

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #71B-2-23 Building Date: ca.1920

Building Name: St. John's Hall

Location: 13004 12th Street, Bowie, Maryland

Private/Religious/Unoccupied/Deteriorated/Inaccessible

Description

St. John's Hall is a one-story gable-roof building, six bays long, with green shutters and a standing-seam metal roof. The original wood siding is now covered with white synthetic board and asbestos shingles. Entrance is in the south gable end. The building has a partial basement. It stands on a large group of open lots between the main road and the railroad tracks. The building is in deteriorating condition.

Significance

This building was erected, probably in the 1920s, as a meeting hall for the Knights of St. John, the black auxiliary group of Ascension Church. Ascension Church had been built in 1893 to serve the Roman Catholic population of the growing community of Huntington/Bowie. St. John's Hall served as a meeting hall for more than fifty years; in recent years it has deteriorated, but is being considered for restoration. Although deteriorated, this building is significant as the meeting place of the black members of the Knights of St. John.

Acreage: 31,900 Square feet

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Knights of St. John Meeting Hall

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 13004 12th Street not for publicationcity, town Bowie vicinity of congressional district 5

state MD county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input checked="" 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 St. John Ascension Association c/o Lawrence Henry

street & number Box 93 telephone no.:

city, town Bowie state and zip code MD 20715

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number 14735 Main Street folio

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" 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	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.

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8. Significance

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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
<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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates ca. 1920 Builder/Architect

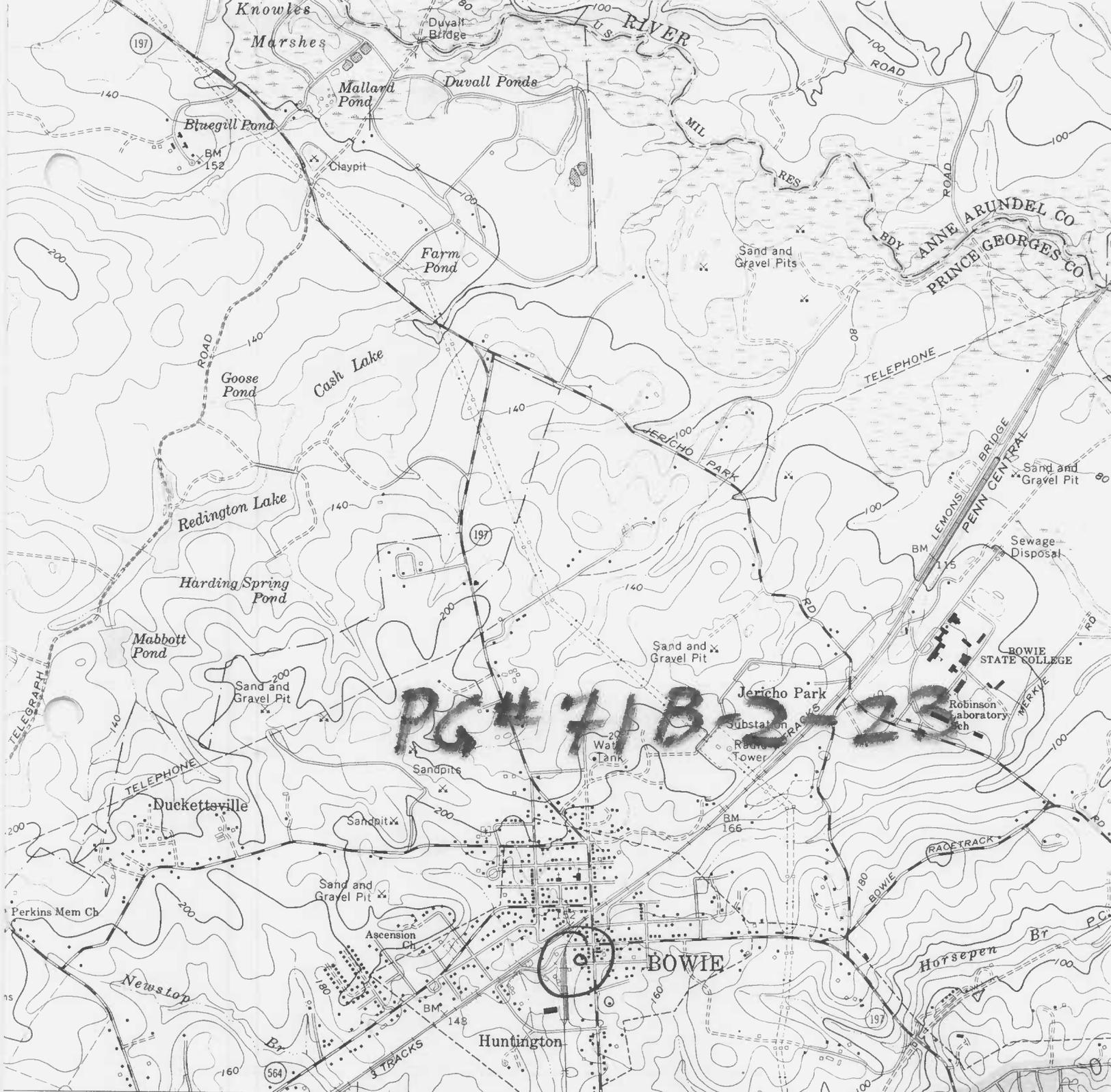
check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

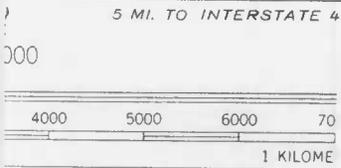
Level of Significance: national state local

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

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20 FEET
SEA LEVEL

MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FEDERAL GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A LEGEND OF SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

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Knights of St. John Meeting Hall
Bowie
Prince George's County
Laurel Quadrangle

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347 2.1 MI. TO MD. 450 348000m.E.

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

avy-duty	—————	Light duty	—————
dium-duty	—————	Unimproved dirt	-----
U. S. Route	⬡	State Route	○
		Interstate Route	⊖

LAUREL, MD.
SE/4 LAUREL 15' QUADRANGLE
N3900—W7645/7.5

1965
PHOTOREVISED 1971
AMS 5662 III SE—SERIES VA



Knights of St. John Hall
13004 12th Street, Bowie, P. G. Co.

Asrar G. Ornel

East election

November 1991