

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name: Presbyterian Church at Boyd's Station

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 18/8-2

3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 6  
Coordinate H-14

4. Address: 19901 White Grounds Road  
Boyd's, Md.

5. Classification Summary

Category building  
Ownership private  
Public Acquisition N/A  
Status occupied  
Accessible yes; restricted  
Present use religious

Previous Survey Recording MNCPPC  
Title and Date: Historic Sites Inventory  
1976

Federal      State   x   County   x   Local     

6. Date: 1876

7. Original Owner: Trustees of the Church

8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. unaltered c. original site

9. Description: This three bay by four bay, one and a half story frame church faces northwest. Originally clapboarded, the church recently installed aluminum siding. There is a square bell tower on the northwest elevation, this is capped by a pyramidal roof and surmounted by a cross. There are stained glass lancet windows. The southeast rectangular stained glass window depicts Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane. The gable roof is being recovered. The church was renovated in 1979. Asphalt shingles now cover the roof, and the interior has been altered.

10. Significance: The Boyds Presbyterian Church is an integral part of the village of Boyds, a town which sprang up in response to the coming of the Metropolitan Branch of the B & O Railroad.

This community church was built in the style of rural churches of the era. Like the other buildings in the neighborhood, the church's appearance is much as it was at the turn of the 20th century. It is used both for worship and as a town hall, and to the minister falls the role of leadership, similar to that of mayor in larger communities.

In July, 1876, the trustees of the Presbyterian Church at Boyd's Station dedicated 84 square perches of land to God and the Presbyterian Church. The land, part of "Gum Spring", was purchased from James E. Williams.

For the first few years local ministerial needs were met by a "Stated Supply", a minister with several congregations to serve. The Rev. J.S.H. Henderson of Neelsville and Darnestown Presbyterian Churches was the founding clergyman. In 1888 the church hired its first fulltime pastor, Rev. T. Davis Richards. Rev. Richards left Boyds in 1896, and there was no regular minister for 30 years. In 1928 Rev. James Patterson Kerr served in Boyds, leaving in 1960. Rev. Philip J. Lee followed him, 1962-1967. Rev. Merritt Ednie succeeded Lee in 1969. Mrs. Boyd left a legacy to the church, willing that a manse be built and the remainder invested. Candy Reed - Architectural Description

11. Researcher and date researched: Margaret Coleman/1978-1979

12. Compiler: Margaret Coleman

13. Date Compiled: Sept. 1979

14. Designation Approval     

15. Acreage: 15.38 acres

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC The Presbyterian Church at Boyd's Station

AND/OR COMMON  
 Boyds Presbyterian Church

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
 19901 White Ground Road

CITY, TOWN Boyds VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8

STATE Maryland COUNTY Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES, UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Trustees of Boyds Presbyterian Church Telephone #: 972-0660

STREET & NUMBER  
 19901 White Ground Road

CITY, TOWN Boyds VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 20720

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 542/487; 542/489;  
 Folio #: 1775/94

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20850

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
 M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE 1976  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20855

# 7 DESCRIPTION

M.I.E.-8-2

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Boyds Presbyterian Church is located on the southeast side of White Grounds Road facing northwest. Built on fieldstone foundations which have been reinforced by poured concrete, this clapboarded chapel is undergoing renovation, as the recent addition of white aluminum siding attests.

This is a three bay by four bay structure with a gable roof covered by pressed metal roof. The gable end of the church is perpendicular to the street. The church may be entered through double wooden paneled doors set into the square bell tower which is centered on the northwest (front) elevation. The bell tower is capped by a pyramidal roof and surmounted by a cross. On the northwest side of the church is an exterior stove chimney. There are stained glass lancet windows on the front and side elevations, above the front doors a fixed triangular stained glass window. The south-east (rear) elevation has a nearly rectangular fixed stained glass window depicting Christ in the Garden at Gethsemane.

The stained glass window of Christ is the most dramatic feature of the church's interior and is immediately visible when one enters this simple rectangular church. The plaster walls have tongue and groove wainscott ; up to the window sills. There are carved oak pews and the altar area is furnished by a wooden communion table, altar rail, and square wooden pulpit.

To the east of the church is the graveyard. A row of standing cedars serves to delineate the boundaries of the church property. On the southwest side of the church, about 100' from the church and facing northwest is the rectangular frame, clapboarded Sunday School building. This, too, has a gable roof and its gable end faces the street. This building is now used for starge as a modern, two story brick church school building has been built to the southeast of this structure at the bottom of a gentle hill.

NOTE: In June, 1979, the church trustees completed their renovation. Condition of the building should be considered "excellent". The pressed metal roof was removed and replaced with gray asbestos shingles. A door was cut into the southwest (side) wall to conform to fire department regulations.

The interior walls and ceilings were covered with wallboard and painted white. The wainscotting was removed and replaced with similar material, stained brown. The pews were replaced with folding metal chairs. The altar rail and the front of the pulpit, now decorate the rear wall. The communion table and wooden cross remain. A small portable wooden pulpit completes the altar furnishings.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land Records of Montgomery County  
Maughlin, Mrs. Eleanor Maughling Young, Kensington. Interview, 1978-9.  
Vail, Earle L. The Presbyterian Church at Boyds, Station, The First One  
Hundred Years. Boyds, Md. 1976.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 15.38 acres

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	#11- Note/Margaret Coleman
ORGANIZATION	Candy Reed-Arch. Description
STREET & NUMBER	DATE
Box 87	1978-1979
CITY OR TOWN	TELEPHONE
Dickerson	926-4510
	STATE
	Maryland 20753

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

## The Presbyterian Church At Boyd's Station

Twelve acres of adjoining land were bought in 1957, and a Christian Education Building was constructed.<sup>9</sup> Named Kerr Fellowship Hall, the structure is used on Sundays for Sunday School, and almost continuously throughout the week by the Boyds Day Care Center, Boyds/Clarksburg Historical Society, Civic Association, Federal Credit Union and other groups.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., EBP 15/284 (July 17, 1876).
2. Articles of Incorporation of the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church at Boyd's Station; April 16, 1878. Boyd's Presbyterian Church files.
3. Land Records, op. cit., EBP 17/449 (1878).
4. Ibid., EBP 18/307 (July 23, 1878).
5. Vaile, Earle L., The Presbyterian Church at Boyd's Station, The First One Hundred Years; Boyds Presbyterian Church, 1976; pp. 9, 21-32, 39-40, 41. Also see Merritt Ednie, "Boyd's Presbyterian Church Family"; Boyds, 1977.
6. Ibid., p. 16.
7. Montgomery County Wills, PEW 2/461 (October 16, 1925).
8. Interview with Mrs. Eleanor Maughlin Young, great-niece of James A. Boyd and longtime Boyds resident (1978).
9. Land Records, op. cit., 2392/435 (July 12, 1957).

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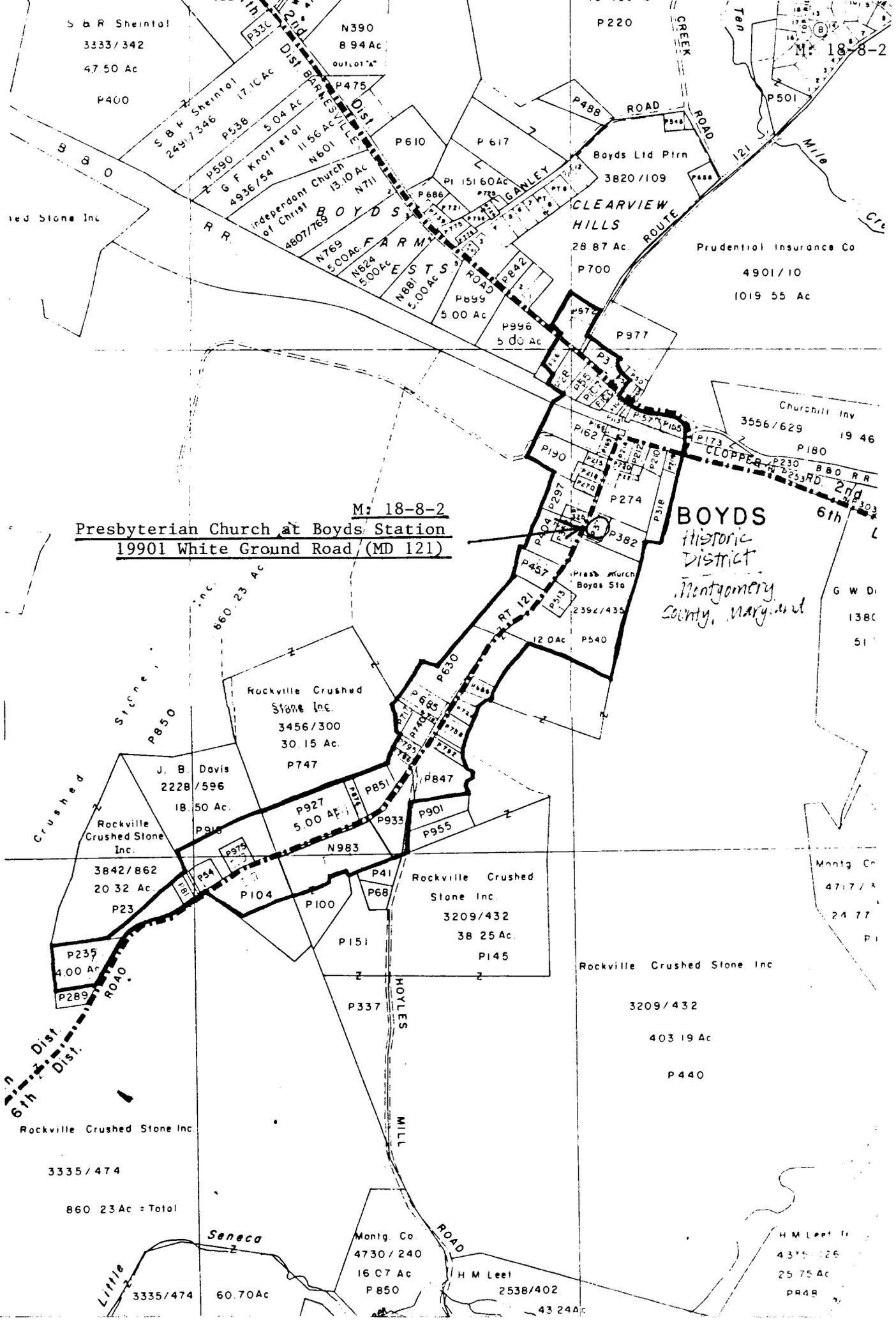
Scale 1 1/4 Inches to a Mile



M: 18-8-2

Note: The Figures on the Roads represent the Distance in Rods from junctions.

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Presbyterian Church at Boyd's Station  
19901 White Ground Road (MD 121)

*BOYDS  
 Historic  
 District  
 Montgomery  
 County, Maryland*

*Crushed Stone Inc.*  
 660.23 Ac

Rockville Crushed  
 Stone Inc.  
 3456/300  
 30.15 Ac.  
 P747

J. B. Davis  
 2228/596  
 18.50 Ac.  
 P910

Rockville Crushed Stone  
 Inc.  
 3842/862  
 20.32 Ac.  
 P23

Rockville Crushed  
 Stone Inc.  
 3209/432  
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 P145

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 P440

Rockville Crushed Stone Inc  
 3335/474

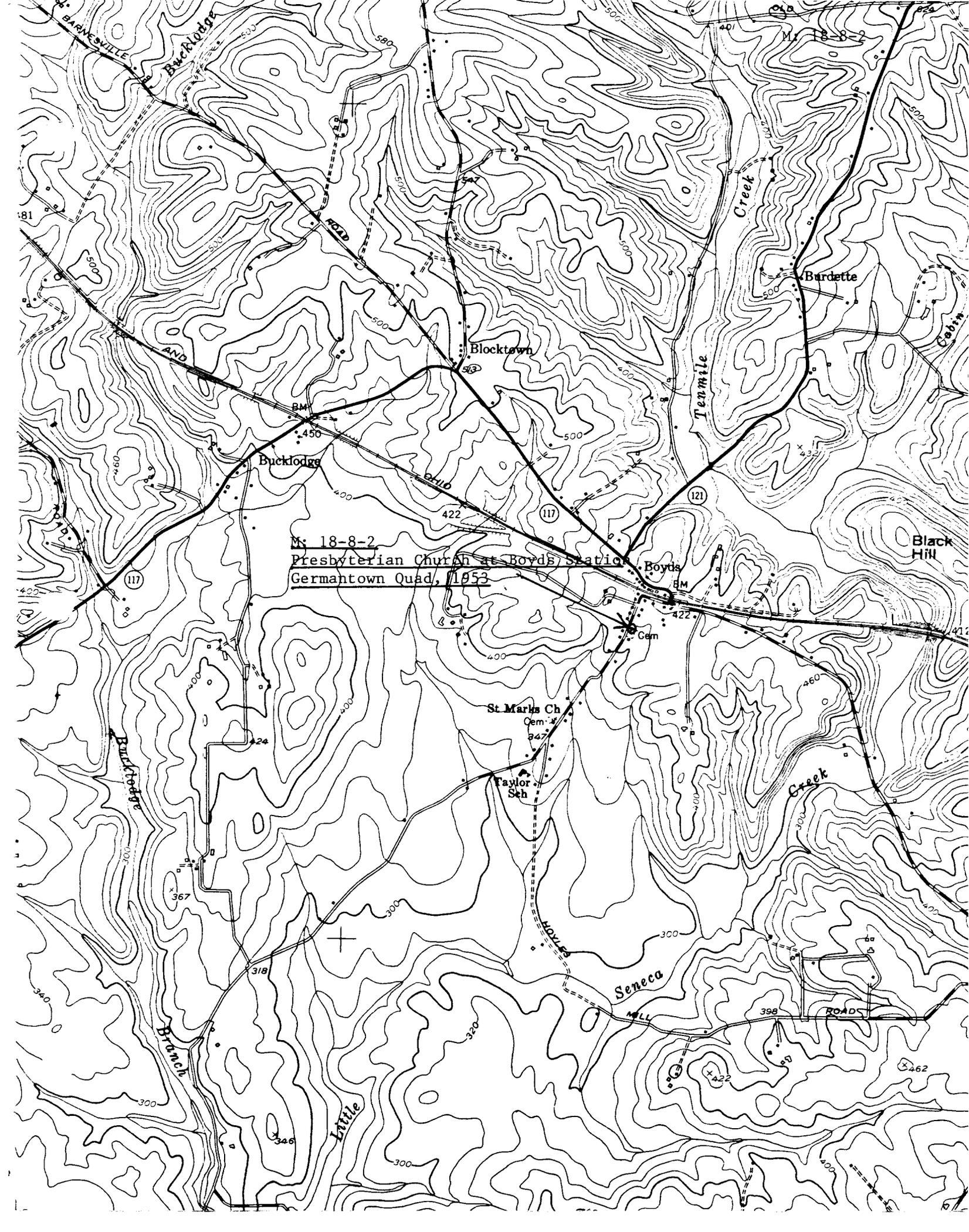
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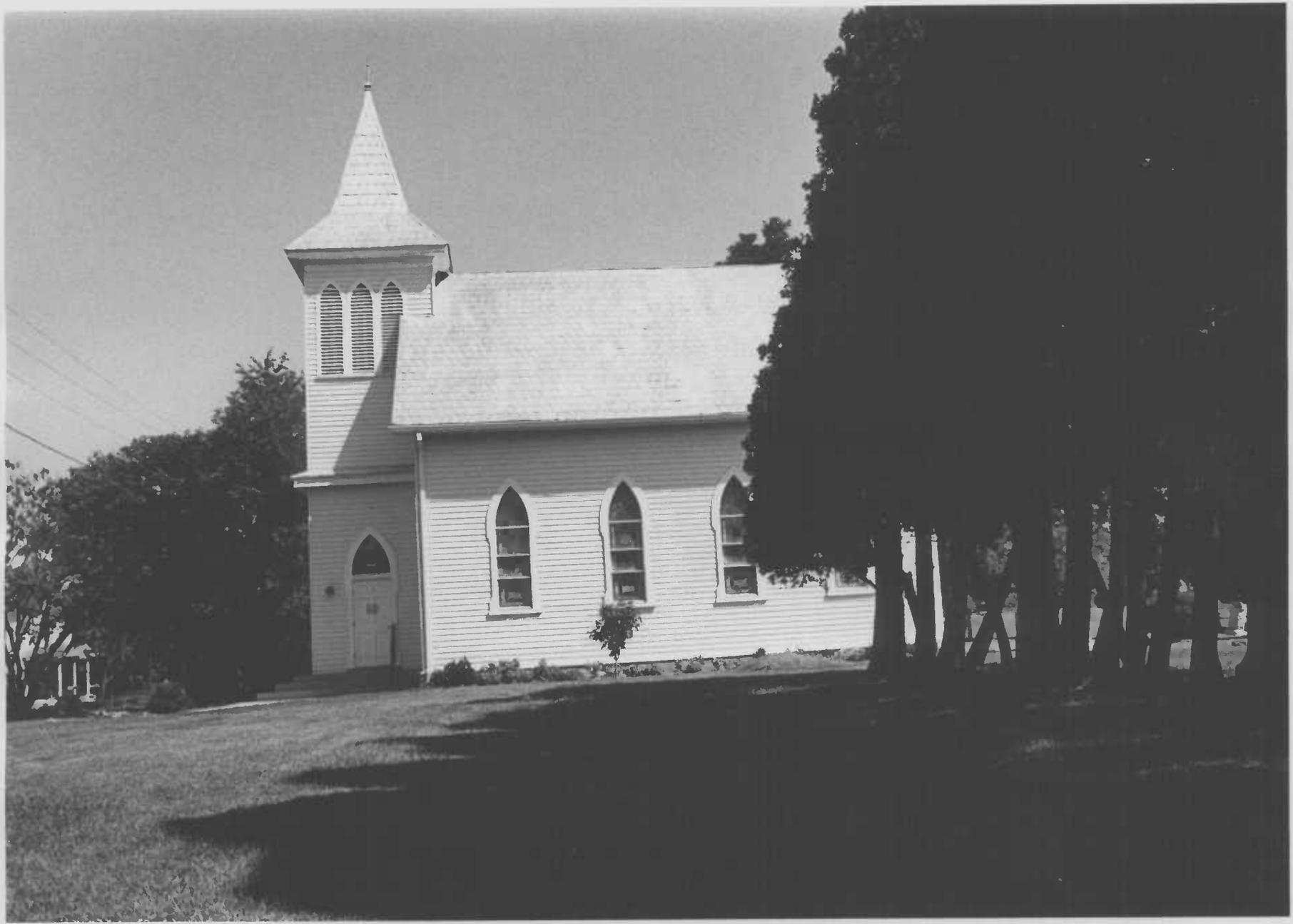
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 4730/240  
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 P850

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 2538/402  
 43.24Ac

H M Leet  
 4375/225  
 25.75 Ac  
 P848



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Presbyterian Church at Boyd's Station  
Germantown Quad, 1853



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Presbyterian Church

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Boyds Pres.  
19901 WGR  
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