

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M:18-8-6
(date entered 5-13-80)

1. Name: Rev. T. Davis Richards House
2. Planning Area/Site Number: 18/8/6
Boyd's H.D.
3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 6
Coordinate H-14
4. Address: 19921 White Grounds Road
Boyd's, Md.
5. Classification Summary
 Category building
 Ownership private
 Public Acquisition N/A
 Status occupied
 Accessible no
 Present use agriculture/private
 Previous Survey Recording MNCPPC
 Title and Date: Historic Sites Inventory
1976
 Federal State x County x Local
6. Date: 1890
 residence
 7. Original Owner: Rev. T. Davis Richards
8. Apparent Condition
 a. good b. altered c. original site
9. Description: This four bay by four bay, two-and-a-half story frame house faces northwest. The house has white novelty siding. The northwest porch has a half hipped roof supported by three chamfered wooden posts with jig-sawed brackets. There is a screened porch on the southeast elevation. There are two-over-two, double-hung windows. There is a two story bay window on the northwest elevation. The gable roof is covered by green asbestos shingles. The house was first built for a minister and later was occupied by Mr. Higgins, the Boyd's station master who installed bathroom facilities at an unusually low angle to accommodate his invalid daughter.
10. Significance: This house was built for the first fulltime minister hired by the Presbyterian Church at Boyd's Station.
 In 1888, Rev. T. Davis Richards was installed as the first pastor of the Church. He and his wife, Sarah Ella Carl Richards, bought 3 acres of "Gum Spring" from James E. Williams two years later. The price of \$2,815 included improvements and Richards moved into the house.
 The house was typical of moderately well-to-do ministers' homes of the era. An outside entrance led to the study. Sliding panelled doors between this room and the adjoining "parlor" could enlarge the area quickly to accommodate a small wedding party. The south side of the first door could be closed off from the major part of the home in order for family activities to proceed without interfering with those of the church.
 Rev. Richards found himself in philosophical disagreement four years later with a major founder of the church, James A. Boyd. As a result, Richards left Boyd's. The Presbyterian Church at Boyd's Station had no pastor for the next 36 years. Rev. Richards sold his home to James L. and Alice C. Higgins in 1896 for \$3,500. Higgins was the local stationmaster for the B&O. Higgins sold it to the present owner in 1948. The Gloyds have been active members of the community.
11. Researcher and date researched: Margaret Coleman June 1979
 Candy Reed - Arch. Description
12. Compiler: Margaret Coleman
 13. Date Compiled: 10/79
 14. Designation Approval
 15. Acreage: 3.82 acres

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 18/8/6

Boyds H.D.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Rev. T. Davis Richards House

AND/OR COMMON
Gloyd Home

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 19921 White Grounds Road

CITY, TOWN Boyds 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. & Mrs. Albert Gloyd

Telephone #: 972-0288

STREET & NUMBER
19921 White Ground Road

CITY, TOWN Boyds STATE, zip code Maryland 20720

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 1205

Folio #: 154

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

M:18-8-6

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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 Gloyd House sits on the southeast side of White Ground Road facing northwest. Built upon fieldstone foundations, this irregularly massed two and a half story house is approximately four bays wide and four bays deep. The house has white novelty siding exterior walls. The northwest (front) porch has a half-hipped roof supported by three chamfered wooden posts with decorative jigsawed brackets. The northwest (front) door is wooden panelled. It is flanked by two-light sidelights and surmounted by a three-light ransom. The southeast screened porch has a flat roof with a decorative balustraded railing. The southeast door is glass and wooden panelled.

There are two-over-two double-hung windows throughout the house. There is a two story bay window on the northwest elevation. There is a gabled dormer window on the northwest elevation.

The gable roof has green asbestos shingles. There are three interior chimneys.

The northwest (front) door opens into a central hallway. An open string, single run stairway with a carved newel post and turned balusters ascends along the northeast interior wall. Southwest of the hall is the reception/dining room and southeast of this is the kitchen, formerly the Minister's study.

Northeast of the hall is the living room, formerly the dining room. Southeast is the old kitchen and laundry room.

The house has random width floors and wallpapered plaster over lath walls and ceilings. There are bullseye door frames and wooden panelled doors with white porcelain door knobs. The house was lived in at one time by Mr. Higgins, the Boyds Station Master, whose daughter was confined to a wheelchair. The bathroom facilities on the first floor were built extremely low to accommodate his invalid daughter.

A large stone step in the front yard was placed there by Rev. Richards to help him mount his horse.

The present owner removed the north side of the porch which formerly wrapped around the north and east elevations, and installed a fireplace on the north wall of the house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1890 BUILDER/ARCHITECT (Probably) James E. Williams

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was built for the first fulltime minister hired by the Presbyterian Church at Boyds Station.

In 1888, Rev. T. Davis Richards was installed as the first pastor of the Church.¹ The town of Boyds, built around the track of the Metropolitan Branch of the B&O Railroad after 1873, needed a church. James Emory Williams, Elder and Trustee of the Church, built the pastor a house adjacent to the church on his tract, Gum Spring. Rev. Richards and his wife, Sarah Ella Carl Richards, were granted the deed for the property in 1890. The cost was \$2,815 including improvements and appurtenances and 3 acres, 151 perches. Rights to a spring were reserved by Williams, and also the right to use the water to operate an hydraulic ram or pump, and a right of way to lay a pipeline in the future.²

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Rev. Richards found himself in philosophical disagreement four years later with a major founder of the church, James A. Boyd. As a result, Richards left Boyds.³ The Presbyterian Church at Boyds Station had no pastor for the next thirty-six years.

Rev. Richards became the minister of the small church in Germantown, an auxiliary of the Neelsville-Darnestown Presbyterian Church, and later became the minister at Neelsville Presbyterian Church.⁴ He bought a lot adjacent to the church for \$50.00.⁵ His wife, Sarah Ella, received a legacy from her parents' estate in 1921 and 1931. Included was the sale proceeds from the family home near the intersection of present routes 117 and 118, "Chestnut Ridge,"⁶ and fifty shares of Union Pacific Railroad stock worth \$100 each.⁷

By 1923, Rev. Richards had moved to Mountain Lake Park, Garrett County, Maryland.⁸

Rev. Richards sold his home in Boyds to James L. and Alice C. Higgins in 1896 for \$3,500.⁹ Higgins was the local stationmaster for the B&O. Higgins sold it to the present owner in 1948. The Gloyds have been active in their community; in 1959, Mrs. Gloyd founded the Boyds Civic Association, and Mr. Gloyd began the Boyds Credit Union in 1972.¹⁰

FOOTNOTES:

See Attachment Sheet A

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Mrs. Hannah Gloyd, present owner, June 22, 1979.
Land and Orphan's Court Records of Montgomery County, Md.

Vail, Earle E., The Presbyterian Church at Boyds Station, Boyds
Presbyterian Church, 1976.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3.82 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Adjacent to the Presbyterian Church at Boyds, Md., on the Church's north.

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

STATE	COUNTY
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Margaret M. Coleman

Candy Reed

Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

June 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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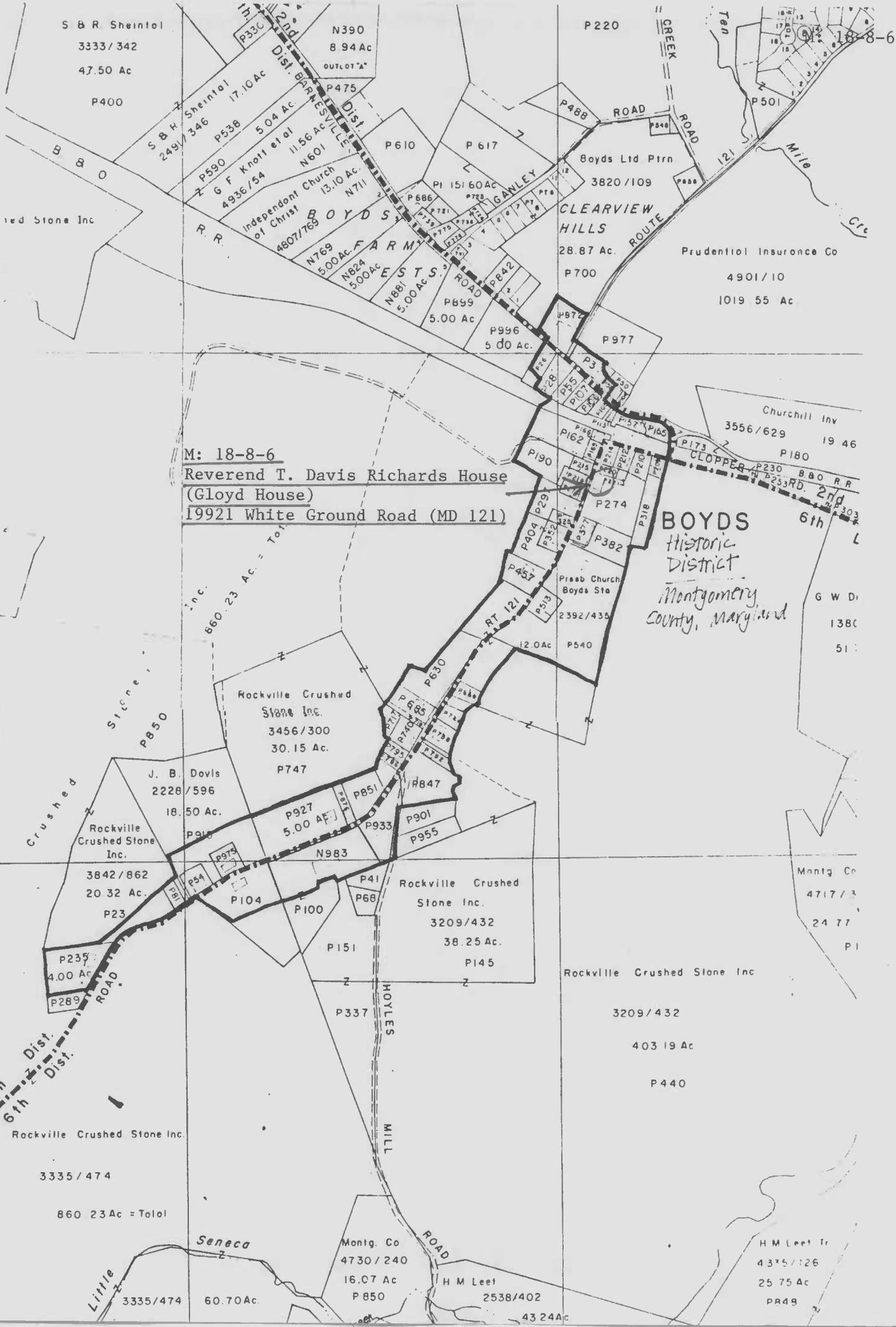
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Rev. T. Davis Richards House

FOOTNOTES:

1. Boyds Presbyterian Church Sessional Records, Vol. I., pp 8-13; (1888); p 8-13, The Church, founded in 1876, used a "stated supply" for 8 years, meaning a minister sent by the district ruling body or Presbytery who had charge of several churches, preaching in each one occasionally.
2. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., JA 23/318; (November 8, 1890). Williams was a carpenter, so probably built the house for his pastor.
3. Vail, Earle E., The Presbyterian Church at Boyds Station; Boyds Church, 1976; pp 10-12.
4. King, Betty, "The History of Neelsville Presbyterian Church", Neelsville; 1964; p. 3.
5. Land Records, Op. Cit., TD 12/452 (December 14, 1899).
6. Ibid., 270/324 (April 13, 1918).
7. Wills, HCA 9/402 (February 27, 1912).
8. Land Records, Op. Cit., 332/476 (June 7, 1923).
9. Ibid., JA 55/381 (October 1, 1896).
10. Interview with Mrs. Hannah Gloyd, present owner, (June 22, 1979).



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Reverend T. Davis Richards House
(Gloyd House)
19921 White Ground Road (MD 121)

BOYDS
Historic District
Montgomery County, Maryland

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 3333/342
 47.50 Ac
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Red Stone Inc

Crushed Stone Inc.
 660.23 Ac = Total

Crushed Stone Inc.
 3842/862
 20.32 Ac.
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Crushed Stone Inc.
 3335/474

Crushed Stone Inc.
 860.23 Ac = Total

Rockville Crushed Stone Inc.
 3456/300
 30.15 Ac.
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J. B. Davils
 2228/596
 18.50 Ac.
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Rockville Crushed Stone Inc.
 3209/432
 38.25 Ac.
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N390
 8.94 Ac
 OUTLOT "A"

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 ROAD

Boys Ltd Pfrn
 3820/109

CLEARVIEW HILLS
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Prudential Insurance Co
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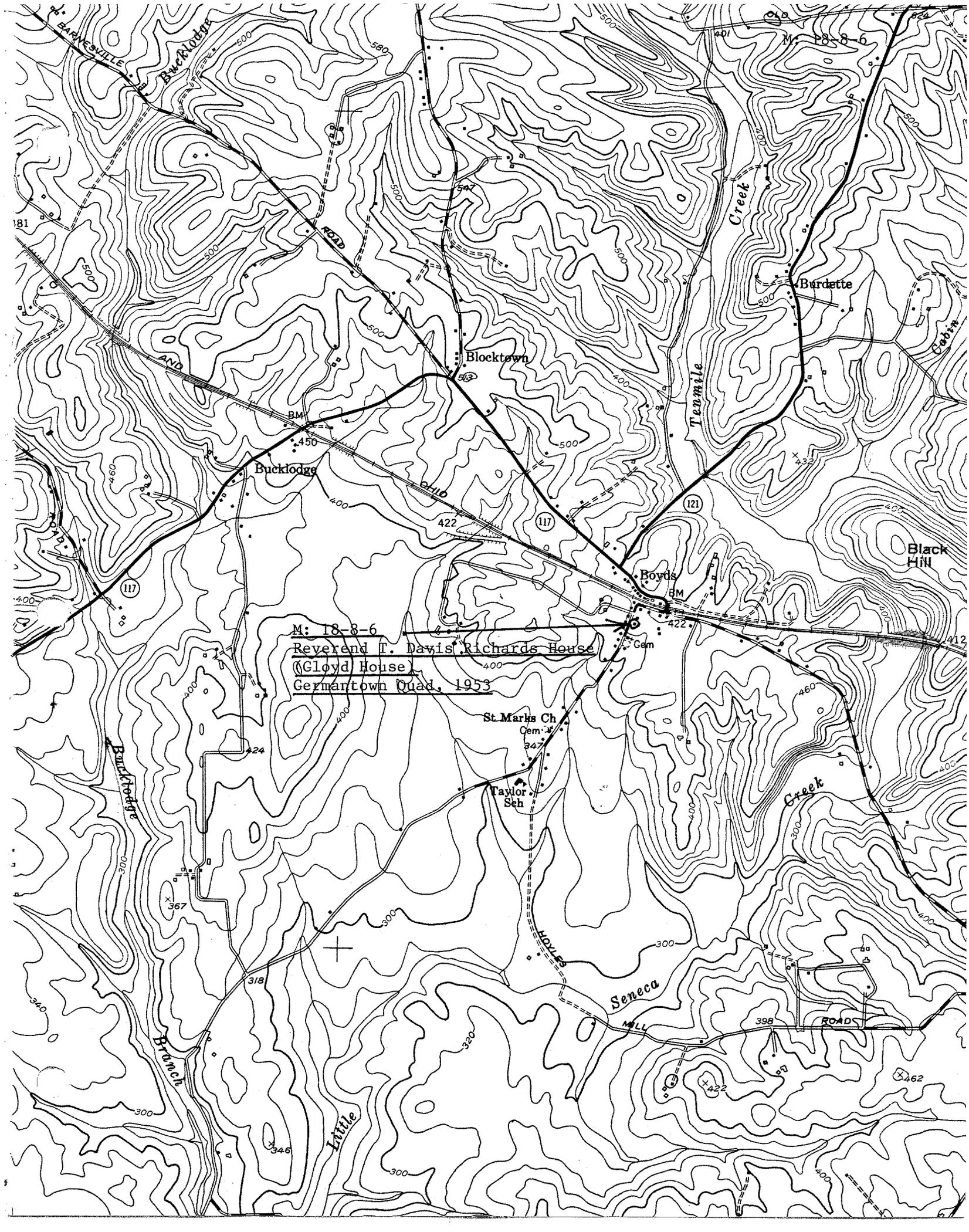
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Reverend T. Davis Richards House
(Gloyd House)
Germantown Quad, 1953



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Rev. Rich.
Hse. 19921
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