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Royal Oak Church

Architectural Survey File

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Royal Oak Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

intersection of Royal Oak Road and Bellevue Road

CITY, TOWN

Royal Oak

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Talbot

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Al Kilmon

Telephone # (301) 745-9064

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Royal Oak

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21662

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Courthouse

Liber #: 498

Folio #: 106

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input 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 _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Royal Oak Church is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Royal Oak Road and Bellevue Road in Royal Oak, Talbot County. Once a Methodist Church, the structure is now being used by a construction contractor.

The main facade of The Royal Oak Church is the north gable end which is three bays wide and has a central steeple tower. The tower has four major divisions: A double door entrance with a flat entablature and side lights and molded cornice; a mid-section with two rectangular windows of 1/1 sash and colored glass panes below a dentil cornice; a taller clapboard section with a circular window and triangular pediment on all four sides; and the bell tower and shingled spire. The other two bays on the north facade and the three bays on the east and west facades have pointed arch windows of colored glass on the clapboard wall. There are corner pilaster strips and a bracket cornice. The south facade has a one bay frame rectangular apse.

The interior is one large room with anteroom in the bell tower. The ceiling of the main room has a covering of elaborately patterned pressed tin. Wainscoting in the main room and the anteroom is also of pressed tin with a lancet arch motif. Both rooms were originally plastered, however, and the ceiling of the chapel was painted with an elaborate floral design. The windows are of subtly colored opalescent glass.

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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 type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Royal Oak Church is a nicely designed frame church of the mid to late nineteenth century. The steeple tower and wood ornamentation particularly enhance the character of the church.

Local tradition holds that this church was constructed to serve Methodists with southern sympathies after the Civil War.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant, & Joe Getty

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

May, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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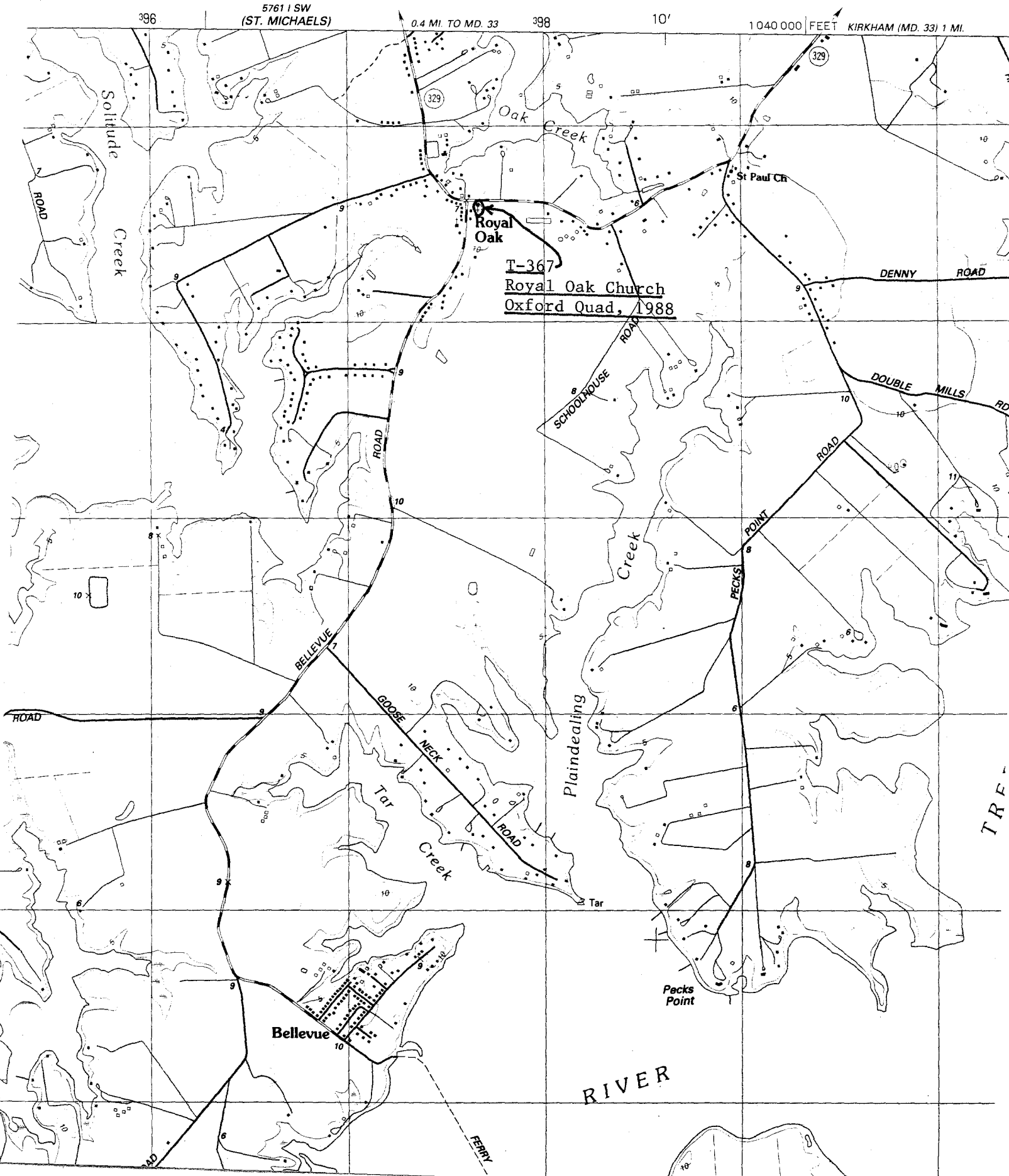
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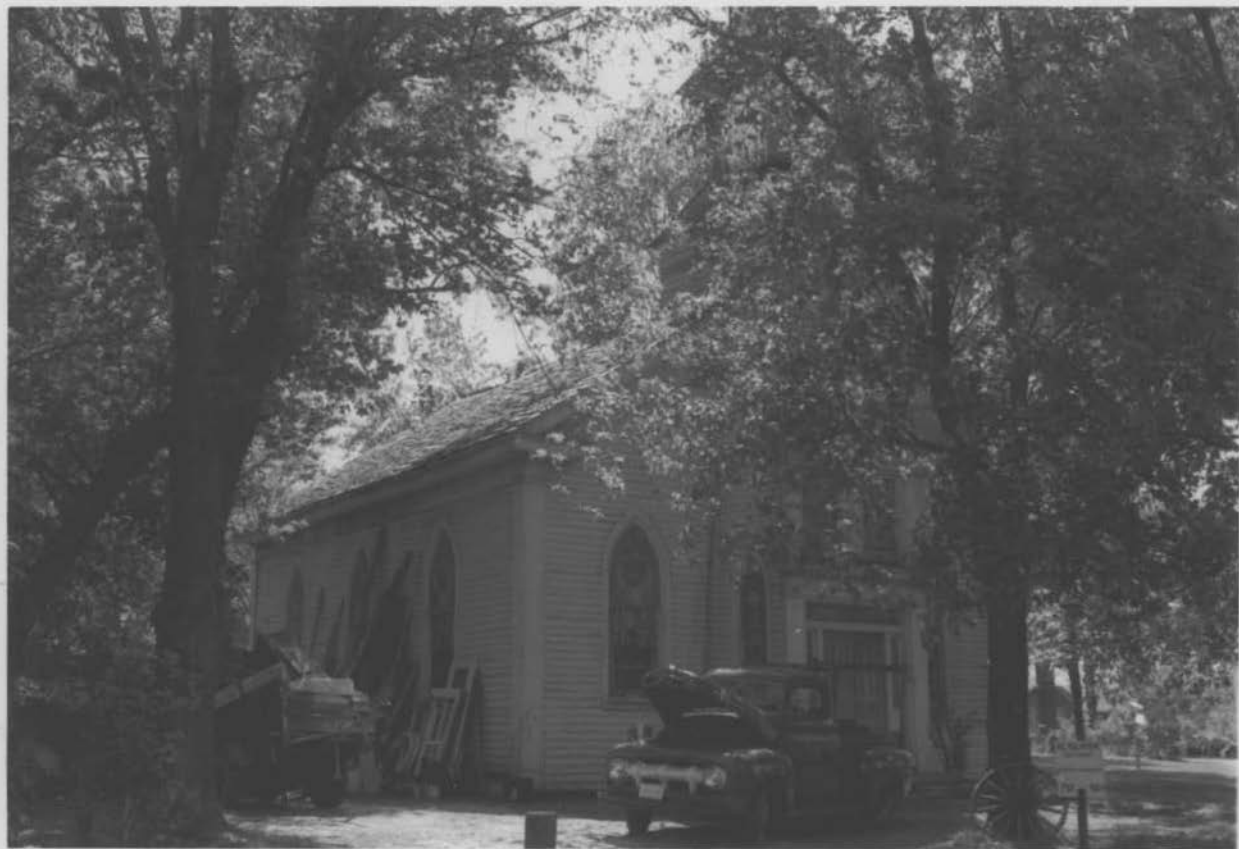


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Royal Oak Church
Oxford Quad, 1988

Bellevue

RIVER

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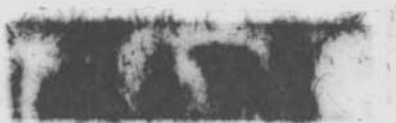


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