

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #87B-8b Building Date: 1920

Building Name: St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Location: 22200 Aquasco Road, Aquasco

Private/Religious/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description

The St. Mary's Episcopal Church is on a corner lot, Aquasco and St. Mary's Church Roads. The church is a two story, rectangular gable roof structure of stucco-covered frame with a three story rectangular bell tower with a crenellated cornice on its west gable end. The three bay west (main) facade has entrance in a central gable roof projecting bay, through a pointed-arch door. A triple lancet stained glass window is centered on the facade above the entrance bay. The bell tower at the north west corner of the facade has corner buttresses, a circular window on west, north and south facades at second level and a pointed-arch louvered openings on all four facades at third level. The roof slopes to one story level on the north and south facades, and has a deep overhang. There are three gable roof dormers at second level. On the south bay of each facade is a one-story projecting gable roof, two-by-two-bay transept arm, with vertical panels of half-timber decoration centered in the gable peak. The cemetery surrounds the church. It is fenced, entered through a wrought iron gate. Grave dates range from 1851 through the present. It is shaded by large fir and hardwood trees.

Significance

The St. Mary's Episcopal Church is a handsome example of an English Half-Timber Gothic style building, unique in Prince George's County. The church was built in 1920 on the site of an earlier frame church. The early church was built in 1848. The Rectory, still standing to the east of the present church building, was also built then. Episcopal hierarchy in Maryland was organized in 1692 by act of the colonial Assembly. The southern County area was a part of St. Paul's Parish. The original St. Mary's was a mission of St. Paul's Church in Baden. The present church is again sharing a minister with St. Paul's of Baden, with the Rectory located near St. Paul's. Elements of the English Half-Timber Gothic style included on the building are its gable roof with long north and south slopes, its pointed arch entrance, lancet window, the half-timber decoration in the north, south and east gables, and the crenellated parapet on the bell tower. The church is a contributing structure in the proposed Aquasco Historic District because of its handsome architecture and the history of its congregation.

Acreage: .99 acre

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic St. Mary's Episcopal Church

and/or common St. Mary's Episcopal Church

2. Location

street & number 22200 Aquasco Road (Maryland Route 381) ___ not for publication

city, town Aquasco ___ vicinity of ___ congressional district 4

state MD county Prince George

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 | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| | | | <input checked="" 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 St. Mary's Episcopal Church

street & number 22200 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 JBB 7

street & number Main Street folio 183

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date July 1981 ___ federal ___ state county ___ local

repository for survey records History Division M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale state MD

7. Description

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|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| 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.

The St. Mary's Episcopal Church is located on a corner lot, at the southeast corner of Aquasco and St. Mary's Church Roads. The church is a two story, rectangular gable roof structure of stucco-covered frame. There is a three story rectangular bell tower with a crenellated cornice on the west gable end.

The three bay west (main) facade has entrance in a central gable roof projecting bay, through a pointed-arch door. There is a triple lancet stained glass window centered on the facade above the entrance bay.

The bell tower at the north west corner of the entrance facade has corner buttresses, a circular window on west, north and south facades at second level and large pointed-arch louvered openings on all four facades at third level. The tower is surmounted by a crenellated cornice. The west gable peak is surmounted by a cross.

The roof slopes to one story level on the north and south facades, and has a deep overhang. There are three gable roof dormers at second level on each facade. On the south bay of each facade is a one-story projecting gable roof, two-by-two-bay transept arm, set perpendicular to the main block. Centered in the gable peak of the transept arms are vertical panels of half-timber decoration.

The cemetery surrounds the church on the north, south and east sides. It is neatly fenced and entered through a wrought iron gate. Grave dates range from 1851 through the present. The cemetery is shaded by large old fir and hardwood trees.

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 type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input checked="" 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) local history |

Specific dates 1920 **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 St. Mary's Episcopal Church is a handsome example of an English Half-Timber Gothic style building, unique in Prince George's County. The church was built in 1920 on the site of an earlier church of frame construction.

The earlier church was built in 1848,¹ on land donated to the parish by George and Ellen H. Morton. The Rectory, still standing to the east of the present church building, was also built at the time.²

The Episcopal Church was the established church of England. Episcopal hierarchy in Maryland was organized in 1692 by act of the colonial Assembly.³ The southern County area was a part of St. Paul's Parish. When the original St. Mary's was built in 1848 it was a mission of St. Paul's Church in Baden.⁴ The church at the present time is once again sharing a minister with St. Paul's of Baden, with the Rectory located near St. Paul's.

Elements of the English Half-Timber Gothic style included on the church structure are its gable roof with long north and south slopes, its pointed arch entrance, lancet window, the half-timber decoration in the north, south and east gables, and the crenellated parapet on the bell tower. The church is a contributing structure in the proposed Aquasco Historic District because of its handsome architecture and the history of its congregation.

Notes

¹ Stones and Bones, Cemetery Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, Jean A. Sargent ed., Prince George's County Genealogical Society, Inc., Bowie, Maryland, 1981, pg. 202.

² Land Records of Prince George's County, JBB 7:183, 1985.

³ Stones and Bones, pg. 8.

⁴ Ibid. pg. 202.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

| | | | | |
|---|--|--|----------------------------|---|
| 1. NAME | | | | |
| COMMON: | | | | |
| AND/OR HISTORIC: St. Mary's Chapel | | | | |
| 2. LOCATION | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: Rte. 381 | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Aquasco | | | | |
| STATE: Maryland | | | COUNTY: Prince George's | |
| 3. CLASSIFICATION | | | | |
| CATEGORY (Check One) | | OWNERSHIP | | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
| <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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | | STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress |
| PUBLIC ACQUISITION: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | | | | |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | | <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | | <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ | | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ | | |
| 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY | | | | |
| OWNER'S NAME: Trustees of St. Paul's (Baden) | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Baden | | | 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) |
| | <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 | |
| <p>The building is a one story, end gabled structure with a three story tower in the northwest corner. The facade has three lancet windows in the gable end above an entrance porch with central gable and pointed arch doorway. The side-walls have four bays divided by false buttresses; the roof has three dormer windows. There are short, low transept arms with A-roofs.</p> | |

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1920

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Chapel to St. Paul's, Baden.

Earlier wooden chapels sat on site. One was built in 1830 and a second in 1840. In 1920 the present building was erected.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreeage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: 5 Jun 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 _____

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JOHN E. HAMMOND
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GLASCOE, ET AL
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RUTH S.
MCPHERSON
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HERMAN GLASCOE, ET AL
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AQUASCO ROAD
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FANNIE D.
ROGERS, ET AL
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RICKY L. GOAD
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DANIEL F. CHAMBERS
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GENE RANSOM
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WILLIAM C. GOAD
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CHERLYN
TAYLOR
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DR. BOWEN ROAD

AQUASCO

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ETHELYN A. MURRAY, ET AL
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COVINGTON P. STANWICK
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J. PAUL BRIGHT, III
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W. C.
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DAVID H.
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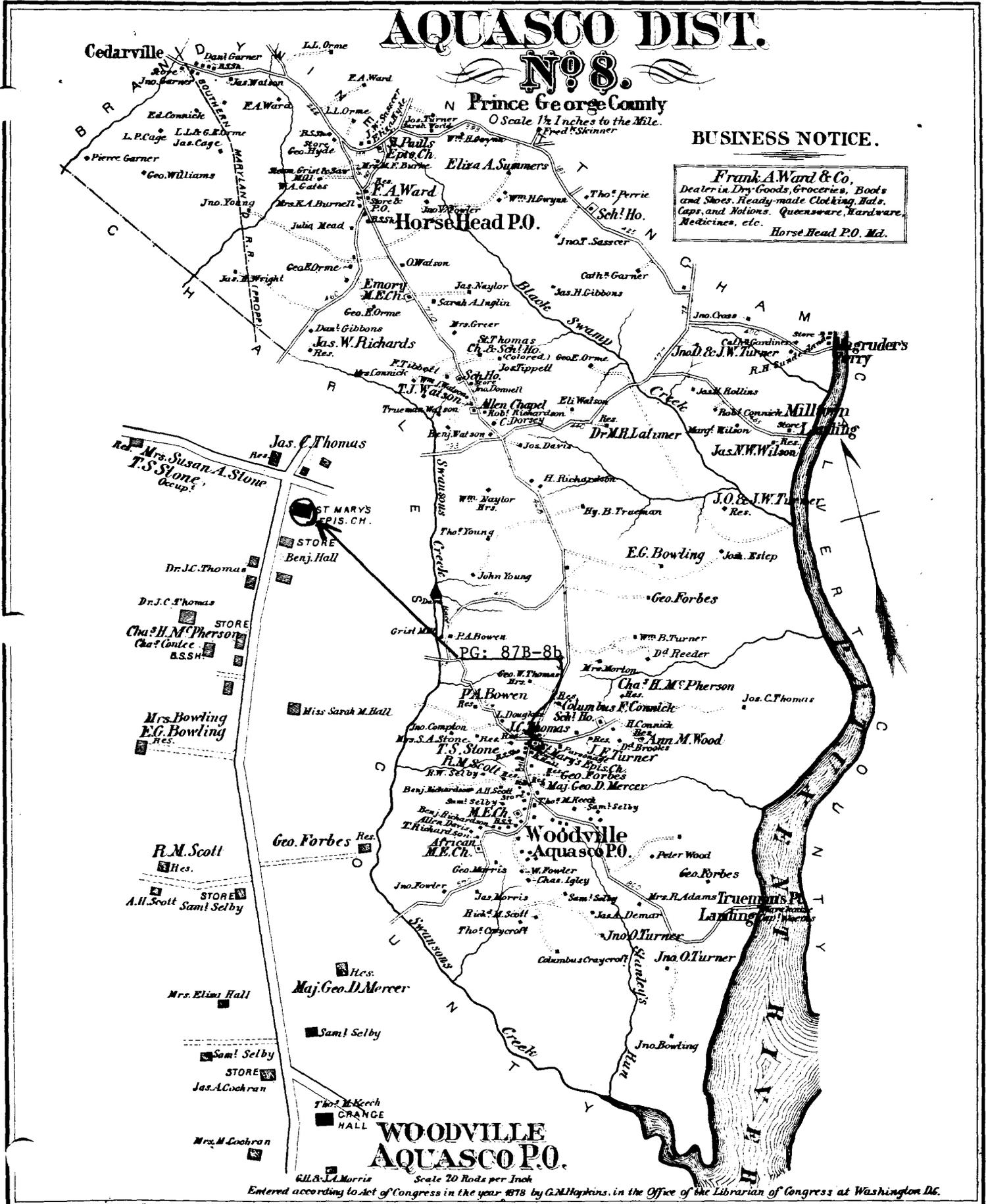
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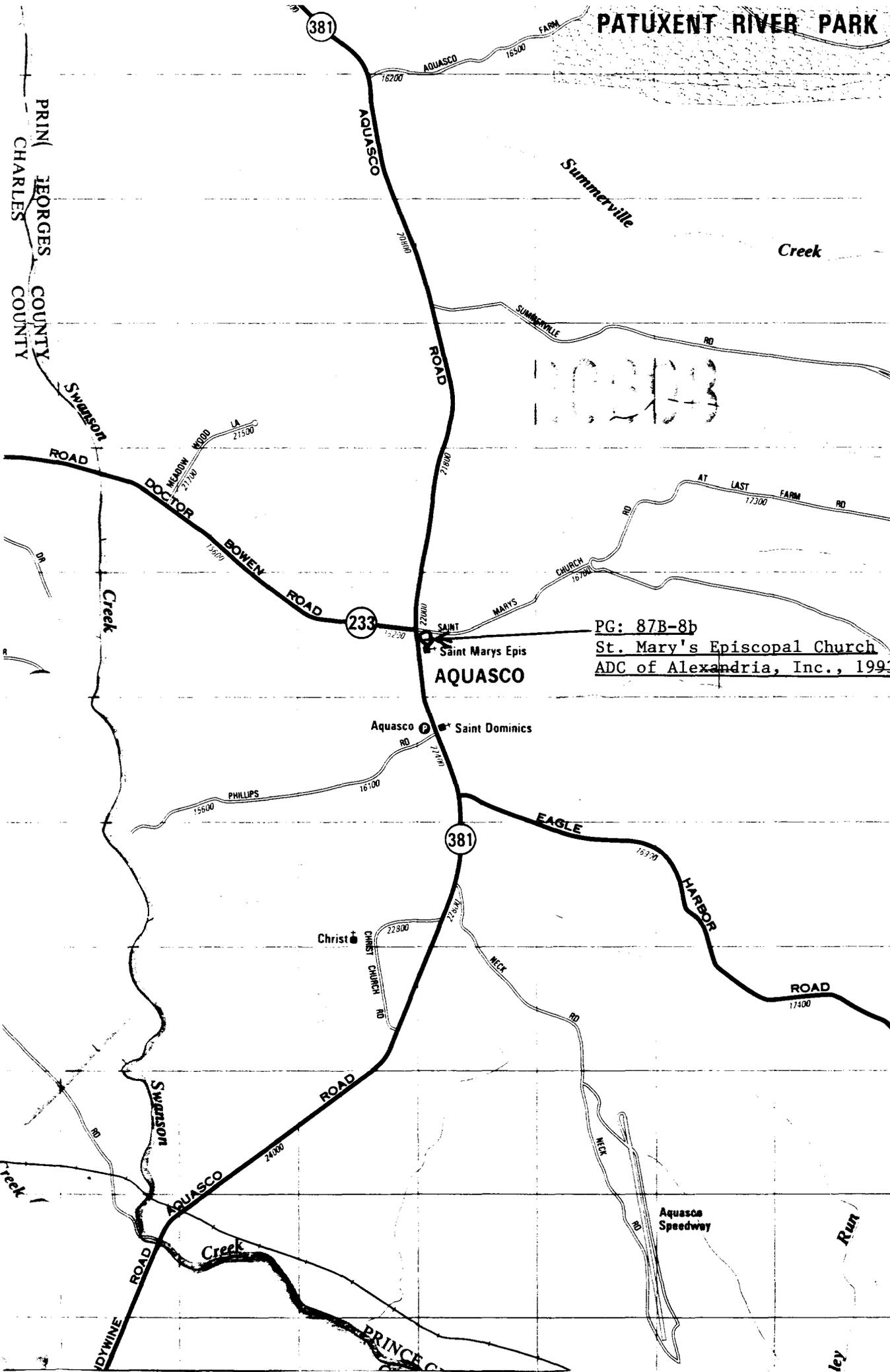
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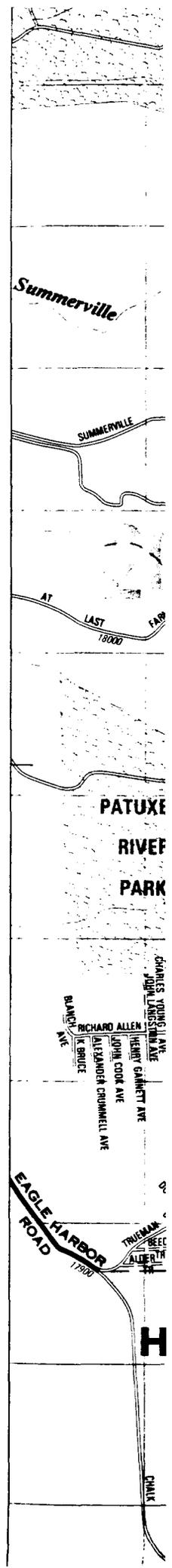
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St. Mary's Episcopal Church
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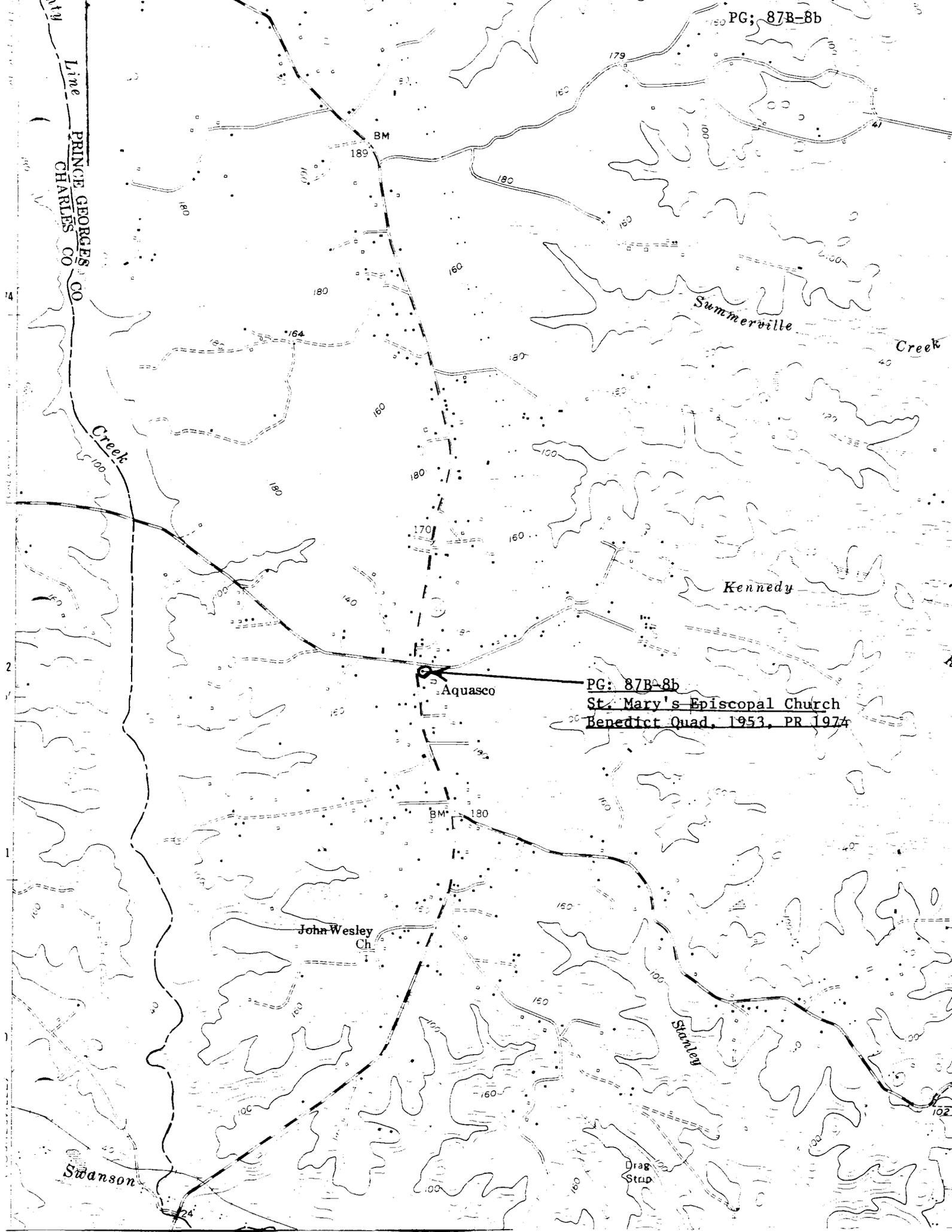
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St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Benedict Quad, 1953, PR 1974

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