

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #86 B-18 Building Date: 1896

Building Name: Immanuel Methodist Church

Location: 17400 Aquasco Road, Brandywine, Maryland

Private/Religious/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description:

Immanuel Methodist Church is a two-story rectangular frame building, four bays by one bay, with a gable roof. It is situated south of and facing Aquasco Road. The entrance is through a one-story, gable-roofed projecting bay centered on the south gable end and a red-painted six-panel door, surmounted by a triangular transom of stained glass reading "Immanuel Methodist Episcopal Church South Welcome." The four bay east and west facades have large, pointed arch stained glass windows with wide plain wood surrounds piercing the frieze at the cornice line. The church is sided with white horizontal wood siding, rests on a brick foundation and is roofed with asphalt shingle. The boxed cornice has a wide plain frieze, a crown molding and returns in the gable ends. There are graves surrounding the church on the north, east and west dating from 1864 to 1981. A gable-roof, rectangular parish hall is east of the building, across the parking lot. A historical marker north of the church reads "Built 1879. Burned and rebuilt 1896. Located on the "Golden Race" tract. Formerly Smith's meeting house 1794-1839. Then Emory Chapel 1840-1879. Bishop Francis Asbury preached at the meeting house, March 1813."

Significance:

Immanuel is one of the Nation's oldest Methodist congregations, founded as Smith's Meeting House in 1794. The congregation moved the location of their meeting house twice from the location of the original Smith's Meeting house which was in use from 1794 to 1839. Sometime in 1839-40 the Smith congregation moved across and up Aquasco Road and built Emory Chapel. At this time a Methodist Episcopal church was built south of Smith's Meeting House, in Woodville (Aquasco). The Smith congregation probably was split between the two new churches. Emory Chapel was in use from 1840 to 1879. In 1879 the congregation of Emory Chapel moved to Horsehead, perhaps because the old church needed repair and Horsehead crossroads was a population and trade center. The present Immanuel Church is located on one acre of land deeded to church trustees in 1879. The new church was called "Emmanuel", meaning "God is with us." This was later changed to the present spelling. The present church was built in 1896, after the ca. 1879 church burnt down. The church is located on a ca. 1695 land patent called the Golden Race, and sited directly on an early survey line which ran from the Patuxent River to the Potomac. Immanuel Church is today maintained by an active congregation.

Acreege: 3 acres

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Immanuel Methodist Episcopal Church South

and/or common Immanuel United Methodist Church

2. Location

street & number 17400 Aquasco Road (Maryland Route 381) not for publication

city, town Brandywine vicinity of congressional district 4

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 Brookfield-Immanuel United Methodist Church

street & number 17400 Aquasco Rd. telephone no.: 301-888-2572

city, town Brandywine state and zip code Maryland 20613

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber ARB1

street & number Main Street folio 510

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date 1981 federal state county local

repository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale state Maryland

7. Description

Survey No. 86B-18

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

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

Immanuel Methodist Church is a two-story rectangular frame building, four bays by one bay, with a gable roof. It is situated south of and facing Aquasco Road and is approached by a walkway through a grassy front lawn.

The entrance is in a one-story, gable-roofed projecting vestibule centered on the south gable end of the building. Entrance is through a red-painted six-panel door, which is surmounted by a triangular transom of stained glass reading "Immanuel Methodist Episcopal Church South Welcome." There is a small pointed arch stained glass window on the east and west sides of the vestibule. The four bay east and west facades have large, pointed arch stained glass memorial windows with wide plain wood surrounds. The windows pierce the frieze at the cornice line. The north (rear) facade has a centered pointed arch window and a brick, exterior stove chimney east of the facade center. The church is sided with horizontal wood siding, painted white. It rests on a brick foundation and is roofed with asphalt shingle. The boxed cornice has a wide plain frieze, a crown molding and is returned in the north and south gable ends.

There are graves in an open grassy area surrounding the church on the north, east and west. Graves dates range from 1864 to 1981. A gable-roof, rectangular parish hall is east of the building, across the church parking lot. It is three bays by five bays, sided with asbestos shingle, with the entrance in the south gable end.

A historical marker north of the church reads "Built 1879. Burned and rebuilt 1896. Located on the "Golden Race" tract. Formerly Smith's meeting house 1794-1839. Then Emory Chapel 1840-1879. Bishop Francis Asbury preached at the meeting house, March 1813."

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
<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/humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		local history

Specific dates 1896 **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.

Immanuel is one of the oldest Methodist congregations in the United States, having been founded as Smith's Meeting House in 1794.¹ Immanuel is a good example of a vernacular Gothic Revival Church, well maintained and retaining original features from its 1894 construction date.

The Immanuel congregation moved the location of their meeting house three times, progressing north on Aquasco Road twice from the location of the original Smith's Meeting House, just north of the intersection of Aquasco and Croom Roads. Smith's Meeting House was in use from 1794 to 1839.²

Sometime around 1839-40 the congregation moved across and up the road and built a new church called Emory Chapel. Also, at this time a Methodist Episcopal church was built south of Smith's Meeting House, in Woodville (Aquasco). The Smith congregation probably was split between these two new churches. Emory Chapel was located about two-and-one-half miles south of Horsehead and was in use from 1840 to 1879. In 1879 the congregation of Emory Chapel decided to move to Horsehead, perhaps because the old church needed considerable repair and Horsehead crossroads at that time was a population and trade center.³ It is not known if Emory Chapel was torn down or burned in later years.

The present Immanuel Church is located on one acre of land deeded to church trustees in 1879; An additional acre was bought later by church trustees. The congregation chose to call the new church "Emmanuel" which means "God is with us." This was later changed to the present "Immanuel" spelling.⁴ The present church was built in 1896, after the ca. 1879 church burnt down. After the new church was built on the present site it was discovered that it was located on a ca. 1695 land patent called the Golden Race, and sited directly on an early survey line which ran from the Patuxent River to the Potomac. The survey line was used as a baseline for all work of surveying in early colonial times.⁵

#8. Continued

Immanuel's appearance remains unchanged from the time of its 1896 construction, except for the addition of the stained glass memorial windows in 1905. A Sunday school and meeting hall was erected just south of the church in 1937 to accommodate church activities. The Church is today maintained by an active congregation. Its location on a main north-south road in the County and its simple, well proportioned design make it a local landmark.

Footnotes:

1 Stones and Bones: Cemetery Records of Prince George's County, Prince George's County Geneological Society, Inc., Bowie, Maryland, 1984, pg. 365.

2 "Centennial Celebration, Immanuel Methodist Church, 1879-1979", Immanuel United Methodist Church, 17400 Aquasco Road, Brandywine, Maryland, 20613.

3 Ibid.

4 Ibid.

5 Ibid.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Immanuel Methodist Episcopal Church (South)				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Rte. 381 and Horsehead Road (NW Quadrant)				
CITY OR TOWN: Brandywine				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Prince George's		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
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 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	_____	_____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Trustees of Immanuel M.E. Church				
STREET AND NUMBER: Rte. 381 and Horsehead Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Brandywine		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
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. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
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)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The church is an A-roofed, frame structure, sheathed in weatherboarding. The main (south) facade has an entrance porch with a gothic-arched doorway; above the doors is a pointed arched stained glass window with the inscription "Immanuel M.E. Church South Welcome."

The side walls have four pointed-arched windows with stained glass. The points of the arches reach into the plain fascia that runs below the boxed cornice. The soffit of the cornice is returned into the gable ends; the sides of the gable carry a fascia with an applied moulding along the center; the ends of the eaves have an ogee moulding applied. Both the church and porch have corner boards.

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P. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1896

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture
<input type="checkbox"/> Art
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Education
<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering
<input type="checkbox"/> Industry
<input type="checkbox"/> Invention
<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape
Architecture
<input type="checkbox"/> Literature
<input type="checkbox"/> Military
<input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Political
<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-
losophy
<input type="checkbox"/> Science
<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-
itarian
<input type="checkbox"/> Theater
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The congregation was organized in the 1870's. The present building dates from 1896.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreege Justification:

Blank area for Acreege 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: 17 June 74

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 _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Chain of Title

Immanuel Church
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ATB 1:510
3 Oct. 1879
Deed

Joseph H. Turner and Maria A. Turner, his wife, to J. Benson Perrie, T. K. Naylor, John Cross, Rinaldo W. Perrie, George A. Dale, Robert Commick, Fulton E. Gibbons, John A. Fowler, and R. C. Naylor, Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, 1 acre and 3-3/4 rods adjoining the said acre of land. Parcel obtained by Turner from Matilda F. Burke and Matilda Gerby by HB #6:433.

HB 6:433
18 Sept. 1872
Deed

Matilda F. Burke and Matilda F. Gerby to Joseph H. Turner, 8-1/2 acres being a part of a tract of land called and known as the "Golden Race" which land was patented by Thomas Greenfield 10 November 1695 (CN#3:89).

VANN E. HELMS
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JOE LUSK, ET AL
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RAYMOND MILLER
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STUART K. J. CARR, SR.
3674/706
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AQUASCO

PLTLR A. GROSS
2.07 A. P. 70
JAMES R. GRAHAM
1.71 A. P. 51
CHAS. L. HARPER
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2.00 A P. 52
WILLIAM P PROCTOR
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2.08 A. P.178
3.00 A. P. 53

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ALBERT W RIES, ET AL
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EARL C. LEE
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METH. CHURCH
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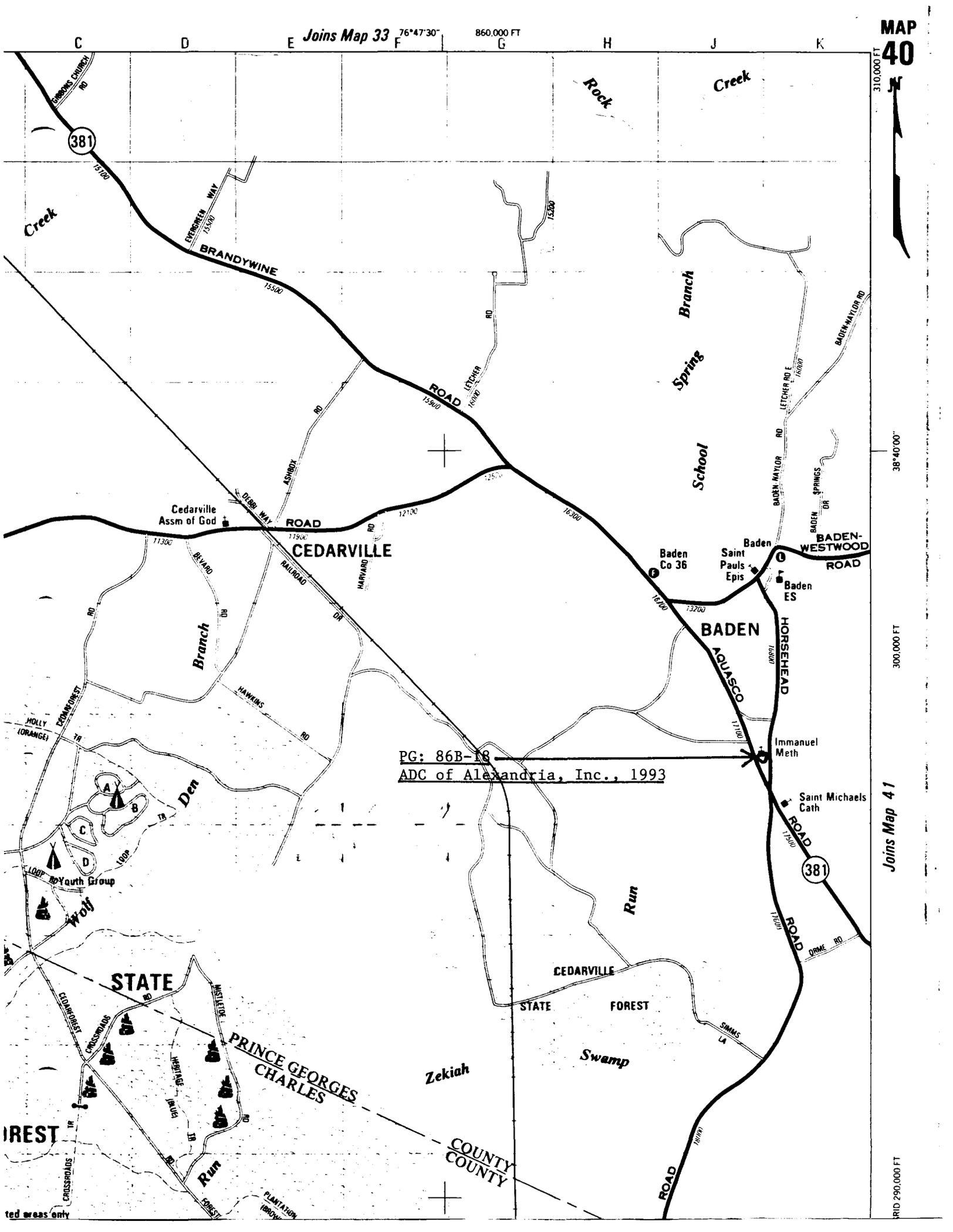
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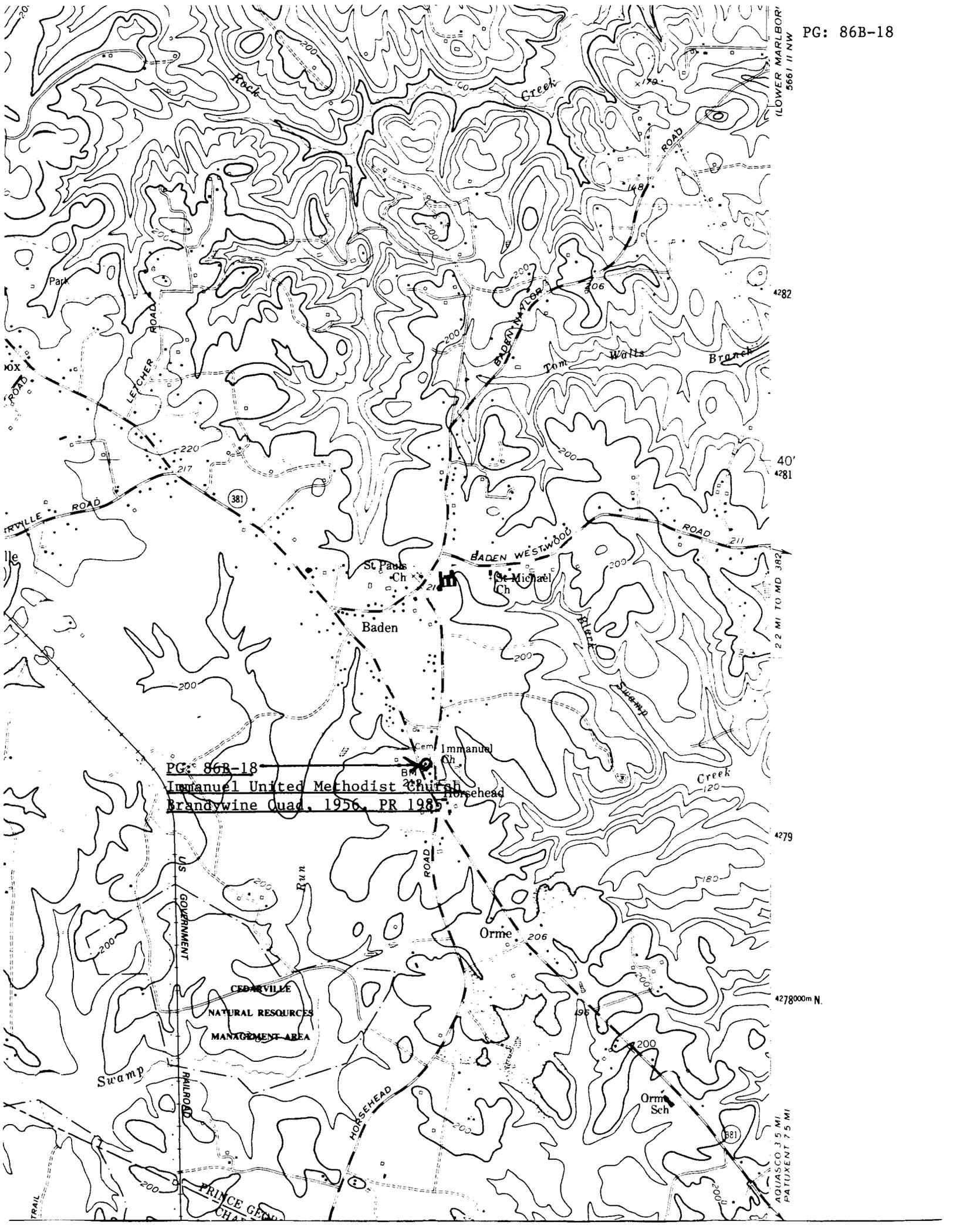
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 Immanuel United Methodist Church
 Brandywine Quad, 1956, PR 1985



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Immanuel United Methodist Church
Prince George's County, MD.

Marina King

April 1985

West elevation

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



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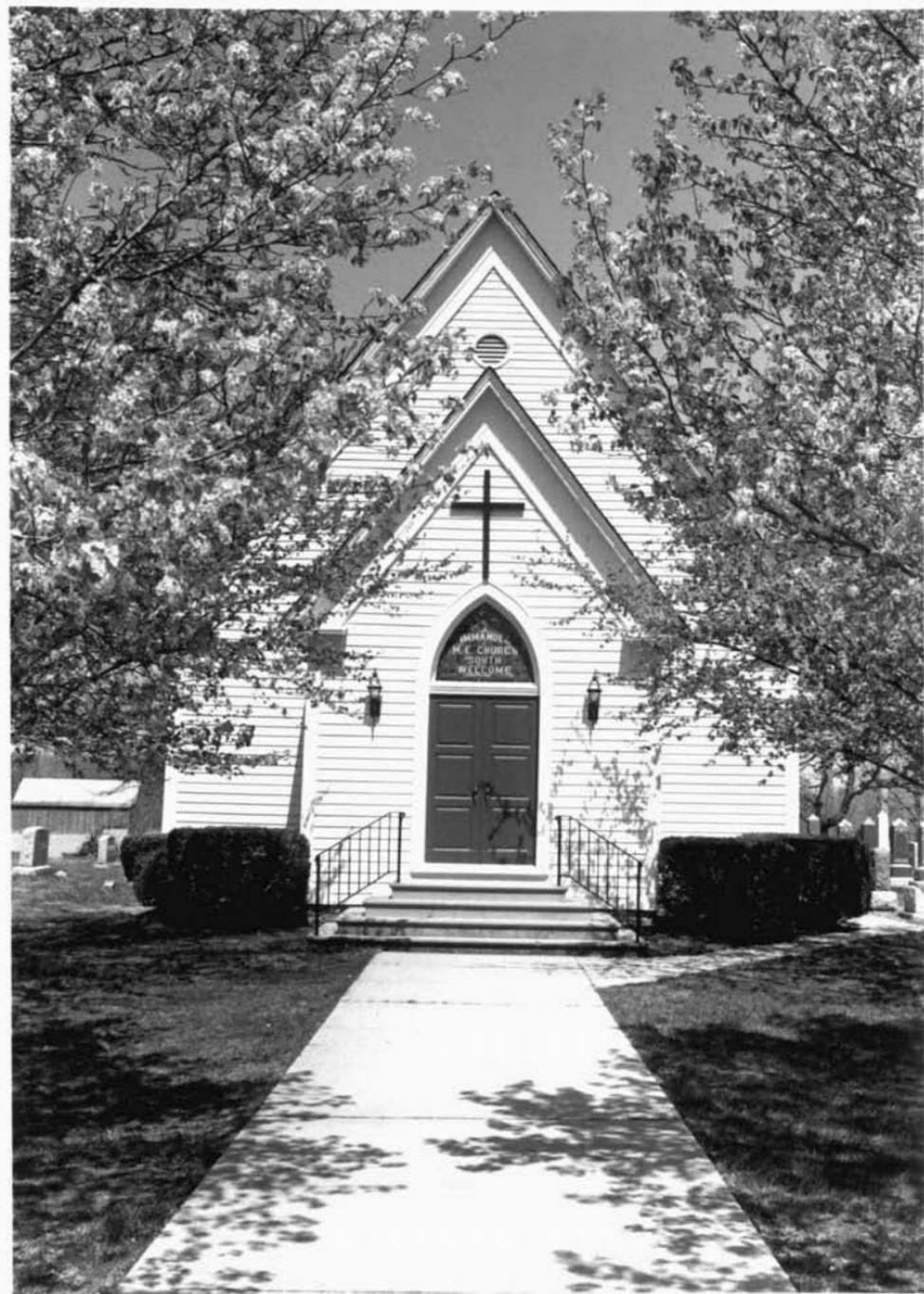
Immanuel United Methodist Church
Prince George's County, MD.

Marina King

April 1985

East elevation

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Immanuel United Methodist Church

Prince George's County, Maryland

Marina King

April 1985

South elevation

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NAME IMMANUEL ME CHURCH # 86B-18

LOCATION Rt 381 (HORSE HEAD) BADEN, Md

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