

ST. PETER'S CONVENT

AL-VI-D-131

Church Street, ~~Barton~~ *westernport*  
1874

St. Peter's Convent consists of a two and a half story, four bay wide, rectangular shaped facade. The building originally was a brick structure however it has been covered with stucco since original construction. Work began on the convent in 1873; a year after the completion of the church. In September of 1895 three Sisters of St. Joseph arrived from Philadelphia to occupy the convent.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

St. Peter's Convent

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Church Street

CITY, TOWN

Westernport

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

\_\_\_ DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_ STRUCTURE

\_\_\_ SITE

\_\_\_ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

\_\_\_ PUBLIC

PRIVATE

\_\_\_ BOTH

\_\_\_ IN PROCESS

\_\_\_ BEING CONSIDERED

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**STATUS**

OCCUPIED

\_\_\_ UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_ WORK IN PROGRESS

\_\_\_ YES RESTRICTED

\_\_\_ YES UNRESTRICTED

\_\_\_ NO

**ACCESSIBLE**

**PRESENT USE**

\_\_\_ AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_ COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_ EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_ GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_ INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_ MILITARY

\_\_\_ MUSEUM

\_\_\_ PARK

\_\_\_ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_ SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_ TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Roman Catholic Diocese of Maryland

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 18

Folio #: 688

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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**

St. Peter's Convent is located on Church Street in Westernport, Allegany County.

St. Peter's Convent is a two and a half story, four bay wide rectangular building. It was originally constructed of brick laid in American Common Bond but it has since been covered with stucco. The building rests on a high square rubble foundation with plain water table. The roof consists of two parallel gabled roofs connected by a hyphen, which is topped by a gable-roofed dormer window. Both are covered with replaced asphalt shingles. Seven gable roofed dormers interrupt the roofline. Windows in the structure are double hung sash frames with a combination of six over six and four over four lights. Those windows located on the main facade have gothic arch frames in addition to semi-circular stone arches located above them. A single window with a triangular frame is located in each gable end. The main entrance is located on the south facade and features a vertically paneled door with side lights and a transom light. A four bay hipped roof porch is also located on the south facade. Originally, a corbeled brick chimney was located in the interior of the building.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Work on St. Peter's Convent was begun on October 29, 1873 a year after St. Peter's Church (Historic Sites Inventory #A1-VI-D-130) was completed. A completion date for the convent was never recorded; however, on September 9, 1895 three Sisters of St. Joseph arrived from Philadelphia. By January of 1876 60 boys and 110 girls were attending the parish school, which was housed in the old church building. The convent building itself remained essentially unchanged until 1925 when the third story was remodeled to provide adequate housing for the twelve Sisters of St. Joseph who resided there. In June of 1956 the Convent underwent a major remodeling. All of the walls and floors were replaced as well as the wiring and some of the plumbing. All other rooms received new hardwood floors. Work in the Convent was not completed until 1956, from the photographic evidence which exists, it would appear that the building was covered with stucco sometime in the first quarter of the present century.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land REcords Cumberland, Maryland 21502  
"St. Peter's Church," Westernport, Maryland, 1971

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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

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson and Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

4/12/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

La Vale

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. AL-VI-D-131

18/688 1860

DATE: 3/29/77

92' x 100'

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: St. Peter's Convent

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Church Street, Westernport

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South

NAME OF OWNER: Roman Catholic Diocese of Maryland

ADDRESS: Baltimore, Maryland

STORIES: 1( ) 2(X) <sup>1/2</sup> 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4(X) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- (X) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- ( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- ( ) LOG
- (X) Other: Coverings Stucco

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERs, OTHERs

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6(X) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other(X) Gothic Arch  
pegged ( ) nailed ( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: South

HARDWARE: original( ) replaced( )

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original( ) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,

Architrave

ROOF: CABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, BORMERS # 7

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced(X)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ BRICK( ) STONE( ) CORBELLED( ) original( ) replaced( )

LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - Convent

Significance - Architecture/Religion

Date Constructed - 1874

Condition - Fair

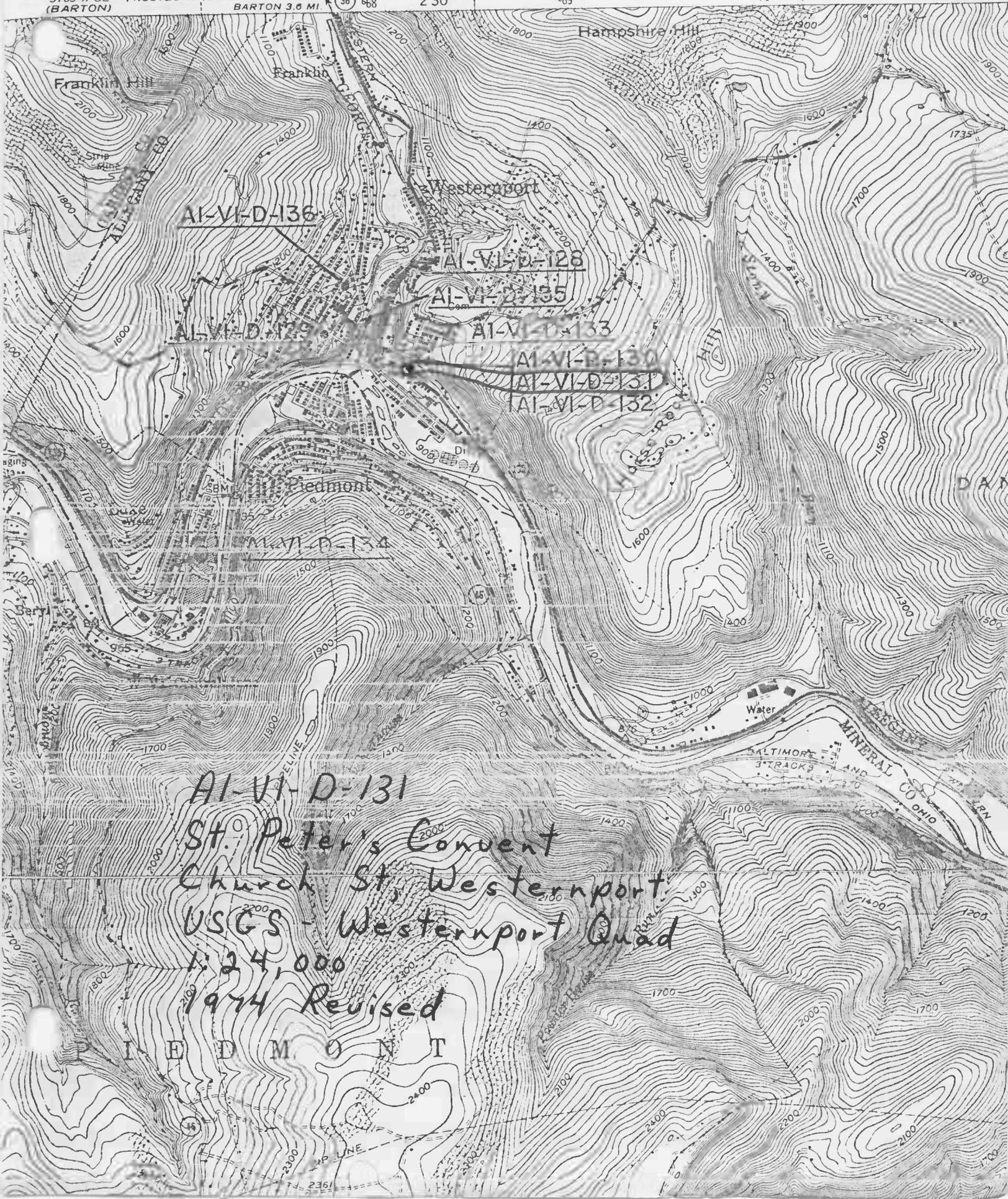
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STATE OF MARYLAND  
AND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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Church St, Westernport  
USGS - Westernport Quad  
1:24,000  
1974 Revised

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Church St., Westport

John E. Nelson

3/29/77

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