

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: Emanuel Methodist Church Inventory Number: PG 61-6a

Address: 4935 Prince George's Avenue, Beltsville, MD

Owner: Clayton E. and Roma E. Bowman

Tax Parcel Number: Lot 21 Block 23 Tax Map Number: PG 19

Project: Congestion Relief Study (Project No. PG300B11) Agency: State Highway Administration

Site visit by Staff: no yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended X

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Is property located within a historic district? X no yes Name of district \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed? no yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP Form PG 61-6a

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Emanuel Methodist Church was previously surveyed by the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission in 1985. The 1893 Gothic Revival brick church has not undergone any changes since that time. No determination of eligibility was made at the time of the previous survey.

The Emanuel Methodist Church is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A as it is not associated with events or trends significant in the development of local, state or national history. The property is not eligible under Criterion B because it is not associated with persons who have made specific contributions to history. The property is not eligible under Criterion C due to a loss of integrity. The Emanuel Methodist Church is not an example of high-style Gothic Revival. Alterations such as the large addition and conversion to apartments have lessened the building's integrity so that it cannot even be considered a good example of a vernacular Gothic Revival Church.

Prepared by: KCI Technologies, January 2000

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Eligibility recommended _____	Eligibility not recommended <u>X</u>
Criteria: <u>A</u> <u>B</u> <u>C</u> <u>D</u>	Considerations: <u>A</u> <u>B</u> <u>C</u> <u>D</u> <u>E</u> <u>F</u> <u>G</u> <u>None</u>
Comments: _____	
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>2/21/2000</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>3/23/00</u> Date

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**PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN  
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

**I. Geographic Region:**

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

**II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:**

- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period ( prehistoric  historic)

**III. Historic Period Themes:**

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

**IV. Resource Type:**

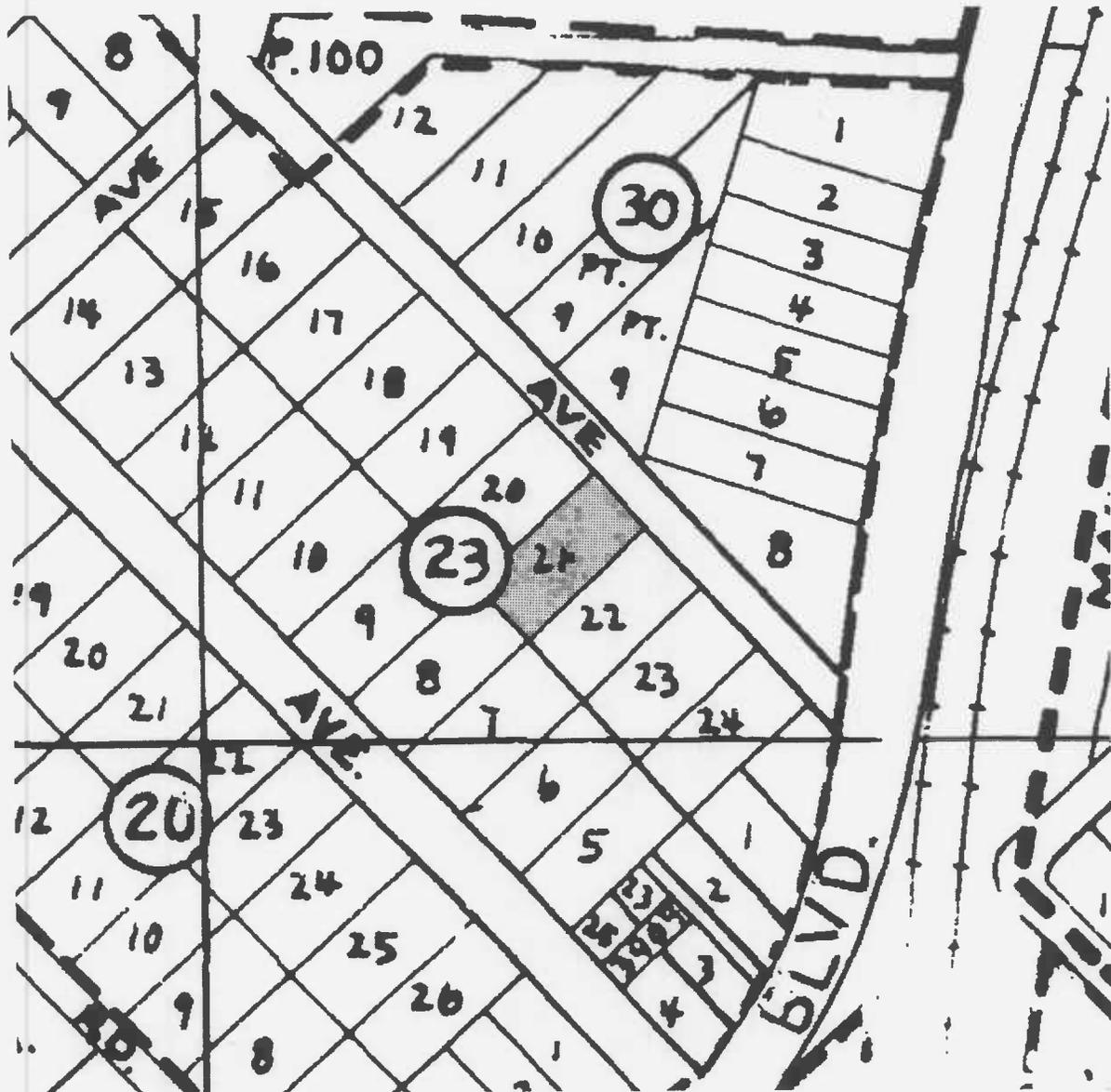
Category: Ecclesiastical  
Historic Environment: Suburban Neighborhood  
Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Church and School

Known Design Source: None

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Resource Location Map: Prince George's County Tax Map 19, Block 23, Lot 21



Montgomery-Prince George's Short Term  
Congestion Relief  
Town/County: Beltsville/Prince George's  
Quad: Beltsville, MD  
Survey No.: PG:61-6A  
Property Name: Emanuel Methodist Church





1. 1772-1800

2. EMMAHAMEL (MORLEY)

3. PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD

4. JAMES MURKIN

5. 1777

6. MARYLAND

→ NORTH PRINCE GEORGE'S AVENUE

8. 1774







1. Address
2. EMMANUEL CHURCH
3. PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD
4. JULIE MUELLER
5. 0199
6. MD STPO
7. 4435 PRINCE GEORGES AVENUE, VICTOR ST
8. 20711



1. REVENUE

2. EMMANUEL CRISOW

3. PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD

4. JULIE MULLER

5. 12/99

6. MD STPO

7. 4035 PRINCE GEORGE'S AVENUE, FIELD N

8. 4 of 4

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #61-6a Building Date: 1893

Building Name: Emanuel Methodist Church

Location: 4935 Prince George's Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

Emanuel Methodist Church stands on lot 21 of Block 23 in Beltsville; it has been converted into an apartment building. It is a two-story gable-roofed brick building which faces roughly north; cruciform in design, it has a two-story entry tower set into the northeast corner of the cross. The north, east and west gable ends of the building are covered, above the second story windows, with rectangular shingles, forming on each a decorative pediment. Centered in each pediment is a round window, in the form of a twelve-petal rose. In the three bay gable ends are two stories of 6/6 double hung sash windows which replace one story of pointed-arch windows. The cornices are plain, with a deep overhang supported by jigsaw brackets at the corners. Original entry into the church was through a door in the north side of the tower; the door has two-pane transom and two-pane sidelights. The tower has rose windows on north and east at second story level, and one pointed arch window on the east at first level. The roof of the tower is now flat. Originally it was surmounted by an open belfry with stick style brackets, bracketed cornice, and pyramidal steeple roof. The larger part of the building, to the rear of the east and west transepts, is five bays long, with a buttress between each of the bays and at the corners. The windows of the building are 6/6 double hung sash. The roof is covered with gray asphalt shingle.

Significance:

Emanuel Methodist Church is an example of a Gothic Revival brick church building which has been altered to serve as a multi-family residence. The church had its origins in Worthington Chapel which was established in 1867 as one of the churches of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. In 1892, the chapel was torn down, and some of its materials were used to construct the present church building. The cornerstone was laid in 1893, and the name of the new church was changed to Emanuel. It was cruciform in plan with an entry tower set in the northeast corner of the cross, a fine example of gothic revival ecclesiastical architecture with Queen Anne and Stick Style elements. All of its pointed-arch windows were memorials. During the 1920's, the church building was significantly enlarged by the addition on the south of the two-story brick education wing. In 1960 by a new church was constructed; the 1893 church building and the adjacent parsonage were sold in 1961 to Clinton Bowman, the current owner, who has converted both buildings into apartments. Although the building is still clearly recognizable as a church, most of its distinctive detail, e.g., stained glass windows and belfry, are now gone.

Acreage: 11,167 square feet

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Emanuel Methodist Church

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number 4935 Prince George's Avenue \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Beltsville \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Prince George's

### 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Clinton Bowman

street & number 4404 Greenwood Road telephone no.: 937-3559

city, town Upper Marlboro state and zip code Maryland 20772

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 2531

street & number Main Street folio 514

city, town Upper Marlboro, state Maryland 20772

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state  county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state MD. 20737

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Emanuel Methodist Church stands on lot 21 of Block 23 in Beltsville. Originally built as a church, it has been converted into an apartment building. It is a two-story gable-roofed brick building which faces roughly north, and has a large addition extending to the south. Cruciform in design, it has a two-story entry tower set into the northeast corner of the cross. The north, east and west gable ends of the building are covered, above the second story windows, with rectangular shingles, forming on each a decorative pediment. Centered in each pediment is a round window, in the form of a twelve-petal rose. Two shallow projecting buttresses divide the gable ends into three bays; in these bays are two stories of 6/6 double hung sash windows which replace one story of pointed-arch windows.

The cornices are plain, with a deep overhang supported by jigsaw brackets at the corners. The original entry into the church was through a door in the north side of the tower; the door has two-pane transom and two-pane sidelights. In each of the north and east facades of the tower at second story level is a rose window identical to those in the gable ends. There is one double-sash pointed-arch window at first story on the east face of the tower. The northeast corner of the tower is itself a decorative buttress. The roof of the tower is now flat. Originally it was surmounted by an open belfry with stick style brackets, bracketed cornice, and pyramidal steeple roof.

The larger part of the building, to the rear of the east and west transepts, is five bays long, with a buttress between each of the bays and at the corners. There is tall exterior brick chimney in place of the second buttress on the east side, and another near the south corner of the east transept. There is a rear entrance centered in the south gable end.

The windows of the building are 6/6 double hung sash. The roof is covered with gray asphalt shingle.

# 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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		local history

**Specific dates** 1893 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
 and/or  
 Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
 Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Emanuel Methodist Church is an example of a Gothic Revival brick church building which has been altered to serve as a multi-family residence. The church had its origins in Worthington Chapel which was established in 1867 as one of the churches of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, a group which broke from the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church when abolition of slaves was declared a condition of membership. This new brick chapel was named for Thomas H. Worthington, its organizer, and many of its members came from Pleasant Grove Methodist Church a few miles to the east. The Worthington Chapel stood on the west side of the Washington-Baltimore Turnpike, northeast of its intersection with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Beltsville.<sup>1</sup>

In 1892, under the pastorship of Reverend Register, the chapel was torn down, and some of its materials were used to construct the new (present) building at a new location just across the railroad to the west on Prince George's Avenue. The cornerstone was laid in 1893, and the name of the new church was changed to Emanuel.<sup>2</sup> It was cruciform in plan with an entry tower set in the northeast corner of the cross, a fine example of gothic revival ecclesiastical architecture with Queen Anne and Stick Style elements. All of its pointed-arch windows were memorials.

A few years after the dedication of Emanuel Church, under the pastorship of Reverend John Hawk, a frame parsonage was constructed on the adjoining lot (#22).

From 1923 to 1926, Emanuel Church operated as a station, i.e., a single church under a single clergyman, and during those years, the church building was significantly enlarged by the addition on the south of the two-story brick education wing. From 1926 to 1950 Emanuel was part of the Beltsville-Branchville Circuit of the Washington East District, sharing its pastor with North Chapel in Branchville. After 1950 it became again a station with its own clergyman.<sup>3</sup>



## 8. Continued

Emanuel Methodist Church was replaced in 1960 by a new church building a short distance away on Cedar Lane. The 1893 building and the adjacent parsonage were sold in 1961 to Clinton Bowman, the current owner, who has converted both buildings into apartments.<sup>4</sup> Although the building is still clearly recognizable as a church, most of its distinctive detail, e.g., stained glass windows and belfry, are now gone.

Notes

1 Emanuel Methodist Church records, M3524, Md. Hall of Records; WPA Church records, 1936; G.M. Hopkins Atlas of Prince George's County, 1878; A History of Beltsville, 1976.

2 ibid; G.M. Hopkins map of Washington vicinity, 1894.

3 Emanuel Methodist Church records, M3524, Md. Hall of Records.

4 P.G. County Deed #2531:514.

Chain of Title

Emanuel Methodist Church  
P.G. #61-6a

#2531:514  
28 Jan 1961  
Deed

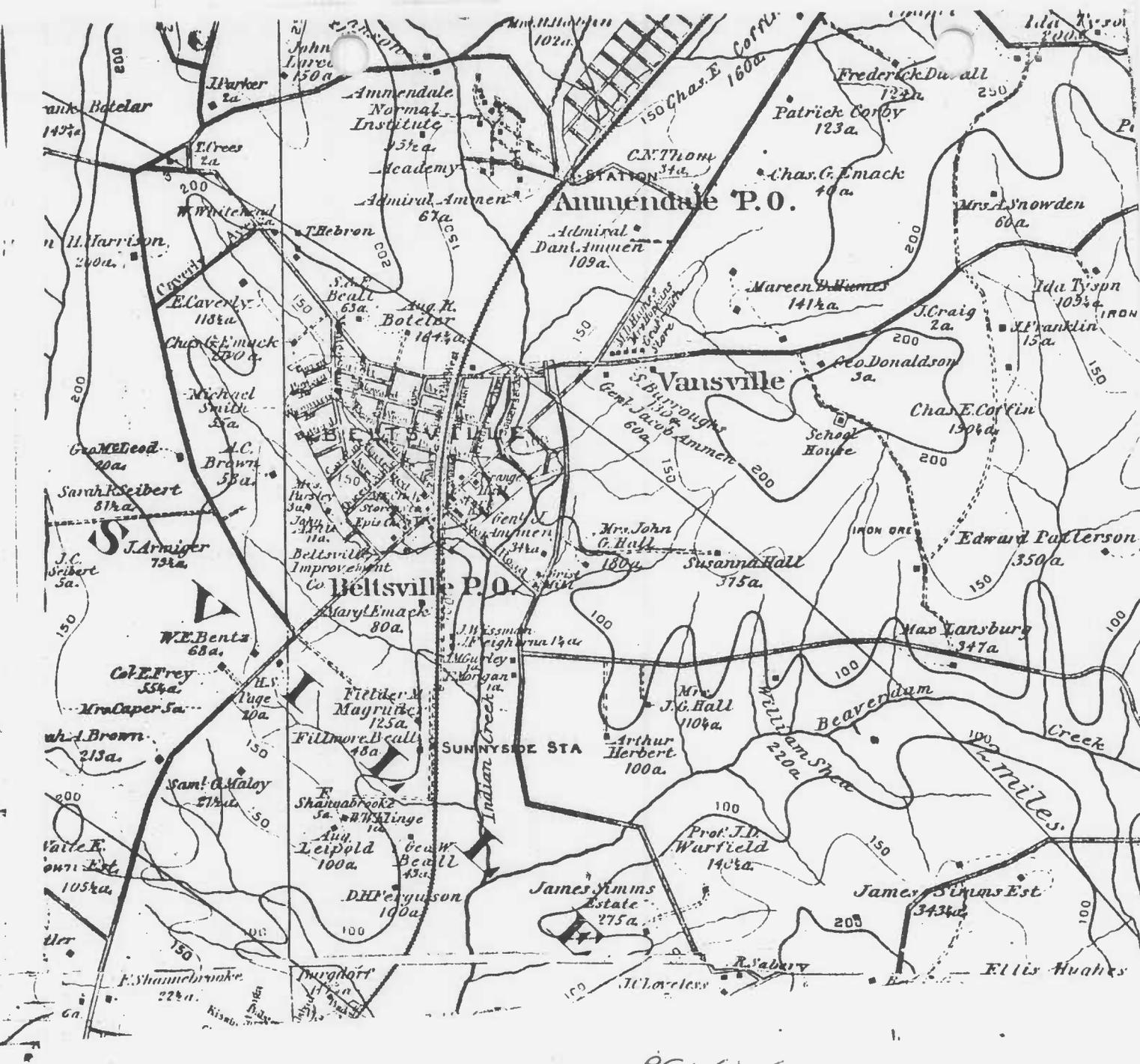
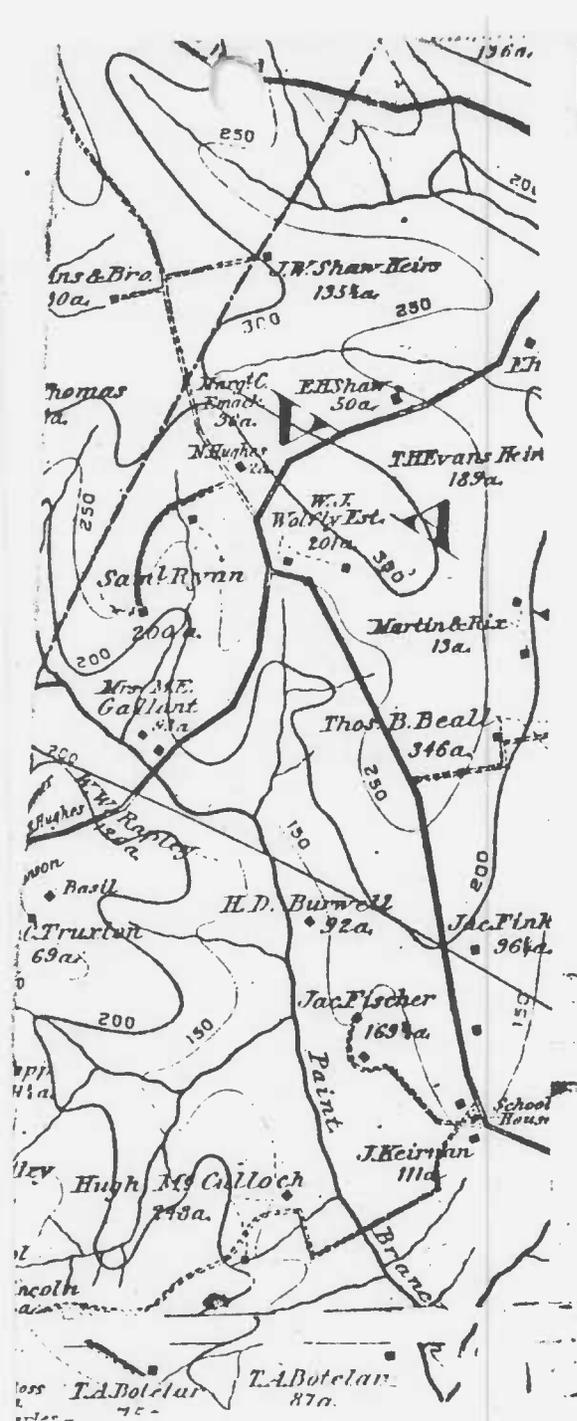
Trustees of Emmanuel (or Emanuel) Methodist Episcopal Church, to Clinton E. Bowman and Roma E. Bowman, Lots #21, 22, 23 in Block #23, Section 2, Beltsville, as per plat recorded in Plat Book JWB #5:494 and re-recorded in Plat Book A, at folios 62 and 63.

JWB #27:519  
6 Jan 1894  
Deed

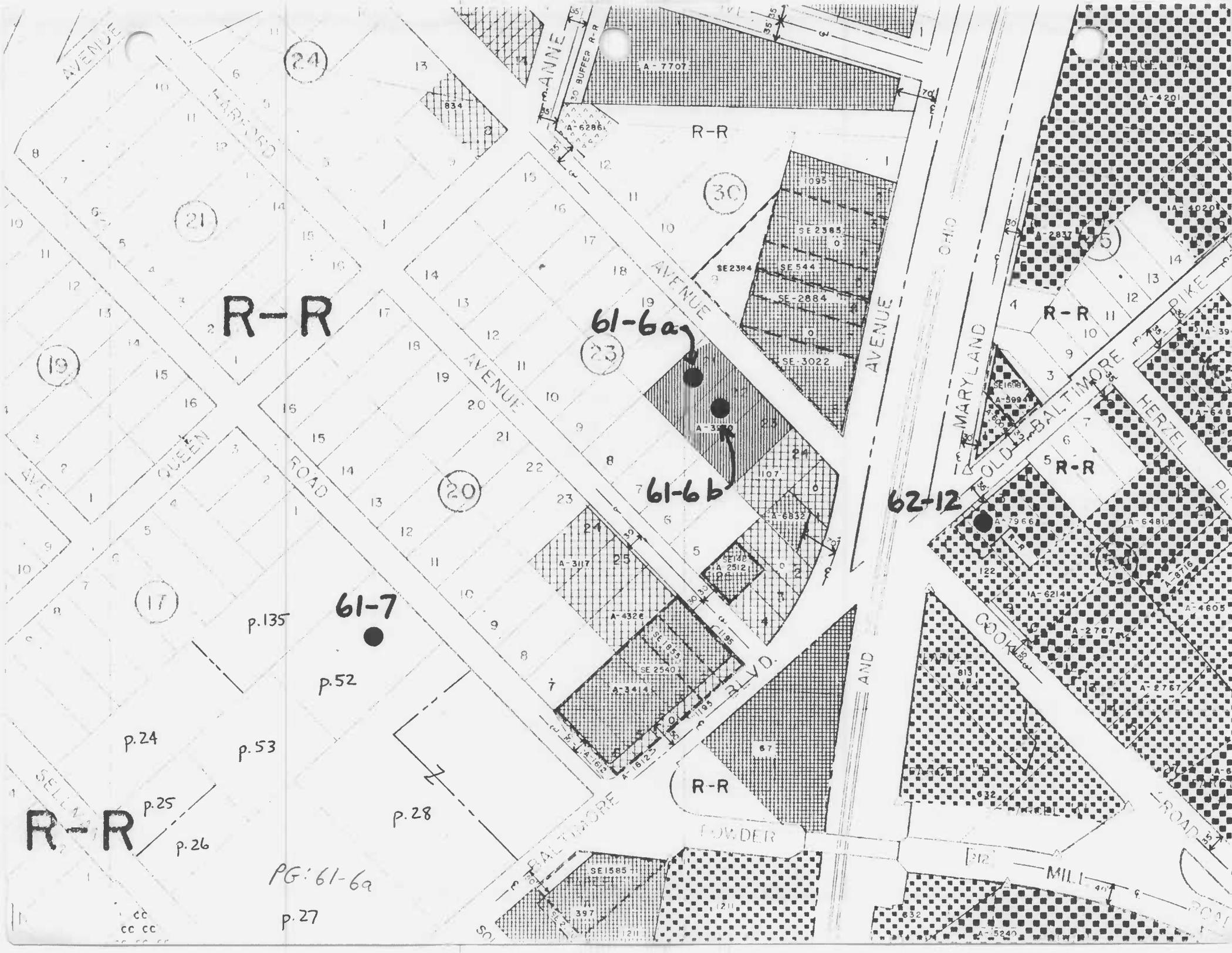
The Beltsville Land Improvement Company to The Trustees of Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal Church South, Lot 21 in Block 23 of Section 2 of Beltsville (Plat Liber JWB #5:494) being a portion of the real estate conveyed to grantor by JWB #16:201 and HB #8:325.

JWB #27:517  
2 Nov 1893  
Incorp. of  
Board of  
Trustees

Incorporation of a Board of Trustees for Emanuel Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Beltsville: Lewis C. Beall, Robert V. Hall, Theodore A. Sellman, George W. Beall, Summerfield D. Hall, George W. Harrison, and Fillmore Beall, trustees. Reverend E. V. Register, Preacher in charge of said church.



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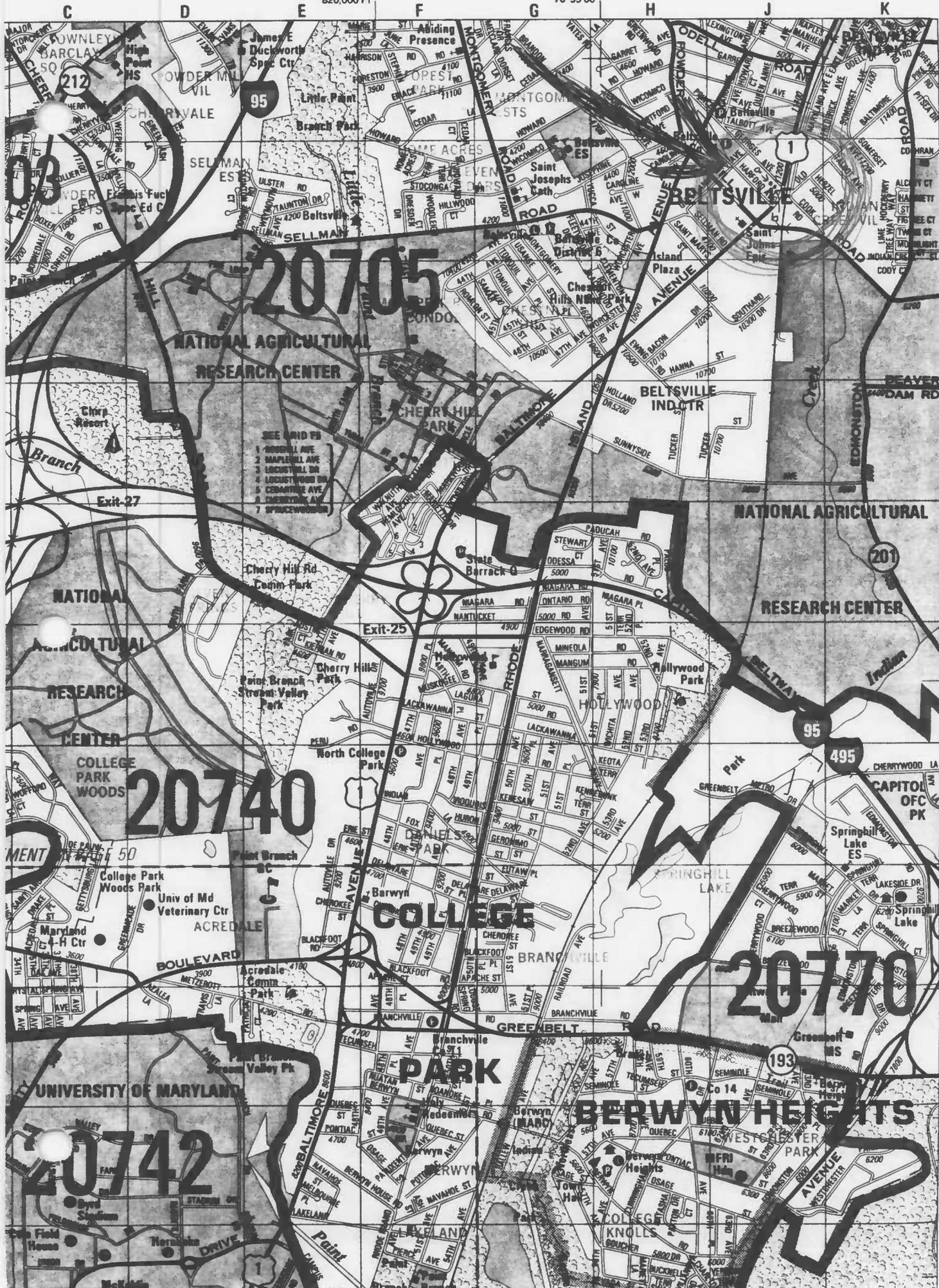
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North Park

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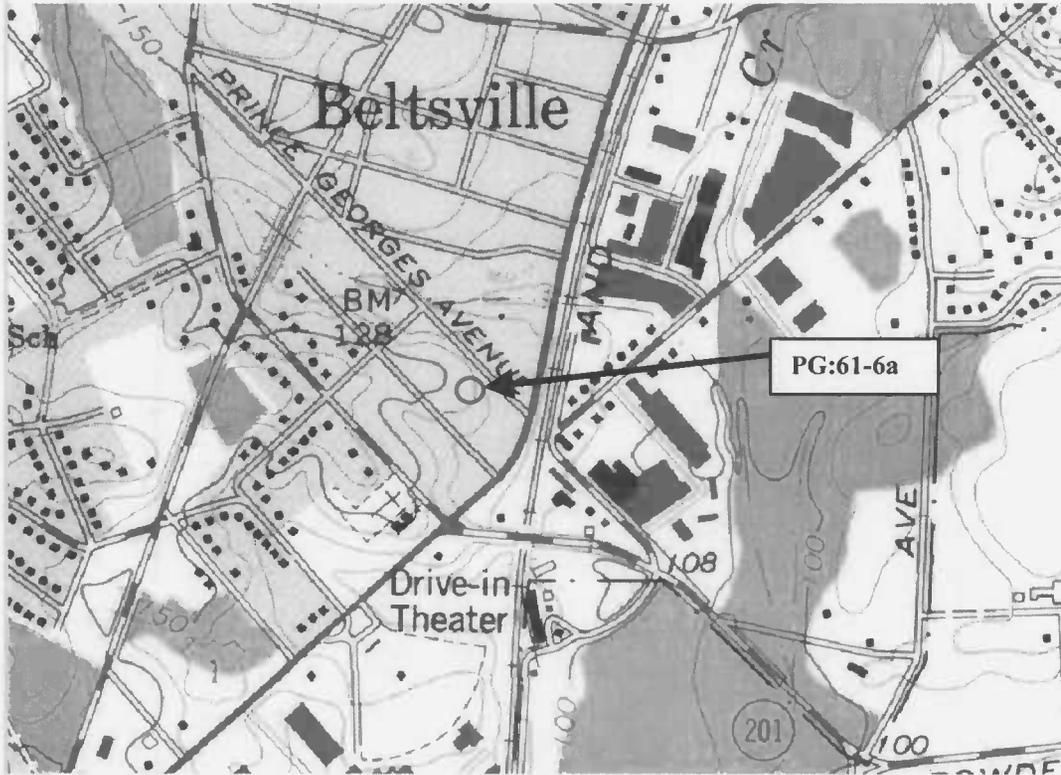
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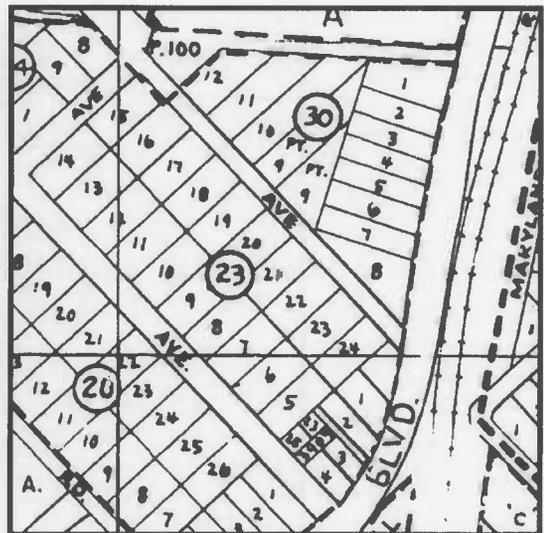
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Emanuel Methodist Church (Emmanuel Methodist Church)  
4935 Prince George's Avenue, Beltsville  
Beltsville Quadrangle



1998 Aerial Photo

Tax Map 19





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Emmanuel Methodist Church

Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

Northeast 3/4 elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G.#61-6a

Emmanuel Methodist Church  
Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

East elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Emmanuel Methodist Church  
Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

East elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.



P.G.#61-6a

Emmanuel Methodist Church  
Prince George's County, MD

Su  
Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

West elevation

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