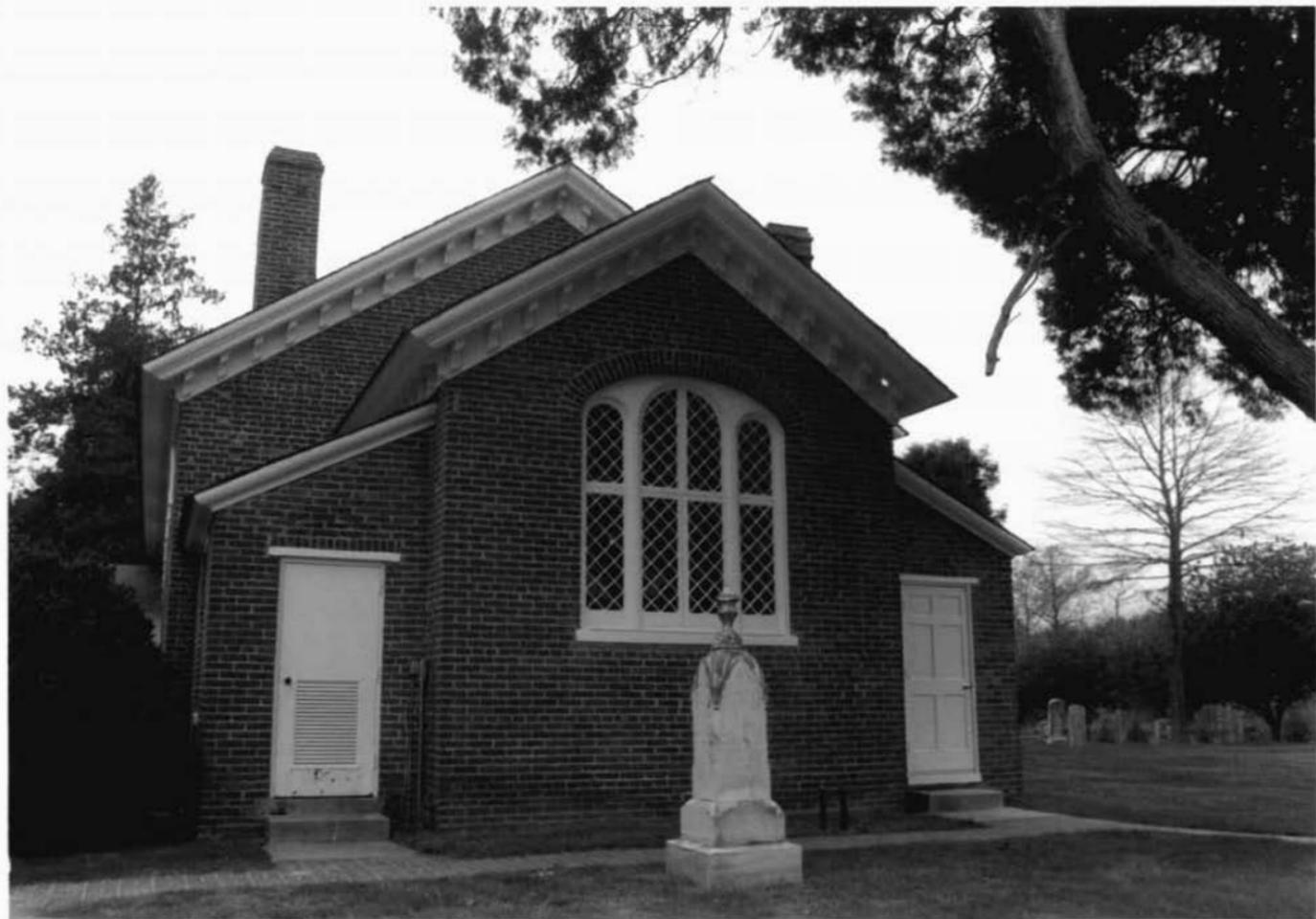
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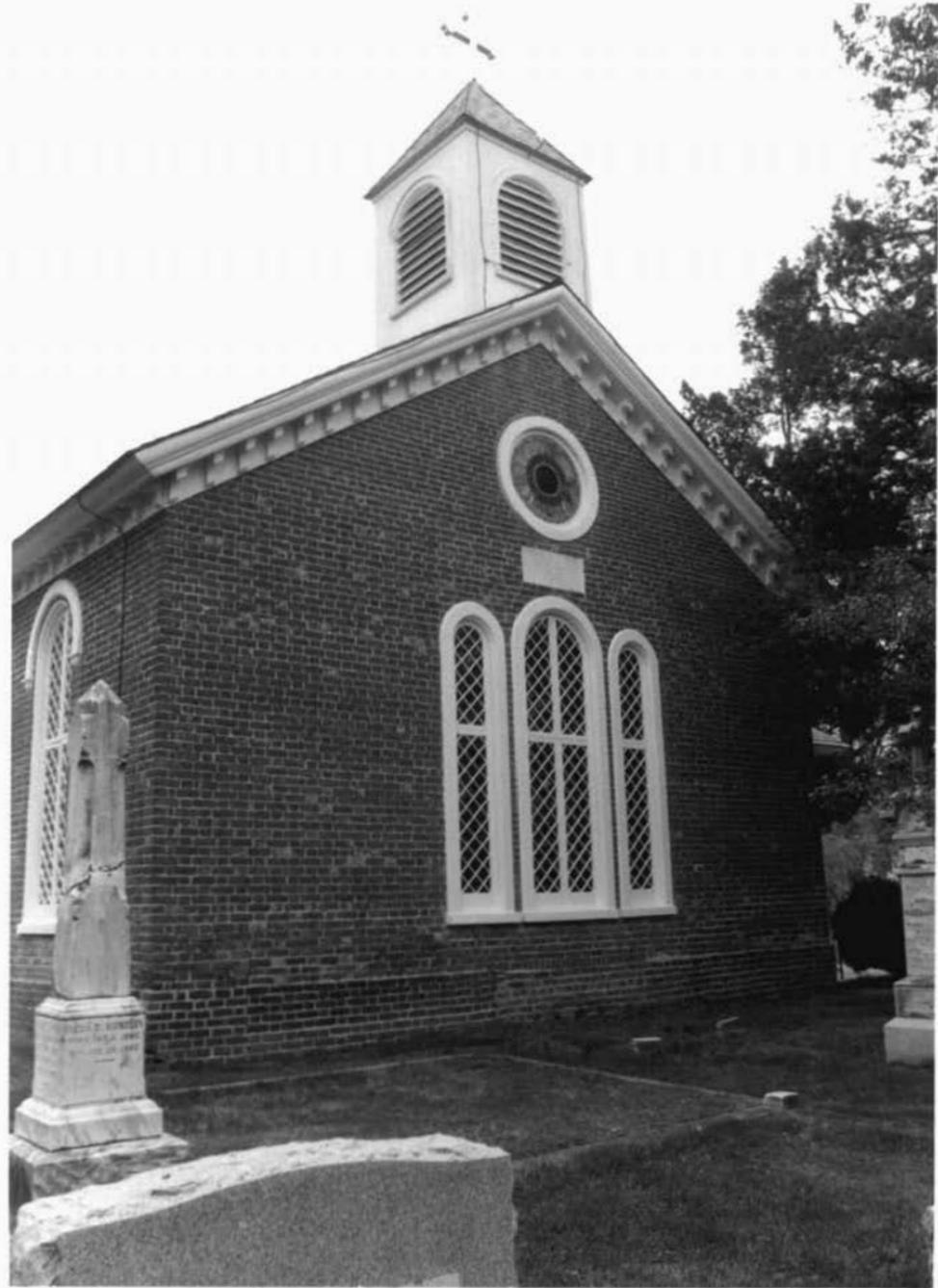
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