MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Ascension Church (Roman Catholic)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Lanham-Bowie Road (Now Lanham Severn Road, Maryland Route 564)

CITY OR TOWN:
Bowie

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Prince George's

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☒ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☒ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☐ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Agricultural	☐ Government	☐ Park	☐ Transportation	☐ Comments
☐ Commercial	☐ Industrial	☐ Private Residence	☐ Other (Specify)	
☐ Educational	☐ Military	☒ Religious		
☐ Entertainment	☐ Museum	☐ Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Ascension Catholic Church

STREET AND NUMBER:
Lanham-Bowie Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Bowie

STATE: Maryland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

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DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One) ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed	
	(Check One) ☒ Altered ☐ Unaltered	(Check One) ☐ Moved ☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The church is a later 19th century roughcast-covered building with wooden trim. There is a tower on the southeast corner with lancet windows in the open bell turret. In the main facade, a large pointed arch window with stepped sills is composed of many lights. The main door has a low, pointed arched light above the transom. A portico effect is created on the facade by wood strips simulating the roofline of a porch.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

- ☐ Pre-Columbian
- ☐ 15th Century
- ☐ 16th Century
- ☐ 17th Century
- ☐ 18th Century
- ☒ 19th Century
- ☐ 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)* 1875

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

- Aboriginal
  - ☐ Prehistoric
  - ☐ Historic
- ☐ Agriculture
- ☐ Architecture
- ☐ Art
- ☐ Commerce
- ☐ Communications
- ☐ Conservation
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Engineering
- ☐ Industry
- ☐ Invention
- ☐ Landscape Architecture
- ☐ Literature
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Political
- ☐ Religion/Philosophy
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Sculpture
- ☐ Social/Humanitarian
- ☐ Theater
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Urban Planning
- ☐ Other: *(Specify)*

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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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: 2/15/78

STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring

STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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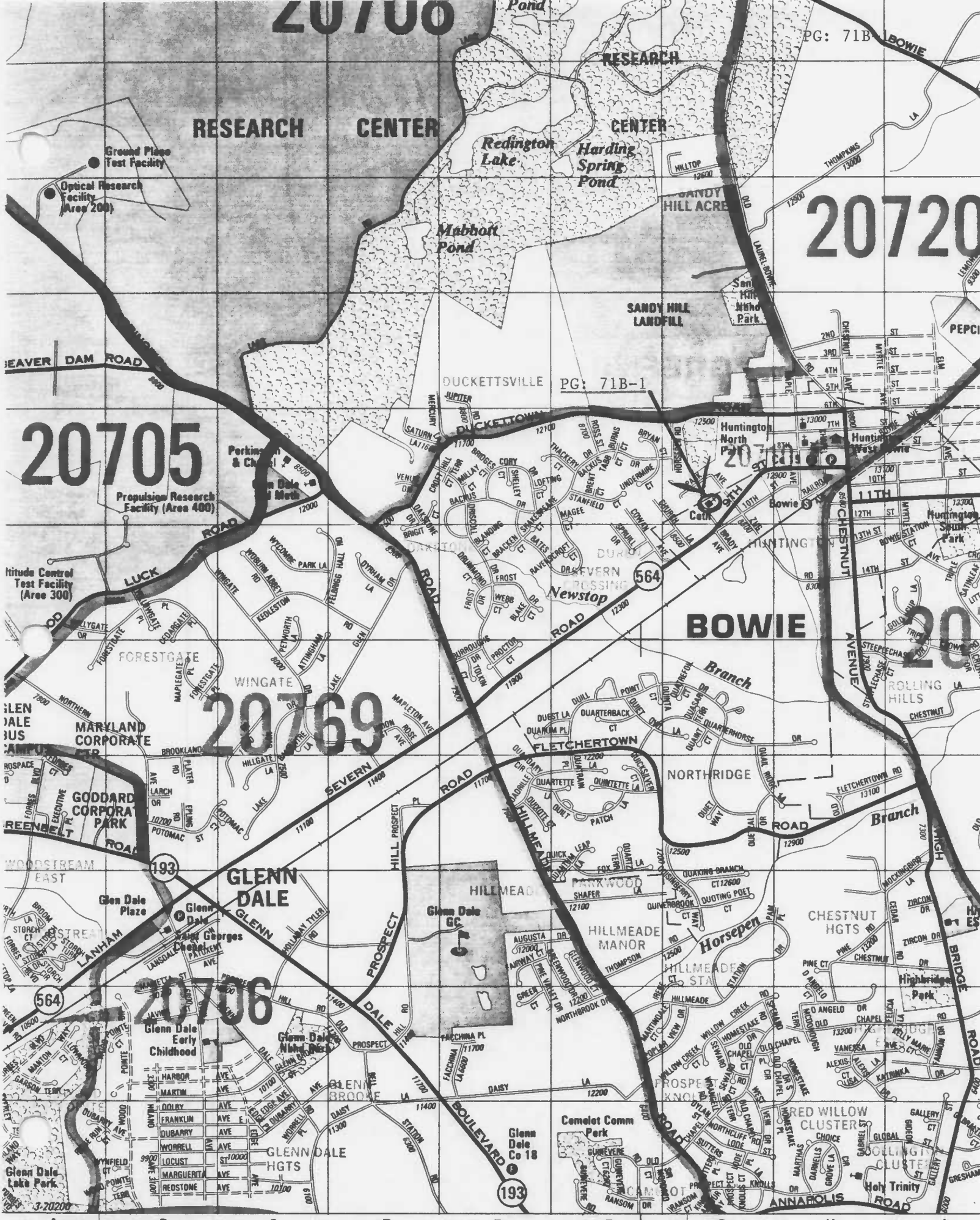
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RESEARCH CENTER
Ground Plane Test Facility
Optical Research Facility (Area 200)
Redington Lake
Harding Spring Pond
Mabbott Pond
SANDY HILL ACRE
SANDY HILL LANDFILL
20720
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20705
Propulsion Research Facility (Area 400)
Altitude Control Test Facility (Area 300)
DUCKETTSVILLE
Huntington North Park
Huntington West Bowie
Bowie
Newstop
BOWIE
20769
FORESTGATE
WINGATE
MARYLAND CORPORATE CTR
GODDARD CORPORATE PARK
GLENN DALE
Glen Dale Plaza
Glenn Dale
Saint Georges Chapel
Glenn Dale Early Childhood
Glenn Dale Nbhd Park
GLENN DALE HGTS
Glenn Dale Lake Park
Glenn Dale GC
HILLMEADE
PARKWOOD
HILLMEADE MANOR
Horsepen
CHESTNUT HGTS
Highbridge Park
Cemelot Comm Park
Glenn Dale Co 18
Holy Trinity
NORTHRIDGE
FLETCHERTOWN
ROLLING HILLS
Branch
SEVERN ROAD
HILLMEADE ROAD
PROSPECT HILL ROAD
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THOMAS C. KENNEDY, ARCHITECT

NEW CHURCH AT BOWIE.

Where the Whitemarsh Jesuits Will Minister in the Future.

The new Jesuit Catholic Church of the Ascension, near Bowie, Prince Georges county, the corner-stone of which was laid last Sunday, will be, when completed, a pleasing Gothic structure of frame on a foundation of stone. The dimensions will be 80 feet by 63 feet, with a vestibule 25 by 9 feet, and a side tower for the entrance, 12 by 12 feet. The church will have a front gallery 28½ feet wide. The sanctuary will be 14 by 21 feet. The building will cost $7,000, and furnishes a seating capacity of 300. The interior is to be neatly finished in yellow pine, with some simple ornamentation. In the basement will be placed the heating apparatus, of improved construction. Mr. Thomas C. Kennedy, of Baltimore, is the architect.

Many years ago the Jesuits built a church at Whitemarsh, in Prince Georges county, on the old road between Annapolis and Washington, along which the telegraph line between those cities still runs. Whitemarsh is about seven miles from Bowie. When the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad was built Whitemarsh became practically a deserted village. In consequence of this, Father M. A. Noel, pastor of the church, finally decided to take steps to secure a building nearer the railroad, and commenced raising a building fund, which resulted in the laying of the corner-stone of Ascension Church, near Bowie, on Sunday.

JESUITS' CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION.

— Baltimore American, Nov. 5, 1893

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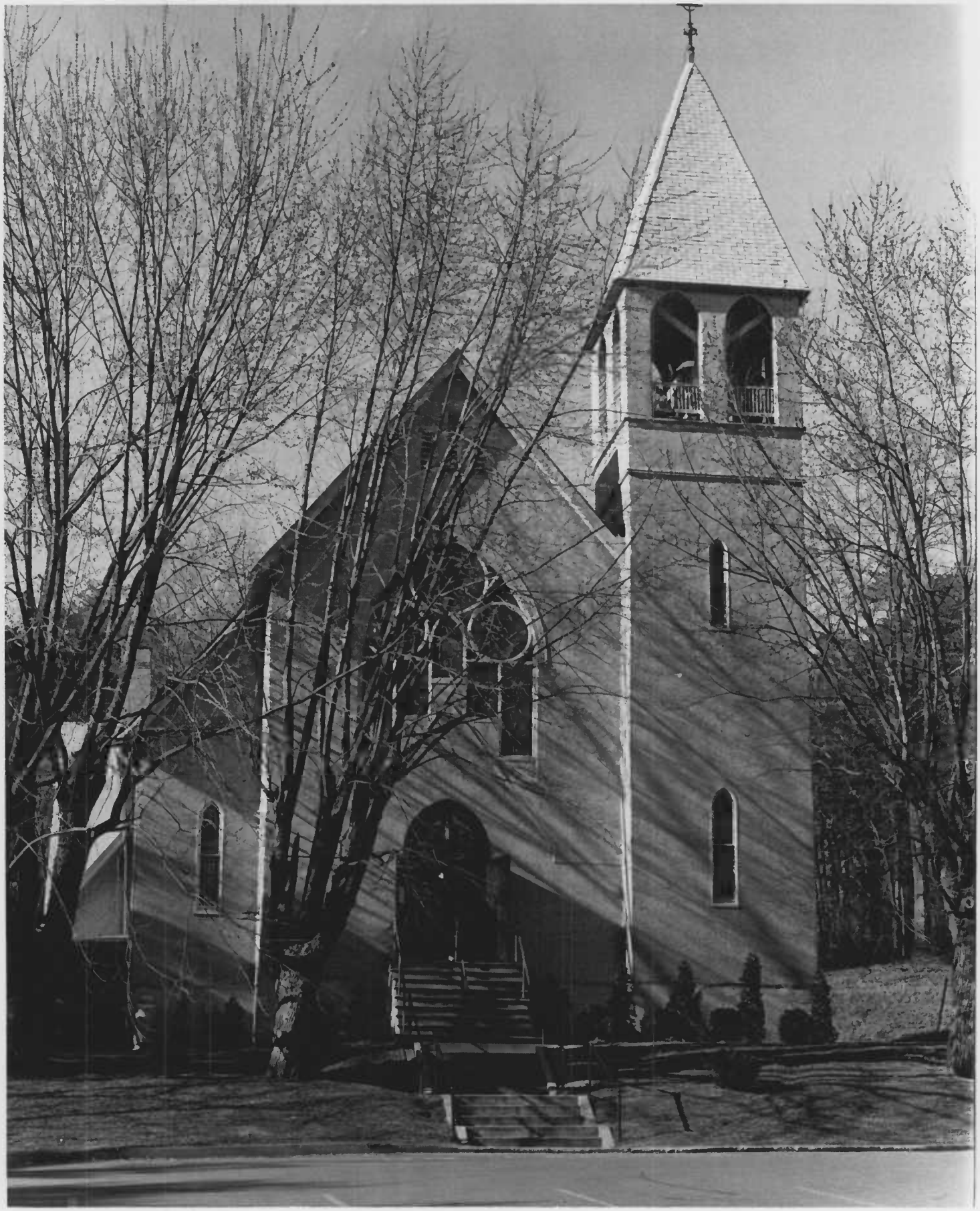

NAME ASCENSION R.C. CHURCH PG: 71B-1

LOCATION Rt. 564 (LANHAM - BOWIE Rd) BOWIE, Md

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