

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-2627

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

2 Willow Avenue

Perry Hall, Baltimore County

Circa 1914

Private

Constructed in 1914, St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church is located near the historic village of Overlea in the Fourteenth District of Baltimore County. Originally known as Lange's Farm, Overlea received its first streetcar line in 1904. The line followed Belair Road with Overlea as its last stop. With better access to the area developers to the area, Kennard and the Overlea Land Companies, increased construction. Overlea attracted approximately 830 residents by 1911. Many of the new residents were of foreign descent from Eastern European countries such as Czechoslovakia, Poland, and the Ukraine. A few of the services available to the residents include the Overlea Improvement League (organized by 1916), a public school in Fullerton to serve both communities, and the Overlea National Bank.

The Gothic Revival-style Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, dating to 1914, sits on a sloping lot on the northeast corner of Belair Road and Willow Avenue in Perry Hall. The four-story, three-bay structure is rectangular in form with the long nave lying directly behind the façade. The rock-face coursed ashlar walls sit on a matching solid foundation. Stone buttresses, capped with smooth ashlar, divide the bays on all elevations. The central entrance features one double-leaf, one-light replacement door flanked by single-leaf, one-light replacement doors. Directly above the entrance is a large, multiple-paned, stained glass, tracery window set in a smooth ashlar surround and ornamented with shields. The two outer bays are pierced with small, rectangular, fixed, diamond-paned windows set in smooth ashlar surrounds. The three-story central bay is finished with a molded ashlar cornice, with a stone cross rising from the peak. The front gable roof, clad with slate tiles, extends over the nave. The two outer bays support octagonal, smooth ashlar, bell towers. Rising from square bases, each tower is comprised of evenly spaced bronze louvred pointed vents. One stone chimney is located on the exterior side of the nave. Two-story rock faced coursed ashlar additions with hipped roofs have been constructed onto the rear elevation of the church. A rectory and school, both dating to 1950, are associated with the property.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2627

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Church

other

2. Location

street and number 2 Willow Avenue not for publication

city, town Perry Hall vicinity

county Baltimore County

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

name St. Michael's Church

street and number 2 Willow Avenue telephone Not Available

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21206

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 81, 749

city, town Towson liber folio

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other

6. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Current Function | Resource Count | |
|---|---|--|--|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | Contributing | Noncontributing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade | 1 | buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> defense | _____ | sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion | _____ | structures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | | <input type="checkbox"/> domestic | _____ | objects |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> education | 1 | Total |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> funerary | _____ | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> government | _____ | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> health care | _____ | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | _____ | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture | | |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | 1 | 0 |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: | | |
| | | | Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory | |
| | | | 1 | |

7. Description

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Condition

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> altered |
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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Associated with the church are the St. Michael the Archangel Rectory and St. Michael's School, located on Willow Road and both dating to 1950, according to their datestones. Each display a more simplified version of the Gothic Revival style. The rectory is a two-story, three bay brick building with a slate shingle hipped roof. The school, also brick and constructed in a similar style, is three stories high and four bays wide, topped with a flat roof.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance | Check and justify below | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> performing arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2000- | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> law | <input type="checkbox"/> science |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> social history |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

Specific dates 1914 **Architect/Builder** unknown

Construction dates 1914

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Constructed in 1914, St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church is located near the historic village of Overlea in the Fourteenth District of Baltimore County. The eastern section of Baltimore County did not benefit from streetcar service until the early 20th century. Prior to this, the area remained largely rural with small crossroads communities and farms providing for the metropolitan area. Originally known as Lange's Farm, Overlea received its first streetcar line in 1904. The line followed Belair Road with Overlea as its last stop. With better access to the area developers to the area, Kennard and the Overlea Land Companies, increased construction. Overlea attracted approximately 830 residents by 1911. Many of the new residents were of foreign descent from Eastern European countries such as Czechoslovakia, Poland, and the Ukraine. A few of the services available to the residents include the Overlea Improvement League (organized by 1916), a public school in Fullerton to serve both communities, and the Overlea National Bank.(1) St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church is neither shown on the Hopkins Atlas of 1877 nor the Bromley Atlas of 1915. The 1877 map shows this area belonged to David Street. It appears the St. Michael Catholic Church was built during the areas early development period.

ENDNOTES

1. Neal A. Brooks and Eric G. Rockel, A History of Baltimore County (Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979), pp. 325-326.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 0.332

Acreage of historical setting unknownQuadrangle name Baltimore EastQuadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, constructed 1914, is located at 2 Willow Road in Perry Hall in the Fourteenth District in Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 81 parcel 749 since its construction.

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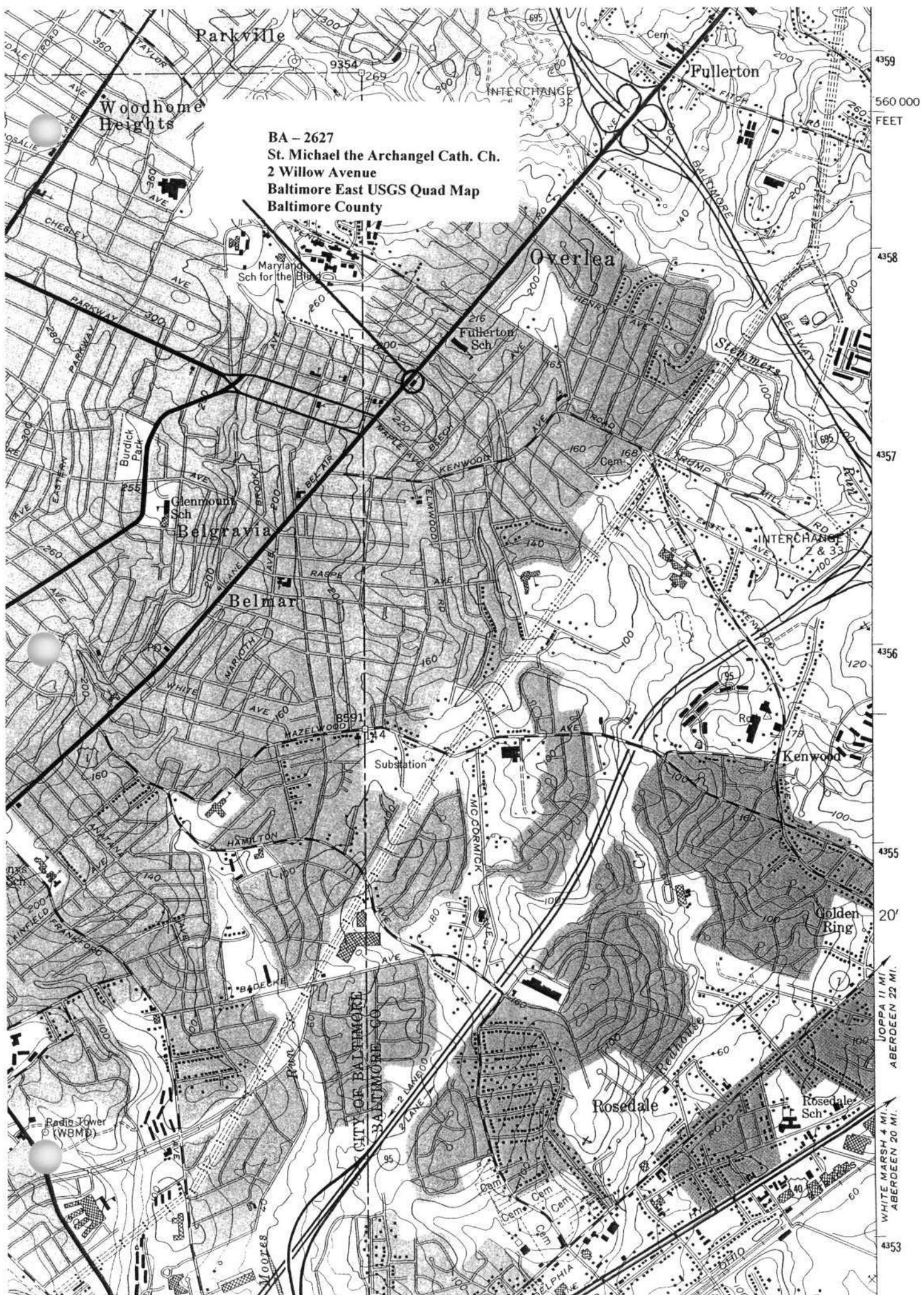
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St. Michael the Archangel Cath. Ch.
2 Willow Avenue
Baltimore East USGS Quad Map
Baltimore County

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ABERDEEN 20 MI.
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BA-2627

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

2 WILLOW AVENUE

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

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CHURCH, WEST CORNER

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ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

2 WILLOW AVENUE

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

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MD SHPD

RECTORY AND SCHOOL, SOUTHWEST ELEVATIONS

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ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH - 1914 - Northeast corner of Belair Road and Willow Avenue, Overlea. Large fieldstone church in Romanesque Revival with twin towers. Cornerstone laid by Bishop Owen Corrigan in 1914. Architect was F.E. Tormey.