Capsule Summary

Name of Property: Montgomery Street Historic District
MIHP number: PG:LAU-1-21
Location: Between Washington Boulevard and Eleventh Street and Main and Montgomery Streets
Laurel, Prince Georges County, Maryland 20707

Date of Construction: Various
Access: Public and private

Property Description: The Montgomery Street Historic District is the largest locally designated historic district in Laurel. Largely residential, the district extends, roughly, from Washington Boulevard on the southeastern end to Eleventh Street on the northwestern end and from the back of the properties on Main Street on the northeast to the back of the properties along Montgomery Street on the southeast. The properties on both sides of the numbered, or side, streets between Main Street and Montgomery Street are included as well. The tree-lined streets are generally straight, with the side streets running perpendicular to them in a northeastern to southwestern direction. The lots and houses are moderate in size on Montgomery Street, with the lots and houses on Prince George Street narrower and smaller. Most lots have tended grass lawns with ornamental shrubbery. Several apartment buildings and multiple family residences are in the district as well as duplex houses and several rows of attached townhouse units. The district's other building types include educational, community, and religious, in the form of the Laurel Armory, Laurel High School, several churches, a union hall, the St. Vincent Pallotti High School, the Laurel Boys and Girls Club, and several retail stores and businesses.

Summary Paragraph on History: The land included in the Montgomery Street Historic District once belonged to a few of the founding members of the mill town of Laurel, including Dr. Theodore Jenkins and Horace Capron. The lands south of Main Street were sold to several successive owners from the 1850s through the 1870s, such as the Cronmiller sisters and Thomas Jefferson Talbott. Following their ownership, the large tracts were subsequently sold to land speculators and developers, namely the partnership of Kemp and Gorman, followed by Shaffer and Gorman. The Cronmiller sisters also formed a partnership with businessmen, subdividing their land and selling off the lots. The landowners subdivided the land, constructed streets, and sold the parcels to individual owners, who gradually constructed their homes in the newly fashionable neighborhood along Montgomery Street, Prince George Street, and the side streets. The neighborhood continued to develop into the 20th century, with the addition of schools, a church and an armory. Today, it is a thriving residential community filled with a large yet cohesive and harmonious collection of late 19th-century and early 20th-century residential buildings.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	Historic District No. 5
other	Montgomery Street Historic District (preferred)

2. Location

street and number	Both sides of Montgomery Avenue and Prince George Street and side streets	__ not for publication
city, town	Laurel	__ vicinity
county	Prince Georges	

3. Owner of Property

name	Multiple owners		
street and number			telephone
city, town		state	zip code

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Tax Department website		liber	multiple folio	multiple
city, town	Laurel	tax map A-0848	tax parcel		tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

_____ Contributing Resource in National Register District
_____ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
_____ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
_____ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
_____ Recorded by HABS/HAER
_____ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
_____ Other:_____

6. Classification

Category
__X__ district
_____ building(s)
_____ structure
_____ site
_____ object

Ownership
_____ public
_____ private
__X__ both

Current Function
_____ agriculture
_____ commerce/trade
_____ defense
__X__ domestic
__X__ education
_____ funerary
_____ government
_____ health care
_____ industry
_____ landscape
__X__ recreation/culture
__X__ religion
_____ social
_____ transportation
_____ work in progress
_____ unknown
_____ vacant/not in use
_____ other:

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
192	37	buildings
	2	sites
		structures
		objects
192	39	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

_____

7. Description

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Condition

X_ excellent ___ deteriorated
X_ good ___ ruins
X_ fair ___ altered

Paragraph Summary

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Comprehensive Description

Montgomery Street – General Description

Montgomery Street is a tree-lined street with mostly residential dwellings on both sides. It extends, roughly, from the northwestern side of Washington Boulevard to the northwestern side of Eleventh Street. The southeastern half of the district contains almost all single-family houses on moderate-sized lots, with grass and landscaped lawns. The central section of the street contains the Laurel Elementary School, the Laurel Armory, the Laurel Boys and Girls' Club (formerly the Laurel High School), St. Mary of the Mills Church and schools (initially a Jesuit Mission from Georgetown University in Washington D.C.), and the St. Vincent Pallotti High School (on the grounds of the former St. Mildred's Academy). The street's northwestern end contains mostly single-family residential dwellings, a union hall (in the former fire company building), and several neighborhood businesses, such as a retail kitchen center, a bicycle repair shop, and a cleaner business. Two churches also are located on Montgomery Street. There is visual continuity on both sides of the street, with houses having similar lot sizes, building sizes, setbacks, and roof heights

On the southeastern end, where the former Gorman, Phelps, and Shaffer tract of land was located, the lots and houses are larger, reflecting the growing wealth that the business class had in the beginning of the 20th century. In the middle section and northwestern section, the lots and houses are smaller.

According to tax records, the houses along Montgomery Street were constructed between 1860 and 2002. The street displays a mix of architectural styles representing all decades of the neighborhood's development in the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries. Especially noticeable, however, is the large number of dwellings that were constructed in the 1890s through 1920, with a large number of the houses representing the Queen Anne style. Repeating features of the dwellings are the height, usually 2 or 2 ½ stories, and the width, ranging from 3 to 5 bays. The dwellings are either front-gabled with projecting front porches or front-gabled wing and ell houses, with projecting wraparound porches. Other prominent styles in the district are 2-story Colonial Revival-style homes, with side-gabled or gambrel roofs; Craftsman-style bungalows, with wide, integral front porches; and American Foursquare-style houses, with their pyramid roofs and front dormers. Several Italianate duplexes can be found on Prince George and Montgomery Street, and a long row of attached Italianate-style townhouses sits on Ninth Street between Montgomery and Main Street. The table below describes each resource on Montgomery Street.

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Montgomery Street - Northeastern Side

Address	Building Type	Construction Date	Brief Description	Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC)
305 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1917	Craftsman bungalow, 1-story, hipped roof, dormer	C
311 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1947	Col. Rev. (modified), s-tory, 5-bay, hipped roof	C
313 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1948	Tudor Rev. 2-story, 5-bay, brick and stone veneer, gabled roofs	C
315 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1938	Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled	C
317 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1910	Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, cross-gabled	C
321 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1910	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled	C
323 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1920	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C
325 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1910	Gothic Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, cross gable	C
327 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1879	Folk Victorian, 2-story, 6-bay, porch	C
333 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1860	Vernacular, 3-bay, 2-story, side-gabled	C
335 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1927	Craftsman, 1 ½-story, 3-bay, front-gabled	C
337 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1949	Tudor Rev., 1-story, 4-bay, brick, front-gabled	C
401 Montgomery Street	Dwelling-apts.	1920	Vernacular, 2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled	C
405 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1922	American Foursquare, 1 ½ story, 2-bay, pyramid roof	C
407 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1924	Craftsman bungalow, 1 ½ story, 3-bay, shed dormer	C
409 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1922	Craftsman bungalow, 1 ½ story, 3-bay, shed dormer	C
411 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1917	Craftsman bungalow, 1 ½ story, 3-bay, shed dormer	C
413 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1889	Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled	C
415 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1922	Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled	C
417 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1988	Craftsman bungalow, 2-story, 2-bay, enclosed porch	C
419 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1933	Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, brick, side-gabled	C
421 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1980	New construction	NC
501 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1977	New construction	NC
503A Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1977	New construction	NC
503 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1977	New construction	NC
505 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1977	New construction	NC
505A Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1977	New construction	NC
507 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1977	New construction	NC
507A Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1977	New construction	NC
507B Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1977	New construction	NC

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509 Montgomery Street	Dwelling-apts.	1957	Vernacular, 2-story, 3-bay, brick, pyramid roof	C
511 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1900	Qu. Anne, 2 ½ story, 3-bay, front-gabled	C
513 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1947	Cape Cod, 1 ½ story, 3-bay, side-gabled	C
515 Montgomery Street	Dwelling (into apts)	1910	Qu. Anne, 2 ½ story, 3-bay, hipped roof	C
517 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1900 1945 on list	Qu. Anne, 2 ½ story, enclosed porch, side-gabled	C
601 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1909	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 5-bay, front-gabled	C
605 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1900	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front gabled, wrap porch	C
607 Montgomery Street	Dwelling-apts	1956	Vernacular, 2-story, 5-bay, brick, flat roof	C
611 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1913	Vernacular, 2 story, 2-bay, altered	C
613 Montgomery Street	Church	Ca. 1900	Qu. Anne, 2-story, front-gabled, formed stone walls	C
615 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1871	Gothic Rev., 2-story, 5-bay, cross-gabled	C
617 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1900	Gothic Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, cross-gabled, enclosed porch	C
817 Montgomery Street	Dwelling/Barber shop	1933	Vernacular, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled, additions, very altered	C
821 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	2001	New construction	NC
825- 827 Montgomery Street	Dwelling-duplex	1895	Italianate, 2-story, 2-bay, stucco (825), brick (827), front addition, brackets and cornice	C
901 Montgomery Street	Union hall (former fire house)	1954	Vernacular, former fire house, 2-story, brick, flat roof	C
909 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1933	Craftsman bungalow, 1 ½ story, 4-bay, broad roof over porch, original windows	C
911 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1933	American Foursquare, 1 ½-story, 3-bay, pyramid roof, dormer, original windows	C
913 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1933	Craftsman bungalow, 1 ½-story, 5-bay, hipped roof, porch, broad roof, original brackets, exposed rafters	C
915 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1928	Craftsman Bungalow, 1 ½-story, 5-bay, hipped roof, porch, broad roof, original brackets, windows, exposed rafters	C
919 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1933	Craftsman Bungalow, 1 ½-story, 4-bay, hipped roof, original porch, exposed rafters	C
921-923 Montgomery	Dwelling-duplex	1893	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled,	C

Address	Building Type	Construction Date	Brief Description	Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC)
Street			porch	
925 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1893	Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled, porch,	C
927 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1898	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, porch, orig. wood trim and German siding, front-gabled wing and ell	C
929 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1898	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 4-bay, porch, front-gabled wing and ell	C
931 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1903	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch, fishscales in gable	C
933 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1875	Folk Victorian, 2-story, 5-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, original windows and doors, wrap porch	C
1001 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	2001	New construction	NC
1005 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1860	Gothic Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, cross-gabled, porch	C
1007 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1893	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 2-bay,porch, original windows and trim	C
1009 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1888	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell	C
1011 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1888	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 2-bay, porch added	C

Montgomery Street – Southwestern side

Address	Building Type	Construction Date	Brief Description-Architectural Style	Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC)
304 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1918	Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled	C
306 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1900	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled, gambrel dormer	C
306A Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1900	Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, brick	C
308 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1926	Col. Rev. 2 ½-story, 3-bay, gambrel roof	C
314 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1924	American 4-Square, 2-story, 2-bay, pyramid roof, dormer	C
316 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1914	Qu. Anne, 2 ½ story, 2-bay, clipped roof	C
318 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1879	Qu. Anne, 2 ½ story, 2-bay, dormer added	C
320 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1910	Qu. Anne, 2 ½ story, 3-bay, addition, clipped roof	C
322 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1910	Qu. Anne, 2 ½ story, 2-bay, front-gabled, clipped roof	C
324 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1889	Qu. Anne, 2 ½-story, 2-bay, front-gabled, clipped roof	C

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328 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1914	American Foursquare, 2-story, 2-bay, pyramid roof, dormer	C
332 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1878	Gothic Rev., 2-story, 2-bay, cross-gabled, wrap porch	C
336 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1914	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 5-bay, front-gabled, wrap porch	C
400 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1884	Folk Victorian, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, porch	C
404 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1888	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, porch	C
408 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1864	Folk Victorian, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, porch	C
412 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1919	American Foursquare, 2-story, 2-bay, pyramid, dormer	C
414 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1925	Ranch, 1-story	C
416 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1917	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C
418 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1889	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled	C
420 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1924	Col. Rev. 2-story3-bay, gable-roof, dormer	C
422 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1920	Vernacular, 2-story, 7-bay, parapet roof, brick	C
518B Montgomery Street	Dwelling	2003	New construction	NC
518A Montgomery Street	Dwelling	2003	New construction	NC
520 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1900	Italianate, 2-story, glass storefront,, flat roof, cornice and brackets	C
600 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1925	Ranch, 1-story	NC
602 Montgomery Street	Retail store	1947	Commercial, 2-story, 3-bay, brick, glass storefront	C
606 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1900	Gothic Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, brick, cross-gabled	C
608-610 Montgomery Street	Dwelling-duplex	1900	Italianate, 2-story, 4-bay, cornice, brackets,	C
612-614 Montgomery Street	Dwelling-duplex	1945	Vernacular, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled	NC
616 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	2002	New construction	NC
618 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	2002	New construction	NC
620 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	Ca. 2000	New construction	NC
700A-B Montgomery Street	Dwelling-duplex	1955	Vernacular, 2-story, 4-bay, brick, flat roof	NC
700 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1900	Co. Rev., 2-story, 2-bay, pyramid roof, porch	C
702 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1900	Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled	C
704 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1900	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 2-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, porch	C

Address	Building Type	Construction Date	Brief Description-Architectural Style	Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC)
706 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1900	Qu. Anne, 2-bay, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell	C
708 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1900	Qu. Anne, 2-bay, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell	C
710 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1900	Col. Rev., 2 ½-story, 3-bay, dormers	C
900 Montgomery Street	Store	1893	Italianate, 2-story 3-bay, altered, cornice and bracket	C
904 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1870	Italianate, 2-story, 2-bay, flat roof, porch	C
906 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1900	Italianate, 2-story, 3-bay, flat roof, cornice and bracket	C
910 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1935	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 2-bay, front-gabled, porch	C
912 Montgomery Street	Dwelling into retail store	1910	Vernacular, 2-story, 3-bay, front gable added to house, house obscured	NC
914 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1930	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell	C
916 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1890	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C
920 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1930	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C
924 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1900	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C
928 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1890	Qu. Anne, 2 story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch, original trim	C
930 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1890	Qu. Anne, 2 story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C
932 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1888	Qu. Anne, 2 story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C
934 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	2003	New construction	NC
1100 Montgomery Street	Dwelling	1947	Tudor. Rev., 1 ½ story, 4-bay, brick	C

Prince George Street – General Description

Prince George Street is a tree-lined street extending from the northwestern side of Washington Boulevard to the southeastern side of Seventh Street and consisting of mostly residential dwellings. This part of the district represents a homogenous group of dwellings, with similar lot sizes, building sizes, building setbacks, and rooflines. The dwellings on both sides of the street are modestly-sized houses of approximately 1,350 to 1,700 square feet in size on narrow, well-maintained lots ranging in size from approximately one-tenth to one-fifth of an acre. Although much of the land along Prince George Street was subdivided in the 1870s, according to atlases, it appears that many lots were not improved until after the turn of the century, as evidenced by their construction dates.

According to tax records, the construction dates of the buildings on Prince George Street range from 1825 to 2004. The greatest number of houses were constructed during the time period between 1890 and 1930, with the most being constructed in the decade of the 1890s, the 1910s, and the 1920s. The prevailing architectural style of the homes along the street reflect the Queen Anne style, with either a front-gabled roof over a narrow 2-story house or a cross-gabled roof over a gable and wing floor plan.

Front porches with decorative woodwork remain on many of the homes, lending visual cohesiveness to the streetscapes. Other popular architectural styles along the street are American Four-squares, with their pyramidal roofs and projecting dormers, and Arts and Crafts bungalows, with their integral front porches. Several Italianate-style duplex homes can be found on the street, retaining their flat fronts and roofs and elaborate upper cornices with shell-motif friezes and bracketing. Colonial-revival-style homes are also present in the district. The table below describes each resource on Prince George Street.

Prince George Street – Northeastern Side

Address	Building Type	Construction Date	Brief Description	Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC)
305 Prince George Street	Parking lot	N?A	Parking	NC
307 Prince George Street	Post office	1997	New Construction	NC
323 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1918	Queen (Qu.) Anne, 2-story, 5-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C
325 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1918	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 5-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C
329 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1920	American (Am.) 4-Square, 2 story, 2-bay, pyramid roof, dormer	C
331 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1878	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C
333 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1910	Qu. Anne, 2 1/2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C
335-337 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1915	Italianate, 2-story, 6-bay, brick, continuous porch, cornice, brackets	C
339 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1910	Qu. Anne, 2 1/2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C
401 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1914	Qu. Anne, 2 1/2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C
403 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1924	Colonial Revival (Co. Rev.), 2 ½-story, 3-bay, side-gabled, dormers added	C
405 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1899	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C
407 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1904	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C
409 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1865	Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled	C
411-413 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1847	Italianate, 2-story, 6-bay, brick, continuous porch, cornice, brackets	C
415 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1908	Qu. Anne, 2 1/2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C
417 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1930	American Foursquare, 2-story, 5-bay, pyramid roof, Addition	C
419 Prince George Street	Vacant Land	0		NC
421 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1914	Qu. Anne, 2 1/2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing	C

Address	Building Type	Construction Date	Brief Description	Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC)
			and ell, wrap porch	
423 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1899	Qu. Anne, 2 1/2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled, porch	C
425 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1894	Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, side-gable roof, porch over entry	C
427 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1954	Ranch, 1-story, hipped roof	C
501 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1917	Qu. Anne, 2 1/2-story, 5-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C
503 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1890	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 2-bay, front-gabled, porch	C
505 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1890	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 2-bay, front-gabled, porch	C
507 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1890	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 2-bay, front-gabled, porch, 1-story addition on side	C
509 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1890	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 2-bay, front-gabled, porch	C
511 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1825	Georgian, 2-story, 4-bay, side gabled	C
513 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1890	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C
515 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1890	Qu. Anne, 2 1/2-story, 2-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C
605 Prince George Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1890	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch, addition on wing	C
609 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1863	Folk Victorian, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C
611 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1935	Cape Cod, 1 ½-story, 3-bay, side-gabled roof, 2 dormers	C
613 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1930	Tudor Rev., 2-story, 2-bay, side dormer	C
615 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1935	Col. Rev. 2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled	C

Prince George Street - Southwestern side

Address	Building Type	Construction Date	Brief Description	Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC)
312 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1920	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C
316 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1974	New construction	NC
318 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1880	Qu. Anne, 2 ½-story, 3-bay, front-gabled, porch	C
320 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1919	Qu. Anne, 2 ½-story, 3-bay, front-gabled, porch	C
328 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1904	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, cross-gabled	C
330 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1919	Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled	C
332 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1914	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C

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334 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1919	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C
336 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1919	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 3-bay front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C
400 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1922	American Foursquare, 2 ½-story, 2-bay, pyramid roof, dormer	C
408 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1929	Col. Rev., 2 ½-story, 2-bay, side-gable, dormer added	C
410 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1920	Bungalow, 1 ½-story, 3-bay, side-gabled	C
412 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1922	American Foursquare, 2 1/2-story, 2-bay, pyramid roof, dormer	C
414 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1882	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 2-bay, front-gabled, porch	C
416 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1887	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 2-bay, front-gabled, porch	C
418 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1890	Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, cross-gabled roof added	C
420 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1897	American Foursquare, 2-story, 2-bay, pyramid roof, dormer	C
500 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1976	Townhouse	NC
502 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1976	Townhouse	NC
504 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1976	Townhouse	NC
506 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1976	Townhouse	NC
508 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1976	Townhouse	NC
510 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1976	Townhouse	NC
512 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1900	Col. Rev., 2 ½ story, 5-bay, hipped roof	C
516 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1870	Col. Rev., 2 ½ story, 5-bay, hipped roof	C
518 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1987	New construction	C
606 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1880	Qu. Anne, 2 ½ story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C
608 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1920	Bungalow, 1 ½ story, 3-bay, front-gabled, integral porch	C
610 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1871	Folk Victorian, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C
612 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1920	Bungalow, 1-story, 3-bay, front-gabled, integral porch	C
614 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1920	Bungalow, 1-story, 3-bay, front-gabled, projecting porch	C
616 Prince George Street	Dwelling	1900	Qu. Anne, 2 ½-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch, orig. wood posts, shutters, windows	C

Side Streets – General Description

The Montgomery Street Historic District also includes the side streets running in a northeastern-southwestern direction between the southwestern side of Main Street and the southwestern side of Montgomery Street. They include Stanley Place, Fourth Street, Fifth Street, Sixth Street, Seventh Street, Eighth Street (or St. Mary's Place), Ninth Street (or Yellow Row), Tenth Street, and Eleventh Street. The streets are residential in character, except for both sides of Eighth Street, which contain the St. Mary of the Mills Church and associated buildings and the St. Vincent Pallotti High School, respectively. While most of the residences on the side streets are single-family homes, there is a long row of attached townhouses on Ninth Street, as well as two multiple-family units on the same street, one of which is the last of a row of ca. 1840 multiple-family housing units known as Yellow Row.

Stanley Place – Northwestern side

Address	Building Type	Construction Date	Brief Description	Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC)
203 Stanley Place	Dwelling	Ca. 1940	American Small House, 1 1/2-story, 3-bay, brick, cross-gabled roofs	C
205-207 Stanley Place	Dwelling-attached houses	Ca. 1990	New construction	NC

Stanley Place – Southeastern side

Address	Building Type	Construction Date	Brief Description	Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC)
200 Stanley Place	Dwelling	Ca. 1900	Qu. Anne, 2 ½-story, 5-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C
202 Stanley Place	Dwelling	Ca. 1900	Qu. Anne, 2 ½-story, 5-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C

Fourth Street – Northwestern side

Address	Building Type	Construction Date	Brief Description	Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC)
111 Fourth Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1900	2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled	C
205 Fourth Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1870	Italianate, 2-story, 3-bay, cornice and brackets, porch	C

Fourth Street – Southeastern side – No resources

Fifth Street – Northwestern side – No resources

Fifth Street – Southeastern side

Address	Building Type	Construction Date	Brief Description	Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC)
200 Fifth Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1900	Col. Rev., 2-story, 3-bay, gambrel roof, pent eave, side-gabled roof,	C
204 Fifth Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1900	Stick style, 2-story, 3-bay, broad porch, exposed brackets, steep pitch	C
206 Fifth Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1930	Craftsman bungalow, 1 ½ story, 3-bay, pyramid roof, dormer	C

Sixth Street – Northwestern side

Address	Building Type	Construction Date	Brief Description	Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC)
105 Sixth Street	Dwelling-Apt. bldg.	Ca. 1960	New construction	NC
109 Sixth Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1900	Vernacular 2-story, 4-bay, side-gabled, porch	C
111 Sixth Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1900	Vernacular 2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled, porch	C
113 Sixth Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1960	Ranch, 1-story, 3-bay, side-gabled	C
201 Sixth Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1900	Vernacular, 2 ½-story, 3-bay, front-gabled, porch, original windows	NC
203 Sixth Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1900	2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C

Sixth Street – Southeastern side

Address	Building Type	Construction Date	Brief Description	Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC)
No address	Chapel	Ca. 1860	1-story, 3-bay, frame, clapboards	C
200 Sixth Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1920	Col. Rev., 2-story, 5-bay, side-gabled	C
204 Sixth Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1880	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, porch	C
206 Sixth Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1940	American Small House, 1-story, 3-bay, brick, side-gabled	C

Seventh Street – Northwestern side – no resources

Seventh Street – Southeastern side

Address	Building Type	Construction Date	Brief Description	Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC
108 Seventh Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1930	Cape Cod, 1 1/2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled, vinyl	C
110 Seventh Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1930	Cape Cod, 1 1/2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled, vinyl	C

Eighth Street – Northwestern side

Address	Building Type	Construction Date	Brief Description	Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC)
St. Vincent Pallotti High School	Educational	1957	3-story, brick	C

Eighth Street – Southeastern side

Address	Building Type	Construction Date	Brief Description	Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC)
114 Eighth Street (or St. Mary's Place)	Church	1843	Church and associated schools, 1-story, front and side-gabled, stone, brick, 4-story bell tower	C
Address Unknown	Hall	Ca. 1900	2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled, brick foundation, projecting porch, gables, shed-roof addition,	C

Ninth Street – Northwestern side

Address	Building Type	Construction Date	Brief Description	Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC
115-121 Ninth Street	Dwelling-4-unit	ca. 1960	Vernacular, 2-story, 3-bay, side-gabled, brick	NC
123 Ninth Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1840	Vernacular, 2 ½ story, 5-bay, side-gabled, brick, wood lintels and sills	C
203-223 Ninth Street	Dwelling-attached townhouses	Ca. 1870	Italianate, 2-story, 2-bay, brick or other material for veneer, original cornice and brackets, enclosed front porch added to 6 buildings	

Ninth Street – Southeastern side

Address	Building Type	Construction Date	Brief Description	Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC
220 Ninth Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1900	Italianate, 2-story, 2-bay, front-gabled, porch	C
222-224 Ninth Street	Dwelling-duplex	Ca. 1890	Italianate, 2-story, 4-bay, brick, cornice and brackets, addition, enclosed porch on front	C

Tenth Street – Northwestern Side

Address	Building Type	Construction Date	Brief Description	Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC
201 Tenth Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1900	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, porch	C
203 Tenth Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1900	Qu. Anne, 2 1/2-story, 5-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, wrap porch	C
205 Tenth Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1900	Qu. Anne, 2 1/2-story, 5-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, enclosed porch	C
207 Tenth Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1860	Folk Victorian, 2-story, 2-bay, side-gabled, porch	C
209 Tenth Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1860	Folk Victorian, 2-story, 2-bay, side-gabled, porch	C
211 Tenth Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1860	Folk Victorian, 2-story, 2-bay, side-gabled, porch	C

Tenth Street – Southeastern side

Address	Building Type	Construction Date	Brief Description	Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC
200 Tenth Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1860	Vernacular, 2-story, 4-bay, side-gabled	C
204 Tenth Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1860	Vernacular, 2-story, 5-bay, side-gabled, screened in porch	C
206 Tenth Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1900	Vernacular, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, porch	C
210-212 Tenth Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1860	Vernacular, 2-story, 3-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, porch	C
214A-216A Tenth Street	Dwelling-duplex	Ca. 1860	Italianate, 2-story, 4-bay, cornice and brackets	C

Eleventh Street – Northwestern Side

Address	Building Type	Construction Date	Brief Description	Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC
201A Eleventh Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1890	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 2-bay, side-gabled, porch	C
201 Eleventh Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1890	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 4-bay, front-gabled wing and ell, porch	C
203 Eleventh Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1890	No style, 2-story, 4-bay, much altered front-gabled wing and ell, brick veneer	NC
205 Eleventh Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1890	No style, 2-story, 4-bay, much altered front-gabled wing and ell,	NC
207 Eleventh Street	Dwelling-duplex	Ca. 1890	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 2-bay, front-gabled, porch	C
209 Eleventh Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1890	Qu. Anne, 2-story, 2-bay, front-gabled, porch	C
211 Eleventh Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1970	New Construction	NC

Eleventh Street – Southeastern side

Address	Building Type	Construction Date	Brief Description	Contributing or Non-contributing (C or NC
200 Eleventh Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1900	Neoclassical, 2-story, 3-bay, 2-story porch, Qu. Anne-style renovated in 1960s.	NC
202 Eleventh Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1960	New construction	NC
204 Eleventh Street	Dwelling-duplex	Ca. 1860	Italianate, 2-story, 4-bay, flat roof, original cornice and brackets	C
206 Eleventh Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1960	New construction	NC
210 Eleventh Street	Dwelling	Ca. 1960	New construction	NC

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
__ 1600-1699	__ agriculture	__ economics	__ health/medicine	__ performing arts
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X 1800-1899	X architecture	__ engineering	__ invention	__ politics/government
X 1900-1999	__ art	__ entertainment/	__ landscape architecture	__ religion
__ 2000-	commerce	recreation	__ law	__ science
	__ communications	__ ethnic heritage	__ literature	__ social history
	__ community planning	exploration/	__ maritime history	__ transportation
	__ conservation	settlement	__ military	__ other: ____

Specific dates **Architect/Builder**

Construction dates 1840 - 1960

Evaluation for:

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Narrative Discussion of History of Resource

Located in the middle of the City of Laurel, the Montgomery Street Historic District is an intact community comprised mostly of residential dwellings constructed generally between circa 1850 and 1960. Prince George Street was the first all-residential street in the town, and Montgomery Street soon followed. While the district is mostly residential in character, scattered throughout the community are several schools, recreational facilities, a National Guard Armory facility, and a handful of retail stores.

Regional History

The area surrounding the present-day City of Laurel in Prince George's County, Maryland, was first settled by members of the Snowden family, one of the founding families of Maryland, during the latter half of the 17th century and early 18th century. Laurel is on land that was originally patented to Richard Snowden in 1715 as "Snowden's New Birmingham Manor" in Prince George's County. At the time, Snowden's estate already was approximately 3,000 acres in size, extending from Old Columbia Pike to the present city of Laurel and from south of Greencastle and Van Dusen Roads to north of Sandy Spring Road. The 1715 patent increased the already substantial Snowden land holdings, and by 1743 the estate had grown to 9,265 acres.

The Laurel area became a location for manufacturing as early as the first half of the 18th century, distinguishing it from the rest of rural Prince George's County. Manufacturing activity on the Patuxent River dates back to 1736 when the Snowden family established the Patuxent River Iron Works. Almost a century later in 1811, descendent Nicholas Snowden constructed a stone grist mill building on the banks of the Patuxent River as well as a dam across the river at the location of what is now Ninth Street in Laurel. In 1824, Nicholas Snowden leased the mill for a period of 12 years to Mr. Johnson, transformed the grist mill into a factory for spinning cotton yarn, known as the Cotton Manufacturing Motive of Laurel. Mr. Johnson installed equipment that enabled it to convert raw cotton into twisted thread that was then used elsewhere in the manufacture of cotton cloth. The mill was successful and at one time reportedly employed 100 adults. Another local businessman, Robert Pilsen, some time prior to 1835, soon installed the first loom in the mill that enabled the weaving of cotton cloth in the factory.

Nicholas Snowden died in 1831, and his estate, Montpelier, was subdivided among his children. His daughter, Eliza, received what was called the Bank Quarter, which contained the bank of iron ore. A leftover undivided portion along the Patuxent River, contained approximately 100 acres, the Snowden's stone mansion, the mill buildings, several log houses, and a well-used farm where successive crops of tobacco and corn had been cultivated. The parcel's location was invaluable because of the exceptional water power provided by the river.

The 1835 completion of the Baltimore and Ohio (B & O) Railroad Company's new railroad line through Laurel, located just over one mile east of the mill, contributed to the attractiveness of the mill location. The railroad, which was to connect Baltimore with Washington D.C., promised easier access to new markets, both for raw materials and finished products. Access to other markets was previously gained by travel from the mill eastward via Main Street to the Washington-Baltimore Turnpike, which was chartered by the state of Maryland in 1812.

The location and easy access to the railroad and the turnpike were not lost on Snowden's heirs, which included son-in-law Horace Capron, Louisa's husband and a member of the Capron family of Attleboro, Massachusetts. Snowden had previously worked at a mill at Savage, Maryland, prior to turning his attentions to the lands of the former New Birmingham Manor. On

January 28, 1836, Horace Capron joined other Snowden family members in a new business venture. Capron, along with Dr. Theodore Jenkins (brother-in-law of Capron and neighbor of the Snowdens at New Birmingham Manor), Elizabeth Snowden (Capron's mother-in-law), Osmond C. Tiffany (Capron's first cousin from another Attleboro, Massachusetts, family) A.E. Hall, and W.C. Shaw incorporated a new company, the Patuxent Company, for the purpose of manufacturing and selling cotton, iron, and other articles at the site of the mill and farm. The Snowden children's land holdings were combined and transferred when Horace Capron and his wife, Charles Hill and his wife, and Dr. Theodore Jenkins and his wife, conveyed their inherited lands to the Patuxent Company. Deeds for property and stock also were transferred by Osmond Tiffany, Comfort Tiffany, and several Capron cousins, who also were involved in mill activities elsewhere.

Shortly after its incorporation in 1835, the Patuxent Company constructed housing for its mill workers in the vicinity of the mill. Merchants established stores and businesses to support the employees and their families, and the town, known as Laurel Factory, started to grow. Churches, schools, and social halls were established as well, first in the western end near the mill, then in locations east of the mill as the town advanced eastward along Main Street toward the turnpike and newly constructed railroad through town.

Laurel Factory, as it was called in the beginning, grew quickly in the middle of the 19th century as businesses, churches, a social hall, and schools were established to meet the needs of the fledgling community. Located in the western end of the town near the mill, the first churches included a Protestant Episcopal, a Methodist, and a Catholic Church. A schoolhouse and an assembly hall were built south of the mill building. According to Thomson's Mercantile and Professional Directory, Laurel Factory had its own post office by 1851. Growth occurred after the Civil War period in Laurel with assistance from the Laurel Building Association, incorporated in 1869 for the primary purpose of enabling the accumulation of capital for its members to procure loans, purchase real or leasehold property, and to construct buildings. Additional interest in land investment and settlement in Laurel came from government employees who had become familiar with the town from traveling through it by train en route to Washington, D.C. Large parcels on the railroad tracks' eastern side were purchased and large homes built, as indicated by the 1878 Hopkins atlas. Others started arriving from the capital and purchased lots for homes on the newly constructed Second Street which was in close proximity to the railroad station. In 1875, the town of Laurel Factory had been incorporated and its name changed to Laurel.

History of Resource

Along with land on the northeastern side of Main Street, land on the southwestern side also was part of the original Snowden estate, "New Birmingham Manor." After Nicholas Snowden's 1831 death, his land was divided and conveyed to his children, two of which were Juliana and Eliza Snowden. Juliana (who was married to Dr. Theodore Jenkins) apparently received Lots 1 and 2, located in the western end of the town, and the other daughter, Eliza (who remained single, joined the Georgetown Convent, and received her habit in 1847) inherited a part of Lots 1 and 2 and also Lot 8, which was located between the Baltimore and Washington Turnpike and the Laurel Factory mill to the west, and between Main Street on the north to a point south of it (boundary unknown). It appears that in the late 1830s and 1840s the children started to sell off their land. Both Dr. Jenkins and his wife and Eliza sold Lots 1 and 2 to Horace Capron on March 21, 1843 (DB 3, P. 1). Richard Snowden and his wife, Elizabeth, acquired some of Lot 8 and subsequently conveyed a large tract of Lot 8 to Horace Capron on August 29, 1839 (DB AB 12, P. 367). By the mid 1840s Horace Capron owned much, if not all of the land south of Main Street, including what would become the Montgomery Street Historic District. On a portion of his land south of Main Street, Capron had a 610-acre farm.

On April 24, 1847, Eliza Snowden sold to Dr. Jenkins and his wife a 66-acre tract on the northern side of what would become Montgomery Street between Church Street and Yellow Row (Ninth Street) (DB JBB 5, P. 69). Three years later on February 15, 1850, the Jenkins' conveyed the same tract to the President and Directors of Georgetown College (DB FS 2, P. 437), where Jenkins had received his education and degree. Fifteen years later on August 31, 1865, the President and Directors of Georgetown College conveyed the land, except for one acre where St. Mary's Chapel stood, to Eliza, Susan, Catherine, and Hester Cronmiller (DB 3, P. 535). The land surrounding the church stayed in the Cronmiller family until it was subdivided and sold by the sisters in the 1880s and beyond. Following the subdivision of the Cronmiller land in the central part of what is now

Montgomery Street, new property owners started improving the land and building dwellings, many of which remain in the historic district.

It appears that Horace Capron met with financial hardship because in late 1849 he sold off portions of his property on both sides of Main Street to a number of people, including a large parcel (size unknown) on the northeastern side of Main Street lying between the Laurel factory and the Washington and Baltimore Turnpike to James and Jesse Duvall on December 17, 1849. After applying to the State of Maryland for insolvency (bankruptcy) six months later on April 1, 1850, Capron was directed by Orphan's Court to convey his 610-acre farm on the southwestern side of Main Street, household goods, and furniture for $1.00 to trustees Thomas S. Alexander and George W. Dobbin (DB JJB 6, P. 331). At a public auction on May 21, 1850, the trustees sold the 610-acre farm to Thomas Wilson of John (name was recorded on deed as such) for $28,060.00 (DB CSM 1, P. 151). Thomas Wilson of John named the tract "Laurel Farm" and owned it for the next ten years. On November 27, 1861, Thomas Wilson of John and his wife sold Laurel Farm to Thomas Jefferson Talbott for $27,200.00 (DB 1, P. 27). After Talbott's death, trustees for his property, Charles Stanley, Michael Bannon, and Edwin Higgins, sold part of the land to Honora Talbott (DB HB 13, P. 474) at a public sale, another large portion to land speculators Arthur Pue Gorman and partner James Kemp, and lots on the southwestern side of Main Street to individual parties, as evidenced by the 1878 Hopkins map.

Following the death of Thomas J. Talbott, his land was subdivided into building lots, and streets were constructed through the land, including Prince George Street and Stanley Place. Lots were sold off, and residential development occurred from the late 1870s through the 1930s, as the area became a fashionable and popular place to live for the town's growing business class. According to the 1878 Hopkins atlas, the land bordered by Main and Prince George Street and by Washington Boulevard and Fourth Street had been subdivided into narrow lots (narrower than those on Montgomery Street) and purchased by local and outside investors, including John Miles, Burnham, J.F. Flester, C.F. Shaffer, Sarah and Emily Talbott, J.F. Myer, J.N. Herbert, and Armand Jardin. Lots on Prince George Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets were subdivided and sold to owners, including Rose Diven, J.A. Crandle, Donaldson, and L.A. Miles. The lots on Prince George Street between Fifth and Patuxent Street (later Seventh Street) was owned by the Cronmiller sisters and later subdivided and sold.

Honora Talbott and Emily F. and Sarah E. Talbott retained portions of the land on the northeastern side of Montgomery Street between the turnpike and Fourth Street. Stanley Place was later cut through the parcel, but the original Talbott house still remains on Prince George Street and is known as the Talbott Mansion. On the southwestern side of Montgomery Street between the turnpike and Fifth Street, the land was owned by Arthur Pue Gorman (distant relative to the Warfields, local businessman, future U.S. Senator, and President of the Baltimore and Ohio Canal Company) who purchased a large portion of the Talbott land with business partner James Kemp and subdivided part of the land into 38 building lots for residential development. The land on both sides of Montgomery Street between Fifth and Church Streets was owned by the Cronmiller sisters and later subdivided and sold. The land between Church Street and Walker's Branch was owned by Laurel Mills, William Warfield, and Warfield and Whiteside. Some of Warfield's land was subsequently sold by his trustee, Charles Stanley, and his widow to Phelps and Shaffer. The land beyond Ninth Street on the northern side of Montgomery Street had been subdivided in the mid- to late- 1900s, and worker housing was constructed on what is now Tenth and Eleventh Streets and is also a part of the Montgomery Street Historic District.

Some time prior to 1887, it appears that Kemp sold his interest in the Talbott subdivision to the firm of Phelps and Shaffer. Approximately between the years of 1887 and the mid 1890s, the remaining three partners, known as Gorman, Phelps, and Shaffer, sold the Talbott tract lots, many of which were on both sides of the eastern end of Montgomery Street and which are now in the Montgomery Street Historic District. In the mid-section of Montgomery Street on the northern side, it appears that the Cronmiller sisters sold and also leased individual lots in the 1880s. By the early 1890s it appears that a business partnership had formed between the Cronmillers and other land speculators in Laurel. The Cronmiller sisters sold some of their interest in their land on the southern side of Montgomery Street between Fifth and Church Streets and joined Charles H. Stanley, and Phelps and Shaffer in the formation of a subdivision called Laurel Park (DB JWB 24 P. 107). Farther west on Montgomery Street, Warfield's trustee, Charles H. Stanley, and Warfield's widow sold off lots from Warfield's tract there.

Newspaper accounts from the September and October 1889 issues of the *Laurel News Leader* mention some of the homebuilders in the area, including Mr. Henry Shaffer who constructed a house on Montgomery Street for a Mr. Alfred Fairall and Messrs. Crandle and Donaldson, architects and builders of new homes on Laurel Avenue. The firm Ellis and Nichols also designed and constructed some of the homes in the neighborhood.

Although the majority of buildings in the neighborhood are residential structures, several are religious and educational. Saint Mary of the Mills sits between Seventh and Eight Streets. Originally a Jesuit mission with a small chapel constructed under the sponsorship of Dr. Jenkins in 1848, the chapel grew with the addition of an extension in 1890 and another one in 1959. A parish school was built in 1893 and replaced with the St. Mary's School in 1953, all of which still stand. By the 1900s the Snowden mansion had become Saint Mildred's Academy and was demolished in 1957, when the St. Vincent Pallotti High School was constructed between Eighth and Ninth Streets.

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10. Geographical Data

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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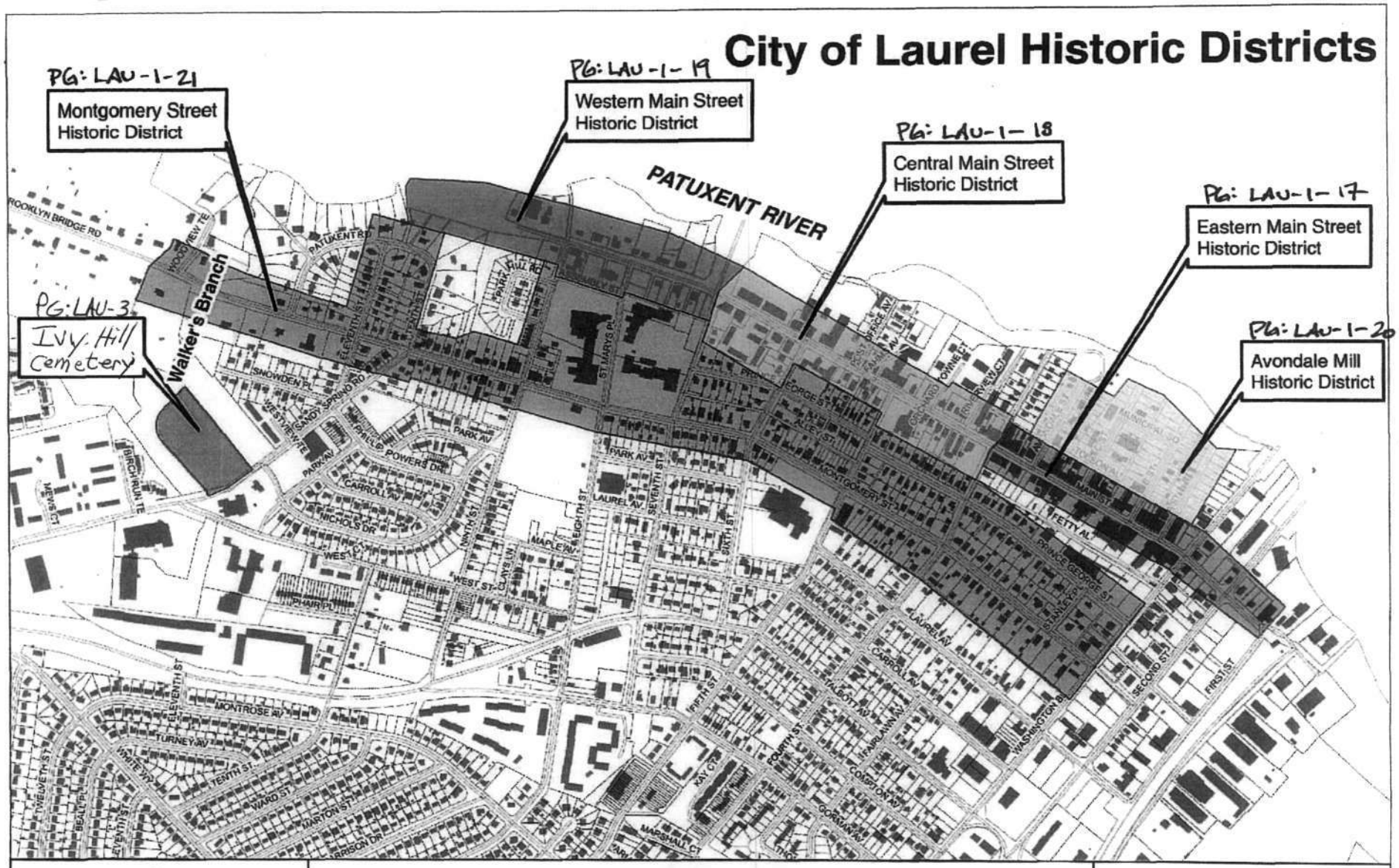

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Figure 2
Historic Districts to be Surveyed

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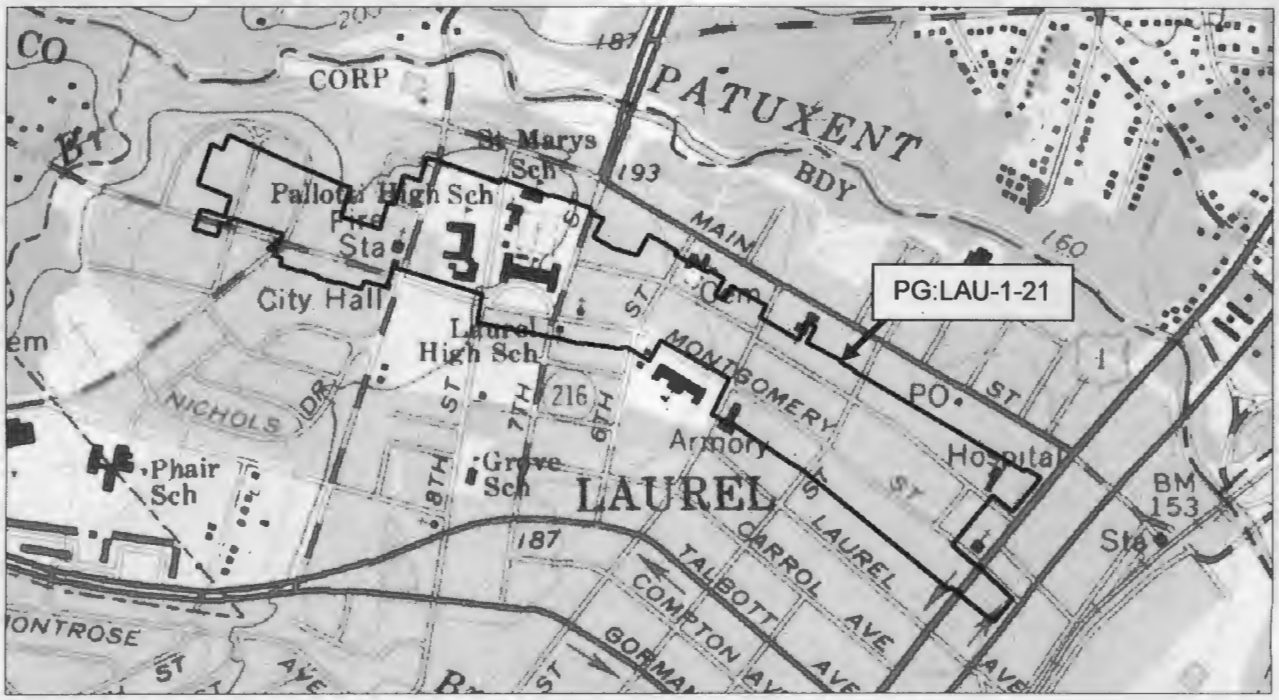

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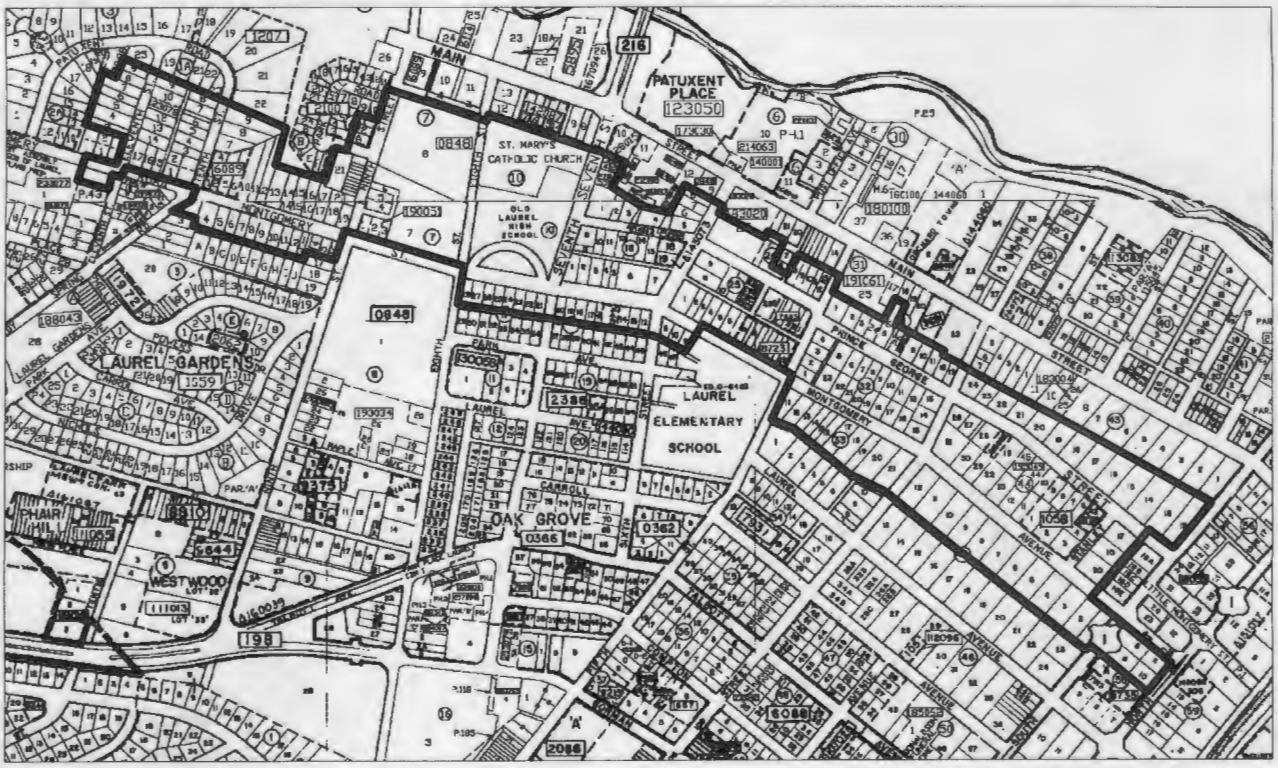

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313 Main St.

PG Co. MD

Alisa Ross

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MD SHPO

Contributing resource, facing NE

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327 Main St.

Pg Co. MD

Alison Ross

MD SHPO

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Contrib. resource, facing NE

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401 - 405 Main St

PG Co. MD

Alison Ross

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MD SHPO

Streetscape showing contrib resources, facing N

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407 Mont. St

PG Co. MD

Alison Ross

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MD SHPO

Contrib. resource, facing NE

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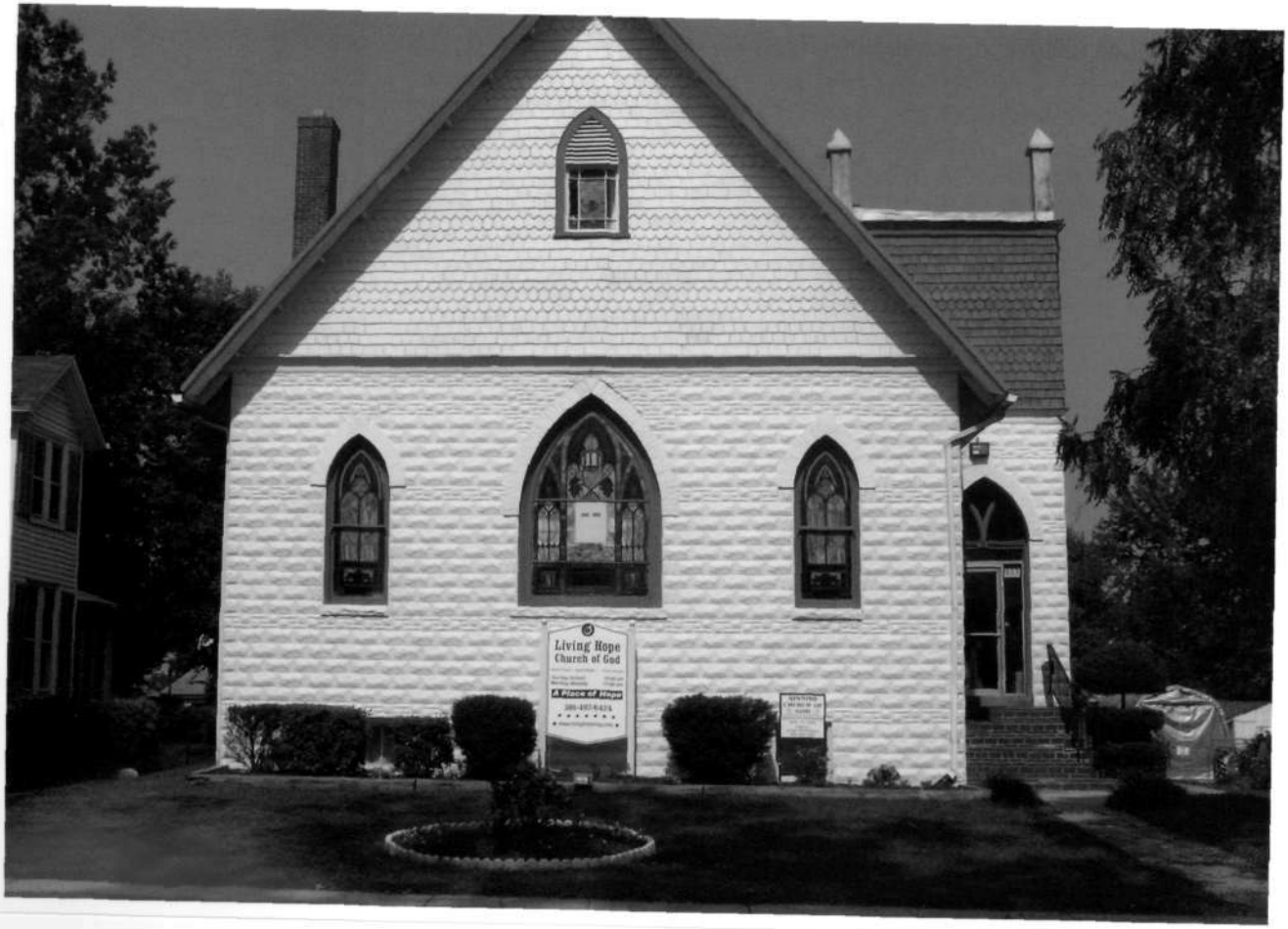
Living Hope
Church of God
A Place of Hope

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613 Main St.

PG Co. MD

Alison Ross

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MD SHPO

Contrib resource, facing NE

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LAUREL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

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Boys + Girls Club of Laurel between Sixth + Seventh Sts.

Prince Geo. MD

Alison Ross

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MD SHPO

Contrib resource, facing NE

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St Vincent Pallotti High School between Eighth + Ninth Sts.

PG Co. MD

Alison Ross

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MD SHPO

Contrib. resource, facing NE

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915, 913 Main St

PG Co. MD

Alison Ross

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MD SHPO

Streetscape of contrib. resources, facing N

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EPSON

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929, 927, 925, 923 Main St

Pg Co MD

Alison Ross

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MD SHPO

Streetscape of contrib. resources, facing N

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MIHP # PG: LAU-1-21

308 Main St

Pg Co. MD

Alison Ross

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MD SHPO

Contrib. resource, facing SW

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MIHP # PG:LAU-1-21

314 Main St

PG Co MD

Alison Ross

9/08 MD SHPO

Contrib resource

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MIHP # PG:LAU-1-21

324 Main St

PG Co. MD

Alison Ross

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MD SHPO

Contrib. resource, facing SW

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OBAMA
BIDEN

MIHP # PG: LAU-1-21

332 Main St

PG Co. MD

Alison Ross

9/09

MD SHPO

Contrib resource, facing SW

#13 of 24

MIHP # PG:LAU-1-21

404 Main St.

Pg Co. MD

Alison Ross

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MD SHPO

Contrib resource, facing sw

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404 Main St

PG Co. MD

Alisa Ross

9/09

MD SHPO

Contrib resource facade SW

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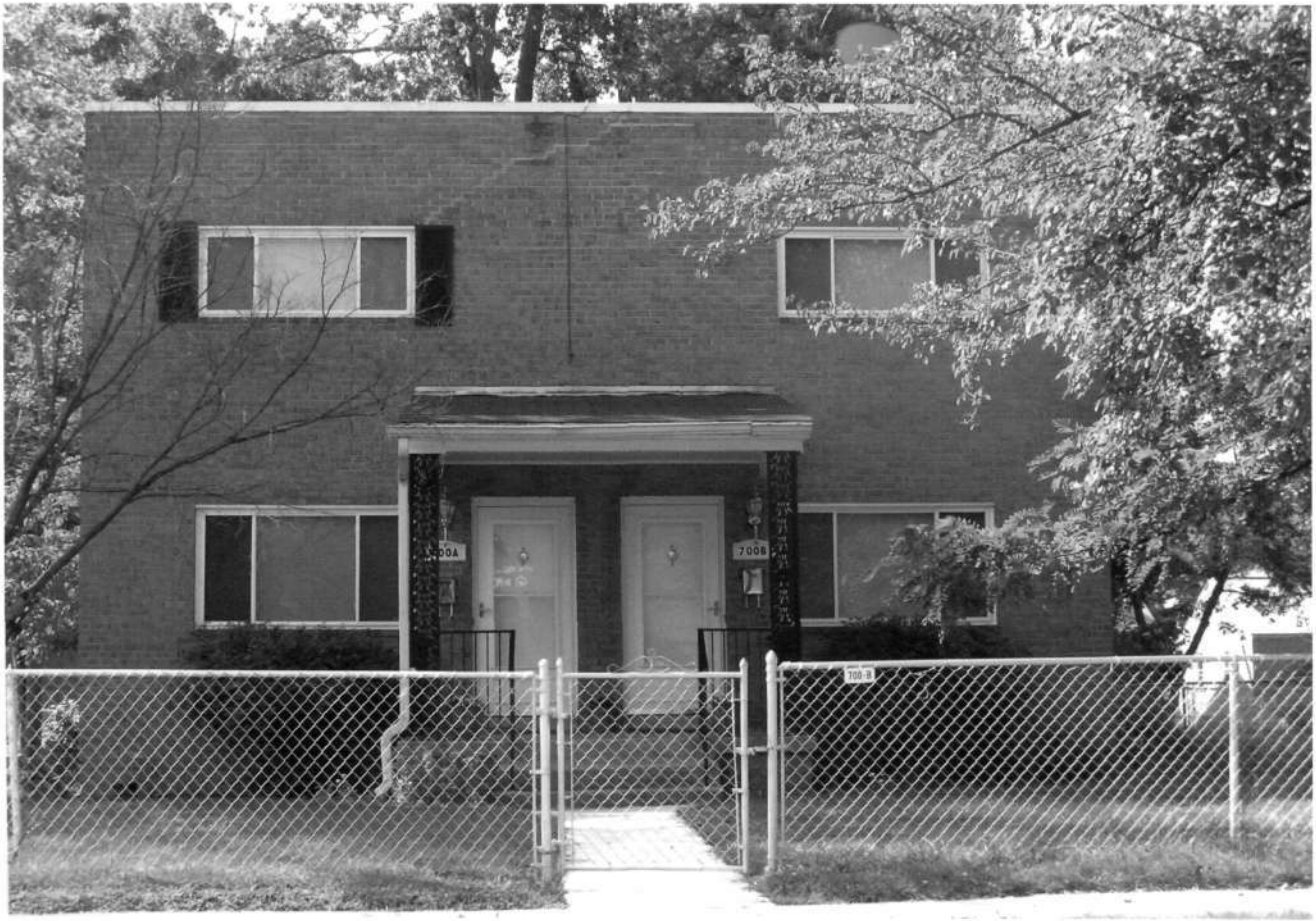
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702 Main St

PG Co MD

A Ross

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MD SHPO

facing SW

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708 Mant St

PG Co MD

Alison Ross

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MD SHPO

Contrib resource, facing SW

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325-327 Prince George St

PG Co. MD

Alisa Ross

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MD SHPO

Contrib. resource, facing NE

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MIHP # PG: LAU-1-21

337 Prince George St

PG Co. MD

Alisa Ross

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Contrib. resource, facing NE

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405-409 Prince George St.

Pg Co. MD

Alison Ross

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MD SHPO

Streetscape of contrib. resource, facing N

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PARKING
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205 Fowler St

PG Co. MD

Alison Ross

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MD SHPO

Contrib. bldg, facing SE

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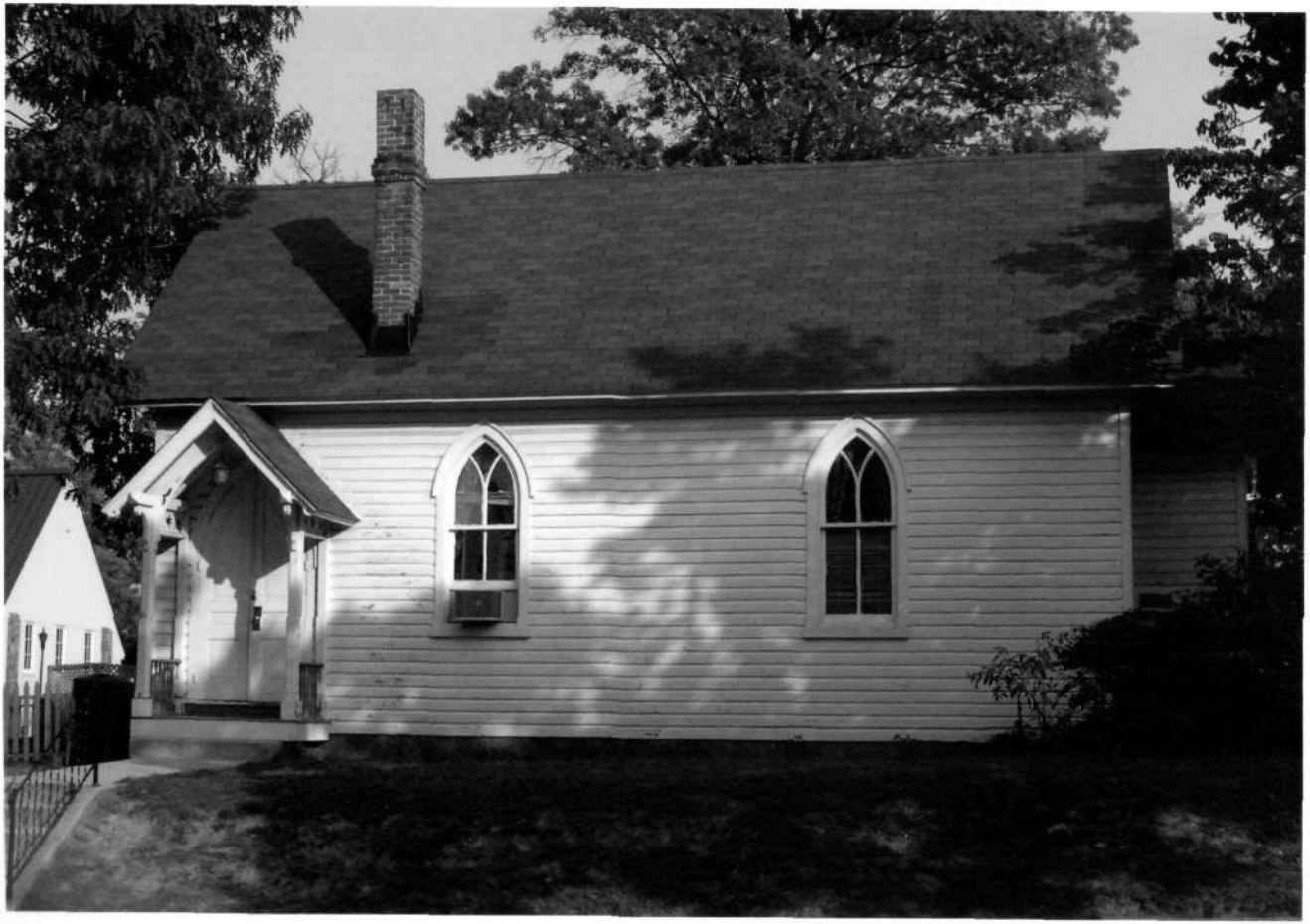

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Chapel on Fourth St.

PG Co. MD

Alison Ross

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MD SHPO

Contrib. resource, facing SE

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WELCOME

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St. Mary of the Mills, Eighth St

PG Co. MD

Alison Ross

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MD SHPO

Contrib. resource, facing NE

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MIHP # PG: LAU-1-21

213-201 Ninth St

PG Co. MD

Alison Ross

9/08

MD SHPO

Streetscape of contrib resources, facing NW

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