

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #72A-7-1 Building Date: 1908

Building Name: Old St. Margaret's Roman Catholic Church

Location: 6020 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant, Maryland

Private/Church/Occupied/Fair/Restricted

Description

St. Margaret's Catholic Church is a one-story, gable roof frame building with a "T" shaped plan and a one-and-one-half-story bell tower on the northwest corner. Situated on a town lot facing Addison Road it is a landmark in Seat Pleasant. The three-bay west gable end is dominated by the bell tower. Two large stained glass windows mark the second and third bay of the facade. The windows are covered with wire mesh and have missing panes. The eaves and raking cornice on the facade are supported by scroll brackets. The church has German siding has a brick foundation. The roofing is octagonal asphalt shingle. The north and south facades are four bays, marked by rectangular windows with pointed-arch stained glass transoms. The eastmost bay on both facades projects and is surmounted by a gable end giving the church a "T"- shaped. The rear gable end has a two-by-one-bay hipped roof kitchen addition on a high cement base extending across the first story. The addition has two 1/1 windows, and is covered with horizontal wood siding. The church entrance is in the west facade of the bell tower, through double doors with a pointed arch transom. Above the entrance is a gable portico on wood pilasters with scrolled brackets and bargeboard in the gable peak. At the story-and-one-half level are triple pointed arch openings through which a large bell can be seen. The tower has a pyramidal cap with overhanging eaves and projecting rafter ends. The interior is one room with a coved pressed tin ceiling. Door and window surrounds are banded molding with bull's-eye corner blocks. The north and south transept arms are reached through arched openings flanking the central altar area.

Significance

The old St. Margaret's Church is significant for its Victorian Gothic architecture and is a landmark in Seat Pleasant. It also is significant for its connection with Francis Simon Carmody, an early developer of Seat Pleasant. The church was completed in 1908. The area had been part of St. Teresa's Parish, centered in Washington, D.C. Lack of local facilities prompted a meeting at the Citizen's Hall on June 23, 1907, to make arrangements for building a local Catholic Church. Francis Simon Carmody, banker and developer, donated a lot and the cost of the building as a result. St. Margaret's became a separate parish in 1908, and was named for Carmody's mother. The church had a central gable end entrance and 1/1 double-hung-sash windows with pointed-arch transoms. The bell tower, stained glass windows and an enlarged altar area were added in 1911. The windows and the detail on the bell tower give the building a Victorian Gothic facade. The decorative detail distinguishes it from other churches of its size and date in the County. The Parish grew in membership and needed expanded facilities and a school. Thirteen acres of the former Seat Pleasant Manor estate were acquired in the early 1950's, The congregation moved to new facilities, including a church parish hall, school and convent, in 1955. The original building has been rented by other congregations since that time.

Acreage: 20,800 square feet

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic St. Margaret's Catholic Church

and/or common old St. Margaret's Catholic Church

2. Location

street & number 6020 Addison Road not for publication

city, town Seat Pleasant vicinity of congressional district 5

state MD county Prince George

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 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 checked="" 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 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. Margaret's Catholic Church, Patrick A. O'Boyle, Archbishop

street & number 7007 Rolling Ridge Drive telephone no.:

city, town Seat Pleasant state and zip code MD 20743

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 47

street & number Main Street folio 13

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date July 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records History Division - M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale state MD

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input 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	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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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The three-bay west (main) gable end is dominated by the bell tower on the northwest corner of the facade. Two large stained glass windows mark the second and third bay of the facade. The windows have bracketed wood sills and crown molded, pointed-arch hood-molds surmounting pointed arch transoms. The stained glass windows are covered with wire mesh and have some missing panes. The overhanging eaves and raking cornice on the facade are supported by scroll brackets.

The church is covered with German siding. The main block rests on a brick foundation. The roof is covered with deteriorated octagonal asphalt shingles. There are overhanging eaves with projecting rafter ends on the north and south facades.

The north and south facades are symmetrical and similar in appearance. Both are four bays, marked by rectangular windows surmounted by pointed-arch stained glass transoms. The windows are covered with protective wire mesh. Their clear glass panes are covered with colored contact paper. The eastmost bay on both facades projects and is surmounted by a gable end giving the church a "T"-shaped plan. The south facade has an exterior brick stove chimney between the third and fourth bays.

The east (rear) gable end is unfenestrated. A two-by-one-bay hipped roof addition resting on a high cement base extends across the first story of the facade. The addition has two 1/1 double-hung-sash windows on the east facade. It is covered with horizontal wood siding and has both a north and south entrance. The addition houses a kitchen.

The church entrance is in the west facade of the bell tower, through modern double doors surmounted by a pointed arch transom. The doorway has been altered to a smaller size than that originally in use. Sheltering the entrance is a gable roof portico supported on wood pilasters with scrolled brackets. There is bargeboard and a pendant centered in the gable peak. Centered above the portico is a decorative wooden shelf supported on three brackets. At the one-story level are triple rectangular louvered openings. At the story-and-one-half level are triple pointed arch openings in each face of the four-sided tower. A large bell can be seen hanging in the tower through these openings. The tower is surmounted by a pyramidal cap with overhanging eaves and projecting rafter ends. The tower roof is greatly deteriorated, exposing the interior to the elements. The north side of the tower has triple lancet stained glass windows with bracketed wooden sills and the same decorative facade features as on the entrance facade.

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The interior of the church is one large room with a high coved ceiling covered with pressed tin. The tin covering and the plaster walls are damaged by water. There is vertical board wainscotting. The door and window surrounds are banded molding with bull's-eye corner blocks. The pulpit area has a raised stage. The north and south facing transept arms are reached through arched openings flanking the central pulpit area.

The bell tower creates an entrance vestibule. A stair just north of the entrance leads to an opening above the entrance area, in the north wall of the church interior. This leads to a balcony, now gone, which crossed over the entrance area, along the west wall of the room.

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Notes

1 The New St. Margaret's Dedication, 1908-1955, St. Margaret's Parish, 410 Addison Road, Seat Pleasant, 1955.

2 Ibid.

3 Ibid.

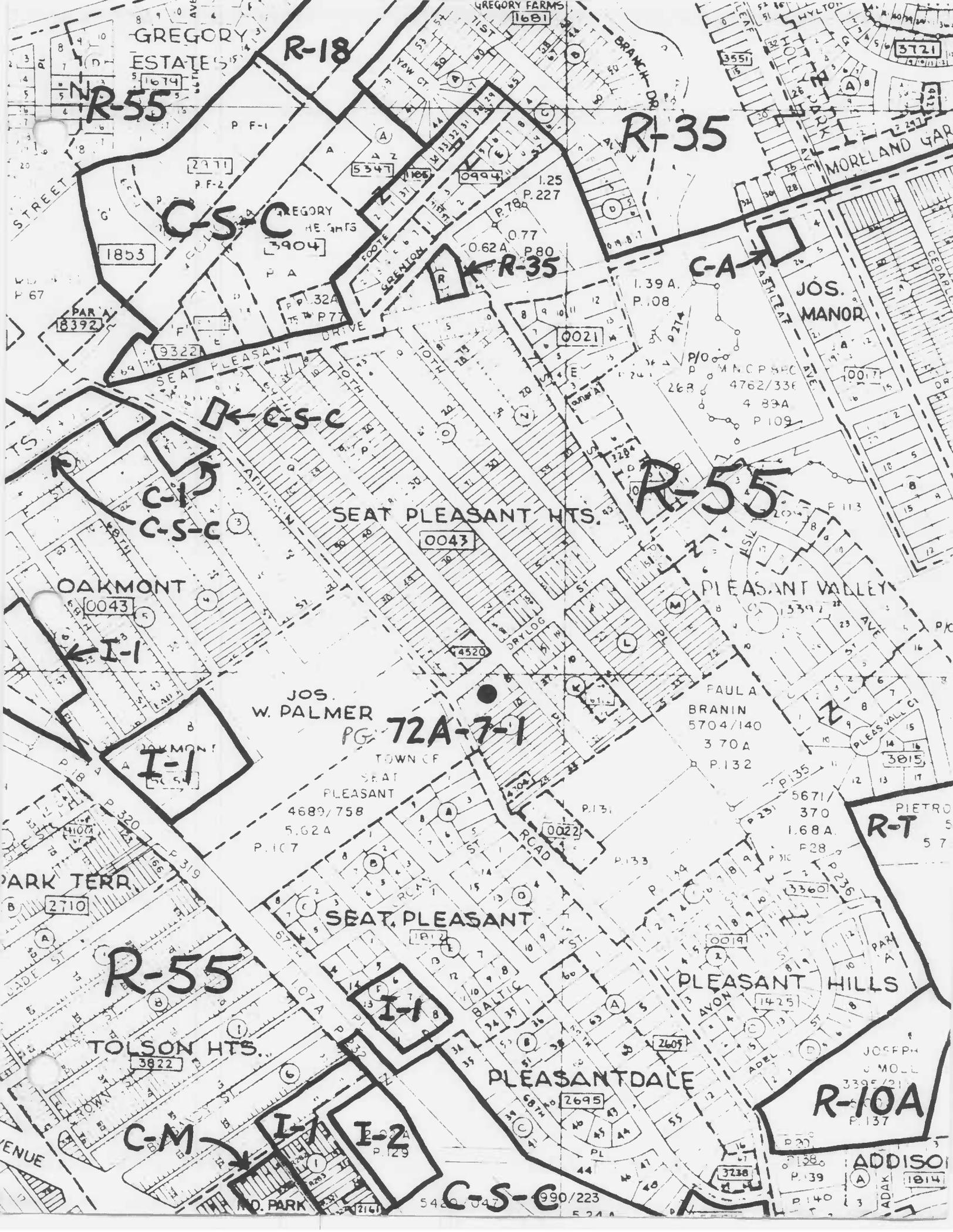
Chain of Title

Seat Pleasant Church

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9 Mar 1908
Deed

Francis S. Carmody and Mary M. Carmody to James
(Cardinal) Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore. For
\$10.00 grantors convey Lots 1-4 in Block "I" in
Seat Pleasant Heights subdivision - Plat Book BDS
1:27 - together with improvements.



GREGORY ESTATES

R-18

R-55

R-35

C-S-C

R-35

C-A

JOS. MANOR

C-S-C

R-55

SEAT PLEASANT HTS.

OAKMONT

PLEASANT VALLEY

JOS. W. PALMER

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FAULA BRANIN
5704/140
370A
P.132

I-1

TOWN OF SEAT PLEASANT

R-T

PARK TERR

SEAT PLEASANT

R-55

PLEASANT HILLS

TOLSON HTS.

PLEASANTDALE

R-10A

C-M

I-1

I-2

C-S-C

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Old St. Margaret's Church
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
January 1986
West elevation
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Old St. Margaret's Church
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North elevation
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Belongs
to
Rev. J. H. Smith
1875 & owned by
J. H. Smith, 1875 & 1876
J. H. Smith, 1876 & 1877

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Old St. Margaret's Church
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Marina King
January 1986
Southwest elevation
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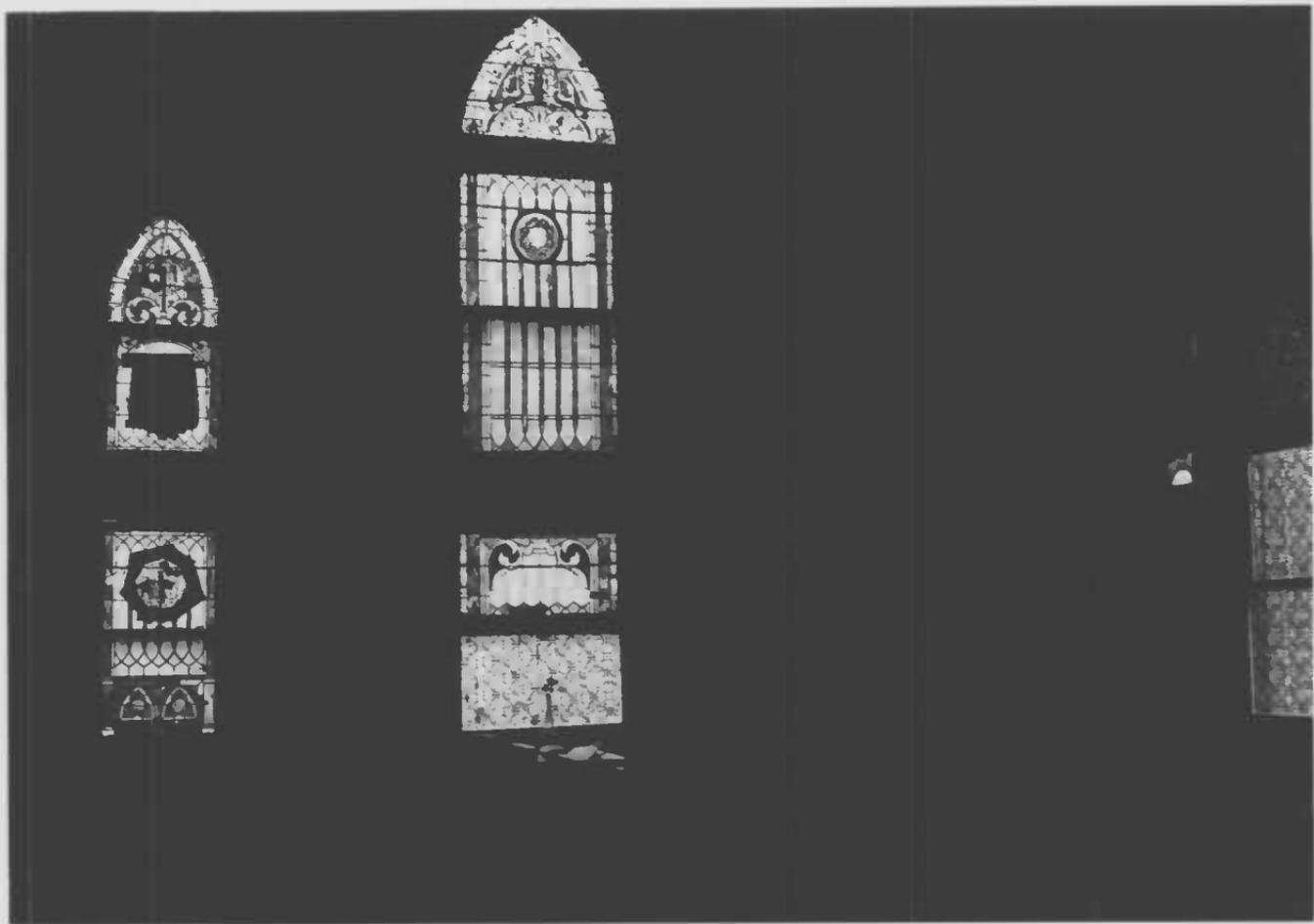
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Old St. Margaret's Church
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
January 1986
East elevation
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Old St. Margaret's Church
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Marina King
January 1986
Interior, looking east
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Old St. Margaret's Church
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January 1986
Interior, looking west
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