

WI-2
Green Hill Church
Green Hill vicinity
Annual worship service

1733

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Green Hill Church

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-2

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
 Religion

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Rural Agrarian Intensification
 1680-1815

4. Resource Type(s): Church

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-2
Magi No.
DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Green Hill Church St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Southeast side of Green Hill Church Road not for publication

city, town Green Hill vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Green Hill Church Preservation Committee
c/o Dr. Robert McFarlin

street & number 3881 Five Friars Road telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21801

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

date 1970 federal state county local

pository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state MD 21032

7. Description

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

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

Green Hill Church, also known as St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, is located on the east side of Green Hill Church Road on a high bluff overlooking the Wicomico River southeast of the crossroads of Green Hill, Wicomico County, Maryland. The single-story, Flemish bond brick church faces west with the gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Green Hill Church is dated to 1733 in glazed bricks that were figured in the east gable end elevation. The rectangular brick structure rests on a low foundation defined by a single stepped watertable, and the building is covered by a steeply pitched gable roof of wood shingles. Joining the church on the lot are several marked burials with eighteenth and nineteenth century stones.

The west (main) elevation is a carefully laid Flemish bond wall with two beltcourses, one at the top of the first floor and a second close to the top of the gable end wall. A regular series of glazed headers yields a checkerboard pattern between the watertable and the second beltcourse. The lower beltcourse is three bricks wide and was laid with alternating glazed bricks, while the upper beltcourse is two bricks wide and was not laid with glazed headers. The wall surface above the second beltcourse is not distinguished by the distinct checkerboard pattern either. The gable end is pierced by two large double door openings spanned with segmental arches that feature alternating glazed rowlocks. Double doors distinguished by flat panels are framed by wide surrounds accented by bold ogee backbands. The doorways are topped by four-light transoms. Piercing the gable end is a vertical six-pane window. Fixed above the window is an iron bell fastened by a wooden bracket that extends through the wall surface. The edge of the roof is finished with a molded bargeboard.

The north side of the church is four bays across with each bay defined by a segmental arched window opening. The wall is laid in Flemish bond with a uniform checkerboard pattern of glazed bricks. The segmental arches have alternating glazed rowlocks. Twelve-over-twelve sash windows are protected by paneled shutters secured with an iron cross bar. The shutters date from the nineteenth century and feature four flat panels to each shutter leaf. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice.

The east gable end is a Flemish bond wall that does not display the checkerboard pattern but is distinguished by the glazed brick date of 1733 fixed between the upper and lower beltcourses. A pair of segmental arched window openings and evenly spaced across the wall and are filled with twelve-over-twelve sash protected by flat panel shutters.

Defining the north wall are four twelve-over-twelve sash window openings that pierce a Flemish bond wall undecorated with a checkerboard pattern. Each window opening is fitted with paneled shutters secured with an iron cross bar.

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8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1733 **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.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
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 Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant date 7/23/96

street & number P. O. Box 5 telephone 410-651-1094

city or town Westover state Maryland 21871

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7.1 DESCRIPTION

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Green Hill vicinity, Wicomico County, Maryland

The interior retains much of its eighteenth century woodwork. During a late nineteenth century restoration some work was accomplished on the interior, but the extent of this work is not fully known. The pews are divided by two aisles that run from the front doors to the east end altar. Brick floors remain in place as do most of the raised panel pews. Raised-panel pew doors are hung on a variety of hinges including many butterfly and H-shaped hinges as well as more modern strap hinges. The tops of the pews are finished with a slight cap molding with beaded edges. The pew seats are largely original as well.

Fixed against the north wall is a raised pulpit that was the object of a considerable degree of restoration work during the late nineteenth century. While much of eighteenth century material remains intact, such as the canopy or "sounding board" the pulpit sides have been augmented with late nineteenth century moldings. The altar has been reworked with a raised brick platform and a twentieth century turned baluster railing. Fixed in the southeast corner is a vestment room enclosed by paneled partitions. The walls of the church have exposed brick covered with whitewash. Small remnants of plaster remain in obscure corners. Large yellow pine tie beams stretch across from side wall to side wall and are finished with beaded edges. The ceiling follows a barrel vault and the current finish of narrow boards dates from the late nineteenth century.

8.1 SIGNIFICANCE

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Green Hill vicinity, Wicomico County, Maryland

Green Hill Church has long been recognized locally as one of the region's most valuable historic structures, and efforts during the late nineteenth century saved the building from severe deterioration. After a long period of abandonment, the church was reopened with regular services after the 1885-86 restoration. A yearly service in late August has been held to commemorate St. Bartholomew's Day, a tradition that was begun during the mid nineteenth century.

The construction of Green Hill took place during the pastorate of Reverend Alexander Adams, who served Stepney Parish between 1704 and his death in 1769. He donated a London-made silver communion service to the parish in 1752, which is still held by the congregation.

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church (Old Green Hill Church)

AND/OR COMMON

Green Hill Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Green Hill Church Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Quantico

VICINITY OF

First

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

CODE

024

COUNTY

Wicomico

CODE

045

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"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
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			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Vestry of Stepney Parish, Green Hill Church

STREET & NUMBER

Green Hill Church Road

CITY, TOWN

Quantico,

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

21856

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Wicomico County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Salisbury,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Green Hill Church is situated on the north bank of the Wicomico River approximately one mile southeast of Green Hill on Green Hill Church Road. This one-story church is two bays wide and four deep and has a steep gable roof with wood shingles. The church is brick laid in Flemish bond and rests on a brick foundation. The top course of the step watertable is all stretchers. The east end has two twelve over twelve sash windows, one in each bay, with four-panel shutters. Surmounting the windows are brick segmental arches. Between the first and second story levels is a three-course belt laid in Flemish bond with glazed headers. Above the second story level is a two-course belt formed of stretchers. Immediately below this belt is the year 1733 formed in the brickwork with glazed headers.

The north side has a twelve over twelve sash window in each of the four bays. These also are surmounted by segmental arches. The Flemish bond brick wall has random glazed headers. A narrow chimney stack pierces the roof between the first and second windows from the east. There is a box cornice along the roof.

The Flemish bond on the west end has glazed headers. There is a double door with a four-light transom in each bay. A stretcher and two headers alternate in forming the voisoirs of the segmental arch over each door. The bottom headers are glazed. As on the east end there are two belt courses. In the center of the gable is a narrow, rectangular six-light window. A plaque to the right of the south door reads, in part:

"Old Green Hill Church
St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
Parish Church of Stepney Parish
which was laid out in 1692 built in 1733
replacing first building, which stood about
150 yards north of present site...."

The south side is nearly identical to the north. The only difference is the use of glazed headers in the Flemish bond and the segmental arches as on the east end over the doors.

On the interior there are two brick aisles with box pews along both side walls and through the center. The floor under the pews is also brick but is one step higher than the aisles. The pews are panelled and have benches on three sides. There are wide wood frames surrounding the windows with simple moldings. The frames are pegged as are the sashes. Centered on the south wall is a high paneled pulpit. The arched ceiling runs east-west. There are three large cross beams with beaded lower edge. Between the beams are four steel tie rods.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1733

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Green Hill Church (also called Old Green Hill and St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church), in Stepney Parish, is architecturally significant for the quality of its brickwork and original interior woodwork and for the authenticity of the eighteenth century structure. "Fortune has smiled on Green Hill Church because the vestries over a two-hundred year period have not given in much to the urge for 'restoration' perhaps the building has been saved by its splendid isolation and the conservative mindedness of its owners. What is especially interesting is that the building preserved most of its original pew system of 1733."¹

Stepney Parish was one of the thirty original parishes laid out after the Maryland Assembly (June 1692) enacted the "Act for the Service of Almighty God and the Establishment of the Protestant Religion in This Province," making the Church of England the Established Church in the Province and providing for the election of vestries, the laying out of parishes, the erection of churches and chapels where needed, and the taxing of all freeholders to support the churches,

The first parish church in Stepney Parish was erected on a lot near the mouth of Haste's Creek, on the west side of the Wicomico River, early in the eighteenth century. References to "Stepney Church" can be found in the Somerset County Judicial Record for the years 1722-1724, which stated that two overseers were appointed to maintain the roads from the church to nearby ferries. And in a letter to the Bishop of London in 1711, the Reverend Alexander Adams, Rector of Stepney Parish from 1704 to 1769, was probably referring to the first Green Hill Church when he complained that "six congregations are supplied by me which obliges me to travel 200 miles per month besides my pastoral charge in my own Parish which has a church and a chapel..."²

This early structure stood about 100 yards northeast of the present church and its location was noted on a plot of the town and port of Green Hill, drawn by county surveyor William Whittington in 1707. By a deed dated April 19, 1731, Neal McClester conveyed to the vestry of Stepney Parish Lot Number 16 in Green Hill Town,³ for 38 shillings. The existing brick church was erected on this site in 1733, with the date of erection formed in the brickwork on the east end gable with glazed headers.

Entries in the Stepney Parish Vestry Ledger⁴ for the years 1768 to 1775 record that in August of 1770 the vestry paid John Hobbs almost £33

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

for work done at Green Hill:

By your Agreement to Build a Gallery in Green B28 10s
Hill.

By wincutting under Banistors
By making 2 prs. of Windowshutters

B1	10s
B2	7s 6
B32	7s 6

The Reverend John Huett was the first minister of Stepney Parish. Apparently the first resident clergyman of the Church of England to serve in Somerset County arrived from England in 1681 and was the only minister of that faith in the county until 1696. Active in political and civic affairs as well as in the ministry, Huett was elected in April of 1692 to represent Somerset County in the Lower House of the Assembly which met at St. Mary's City in May of 1692.⁵ In 1694, when Maryland Governor, Francis Nicholson, proposed the erection of a free school for the Province to be built in Anne Arundel Town (now Annapolis), Reverend Huett was appointed a trustee of the proposed institution.

The Reverend Alexander Adams, rector of Stepney Parish for 65 years, in 1752 presented a silver Communion Service to the Parish which is still in use. Coming to the Parish from England in 1704, he saw the need for the appointment of an American bishop, and in his letters to England urged the Bishop of London to create such a position.

From 1776 to 1783, during the Revolutionary period, there is no record of a rector in Stepney Parish. The Revolution brought the disestablishment of the Church of England and caused unsettled conditions; clergy were deprived of their financial support, vestries ceased to exist in their official capacity and many churches were forced to close.

The nineteenth century brought a number of important changes to Stepney Parish and Green Hill Church. In 1827 Stepney Parish was divided, part of it becoming Spring Hill Parish, which was served by the former chapel of ease for Stepney Parish, Spring Hill Church. During the Civil War, attendance at Green Hill fell, and the church was virtually abandoned. Restoration work began after the War but was not completed until 1885, when services were again held in the building. In 1887 the restored Green Hill Church (which had become part of Wicomico County when Wicomico was erected from parts of Worcester and Somerset Counties in 1867) was reconsecrated by the Bishop of

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

Easton and given the name of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church. At the present time, Green Hill Church is open only on St. Bartholomew's Day August 24, when services are held.

A view of Green Hill Church is engraved on the gravy boat which is part of the silver dinner service (consisting of 48 pieces) presented to the armored cruiser "Maryland" in May 1906 and then to the battleship "Maryland" after its commissioning in 1921, as a gift from citizens throughout the state. The designs (scenes from each county decorate the serving pieces) were executed by Samuel Kirk and Sons, Inc., silversmith in Baltimore since 1815, and the entire service is now on exhibit at the State House in Annapolis, Maryland.

7. MAJOR EARLIER APPLICANT REFERENCES

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Forman, H. Chandler. Old Buildings Gardens and Furniture in Tidewater Maryland. Cambridge: Tidewater Publishers, 1967.

Torrence, Clayton. Old Somerset on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Baltimore: Regional Publishing Company, 1966.

Land and Judicial Records for Somerset County, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Ann E. Hill, Summer Intern; Lois Snyderman, Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: July 30, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Arthur C. Townsend

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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PROPERTY MAP FORM
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2. LOCATION

STATE Maryland	COUNTY Wicomico	TOWN Quantico
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STREET AND NUMBER

Green Hill Church Road

3. MAP REFERENCE

SOURCE U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute map Wetipquin Quadrangle	DATE 1942	SCALE 1:24000
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REQUIREMENTS: PROPERTY BOUNDARIES, WHERE REQUIRED, AND NORTH ARROW.

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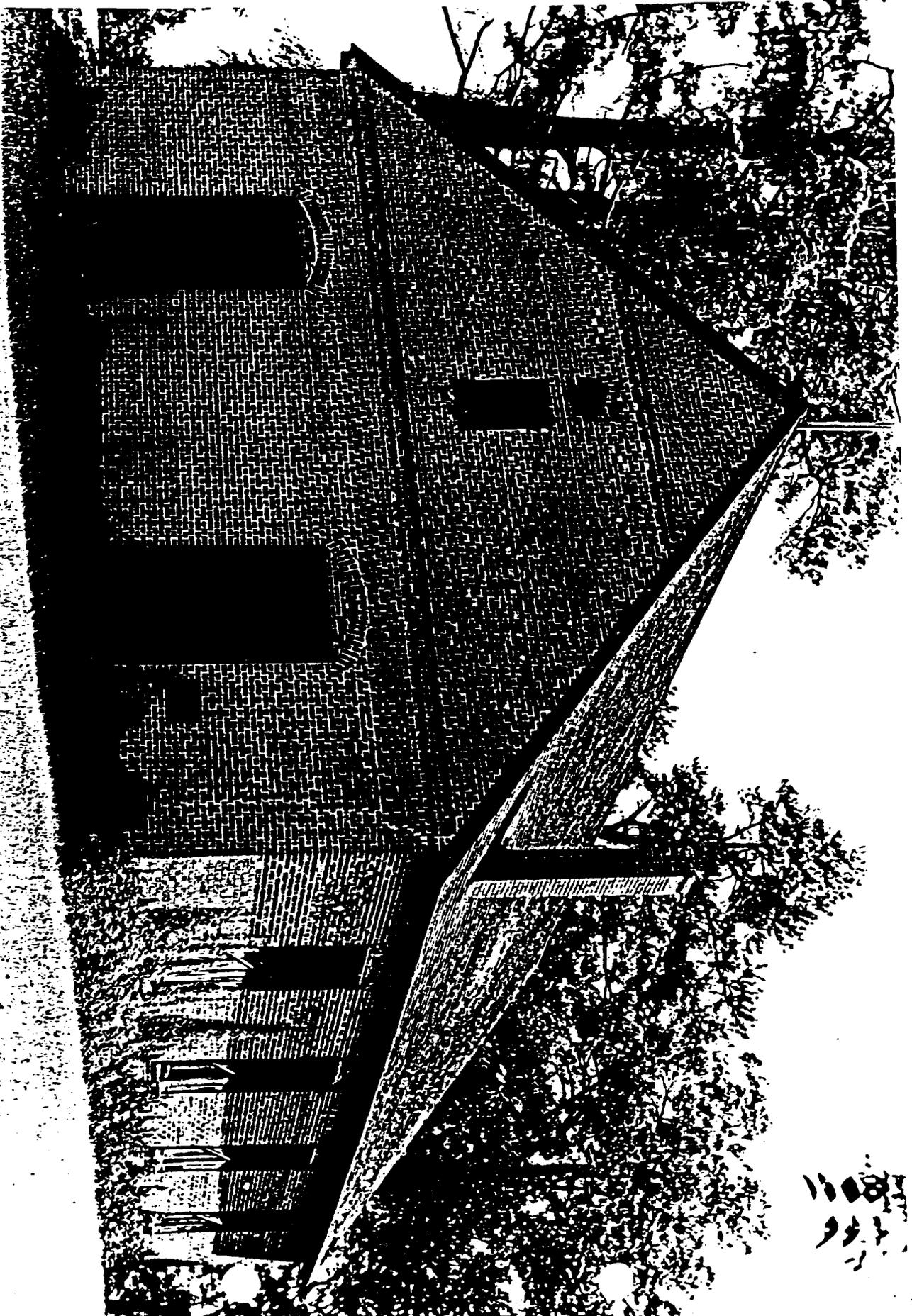
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interior looking east to altar.

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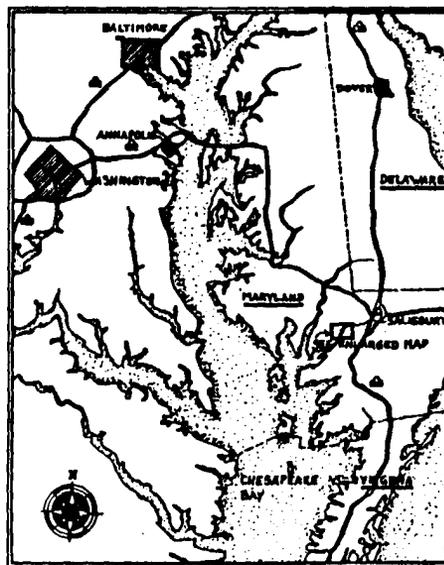
OLD GREEN HILL CHURCH

QUANTICO, MARYLAND

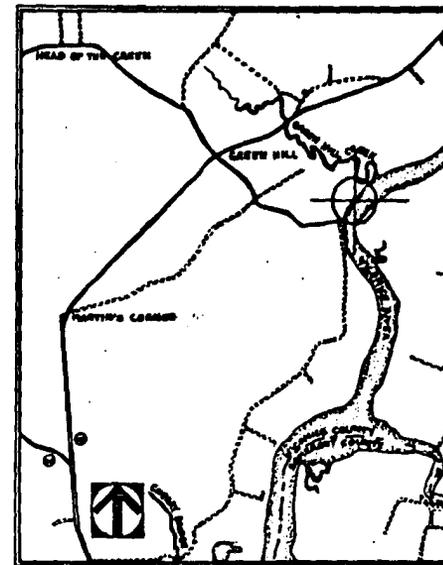
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH (ALSO KNOWN AS GREEN HILL CHURCH AND OLD GREEN HILL) WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 1733, AND WAS THE SECOND STRUCTURE TO BE BUILT ON THE SITE. THE ONE-STORY BRICK CHURCH IS SITUATED ON THE NORTH BANK OF THE WICOMICO RIVER APPROXIMATELY ONE MILE SOUTHEAST OF THE RURAL COMMUNITY OF GREEN HILL, LOCATED WITHIN WICOMICO COUNTY ON THE EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND. IT SERVED AS THE MAIN CHURCH OF STEPNEY PARISH, FORMED BY AN ACT OF ASSEMBLY IN 1692, UNTIL IT WAS SUPERCEDED BY ST. PETER'S, SALISBURY. IN 1707 GREEN HILL TOWN WAS LAID OUT AS A PORT OF ENTRY, BUT IT APPARENTLY DID NOT PROSPER.

THE CHURCH HAS REMAINED ALMOST UNTOUCHED TO THE PRESENT DAY, AND IT CAN BE ASCERTAINED THAT THE BUILDING WAS A VERY SIMPLE STRUCTURE INSIDE AND OUT. THE EXTERIOR IS BUILT OF BRICK LAID IN FLEMISH BOND WITH RANDOM GLAZING. ON THE GABLE FACING THE WICOMICO RIVER IS THE DATE 1733 IN LARGE, GLAZED NUMERALS. LIKE ST. MARTIN'S, WORCESTER COUNTY, THE INTERIOR HAS SIMPLE BOX PEWS, DIVIDED BY FIELDED PANELING, AND A VAULTED CEILING.

MEASURED DRAWINGS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH WERE PREPARED BY THE INTERIOR DESIGN DEPARTMENT, MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE, WASHINGTON, D.C. IN COOPERATION WITH THE MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST (MHT) AND THE WICOMICO COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DURING THE WINTER OF 1982 UNDER THE DIRECTION OF MARK R. EDWARDS, HISTORIC SITES SURVEY COORDINATOR (MHT), JACQUELINE F. DIANICH, CHAIRMAN OF THE WICOMICO COUNTY COMMITTEE (MHT), AND ROBERT P. MEDEN, AIA, ASID, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF INTERIOR DESIGN, MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE. DOCUMENTATION WAS CARRIED OUT BY STUDENT DESIGNERS JOANNE BARRERA, SANDI CALDWELL, DONA DANIEL, MARY ELIZABETH GEITNER, VALIRATANA KAMBHU, COLLEEN LINDVALL AND BAMBY RAY. THE DRAWINGS WERE COMPLETED IN WASHINGTON, D.C.



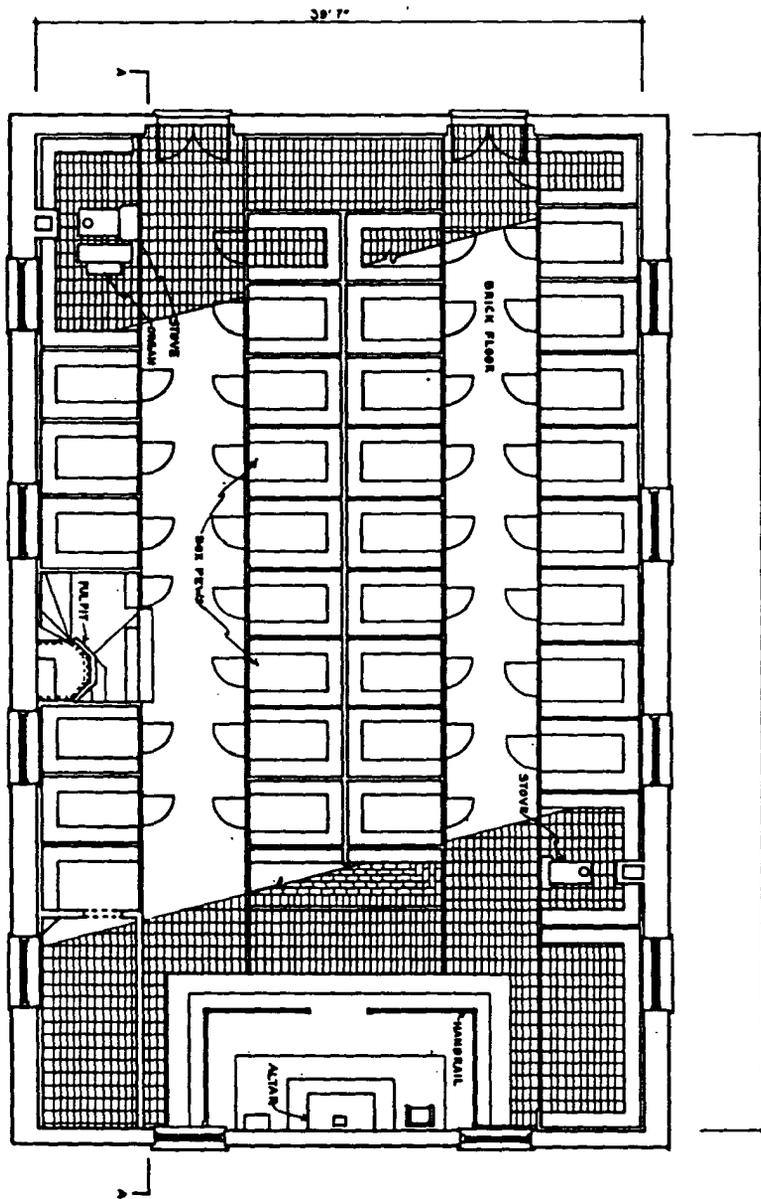
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 ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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FLOOR PLAN



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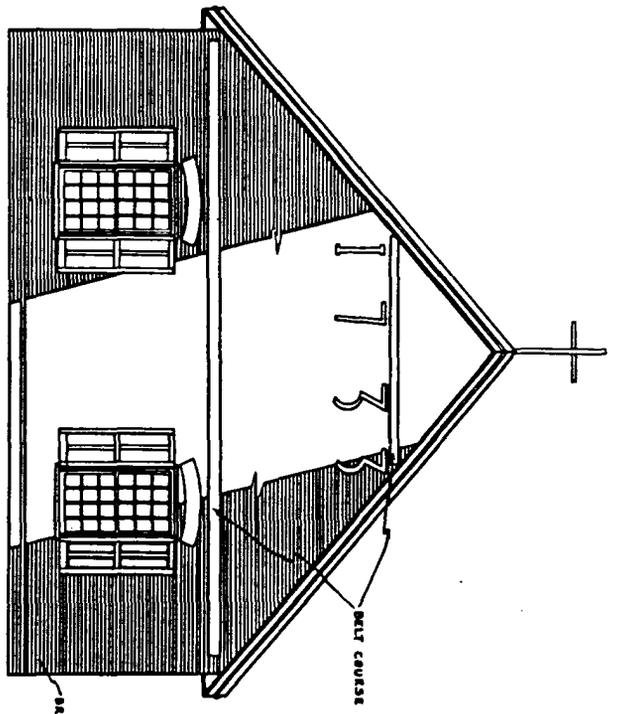
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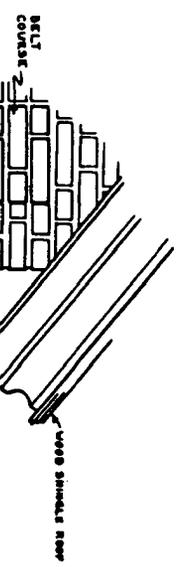
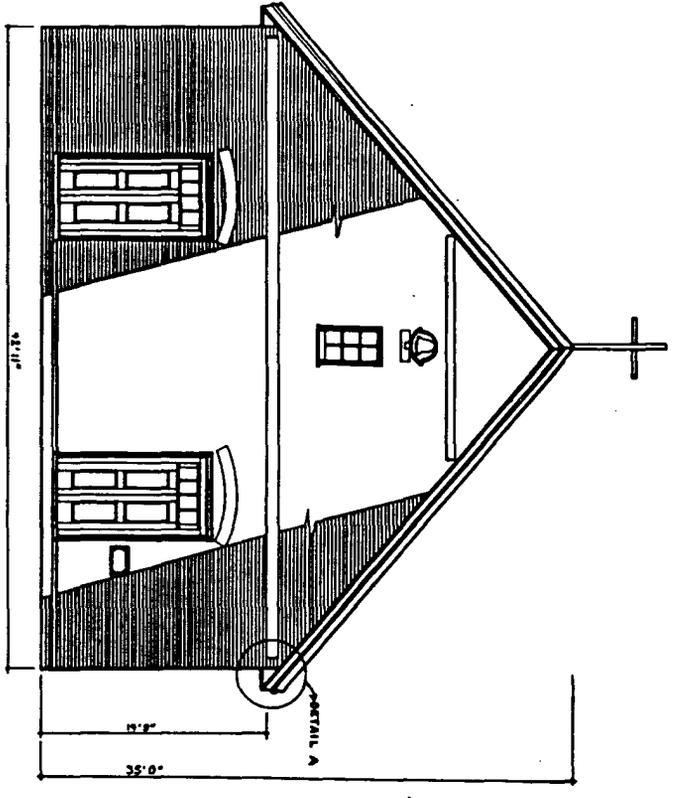
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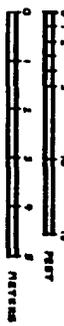


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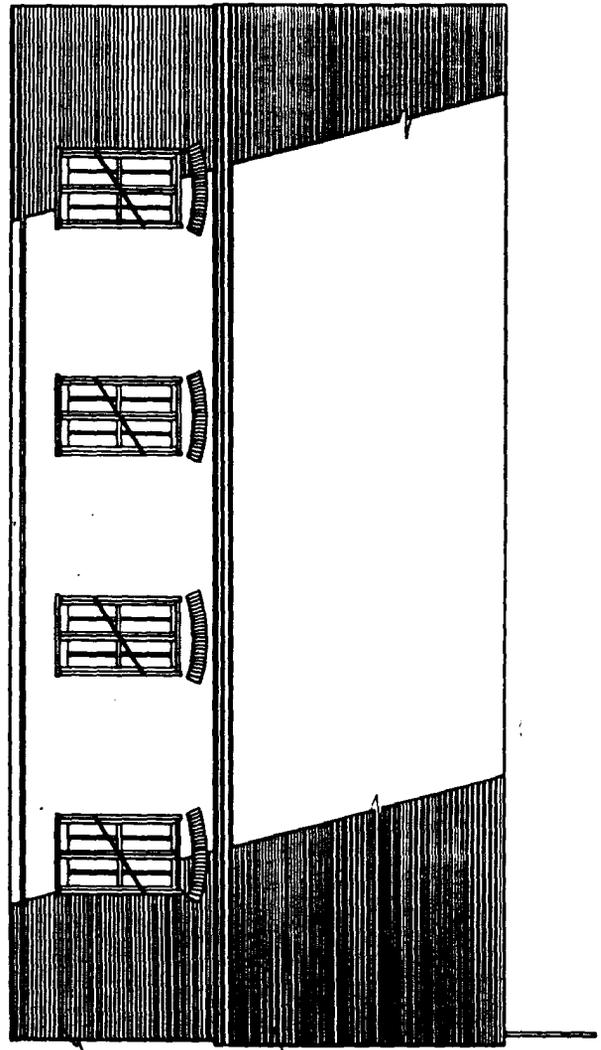
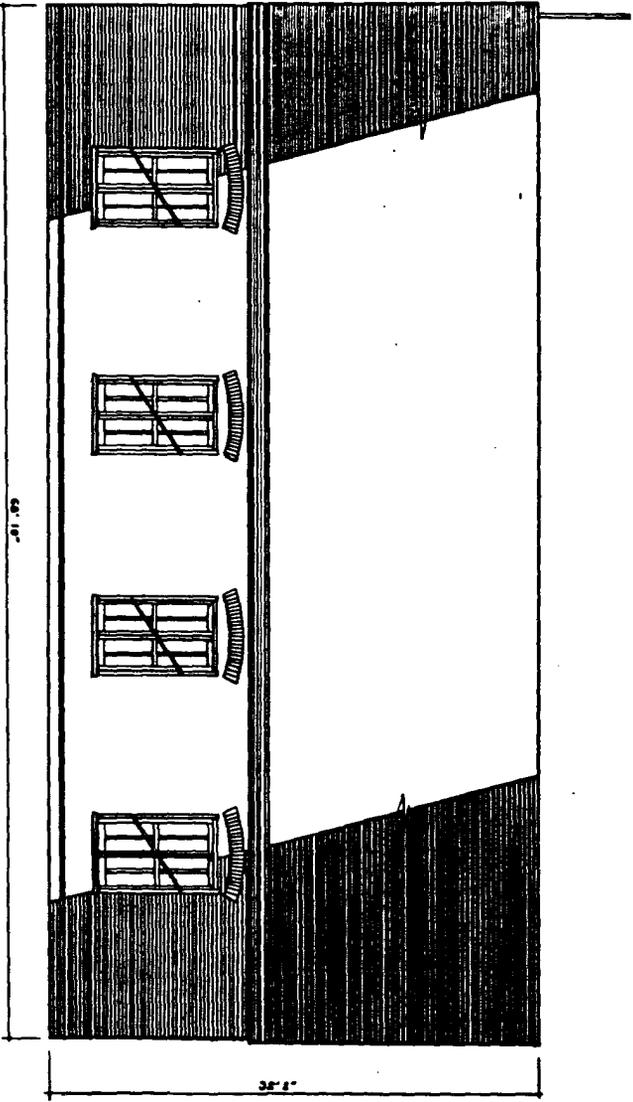
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BACK EXTERIOR WALL

WOOD SHINGLE ROOF

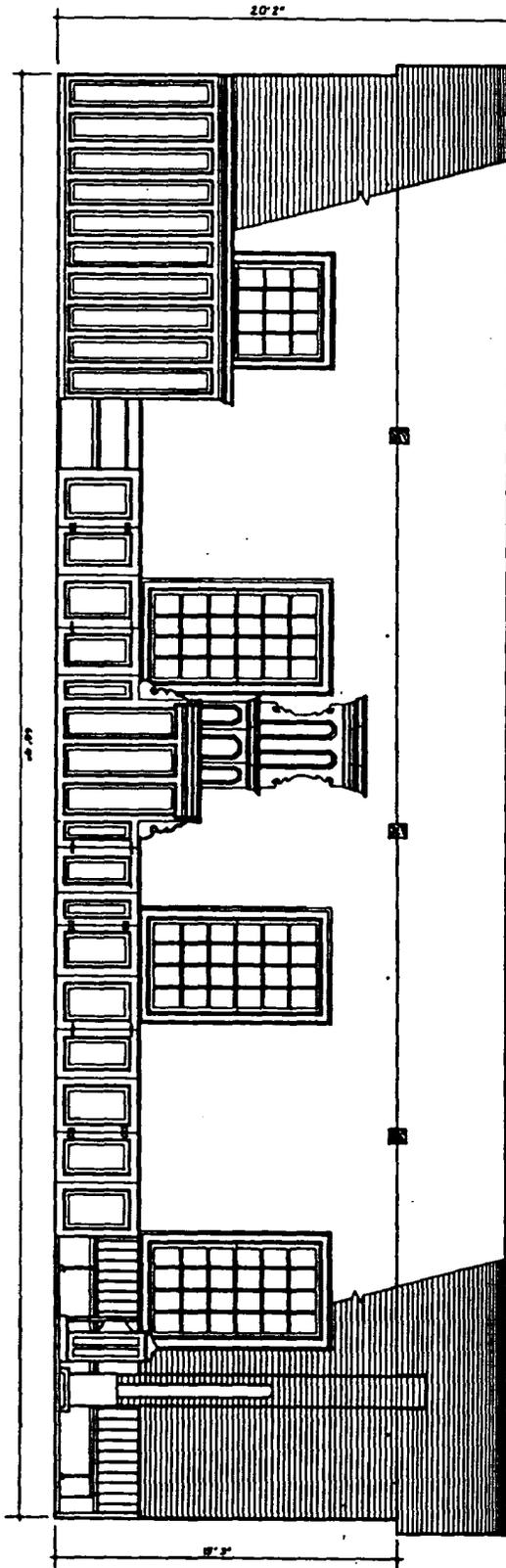


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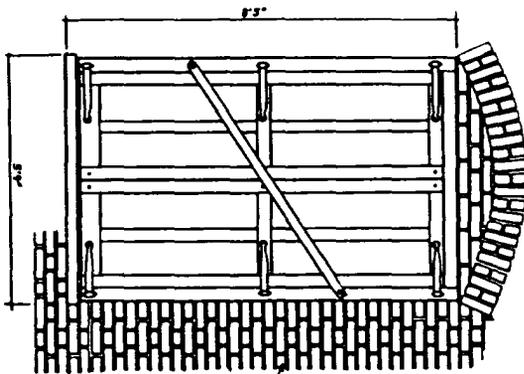
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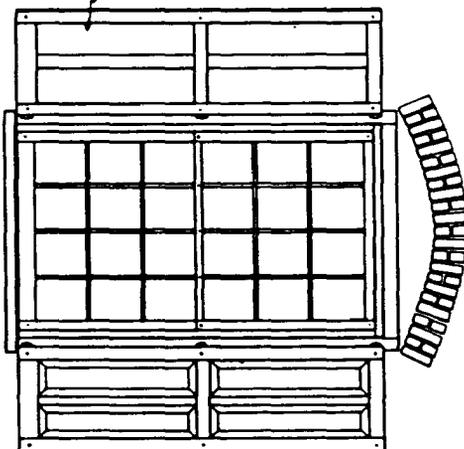
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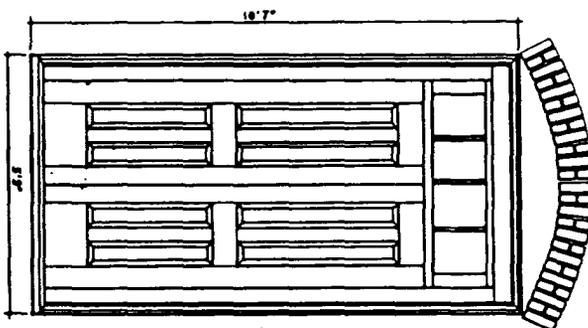


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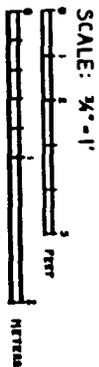
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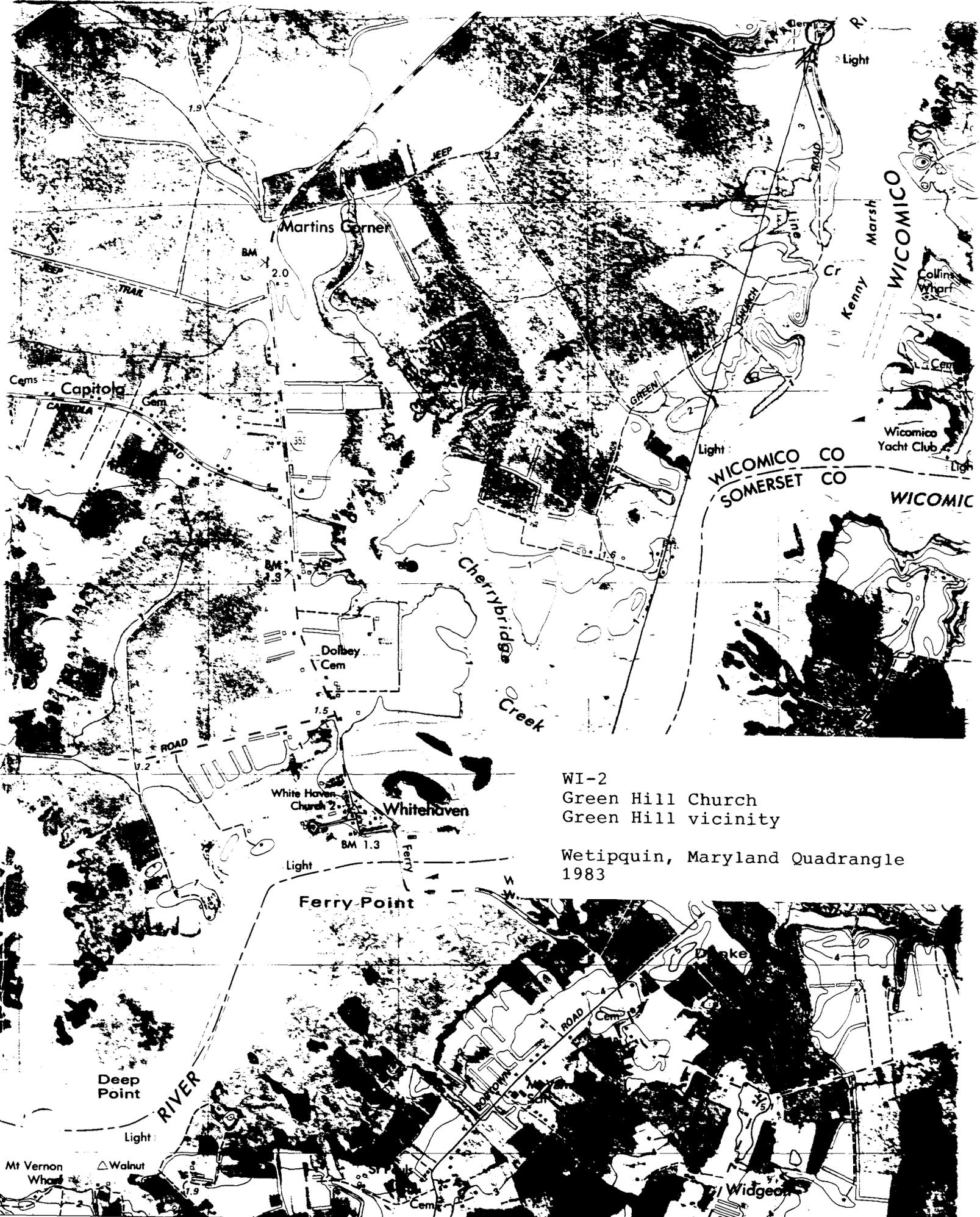


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