

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #87B-35 Building Date: 1916

Building Name: Keech House

Location: 22700 Aquasco Road

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Keech House is a hipped-roof one-story frame bungalow, square in plan with a two-bay gable roof rear addition. It is situated on a three acre lot and fronts on Aquasco Road, to its west. The main block is three-by-two bays. The three bay west (main) facade has central entrance, flanked by 2/2 sash windows with wooden sills and green painted louvered shutters. The high, three bay flat roof entrance porch with turned and chamfered posts and jigsaw brackets. Centered above the facade is a shed-roof dormer with a three-light window. The house is sided with narrow, lapped wood siding and rests on a high poured cement foundation. The roof is covered with patterned metal shingle, painted red. The boxed wood cornice has overhanging eaves. The east (rear) facade is dominated by a three-by-two bay gable roof addition, covered with the same siding and roofing material as the main block. A door to the partial basement is beneath the first bay of the east gable end. The two bay south facade of the addition is sheltered by a shed roof screened porch. The interior has a four-room plan in the main block. Entrance is into the living room. The northeast room was altered to become a small bedroom, bath and hallway, at the same time the rear kitchen addition was made. Door and window surrounds are banded molding with bull's-eye corner blocks. A crown molded cornice runs around the ceiling of the four rooms in the main block. Ceiling light fixtures in the building are original. To the east (rear) of the house is a small two-by-one bay bank barn on a high cement foundation. The lower portion was used for an ice house. The upper frame portion is of vertical boards with a gable roof. Further east is a two-story barn.

Significance

The Keech house is significant for its bungalow architectural style and for its association with three generations of the Keech family. Eva and Thomas M. Keech acquired a two-and-one-half acre lot in Woodville in 1872. The Keech family were farmers and owned over 300 acres at Truman's Point. They probably did not live in Woodville at that time. In 1916 Thomas M. Keech, Jr. built the present bungalow. The house was deeded to his son, Thomas M. Keech in 1927. The Keeches owned the property through 1985. The rear addition was constructed in 1930. The large barn east of the house was built at that time, and a small stable was built over a low cement icehouse just east of the house. The early twentieth century bungalow style is unusual in Aquasco, where early twentieth century dwellings continued to be built using Victorian vernacular stylistic details. Bungalow features include small size, overhanging roof, informal plan and elevations, centered dormer window and deep entrance porch.

Acreage: 1.8 acre

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Keech House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 22700 Aquasco Road (Maryland Route 381) \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Aquasco \_\_\_ 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Theodore Machen

street & number 22700 Aquasco Road telephone no.:

city, town Aquasco, state and zip code MD. 20608

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 6185

street & number Main Street folio 933

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD.

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title n/a

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

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

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

# 7. Description

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

The Keech House is a hipped-roof one-story frame bungalow, square in plan with a two-bay gable roof rear addition. It is situated on a three acre lot and fronts on Aquasco Road, to its west.

The main block is three-by-two bays. The three bay west (main) facade has central entrance through a door with three lower panels and an upper glass light. It is flanked by 2/2 double-hung-sash windows with wooden sills and green painted louvered shutters. The facade is sheltered by a high, three bay flat roof entrance porch with turned and chamfered posts and jigsaw brackets. The wooden porch floor rests on brick piers infilled with cement blocks. Centered above the facade is a shed-roof dormer with a three-light window.

The house is sided with narrow, lapped wood siding and rests on a high poured cement foundation. The roof is covered with patterned metal shingle, painted red. The boxed wood cornice has overhanging eaves.

The two-bay north and south facades have corbelled brick stove chimneys projecting near the roof peak. Foundation windows are visible from these facades. The south facade has two paired 2/2 sash windows, the north facade has two single 2/2 sash windows.

The east (rear) facade is dominated by a three-by-two bay gable roof addition, covered with the same siding and roofing material as the main block, and having the same window treatment. A seam runs up the center of the east (rear) gable end of the addition. The north half of the addition rests on a poured cement foundation similar to that of the main block. The south half rests on a smooth cement foundation. A door to the partial basement is beneath the first bay of the east gable end. The two bay south facade of the addition is sheltered by a shed roof screened porch.

The Keech house interior has a four-room plan in the main block. Entrance is into the living room. The northeast room was altered to become a small bedroom, bath and hallway, at the same time the rear kitchen addition was made. Moldings include crown molded baseboards and wide banded molding beneath window sills. Door and window surrounds are banded molding with bull's-eye corner blocks. These are also found in the rear kitchen addition. A crown molded cornice runs around the ceiling of the four rooms in the main block. A mantel in the dining room, composed of banded pilasters on base blocks and brackets supporting the mantel shelf, provided a surround for a heating stovepipe. Ceiling light fixtures in the building are original.

To the east (rear) of the house is a small two-by-one bay bank barn on a high cement foundation. The lower portion was used for an ice house. The upper frame portion is of vertical boards with a gable roof. Further east is a two-story barn covered with vertical board siding and having a standing seam metal, gable roof.

# 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 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Local History

**Specific dates**      1916      **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Keech house is significant for its bungalow architectural style and for its association with three generations of the Keech family. Eva and Thomas M. Keech (1838-1905) acquired a two-and-one-half acre lot in Woodville in 1872.<sup>1</sup> The property was improved by a two-story house.<sup>2</sup> The Keech family were farmers and owned over 300 acres at Truman's Point on the nearby Patuxent River.<sup>3</sup> They probably did not live in Woodville at that time. In 1916 Thomas M. Keech, Jr. built the present bungalow on the site of the earlier house.<sup>4</sup> The house was deeded to his son, Thomas M. Keech in 1927. The Keeches owned the property through 1985.<sup>5</sup>

The rear addition was constructed in 1930. A one-story outbuilding already on the property was attached to the house as the kitchen. The addition was then completed with a bedroom behind the kitchen. The large barn east of the house was built at that time, and a small stable was built over a low cement icehouse just east of the house.<sup>6</sup>

The early twentieth century bungalow style is unusual in Aquasco, where early twentieth century dwellings continued to be built using Victorian vernacular stylistic details. The Keech house is notable for its bungalow features, which include its small size, overhanging roof, informal plan and elevations, centered dormer window and deep entrance porch.

Notes

- <sup>1</sup> Land Records of Prince George's County, HB 6:724.
- <sup>2</sup> Interview with Mary Louise Keech, March 17, 1984.
- <sup>3</sup> U.S. Census, 1870, Prince George's County, Aquasco District, #133; and Tax Assessments, Prince George's County, Aquasco District, 1876, 1888, 1892, 1895, 1901.



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Statement of Significance (continued)

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4 Mary Louise Keech, op. cit.

5 Land Records, 6185:933.

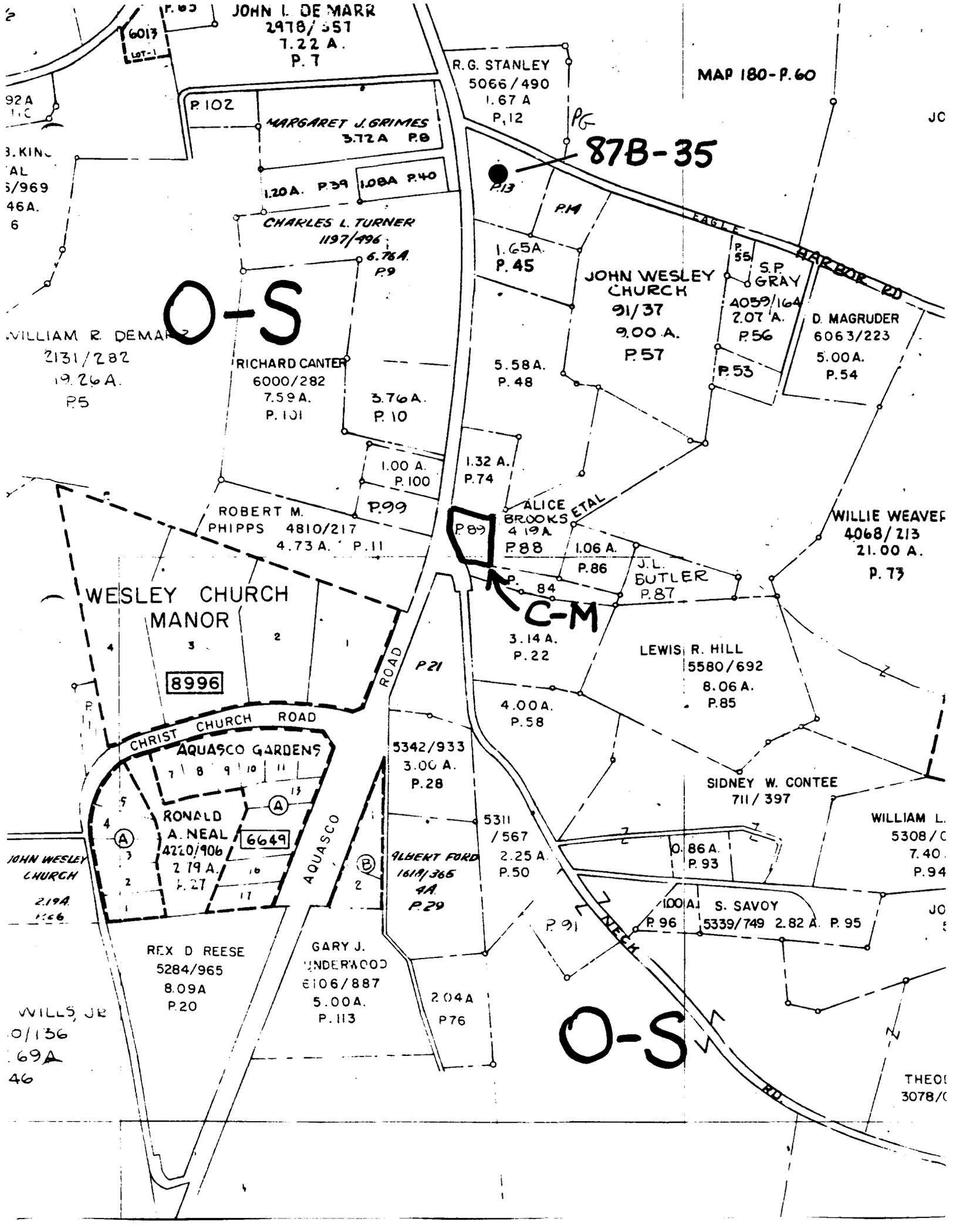
6 Mary Louise Keech, op. cit.

## Chain of Title

Keech House  
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6185:933 25 Sept. 1985 Deed	Thomas M. Keech, Jr., to James R. Latham for \$10.00 grantor conveys that property in Woodville, contains three acres excepting: 1 acre deeded to Leigh R. Keech 6-21-1922, 181:262. Same conveyed 291:391, 1.8 acres. Actual payment \$43,800.00.
291:391 10 Sept. 1927 Deed	Thomas M. and Rachel A. Keech to Thomas M. and Mary Louise Keech. Same parcel obtained from P. Wall Keech and Bessie Rea Keech, 16 Jan. 1915, 105:139. Three acres excepting 1 acre deeded to Leigh R. Keech 6-21-1922, 181:263.
105:139 16 Jan. 1915 Deed	P. Wall Keech and Bessie Rea Keech of New York City to Thomas M. Keech. For \$10.00 grantors convey same parcel obtained from Elizabeth Leitch, 29 April 1911, 69:415. Same from Horace Keech 54:172 also 61:232. Same Peter and Harriet Wood conveyed to Eva Keech Aug. 9, 1872, H.B. 6:724. Descended to Thomas M. Keech and Leigh R. Keech, Horace Keech, P. Wall Keech and Elizabeth Leitch as children of Eva Keech.
69:416 29 April 1911 Mortgage	P. Wall Keech and Bessie Rea Keech of Baltimore to Jean Mills. Keech indebted to mortgagee for \$2,000. Following tracts granted to secure debt. Tract 1 - 3 acres in Village of Woodville - same conveyed to Eva M. Keech by Peter and Harriet Wood.
69:415 29 April 1911 Deed	Elizabeth Leitch to P. Wall Keech. For \$5 grantors convey that tract in Woodville containing 3 acres.
61:232 7 April 1910 Deed	Thomas M. Keech and Rachel Keech and Leigh R. Keech and Annie Contee Keech to Phileman Keech of Baltimore. For \$10.00 grantors convey those tracts containing 3 acres more or less in Woodville. Same described in mortgage from Eveline Keech and husband to Charles J. Bonaparte, W.A.J 2:516.
H.B. 6:724 9 Aug. 1872 Deed	Peter Wood and Harriet E. Wood of Washington, D.C. For \$100 grantors convey to Eva M. Keech that Lot in Woodville, Part of land of late George W. Morton.





JOHN L. DE MARR  
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WILLIAM R. DEMAR  
2131/282  
19.26 A.  
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JOHN WESLEY  
CHURCH  
2.19A  
1156

WILLS, JR  
0/136  
69A  
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P.102  
MARGARET J. GRIMES  
3.72A P.8

1.20A. P.39 1.08A P.40

CHARLES L. TURNER  
1197/496  
6.78A.  
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RICHARD CANTER  
6000/282  
7.59A.  
P.101

3.76A.  
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1.00 A.  
P.100

ROBERT M. PHIPPS  
4810/217  
4.73 A. P.11

P.99

1.32 A.  
P.74

ALICE BROOKS ETAL  
4.19A  
P.88

1.06 A.  
P.86

J.L. BUTLER  
P.87

WILLIE WEAVER  
4068/213  
21.00 A.  
P.73

WESLEY CHURCH  
MANOR

3.14 A.  
P.22

LEWIS R. HILL  
5580/692  
8.06 A.  
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SIDNEY W. CONTEE  
711/397

WILLIAM L.  
5308/C  
7.40.  
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CHRIST CHURCH ROAD

AQUASCO GARDENS

RONALD A. NEAL  
4220/906  
2.79 A.  
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ALBERT FORD  
1619/365  
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5311 /567  
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S. SAVOY  
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GARY J. UNDERWOOD  
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R.G. STANLEY  
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S.P. GRAY  
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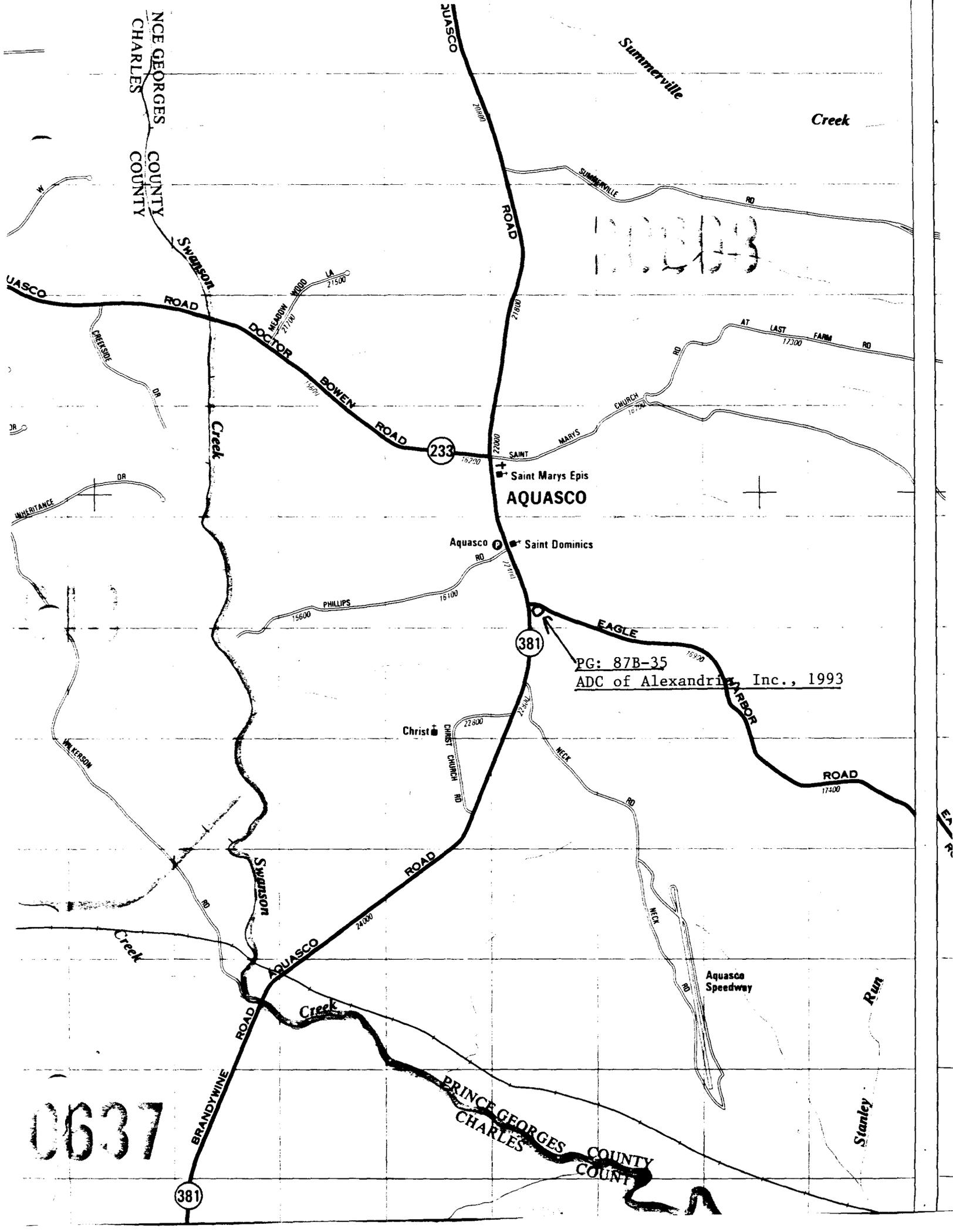
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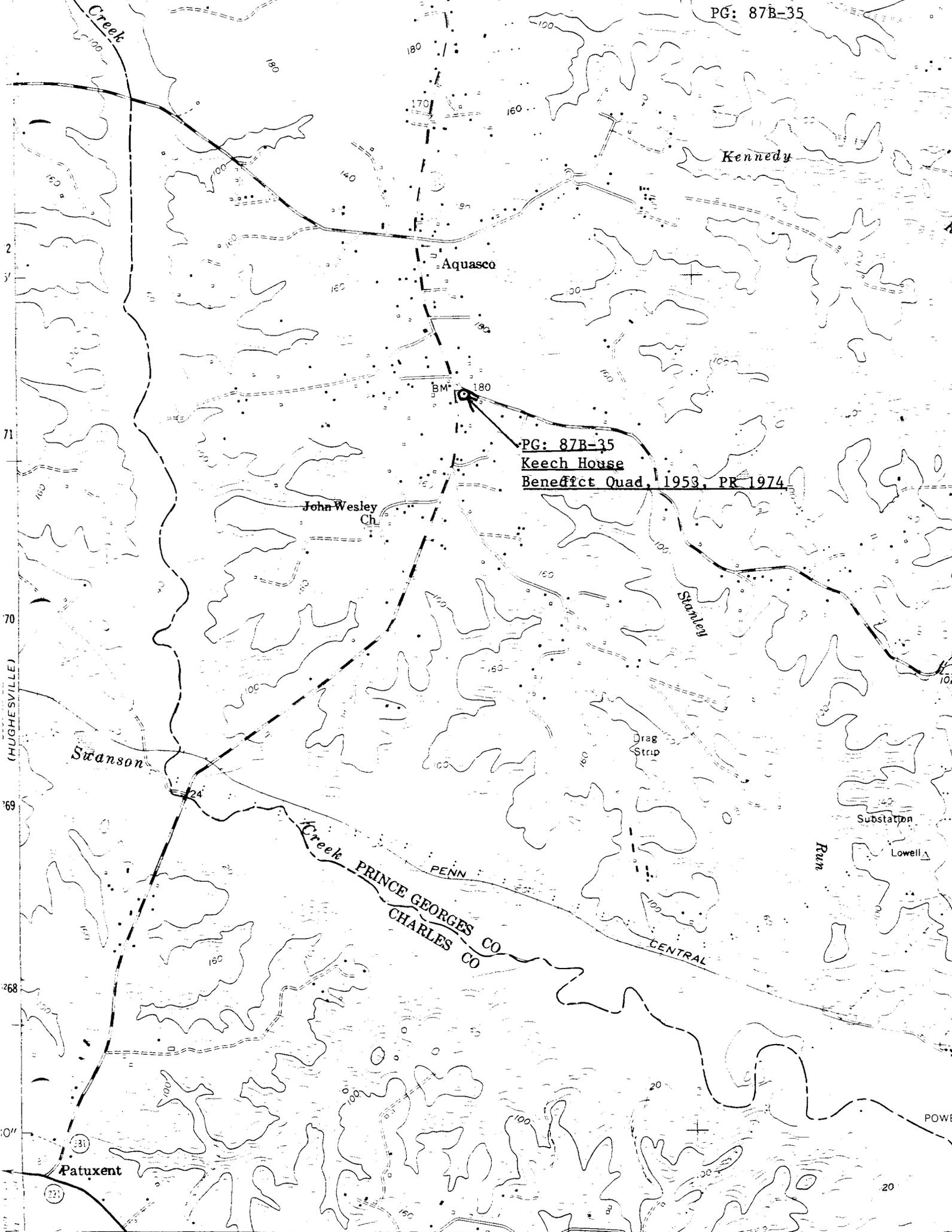
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UJASCO ROAD  
DOCTOR ROAD  
BOWEN ROAD  
PHILLIPS  
AQUASCO ROAD  
AQUASCO

UJASCO ROAD  
SUMMERVILLE ROAD  
AT LAST FARM ROAD  
SAINT MARYS CHURCH  
EAGLE HARBOR ROAD  
NICK  
AQUASCO SPEEDWAY





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Keech House  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King  
January 1986  
West elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Keech House  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King  
January 1986  
South elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Keech House  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King  
January 1986  
West elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Keech House  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King  
January 1986  
Door surround, southwest parlor  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Keech House  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King  
January 1986  
East elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Keech House  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King  
January 1986  
North elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Keech House  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King  
January 1986  
Light fixture, northeast bed room  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD