

P. G. #70-28

Brookland Methodist Episcopal Church (Dorsey Chapel) 1900  
10704 Brookland Road  
Glenn Dale, Md.  
Priv/Unocc/Relig/Deteriorated

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In 1895, one-half acre of land in Glenn Dale was deeded to five Black men as trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the purpose of establishing a place of worship for the local Black community. The small frame chapel was completed five years later; the cornerstone is inscribed "Brookland M.E. Church, September 16, 1900." It remained in nearly continuous use until 1971 when its congregation merged with the white congregation of Perkins Chapel to form the Glenn Dale United Methodist Church. Dorsey Chapel has been vacant since that time, and negotiations are underway between Glenn Dale U.M. Church and M-NCPPC regarding transfer of title and restoration of the building. The chapel is significant as an example of late Victorian rural chapel architecture, and because of its long association with the rural Black population of the Glenn Dale - Bowie area.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #70-28 Building Date: 1900

Building Name: Dorsey Chapel

Location: 10704 Brookland Road, Glenn Dale, Maryland

Private/Religious/Unoccupied/Deteriorated/Inaccessible

Description

Dorsey Chapel is a small frame meetinghouse style church, distinguished by its steeply pitched gable roof and the ornamental shingle covering of its principal gable front. The building is three bays by three bays, circa 20 by 30 feet. Entrance is in the central bay of the south gable front; above the door is a six-light fanlight. Sheltering this entrance is a steeply pitched gable canopy, which repeats the lines of the church roof. The chapel is covered with German siding painted white, as are the corner boards and all of the trim. Windows are gothic-arched, 6/2 double hung sash; surrounds are of plain board and there are plain wood sills. The only opening in the north elevation is a small round altar window set high in the gable end. The building rests on a foundation of local iron-bearing sandstone; there is no basement. At the east corner of the south foundation is a corner stone which reads "Brookland M.E. Church, Sept. 16, 1900". The principal decoration of the chapel is the shingle siding of the south gable front; alternating courses of sawtooth and rectangular shingles add considerable variety to the surface. Centered in the gable is a small bullseye ornament.

Significance

Dorsey Chapel is a good example of a turn-of-the-century meetinghouse style chapel; it is distinguished by its steeply pitched gable roof with Gothic Revival and Queen Anne style decorative elements, and the ornamental shingle covering of its principal gable front. The town of Glennville (now Glenn Dale) was subdivided in 1871 on land which bordered the lateral line of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad southwest of Bowie. A small village grew up at this railroad crossing; a group of black farmers began to settle on land to the north, and the community came to be known as Brookland. In 1895, five trustees purchased one-half acre of land "for the purpose of establishing a place of worship". The church was constructed in 1900, and was known as Dorsey Chapel after its first pastor. Since 1971 Dorsey Chapel has stood vacant and in deteriorating condition. It is a rare surviving example in Prince George's County of this type of small meetinghouse chapel, and since 1900 has been the focal point of the black community of Brookland.

Acreage: .5 acre

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Brookland M. E. Church

and/or common Dorsey Chapel (preferred)

## 2. Location

street & number 10704 Brookland Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Glenn Dale \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
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## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Glenn Dale U.M. Church c/o Rev. Galen Menne

street & number Good Luck and Springfield Roads telephone no.: 262-2299

city, town Glenn Dale state and zip code Md. 20769

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P. G. Co. Courthouse liber 1184

street & number Main Street folio 278

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

## 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 Historic Preservation Commission c/o M-NCPPC

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md. 20772

# 7. Description

Survey No. P.G. #70-28

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

Dorsey Chapel is a small frame meetinghouse style church which stands on a level wooded lot in the semi-rural community of Brookland. It is distinguished by its steeply pitched gable roof and the ornamental shingle covering of its principal gable front.

The building is three bays by three bays, circa 20 by 30 feet. Entrance is in the central bay of the south gable front through a narrow double door, each leaf of which has two vertical panels over two vertical panels. Above the door is a modified bead-and-reel molding, and above the molding is a six-light fanlight with six panes arranged in delicate tulip pattern. Around the door and transom is a round-arch surround of plain board. The door is currently boarded up with plywood, but the fanlight is exposed, and the glass is broken.

Sheltering this entrance is a steeply pitched gable canopy, which repeats the same lines as the church roof. The canopy is supported only by large brackets composed of chamfered struts. The underside of the canopy roof is finished with narrow board wainscoting, and the roof is covered with gray asphalt shingle. There is an entry stoop of poured concrete.

The chapel is covered with German siding painted white, as are the corner boards and all of the trim. Windows are gothic-arched, 6/2 double hung sash, with six tulip-pattern lights in the upper sash. Surrounds are of plain board and there are plain wood sills. All of the six gothic-arch windows which light the nave have been boarded up with plywood. All of the glass is broken; it appears to have been an opaque white milk glass. The only opening in the north (rear) elevation is a small round altar window set high in the gable end; it is filled with frosted glass (now broken) and has a plain board surround with keystone motif above and below.

The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with gray asphalt shingle; the west plane of the roof is badly damaged. The narrow boxed cornice has a considerable overhang; its only decoration is a turned pendant at the apex on the south. A turned finial rises from this point at the apex of the south gable front. A small brick stove chimney (in ruinous condition) rises from the center of the east plane. The building rests on a foundation of local iron-bearing sandstone; there is no basement. At the east corner of the south foundation is a dark gray corner stone; the inscription reads

Brookland M.E.  
Church  
Sept. 16, 1900.

The principal decoration of this small rural chapel is the shingle siding of the south gable front. Alternating courses of different types of decorative shingle add considerable variety to the surface. Filling the apex of the gable are six courses of sawtooth shingles; below are six courses of rectangular shingles; then six courses of sawtooth shingles, and six more of rectangular shingles. Below these a single course of tiny sawtooth shingles forms a lower border at eave level, separating the decorative gable from the German siding below. Centered in the gable, above the canopied entrance, is a small bullseye ornament: a plain circular board surround enclosing scalloped shingle decoration.

The interior of the church is in ruinous condition, particularly the floor and the west wall. There is a molded chair-rail below which the walls are clad with narrow beaded wainscoting. The wainscoting has a raised rectangular pattern in the north exterior wall behind the altar. Surrounds of the gothic-arch windows are two-step with a bold profile. A circular metal light fixture hangs from the ceiling near the center of the nave; it is fitted with electric bulbs, but appears to have been originally a gas fixture.

To the east of the chapel stands a small one-story shed. It is two bays wide with entrance in the second bay of the south facade. It has a nearly flat roof, and is covered with German siding.

About 1,000 feet to the east, on a separate 2.5 acre lot fronting also on Brookland Road, is a small burial ground with a few markers of stone and concrete.

# 8. Significance

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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 1900

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.

Dorsey Chapel is a good example of a turn-of-the-century meetinghouse style chapel. It is distinguished by its steeply pitched gable roof with its Gothic Revival and Queen Anne style decorative elements, and the ornamental shingle covering of its principal gable front; it is a rare surviving example of this type in Prince George's County.

The town of Glennville (now Glenn Dale) was subdivided in 1871 by John Glenn and Edmund B. Duvall on land which bordered the lateral line of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad southwest of Bowie. Within a few years a small village grew up at this railroad crossing, including a store and post office, sawmill and blacksmith shop. A mission chapel of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church was established at Glennville in 1873.<sup>1</sup>

Within a few years of the establishment of Glennville, a small group of black farmers began to settle on land a short distance to the north; this black community came to be known as Brookland. In 1889 Brookland residents, Thomas Williams, Eli Harrison, George Hawkins and William Jackson, acting as trustees for the Western Star Lodge, bought 2 acres of land out of the estate of Shadrack Beall.<sup>2</sup> On this land they built a meeting hall which they called the Good Samaritan Lodge; one of the trustees, Eli Harrison, began conducting worship services in the lodge because the nearest places of worship were at Pleasant Grove and Bowie, each approximately 2 1/2 miles from Brookland. By the early 1890's the community began to raise money to build a church; in 1895, trustees Edward Harrison, George Hawkins, Alfred Johnson, William West and Washington Williams, purchased another one-half acre from the Beall estate, approximately 800 feet west of the Lodge "for the purpose of establishing a place of worship" and "for the benefit and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church".<sup>3</sup> Over the next five years, more funds were raised through dinners and camp meetings; the church was constructed in 1900. The cornerstone reads "Brookland M.E. Church, Sept. 16, 1900", but from the very early days it was known as Dorsey Chapel after its first pastor, Reverend A. B. Dorsey.

Dorsey Chapel was on the same charge with Ross Methodist Church in Bowie and Carroll Chapel in Mitchellville, and later with Ross and Ebenezer Church in Lanham. A parsonage for the minister who served all three missions churches was built next to Ross Memorial on Eleventh Street in Bowie.<sup>4</sup>

Dorsey Chapel was in nearly continuous use from the time of its construction until 1971. The wooded lot which adjoined it on the west was the scene of many camp meetings, and the Western Star Lodge lot became the church cemetery. In 1971 the congregation of Perkins Chapel in Springfield (white) and Dorsey Chapel in Brookland (black) merged to form Glenn Dale United Methodist Church. The combined congregations began to meet in the new brick church which had been built in 1965 on land adjoining Perkins Chapel.<sup>5</sup>

Since 1971 Dorsey Chapel has stood vacant and in deteriorating condition. In 1980, after an attempt to demolish the building, negotiations began between the owner church (Glenn Dale Methodist Church) and several County groups regarding transfer of the property and adaptation of the building for reuse as a museum or community center. A group known as the Friends of Dorsey Chapel has been formed; this group will probably receive title to the property in 1988, and will pursue the restoration of the building.

Dorsey Chapel is a rare surviving example in Prince George's County of this type of small meetinghouse chapel. Distinguished by its gothic-arch windows and Queen Anne style shingle decoration, it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a late Victorian rural chapel. Of the nine black Methodist churches of the early twentieth century which are included in the Prince George's County Historic Sites and Districts Plan, Dorsey Chapel is the only one which has a decorative shingled entry gable. All others have plain siding, and either small gabled entry vestibules or bell towers.<sup>6</sup>

Dorsey Chapel has since 1900 been the focal point of the black community of Brookland. It exemplifies the cultural, religious and historical heritage of Prince George's County, and in particular the black heritage of the County.

Notes

1 Prince George's County Plat JWB #6:209. See also MHT Inventory Form PG #70-27.

2 Prince George's County Deed JWB #13:41.

3 Prince George's County Deed #1184:278; Metelsky, Sonia S., "Homecoming Memories of Glenn Dale United Methodist Church", 1984.

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STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM  
Statement of Significance (continued)

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4 See MHT Inventory Form #71B-2 (II), Bowie District; Souvenir Program, Ebenezer Methodist Church, 1953.

5 Metelsky, op. cit., See also MHT Inventory Form PG #64-5.

6 See MHT Inventory Forms PG #71B-2 (II), #74B-6, #74B-10, #76B-8, #79-20, #84-14, #86B-5, #87A-10.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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cf. Chain of Title  
cf. Notes, Item # 8

# 10. Geographical Data

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TM #36, parcel 19  
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UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research/Architectural Historian

organization P. G. Co. Historic Preservation Commission date April 1988

street & number c/o M-NCPPC, #4010, C.A.B. telephone 952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No. 1701144608

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Brookland M. E. Church

and/or common Dorsey Chapel

## 2. Location

street & number 10704 Brookland Road \_\_\_ not for publicationcity, town Glenn Dale \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 5state Maryland county Prince George

## 3. Classification

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street & number Good Luck and Springfield Roads telephone no.: 262-2299city, town Glenn Dale, state and zip code Md., 20769

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P. G. Co. Courthouse liber 1184street & number Main Street folio 278city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title P. G. Co. Inventory of Historic Sites

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

depository for survey records Calvert Mansion, 4811 Riverdale Rd.

city, town Riverdale, state Md. 20737

# 7. Description

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# 8. Significance

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**Specific dates**      1900      **Builder/Architect**

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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.

In March of 1895, Margaret and Mary Beall deeded one half acre of their land to five black men (George Hawkins, William West, Washington Williams, Edward Harrison, and Alfred Johnson), as trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the purpose of establishing a place of worship for members of the local Black community. Five years later the church was built; the cornerstone of the church has the inscription "Brookland M. E. Church, September 16, 1900."

The chapel was in nearly continuous use until circa 1970. In 1971, the Black congregation of Dorsey Chapel merged with the white congregation of Perkins Chapel to form the new Glenn Dale United Methodist Church, and Dorsey Chapel has been vacant from that time.

The chapel is significant not only as an example of late Victorian rural chapel architecture, but because of its long association with the rural Black population of the Glenn Dale - Bowie area. It was nearly destroyed late in 1980, but negotiations are underway between Glenn Dale United Methodist Church and M-NCPPC, regarding transfer of title and restoration of the building.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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P. G. Co. Deeds #1184:278

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# 11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Riverdale, state Maryland

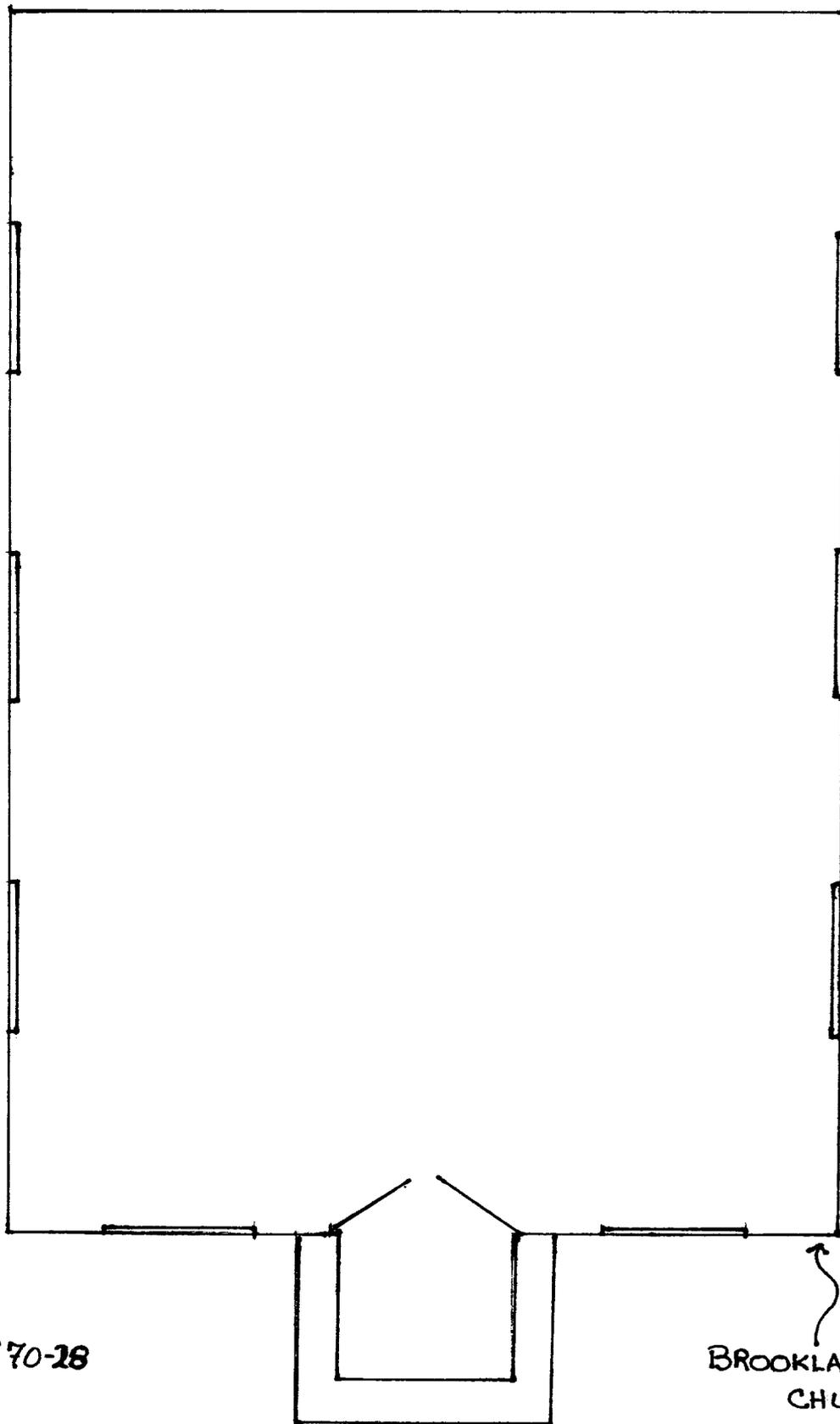
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SEPT. 16. 1900



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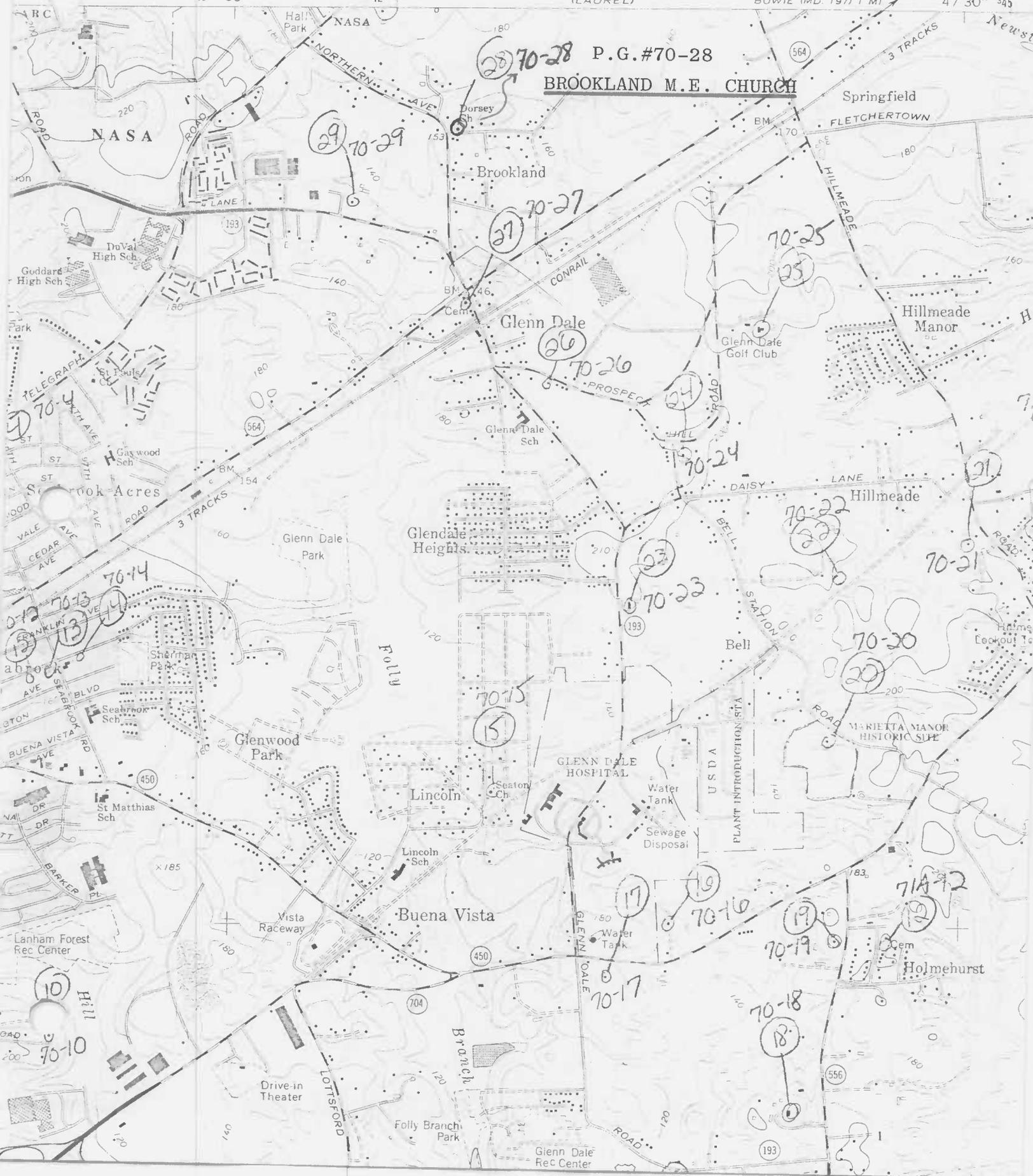
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NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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<b>1. NAME</b>							
COMMON: Dorsey Church							
AND/OR HISTORIC: Brookland ME Church							
<b>2. LOCATION</b>							
STREET AND NUMBER: Brookland Road							
CITY OR TOWN: Bowie							
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Prince George's					
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>							
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC		
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<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"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)							
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments			
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious					
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific					
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>							
OWNER'S NAME: Virginia E. Jackson							
STREET AND NUMBER: 128 53rd St. SE							
CITY OR TOWN: Washington, DC			STATE:				
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>							
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Prince George's County Courthouse							
STREET AND NUMBER:							
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			STATE: Maryland				
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):							
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>							
TITLE OF SURVEY: None							
DATE OF SURVEY:							
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local							
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:							
STREET AND NUMBER:							
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:				

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building is a late 19th century vernacular gothic frame structure with a patterned shingle gable and bracketed canopy over the stoop. The windows are pointed arch; there is one on either side of the entrance and three along each side; the mullions are curved to form arched lights. The openings have unmolded, board surrounds instead of molded architraves.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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[Empty area for Statement of Significance]

**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE:	COUNTY:

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC

DATE: 2/15/73

STREET AND NUMBER:  
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring

STATE: Maryland

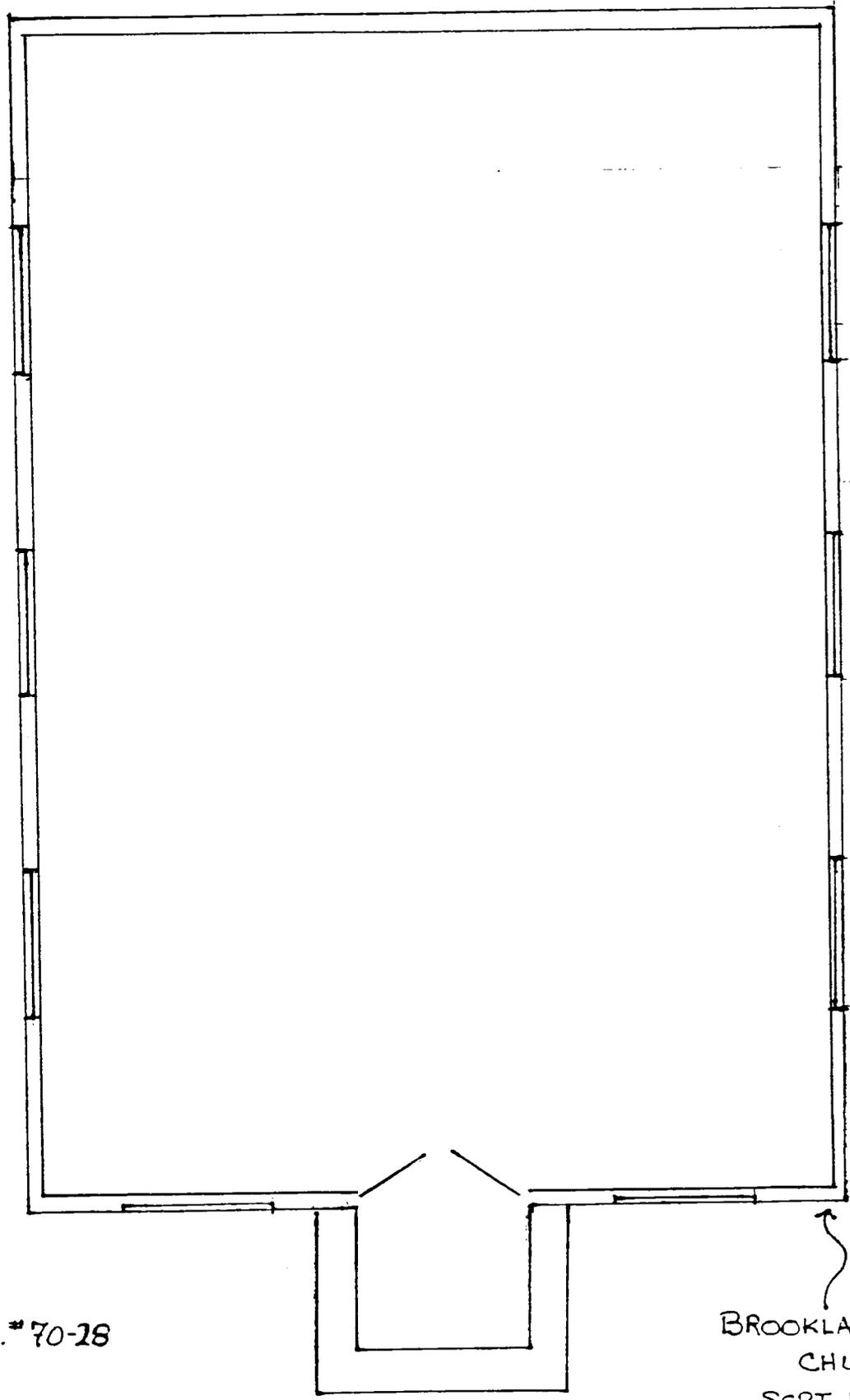
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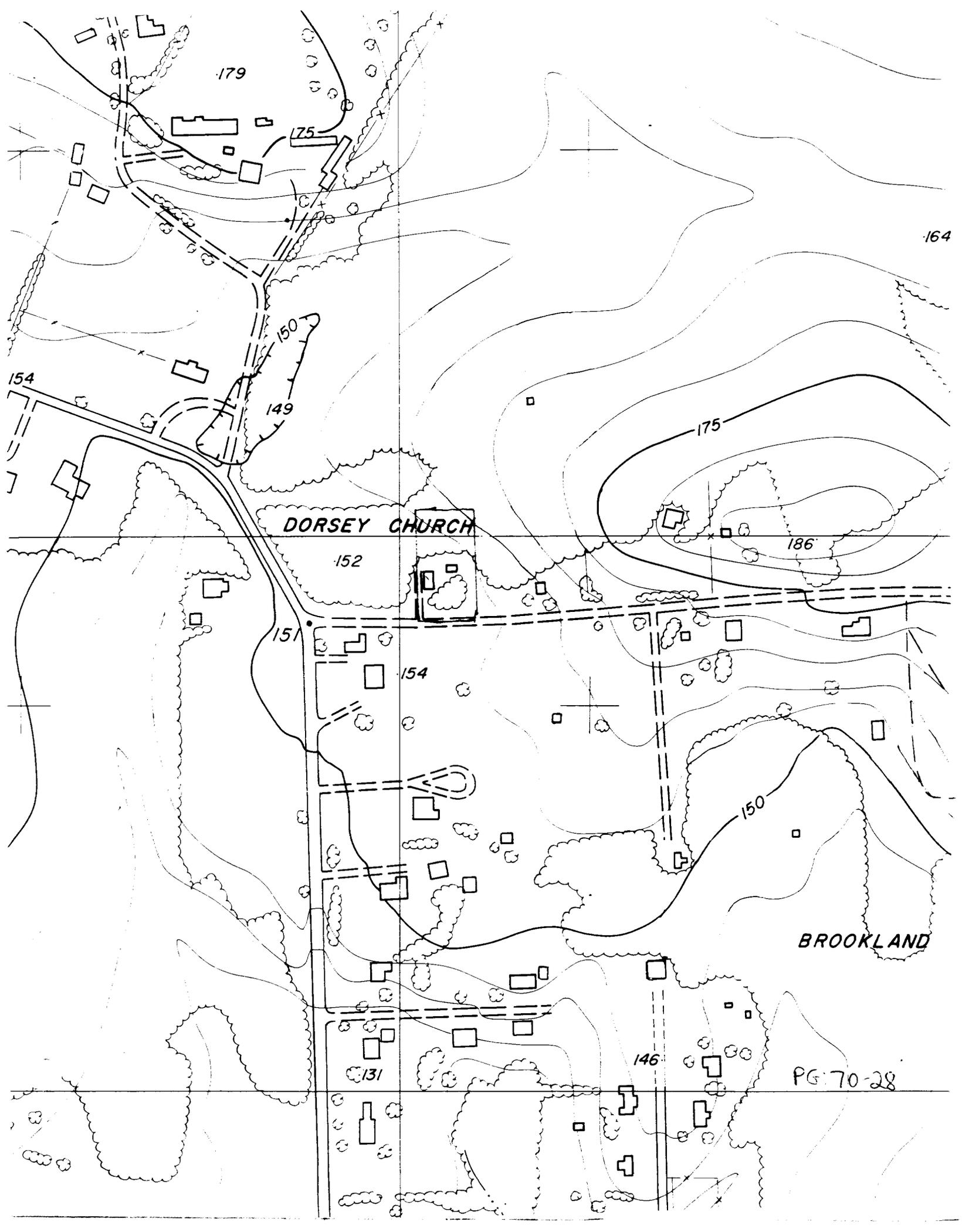
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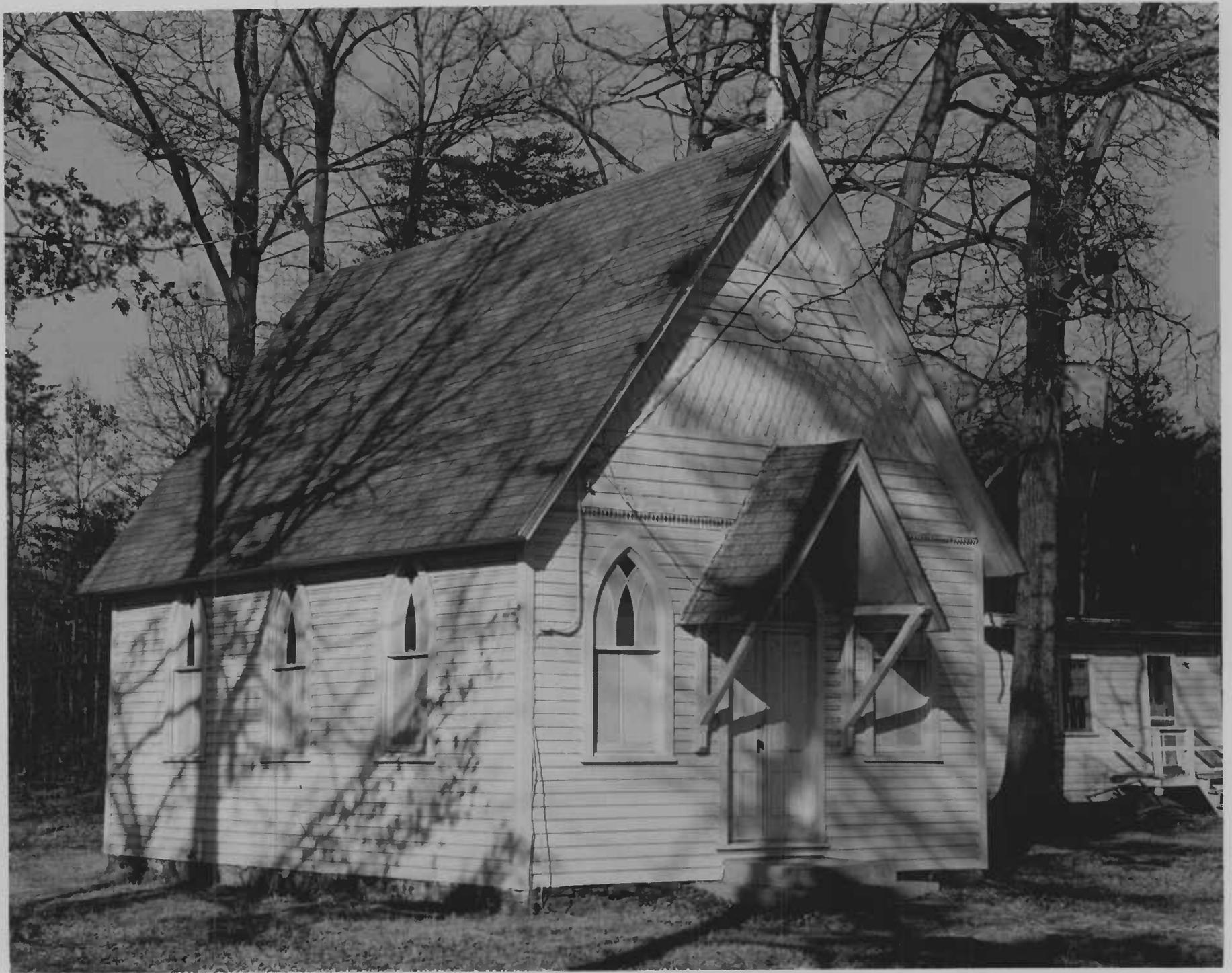
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Interior, Southwest  
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Interior, view to north

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