

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #70-51 Building Date: 1887, 1941, 1955

Building Name: Hynesboro Baptist Church

Location: 9112 4th Street, Lanham, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Excellent/Inaccessible

Description

The Hynesboro Baptist Church was originally a frame front-gabled meeting house with a central entry tower. It is now a one-story, L-shaped, crossgable dwelling, of frame construction covered with aluminum siding. It consists of a front-gabled main block, which was the original church structure, to which has been added an easterly ell wing, and an attached garage. Entrance is in the central bay of the main south gable front; it was in this location that once stood the entry tower of the church. Windows in the main block are 2/2 double hung sash, filled with clear glass, and have white louvered aluminum shutters. The building is covered with dark red aluminum siding and rests on a brick foundation. There is an exterior brick chimney (built in the 1940's) on the east elevation. In 1955 an easterly one-story wing was built at right angles to the main block, giving the house an L shape. To the east, a nearly-flat-roof garage is attached to the northeast corner of the wing.

Significance

The Hynesboro Baptist church is an example of a small church building which has been converted to residential use. It was built in 1887 by a group of families who had settled in the small suburban retreat of Hynesboro Park, platted in that same year. For the next generation, the Hynesboro Baptist Church was a focal point in the community, serving not only as a place of worship, but as a civic association meeting place. In 1890, the church and lot were sold to two trustees, for use as "a mission preaching station and Sunday School". By the 1930's the chapel had gone out of use as a place of worship, and, the property was sold to a speculator/landlord who converted the small church building into a private dwelling; the tower was removed and replaced with a one-story entry porch, the interior was divided, and a fireplace and chimney were built in the east wall. In 1954, the house and lot were sold to the present owners, who in the following year built the east ell wing. The converted building stands on wooded grounds in a residential community. It has a long history associated with the Baptist Church and the Hynesboro community, but its alterations and its situation give it the appearance of a contemporary suburban rambler.

Acreage: 15,000 square feet

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DOE  yes  no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Hynesboro Baptist Church

and/or common L. B. Hart House

## 2. Location

street & number 9112 4th Street  not for publication

city, town Lanham  Seabrook vicinity of congressional district 5

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hart

street & number 9112 4th Street telephone no.:

city, town Lanham state and zip code Maryland 20706

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 3115

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 342

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

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

The Hynesboro Baptist Church was originally a frame front-gabled meeting house with a central entry tower. The tower has been removed, and an L-shaped wing has been added (1955) to the building, giving it the appearance of a contemporary suburban rambler. It stands on a residential lot in the 1886 subdivision of Hynesboro Park, now part of Seabrook.

The Hynesboro Baptist Church building is now a one-story, L-shaped, crossgable dwelling, of frame construction covered with aluminum siding. It consists of a front-gabled main block, three bays by three, which was the original church structure, and to which has been added an easterly ell wing, two bays by three, and an attached garage. Entrance is in the central bay of the main south gable front; it was in this location that once stood the entry tower of the church. This original entry tower was two stories high with pyramidal roof, and with small rectangular louvered windows at second level. Entrance was through a double door with a single-pane transom, and the transom was filled with stained glass. Today the entrance is through a modern panelled door, and it is sheltered by a small shed-roof entry porch with turned posts and concrete steps and floor. The entrance is flanked by a 2/2 double hung sash window on each side.

A turn-of-the-century photograph shows that the original chapel was covered with plain horizontal board painted white, and its gable roof was covered with dark metal. The 1/1 double hung sash windows were filled with stained glass and had dark louvered wood shutters. Today the windows in the main block are 2/2 double hung sash, filled with clear glass, and have white louvered aluminum shutters. The building is covered with dark red aluminum siding and the gable roof is covered with pinkish-gray asbestos shingle. The eaves are finished with narrow-banded white aluminum soffits. The building rests on a brick foundation; there is no basement. There is an exterior brick chimney (built in the 1940's) between first and second bays on the east elevation, and an interior chimney in the west plane. There is a side entrance nearly centered in the west elevation; it enters into the central section of the main block which has been converted into a kitchen. The interior of the main block has been substantially modernized, but in the principal rooms of the main block the multi-band moldings and bullseye cornerblocks survive.

The central entry tower was removed from the church in the 1940's, when the building was converted into a residence. In 1955 an easterly wing was built at right angles to the main block, giving the house an L shape. The wing is one story high, three bays by two. Windows are modern 2/2 (horizontal pane), and siding and roof covering are the same as the main block. The foundation is of concrete.

To the east, a nearly-flat-roof garage is attached to the northeast corner of the wing. The house is framed by large old oaks, and the rear (north) of the lot is bounded by an unpaved alley (part of the original platted subdivision of 1886).

The turn-of-the-century photograph of the church shows a front-gabled frame Sunday School building standing behind the church to the north. It had an entrance through a panelled door in the south gable front, and its 6/6 windows had a dark trim which contrasted with the white horizontal board siding. The Sunday School building appears in this photograph to have been about the same size as the church. There are no visible traces of the building today. The photograph shows that both buildings were enclosed by a picket fence; the individual boards were finished at the top in spearhead shape.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below					
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion		
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Local history

Specific dates 1887 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.

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The Hynesboro Baptist church is an example of a small church building which has been converted to residential use. It was built in 1887 by a group of families who had settled in the small suburban retreat of Hynesboro Park, platted in that same year.

In 1886, Thomas Hynes had his land known as Bacon Hall, which lay along the Washington spur of the Pennsylvania Railroad, surveyed and platted as Hynesboro Park, a suburban residential retreat, easily accessible from Washington by the railroad.<sup>1</sup> The community of Hynesboro began to develop, populated by Washington residents who built dwellings, some of which were vacation retreats and some year-round homes.<sup>2</sup>

In 1886, Hynes sold to Mary and Levi Meredith a single lot (#17) in Block 2 of the Hynesboro Park subdivision.<sup>3</sup> The Merediths were among a group of families which established and began to build the small Baptist church on that lot in the following year. From that time for the next generation, the Hynesboro Baptist Church was a focal point in the community, serving not only as a place of worship, but as a meeting place for lawn parties and civic association functions. In 1890, the Merediths, who lived in Washington, sold the church and lot to two trustees, for use as "a mission preaching station and Sunday School under the direction of the Executive Board of the Columbia Association of Baptist Churches".<sup>4</sup> From 1894 to 1906, the church was served by a missionary pastor supported by the Columbia Association.<sup>5</sup>

By the 1930's the chapel had gone out of use as a place of worship, and, by terms of the 1890 deed, the property reverted to the Second Baptist Church of Washington.<sup>6</sup> This church sold the property in 1941 to Walter Hardisty, a speculator/landlord who converted the small church

building into a private dwelling.<sup>7</sup> Hardisty removed the central entry tower from the south gable front, and replaced it with a one-story entry porch. The interior was divided into parlor spaces, and a fireplace and chimney were built in the east wall. In 1954, Hardisty sold the house and lot to the present owners, who in the following year built the east ell wing.<sup>8</sup>

The converted building stands on wooded and landscaped grounds made up of a group of lots. It has a long history associated with the Baptist Church and the Hynesboro community. It is in excellent condition, but its alterations and its situation in this residential community give it the appearance of a contemporary suburban Rambler.

Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Plat JWB #7:716.
- 2 See MHT Forms P.G. #70-5 and #70-40.
- 3 Prince George's County Deed JWB #8:45.
- 4 Prince George's County Deed JWB #16:237.
- 5 See Prince George's County Deed #592:174.
- 6 See Prince George's County Deeds JWB #16:237, #592:174.
- 7 Prince George's County Deed #693:190.
- 8 Prince George's County Deed #1702:382.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Chain of Title  
See Notes, Item #8

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 15,000 square feet

Tax map 44 4370 Block 2, Lot 17

Quadrangle name Lanham

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

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

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Susan G. Pearl, Research/Architectural Historian		
organization	Historic Preservation Commission c/o Area Plans (E/S)	date	June 1989
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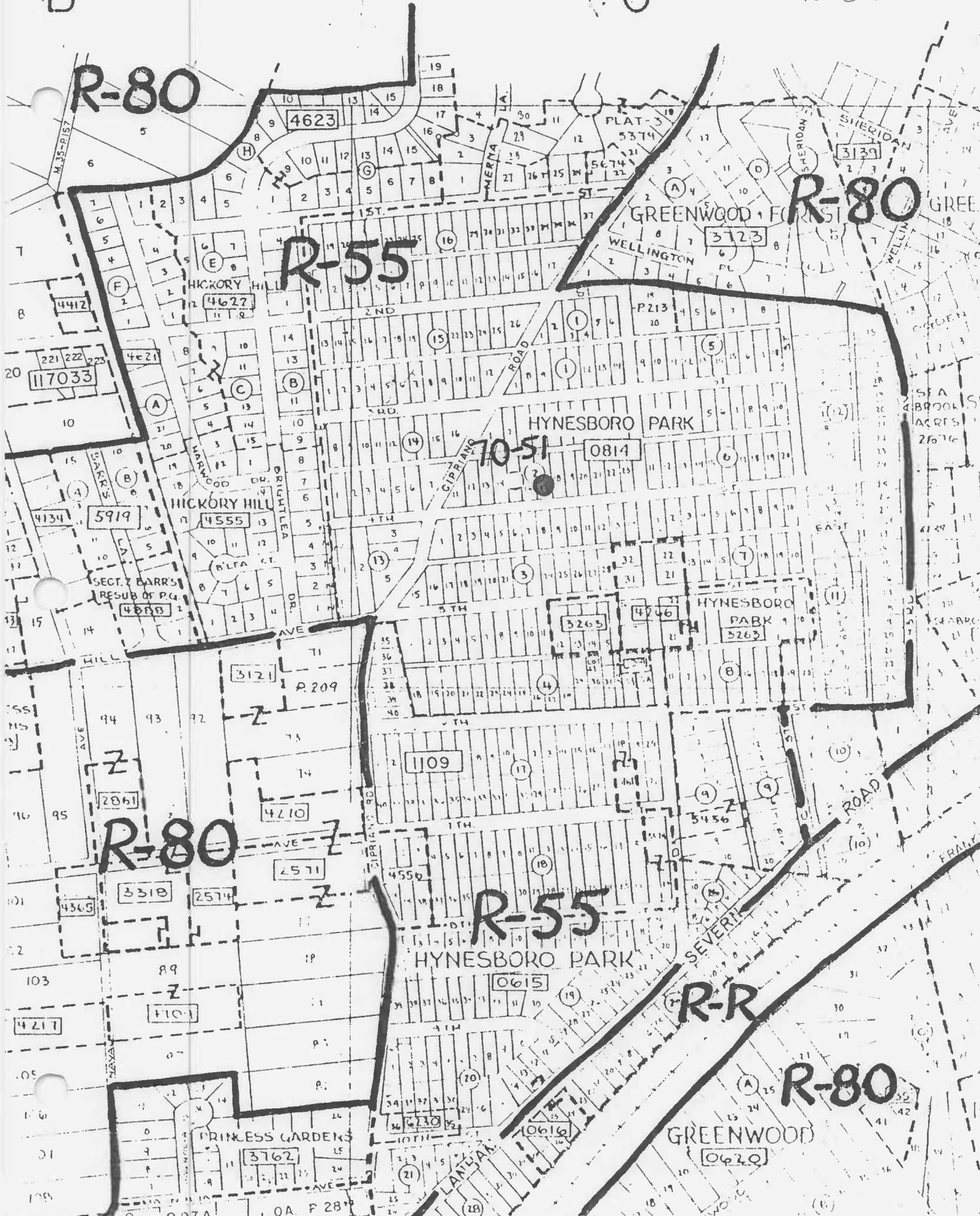
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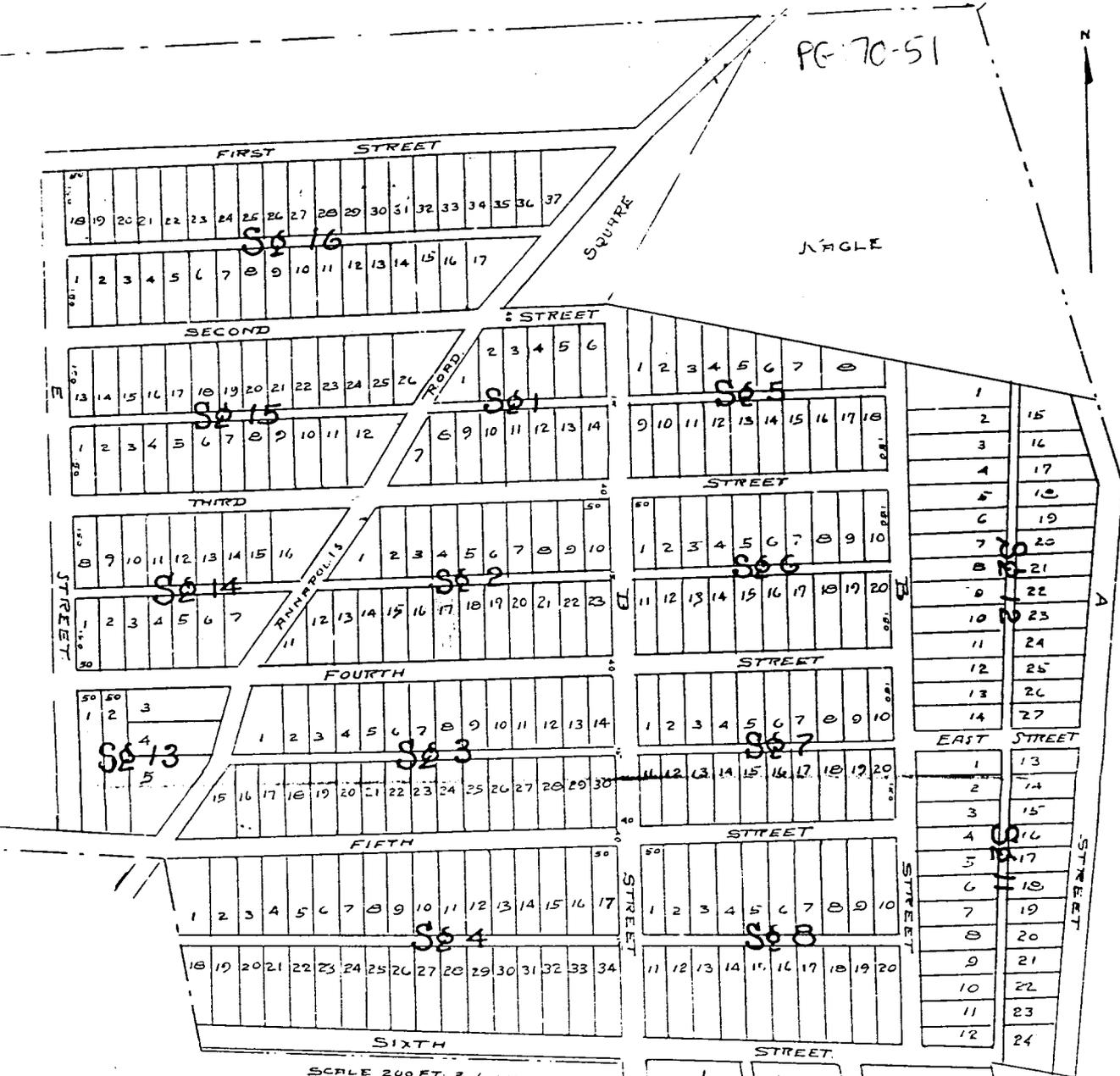
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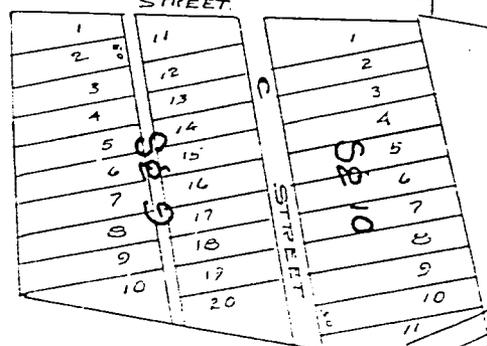
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SCALE 200 FT. = 1 INCH

MAP OF  
 HYNESBORO PARK.  
 LYING IN  
 PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY,  
 MARYLAND

ON THE NORTH SIDE OF BALTIMORE AND POTOMAC  
 R.R., BETWEEN LANHAM AND SEVENROCK STATION,  
 12 MILES FROM WASHINGTON CITY, D.C., SURVEYED  
 1854 AND 1886 BY GEORGE W. JACKSON  
 ENROLLED THE 27th DAY OF MARCH A.D. 1887.



~~B&O R.R.~~





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Wynona Baptist Church

Prince Georges Co Md

Seven St. Park

October 1958

North elevation

777<sup>th</sup> Md. West Street

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PG # 70-51

Hymetown Baptist Church  
Cheney George Co. Md.

Susan H. Pearl

October 1988

South elevation, main block

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Wynnton Baptist Church  
Prince Georges Co. Md.  
Susan L. Phell

October 1988

All photo of church, northwest  
444 Md. Hist. Trust

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Methodist Baptist Church  
Prince Georges Co. Md.  
Susan P. Covert

October 1988

Wing 4 garage, front elevation  
Nep. Md. Hist. Trust

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