HO-708

Emmanuel Methodist Church

Architectural Survey File

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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Emmanuel United Methodist Church Survey Number: HO-708

Tax Parcel#: 98

Project: Maryland 216/29 Project Planning Study Agency: MDOT-SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ___no ___yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal Church, 10755 Scaggsville Road, is not eligible due to the fact that it does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, C, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the dwelling and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). Although the building provides an example of the Queen Anne style, it is neither unusual nor distinguished; it does not represent the work of a master or display high artistic merit (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the property is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). In addition, the building is owned by a religious institution and is used for religious purposes (Criterion A of Criteria Considerations); and a cemetery is present on the site (Criterion A of Criteria Considerations). Thus, the property is not National Register-eligible.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form

and Maryland 29/216 Project Planning Report

Prepared by: Traceries, 5420 Western Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815 November 1997

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date 2/10/98

NR program concurrence: X yes ___no ___not applicable

Reviewer, NR Program Date 3/31/99

CAPSULE SUMMARY
Emmanuel United Methodist Church
10755 Scaggsville Road
(HO-708)

The original 1894 building constructed to house Emmanuel United Methodist Church was a modest one-story frame structure with a front gable roof. In 1913, however, the church was updated with the addition of the Queen Anne-style steeple and narthex. The original church underwent major renovation in 1993 when the separate 1959 Colonial Revival-style brick education building to the west was joined to the church with a large brick-clad hyphen. Despite these large additions that vastly increased the size of the church, the original 1894 building strongly maintains its Queen Anne character.

Established in 1893, Emmanuel United Methodist Church South of Howard County was one of three local "circuit" churches served by a Methodist itinerant preacher, or "circuit rider," who preached sermons at each of the churches in one day. Due to the rural nature of Scaggsville and the sparse population, the Emmanuel United Methodist Church continued to function as a circuit church until the increase in membership prompted the hiring of the first full-time pastor in 1960.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST Inventory No. HO-708
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal Church S. of Howard Co.
common/other name Emmanuel United Methodist Church of Scaggsville

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2. Location

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street & number 10755 Scaggsville Road not for publication _____
city or town Laurel vicinity __ state Maryland code MD
county Howard code 027 zip code 20707

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

X private
____ public-local
____ public-State
____ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

X building(s)
____ district
X site
____ structure
____ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	2	buildings
1	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
2	2	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?
Yes ____ Name of Listing _____
No X

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:	Sub:
RELIGION	RELIGIOUS FACILITY
FUNERARY	CEMETERY

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:	Sub:
RELIGION	RELIGIOUS FACILITY
FUNERARY	CEMETERY

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Queen Anne

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Solid: Concrete, Parged, Scored
roof Front Gable: Asphalt Shingle
walls Wood Frame: Aluminum Siding
other

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

____ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

____ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

__X__ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

____ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

__X__ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

____ B removed from its original location.

____ C a birthplace or a grave.

__X__ D a cemetery.

____ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

____ F a commemorative property.

____ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture
Religion
Archeology/ Historic-Non-Aboriginal

Period of Significance 1894-present

Significant Dates 1894
1913
1959
1993

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Holland, Celia M. *Old Homes and Families of Howard County, Maryland*. Privately printed, 1987.

Howard County Land Records, Recorder of Deeds, Howard County, Ellicott City, Maryland.

Emmanuel United Methodist Church. Church Information Pamphlets, 1987, 1994.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 11.383 acres

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property at 10755 Scaggsville Road is designated as Parcel 98, as indicated on Map 46, Grid 11.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The property at 10755 Scaggsville Road has historically been associated with Parcel 98 since the building's construction in 1894.

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11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Kristyna G. Olsen, Architectural Historian
organization Traceries date November 5, 1997
street & number 5420 Western Avenue telephone 301/656-5283
city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815

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12. Property Owner

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name Emmanuel United Methodist Church of Scaggsville, Inc.
street & number 10755 Scaggsville Road telephone 301-725-5200
city or town Laurel state MD zip code 20707

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The original 1894 building constructed to house Emmanuel United Methodist Church was a modest one-story frame structure with a front gable roof. In 1913, however, the church was updated with the addition of the Queen Anne-style steeple and narthex. The original church underwent major renovation in 1993 when the separate 1959 brick education building to the west was joined to the church with a large brick-clad hyphen. Despite these large additions that vastly increased the size of the church, the original 1894 church strongly maintains its Queen Anne character.

The original church is set upon a solid foundation which is parged and scored. The wood frame building is now sheathed in aluminum siding and the front gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles. The projecting steeple at the facade is clad in aluminum siding formed to look like wood shingles, and pierced by a lunette. The steeple is crowned with a flared pyramidal roof covered with asphalt shingles. There is stained glass in the circular window within the steeple, in the lancet over the main doorway, and in the 1/1 sash windows at the southeast elevation.

To the west large additions have been made to the original 1894/1913 Queen Anne-style church. In 1959, a two-story, front gable, Colonial Revival-style brick education building was constructed to the northwest of the original church. The building, laid in Flemish bond, has a projecting vestibule which is pedimented with a wide wood cornice and an exterior brick chimney at the rear. The main entrance is located within the 1959 education building and is centered on the front gable of the southwest elevation. In 1993, a one story, brick-clad hyphen, laid in stretcher bond, and a one story, side gable roof building were constructed to connect the 1894 and 1959 buildings. At the center of the hyphen, a large sculptural wall ornamented with a cross and extending three stories in height was erected.

The one-story Emmanuel United Methodist Church, located at 10755 Scaggsville Road, is set on a slight rise to the east of Scaggsville Road. The original one-story church, constructed in 1894, is associated with a rectory to the north and a cemetery to the northeast. The site is dominated by a paved asphalt driveway that surrounds the building on the north, southwest, and south.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:

The southwest elevation of the church, facing Scaggsville Road, is divided into three sections. At the eastern end of the elevation

is the original church. A brick hyphen, erected in 1993, connects the original church to the 1959 brick education building to the west. Entrances are found in both the original church and the 1959 addition. The entrance to the original church is marked by a double leaf, wood panel door with an aluminum surround and a fixed lancet window with multiple lights. The entrance to the 1959 addition is marked by a double leaf, metal paneled door with wood fluted pilasters and a multi-light transom. The basement level of the 1993 brick hyphen is pierced by ten fixed metal, one-light windows with metal surrounds, and the first story of the 1993 brick hyphen is pierced by eleven fixed metal, one-light windows with metal surrounds and by fifteen one-light clerestory windows.

The foundation wall of the southeast elevation of the church is pierced by three evenly spaced two-light windows, and the first story of the southeast elevation of the original church is pierced by four original stained glass windows with metal surrounds.

Like the facade, the rear (northeast) elevation of the building clearly depicts the tri-partite organization of the church. At the eastern end is the original 1894 church and at the western end is the 1959 education building. A pair of flush doors with lights leads to the original church building. Connecting the two buildings is a large aluminum clad hyphen. A flight of stairs leads to the basement of the hyphen, where a flush metal door and ten fixed metal one-light windows pierce the wall. Entry is provided for in the form of two single-leaf metal doors with one-light transoms within the hyphen, one at the southeast elevation and one at the western corner of the northeast elevation. The first story of the northeast elevation is marked with ten 1/1 windows, two within the original 1894 building and eight within the hyphen. Fourteen fixed one-light clerestory windows are set within the hyphen. Within the education building, a single-leaf metal door is located at the basement of the southeastern elevation, and above are two 6/6 metal sash windows. The northeastern elevation of the 1959 building is marked at the first story of the gable end by three 6/6 metal sash windows.

The northwestern elevation of the church comprises the 1959 brick education building. The exposed basement wall is pierced by eleven 6/6 metal sash windows, and the first story wall is pierced by 13 6/6 sash windows, all but one of which have a fixed six-light transom.

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CEMETERY AND SUPPORTING BUILDINGS

Located to the south of the church building is the cemetery. Although the church was not erected until 1894, the earliest markers date from 1844. The cemetery contains over 200 grave markers, the oldest of which are located in the northwest corner. The granite markers, varying in design and scale, are set in loose rows running east to northeast to southwest across wide open land. Mature pines mark the northwest border of the cemetery, and a densely wooded area marks the northeastern edge of the cemetery. To the southeast and southwest, a chain link fence encloses the cemetery.

The earliest markers, which may have been reinterred when the church was first constructed, date from the 1840s. Many prominent Scaggsville families are represented including the Leishears, the Scaggs, the Giddings, the Coons, and the Souders. The active cemetery is bisected by an asphalt drive extending from Scaggsville Road, past the church building and through the cemetery.

The rectory, erected circa 1960, is a one-story frame building set upon a poured concrete foundation, clad in brick laid in stretcher bond, and covered with a side gable roof of asphalt shingles. It is located to the north of the education building.

Between the church and the rectory is a shed that dates from the 1980s. This shed is clad in texture 1-11 and covered with a shed roof.

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Established in 1893, Emmanuel United Methodist Church South of Howard County was one of three local "circuit" churches served by a Methodist itinerant preacher, or "circuit rider," who preached sermons at each of the churches in one day. The church was named at the suggestion of one of the first Sunday School teachers, Emma Carr Alcorn, who proposed "Emmanuel," which translates as "God With Us." Due to the rural nature of Scaggsville and the sparse population, the Emmanuel United Methodist Church continued to function as a circuit church until the increase in membership prompted the hiring of the first full-time pastor in 1960.

BUILDING HISTORY:

Emmanuel United Methodist Church was established in 1893 in Scaggsville. Originally, the congregation met in Welsh's School House on Scaggsville Road with John Kulhman as their minister. One year later, William and Helen Lilly and Charles H. Stanley donated land to the parish for a church building, and that same year, the construction of the church began under the direction of the new minister, William A. Sites. The wood for the erection of the church was donated by neighboring farms, and a local resident, Joe McCaulley, served as the builder for a fee of $260. The cornerstone, laid in 1894 by Charles Haslup, contained a Bible and an 1894 dime. Completed in 1894, the one-story, wood frame, front gable building was quite similar in appearance to the original building in which the parish met, Welsh's School House (HO-703). However, in 1913, the narthex and steeple were added, giving the church much of the Queen Anne character it displays today.

In 1921, the basement was excavated for the use as a church school and fellowship hall, and in 1936 a kitchen was added. The education building was constructed as a separate building to the west of the original church in 1959. In the 1960s, a parsonage was erected to serve the new full-time minister, and in 1993, a large hyphen was erected between the two buildings, vastly expanding the space available to the parish and accommodating the needs of the growing community.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Industrial/ Urban Dominance (1870-1930)
Modern Period (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Architecture, Landscape, and Community Planning
Religion

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building, Site

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): RELIGION/ Religious Facility
FUNERARY/ Cemetery

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title:

Deed A:

February 12, 1894: Helen B. and William H. Lilly and Charles H. Stanley to the Trustees of Emanuel (Emmanuel) Methodist Episcopal Church South of Howard County
4 acres and 97 square perches
Land Records of Howard County
Liber JHO 63 Folio 567

Deed B:

September 30, 1896: George W. and Bertha H. Alcorn to Eveline and John Creswell
Parcel I: 57 acres
Parcel II: 9 acres
Liber JHO 66 Folio 408

February 1, 1910: Eveline and John Creswell to Basil W. Harding
Land Records of Howard County
Liber WWLC 88 Folio 458

October 24, 1910: Basil W. Harding to Joseph D. Harding
2 parcels
68.25 acres
Land Records of Howard County
Liber WWLC 90 Folio 85

February 7, 1956: Joseph D. and H. Mae Harding to the Emmanuel (Emanuel) Methodist Church
11.383 acres
Land Records of Howard County
Liber RHM 278 Folio 155

Deed B1:

April 12, 1894: William H. and Hellen Lilly (Lilley) and Charles H. Stanley to George W. Alcorn
Land Records of Howard County
Liber 62 Folio 31

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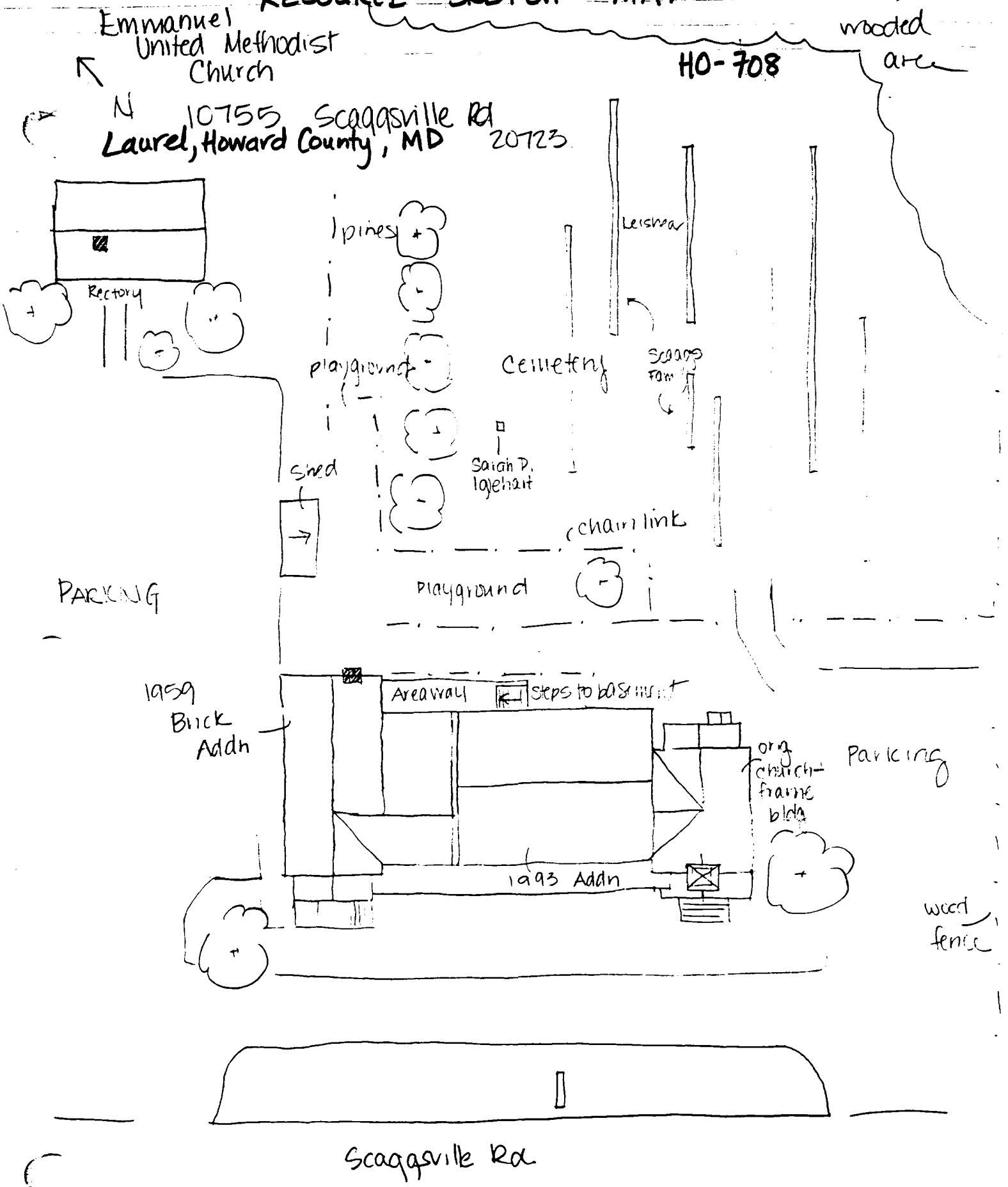
Deed B2:

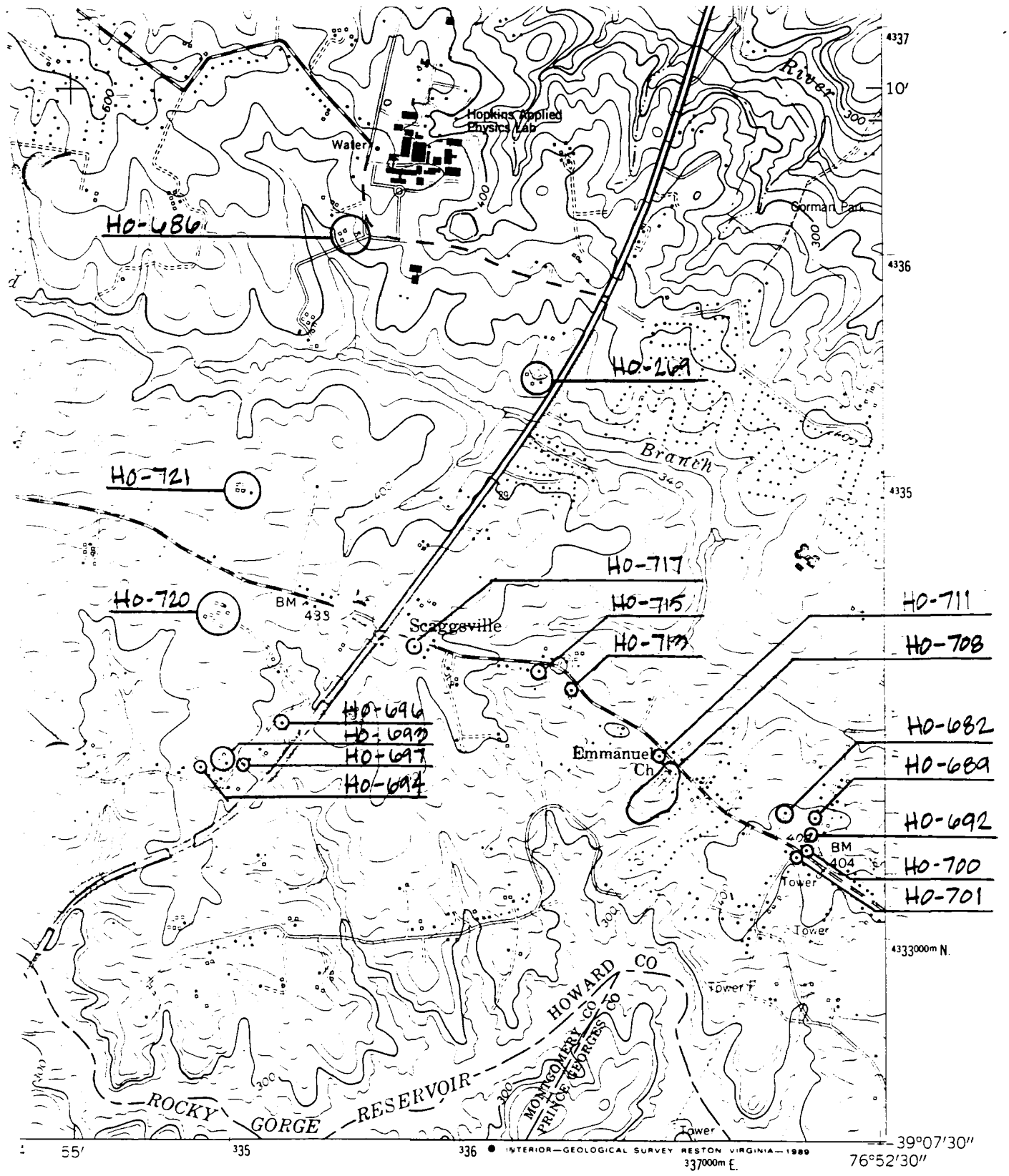
February 16, 1894: Helen V. and William H. Lilley to George W. Alcorn
9 acres
Land Records of Howard County
Liber 62 Folio 31

Deeds A and B:

June 10, 1992: Emanuel Methodist Church to Emmanuel United Methodist Church of Scaggsville, Inc.
Conveying property to new corporation
2 parcels
11.383 acres
Land Records of Howard County
Liber 2569 Folio 219

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP





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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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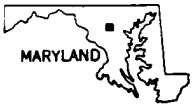
Medium-duty — Unimproved dirt

U. S. Route — State Route



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Maryland SHPO
Church, SW Elevation

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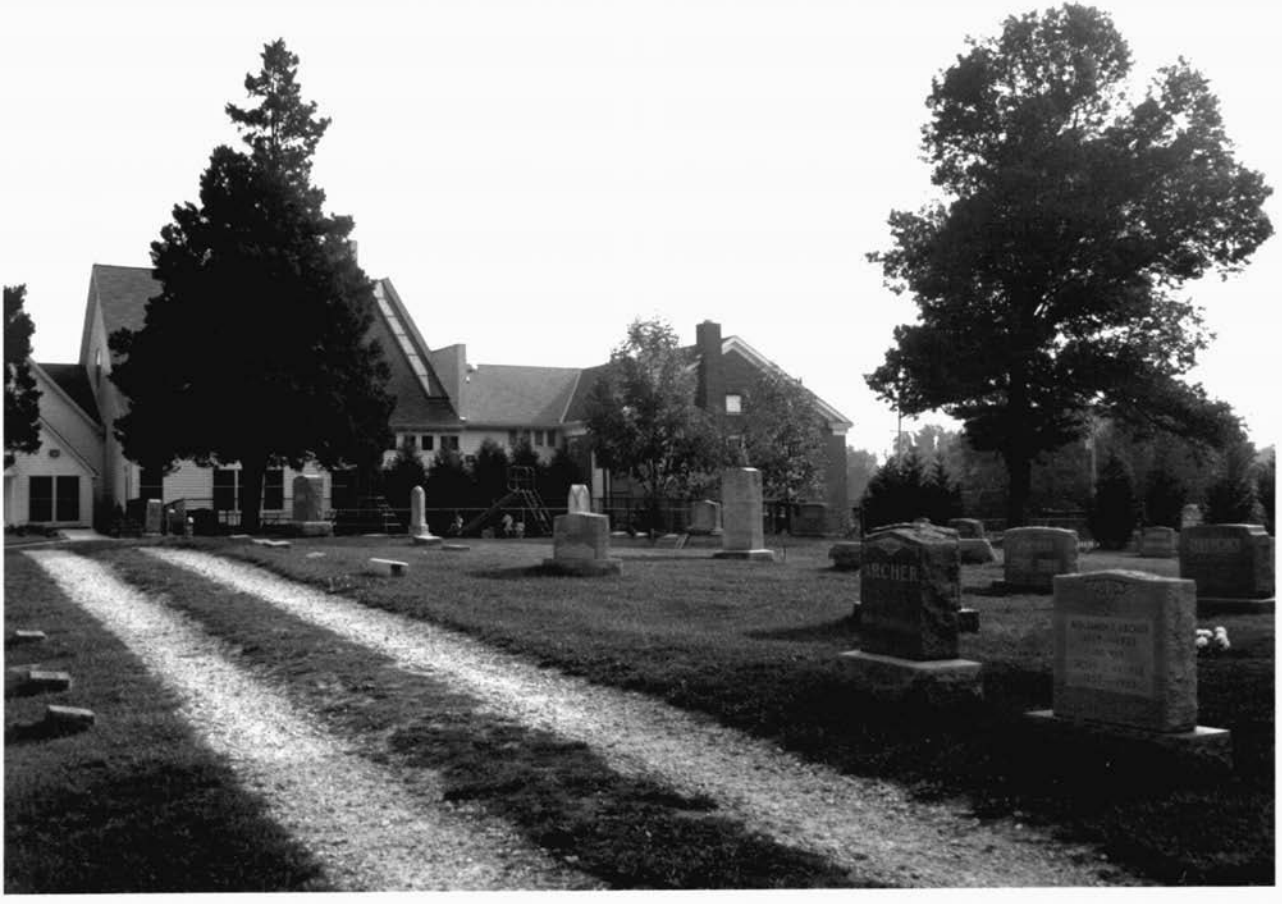
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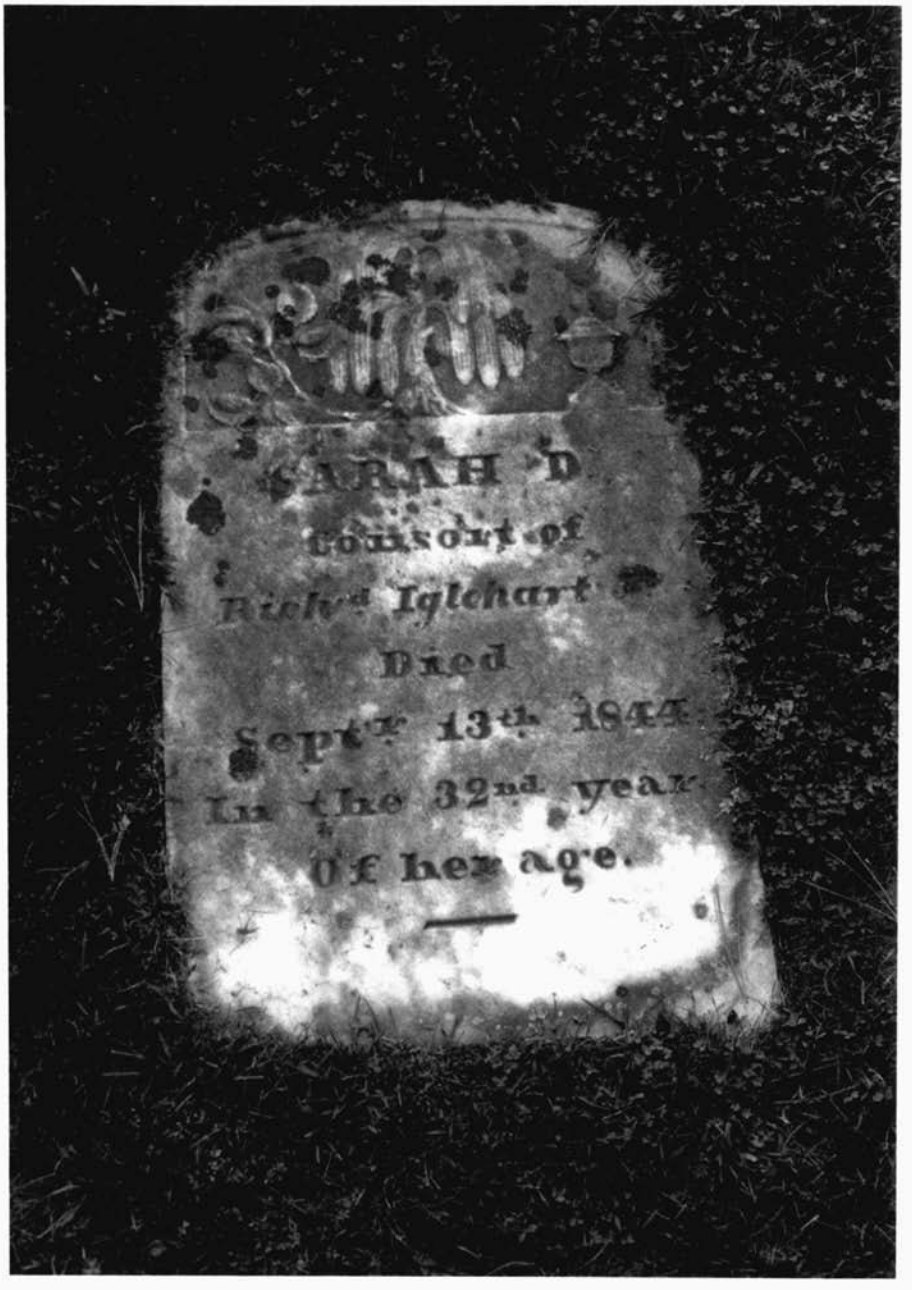
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Maryland SHPO
Head-stone, 1844
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10455 Scaggsville Rd.
Howard County, MD
Traceries
October 1997
Maryland SHPO
Shed, SE Elevation

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Rectory, SW Elevation
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