

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <u>Maryland</u>
COUNTY: <u>Baltimore</u>
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Mettam Memorial Baptist Church

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Old Court Road between Sudbrook Road and Reisterstown Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Pikesville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
Second

STATE <u>Maryland</u>	CODE <u>24</u>	COUNTY: <u>Baltimore</u>	CODE <u>005</u>
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Bath	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Meetings</u>

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Baptist State Mission Board of Maryland

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Baptist Building, 1313 York Road

CITY OR TOWN: <u>Lutherville</u>	STATE: <u>Maryland</u>	CODE <u>24</u>
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**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Baltimore County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: <u>Towson</u>	STATE: <u>Maryland</u>	CODE <u>24</u>
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**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE:
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7. DESCRIPTION			
CONDITION	(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed		
(Check One)		(Check One)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Altered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE			
<p>The Mettam Memorial Baptist Church is located on the south side of Old Court Road between Reisterstown Road on the West and Park Heights Avenue on the east.</p> <p>The church is one and one half story structure measuring thirty by forty feet. The lime and sand mortar was patched with cement in 1965-1966 during a renovation of the property by the Pikesville Lion's Club. The church is three bays long and three bays wide. The principal entrance door located on the central bay of the north facade is recessed from the exterior surface of the sixteen inch thick walls. The recess and the double door is paneled. A rectangular stone lintle exists above the five light rectangular transom. The east elevation has a paneled door in the northern most bay, while the west elevation has one window in each bay. The southern gable facade has two windows at the end bays and no opening in the central bay. A second set of two windows was placed with the sills parallel with the lower windows. The higher window frames are set toward the center and touch the shutters of the lower set. The windows of the church have six over six sashes and three panel shutters. The stone lintles are in three pieces the center of which, is shaped to resemble a keystone. The church has a plain box cornice along the east and west facades which paralleled the ridge of the roof.</p> <p>The interior originally consisted of one room. In the mid-1960's renovation a partition was added to contain heating facilities and other conveniences. The plastering, the paneled doors and simple window frames and the floor are all original.</p> <p>The church sits on an acre of ground which includes a cemetery.</p>			

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian;	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1835

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry		<u>Local history</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Mettam Memorial Baptist Church is the oldest ecclesiastical structure in Pikesville and was one of the original congregations in the area.

The church was constructed in 1835 a year before the congregation joined with five others to found the Maryland Baptist Union Association. This group evolved into the Baptist State Mission Board of Maryland, the state organization of the church. The structure's importance rests in its historical associations with the Baptist Church in Maryland. In 1964 a historic society was formed to assure the preservation of the church. It's simple architectural features echo the fundamental principals of its builders.

In 1966 the Pikesville Lions Club preserved the structure and provided with an adaptive use as a distribution center of legal documents and books for developing nations. Today it serves principally as the monthly meeting place for the board.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Baltimore County Historical Society. Research for Historic American Buildings Survey, 1966, Files of the Maryland Historical Trust.

The Sun (Baltimore), August 7, 1968.

**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	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: one

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Nancy Miller, Historian

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: April 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

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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Form 10-445  
(5-62)

1. STATE <b>Maryland</b> COUNTY <b>Baltimore</b> TOWN _____ VICINITY <b>Dist. III</b> STREET NO <b>Old Court Road</b>  ORIGINAL OWNER _____ ORIGINAL USE _____ PRESENT OWNER _____ PRESENT USE _____ WALL CONSTRUCTION _____ NO. OF STORIES _____		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <b>BA-36</b>	
		2. NAME <b>Mettam Baptist Church</b>  DATE OR PERIOD <b>1836</b> STYLE _____ ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE _____	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <span style="float: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC</span>  <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Named for its first minister, who came from England and served for 53 years. Patrick Walker was a warden in this church for 80 years. Lions Club of Pikesville is now restoring the building.</b> </p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE <b>Endangered</b> <b>Interior</b> <b>Exterior</b>			
6. LOCATION MAP ( <i>Plan Optional</i> ) 		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES ( <i>Author, Title, Pages</i> ) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <b>(First HABS Report)</b> <b>E. Frances Offutt</b> <b>HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE</b> <b>COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b> DATE OF RECORD <b>July 29, 1965</b>	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

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Form 2C  
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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY  
Architect's Work Sheet for "Photo-data Books" (Part II)

Mettam Memorial Baptist Church Pikesville, Maryland

name of structure state, county, township, locality, etc.

One /  
number of stories Stone type wall construction layout

GENERAL STATEMENT

Architectural interest and merit The building is a landmark in Pikesville  
Early American. Stone laid with lime and sand, in perfect balance.  
Condition of fabric building restored in 1966

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

EXTERIOR

Overall demensions  
30 x 40 feet

Stone, originally only lime and sand held the stones together in balance. In the restoration cement was used to fill in between the stones and smoothed over.

Foundations  
Stone

Wall construction  
Walls are 16 in. thick

Porches, stoops, bulkheads, etc.  
none

Chimneys

2 masonry. These were deduced to the level of the roof in the recent remodelling.

Openings - doorways and doors  
Front doors are double - one side door

windows and shutters shutters are wooden with panels and molding  
Windows are 6 lite panes in upper and lower sashes  
Spring tensioned metal stops at the glides to retain the window in open position - small wooden dogs.

Roof - shape, covering gable roof - wooden shades on roof  
cornice, eaves  
O G eaves  
dormers, cupolas

INTERIOR

Floor plans (by floor)

Originally the entire building was only one large room -  
In the restoration of 1966 a partition was put in to allow for  
a smaller room at the back for heating equipment, toilet and  
work room  
Stairways none

Flooring

Pine - boards hand-hewn - nails hand-hewn

Wall and ceiling finish

Lime plastered surface

Doorways and doors

wooden - pannelled

Trim

wood around windows and doors

Hardware

Hinges on shutters, early american, cast iron type (no longer available)

Lighting

Originally candles, some evidences of gas at one time  
electrical in restoration of 1966

Heating (fireplaces, stoves,  
central, etc. )

Originally - two pot-bellied stoves.

SITE

Orientation (by compass reading  
and general setting)

Pikesville - Old Court Road, extending through to Sudbrook Lane

Enclosures (fences, etc.)

Fence on Old Court Road side (wire fence)

Outbuildings

none

Walks, driveways, etc.

Path to front door - dirt - and paves at another date.

Landscaping, gardens, etc.

Prepared by Josephine C. Woodward  
Date Sept 15, 1966

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Form 3B

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

Historian's Work Sheet for "Photo-data Books" (Part I)

Name of Structure Mettam Memorial Baptist Church

Address Old Court Road and Sudbrook Road, Pikesville, Md. 21093  
State, county, township, locality, street address or location

Present Owner (give address) Extension Society of the Baptist Convention of Md.

Present Occupant Lions Club of Pikesville in addition to Baptist Groups that go there for special meetings.

Present Use Special meetings, shipping point for legal books which the Lions Club sends to new countries.

Brief Statement of Significance (historical):  
Built in 1835, the church was used by the congregation for about 100 years. As the oldest building in Pikesville, it has been restored and will be used by different groups, Lions club of Pikesville  
PHYSICAL HISTORY (All statements shall be documented)

Original and subsequent owners

Trustees of the church until 1964 when it was transferred by to last living trustee to the Baptist Church Extension Society of Md.

Date of Erection 1835

Architect unknown

Builder, suppliers, etc.  
Dr. James Smith contributed the land,  
Mrs. Carolle gave the stone  
Dr. W. D. P. Wyse gave the timber.

Original plans, construction, etc.  
One room of 30 x 40  
Stone, and wood

Notes on alterations and additions

The building has been restored during 1965 and 1966 to as nearly as possible to its original state. The interior has been changed to include a small room at the back of the building. This partition allows for heating equipment, toilet facilities, and a work room.

## HISTORICAL EVENTS CONNECTED WITH STRUCTURE

This is the oldest <sup>church</sup> building in Pikesville. It was used as a community meeting place as well as a church from 1835 until about 1935. Since that time the congregation has moved away and for quite a few years the building was not kept up. A movement in 1964 has resulted in a special historical society to keep alive the historical significance of the building. This was one of the six churches to assist in forming the Maryland Baptist Union Association in 1836. This is the significant thing about the building that its congregation helped to form our present state convention--Baptist Convention of Maryland.

The pastor in 1835 - Joseph Mettam continued as the pastor until his death in 1888.  
Important old views  
(with location)

Copy of picture attached, historical library, Baptist Bldg.

## Sources of information

(with location) A number of persons have told me about the building.

Historical Library of Baptist Convention of Maryland,  
located in Baptist Building, 1313 York Rd., Lutherville, Md.

References in Minute books of the annual convention meetings  
since 1836 until the church closed, since that time in the

Likely sources not yet investigated historical report.

Mr. Harry Carson has been a source for description of the building.

Prepared by Josephine C. Norwood

Date September 15, 1966

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR DOCUMENTATION

Published references: Give author's full name, exact title from title page (underlined), publisher, place of publication, date, page references.

Manuscript references: Give Location of manuscript and note if longhand or typed. Cite "from," "to," date, etc.

Interviews: If information came from a personal interview, give complete name and address of informant.

CONTINUATIONS: Any of the above entries may be continued on additional sheets. Exact transcripts in quotes from pertinent documents are especially welcomed as appendices or otherwise.

NO STAMPS REQUIRED  
NO CONSIDERATION

**This Deed,** Made this *31st* day of January

in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty-four, by and between Francis A. Davis surviving trustee and successor in trust for the use of the Religious Society of Regular or Particular Baptists, of the City of Baltimore ~~of~~ in the State of Maryland, of the first part, and Baptist Church Extension Society of Maryland, Inc., a religious corporation of the State of Maryland, of the second part.

Witnesseth, that in consideration of the sum of Five (\$5.00) Dollars and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Francis A. Davis, Trustee

does grant and convey unto the said Baptist Church Extension Society of Maryland, Inc., its successors and assigns

~~heirs and assigns~~ in fee simple, all that piece or parcel of ground, situate, lying and being in the Third Election District of Baltimore County, State of Maryland, aforesaid, and described as follows, that is to say:—

Beginning for the same at a point on the southernmost side of the Old Court Road and at the end of the North 76 degrees East 16 perches line of John Smith's land and running thence and binding on said line and binding within the right of way of said road, near the southernmost side thereof, South 76 degrees West 170 feet, thence South 57 $\frac{1}{4}$  degrees East 228 feet to the third line of Cromwell Island, thence bounding on the third line of Cromwell Island, North 32  $\frac{3}{4}$  degrees East 124 feet to the end of the first line of a lot of ground conveyed by the said James Smith to Certain Trustees for the purpose of erecting and building thereon a School House for the Instruction of Youth, and thence bounding on the first line of said School House Lot North 57 $\frac{1}{4}$  degrees West 6  $\frac{3}{4}$  perches to the beginning.

Containing 77 Square Perches of land more or less.

Being all and the same parcel of land which by a Deed dated September 12, 1834 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore City in Liber T.K. No. 242 folio 290 was conveyed by James Smith to George Wagner et al, Gentlemen in Trust for the use of the Religious Society of Regular or Particular Baptists.

Together with the buildings and improvements thereupon erected, made or being and all and every the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances and advantages, to the same belonging, or anywise appertaining.

To Have and To Hold the said lot of ground and premises, above described and mentioned, and hereby intended to be conveyed; together with the rights, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereto belonging or appertaining unto and to the proper use and benefit of the said Baptist Church Extension Society of Maryland, Inc., its successors and assigns

~~holds and assigns~~, in fee simple.

And the said party of the first part hereby covenants that he has not done or suffered to be done any act, matter or thing whatsoever, to encumber the property hereby conveyed; that he will warrant specially the property granted and that he will execute such further assurances of the same as may be requisite.

Witness the hand and seal of said grantor

TEST:

*Anna M. Leach*  
Anna M. Leach  
TRANSFER TAX NOT REQUIRED  
3-4-64  
Norman W. Wood  
Director of Finance

*Francis A. Davis* (SEAL)  
Francis A. Davis, surviving trustee and successor in trust for the use of the Religious Society of Regular or Particular Baptists (SEAL)

Per: *[Signature]*  
Authorized Signature

STATE OF MARYLAND, CITY OF BALTIMORE, to wit:

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That on this *31st* day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty-four, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, in and for the City of Baltimore aforesaid, personally appeared Francis A. Davis

~~heirs and assigns~~, in fee simple.

And the said party of the first part hereby covenants that he has not done or suffered to be done any act, matter or thing whatsoever, to encumber the property hereby conveyed; that he will warrant specially the property granted and that he will execute such further assurances of the same as may be requisite.

Witness the hand and seal of said grantor

TEST:

Anna M. Leach  
Anna M. Leach  
TRANSFER TAX NOT REQUIRED  
3-4-64  
Norman W. Wood  
Director of Finance

Francis A. Davis (SEAL)  
Francis A. Davis, surviving trustee and successor in trust for the use of the Religious Society of Regular or Particular Baptists (SEAL)

Per: Francis A. Davis  
Authorized Signature

STATE OF MARYLAND, CITY OF BALTIMORE, to wit:

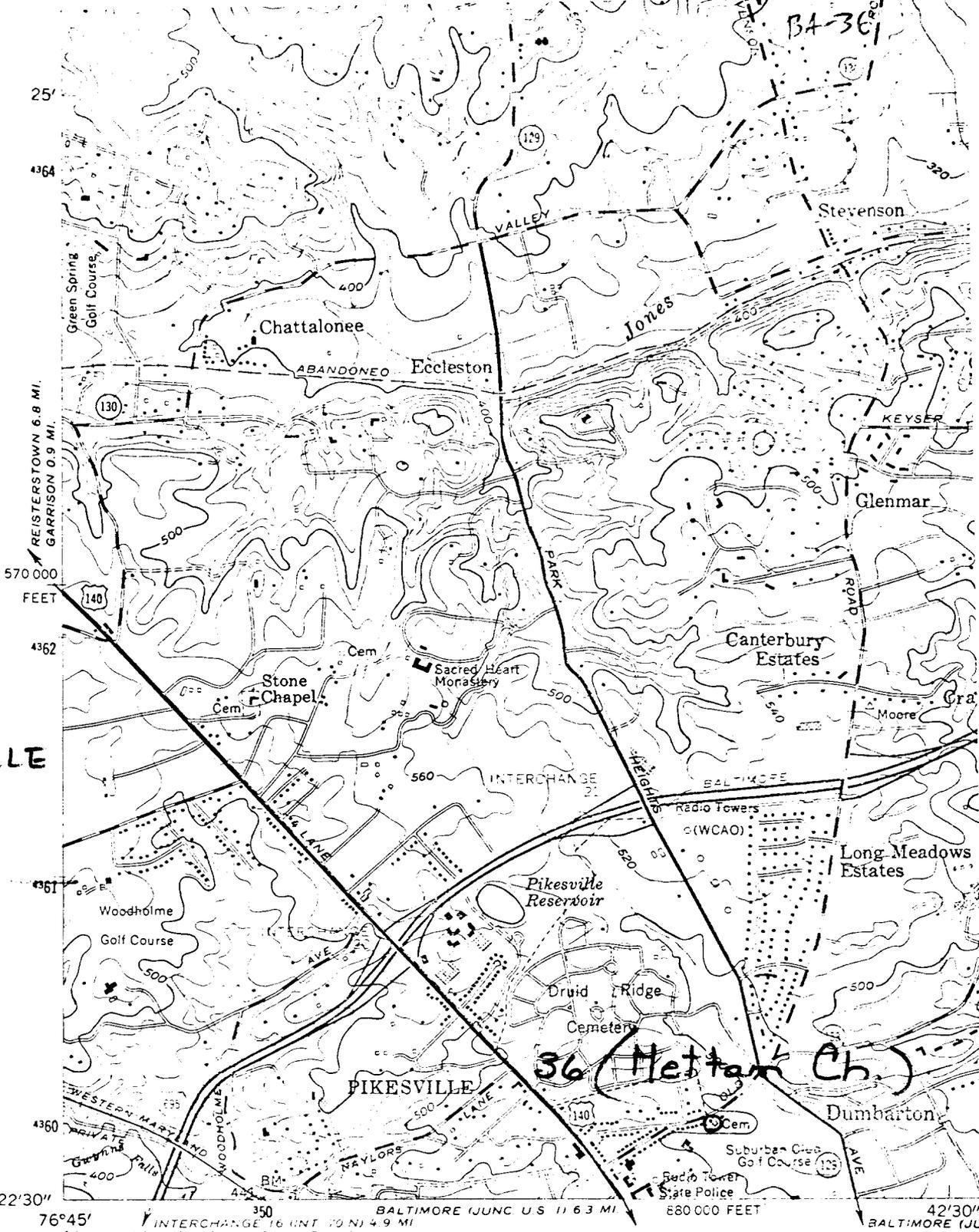
I HEREBY CERTIFY, That on this 31st day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixty-four, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, in and for the City of Baltimore aforesaid, personally appeared Francis A. Davis

the above named grantor, and he acknowledged the foregoing Deed to be his act.

As Witness my hand and Notarial Seal.

Anna M. Leach  
Anna M. Leach, Notary Public.

Rec'd for record MAR 5 1964 at 1034A  
Per Robert R. Gill, Clerk  
Mail to Stocksdale, Stocksdale, etc  
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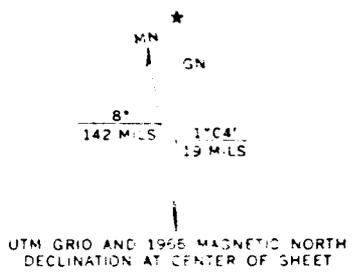
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 10,000-foot grid based on Maryland coordinate system  
 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
 zone 18, shown in blue

Red tint indicates areas in which only  
 landmark buildings are shown

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