

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #80-12 Building Date: 1902  
Building Name: Silesia Schoolhouse (#4, District #5)  
Location: 11520 Fort Washington Road, Fort Washington, MD.  
Private/Unoccupied/Fair/Inaccessible

Description

Silesia Schoolhouse is a one-story frame front-gabled schoolhouse, typical of the one-room schoolhouses of the turn of this century. It is three bays by three bays, with entrance into the center bay of the west gable front. The gable front is sheltered by a hip-roof porch with chamfered posts and plain railing. The original German siding of the building is presently covered with white asbestos shingle. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash; the gable roof is covered with green asphalt shingle. There are two interior brick chimneys, one nearly centered at the ridge, and the other at the east gable end. The building rests on a low brick foundation; there is no basement. Silesia Schoolhouse was converted into a residence in the 1930's. The building was extended to the east and the rear entrance and porch, and easterly stove chimney were added. The single classroom space was divided by partitions into small living spaces. All of the interior material dates from the 1930's. Silesia Schoolhouse stands on the grounds of Fort Washington Baptist Church, on a level lot framed by tall oak trees.

Significance

Silesia Schoolhouse is a good example a one-room schoolhouse of the turn of this century. Although much altered on the interior, it retains much of its original exterior appearance. The Silesia Schoolhouse was constructed in 1902 on a one-acre lot sold to the Board of County School Commissioners by James and Mary Edelen. It was used as a school for only one quarter century; when the Oxon Hill consolidated school was built in 1925, the schools in the South Potomac/Piscataway area were closed and their students transported to the new school. During the 1930's, the school building was converted into a private residence and the easterly extension was built. In 1959, the schoolhouse and part of the original one-acre lot were sold to the Baptist Church, which used the building as its mission chapel from that time until 1965. Silesia Schoolhouse is a good example of the turn-of-the-century one-room schoolhouses of Prince George's County. Although it is in deteriorating condition, it has potential for adaptive reuse.

Acreage: 5.68 acres

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Silesia Schoolhouse (School #4, District #5)

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 11520 Fort Washington Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Fort Washington \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Fort Washington Baptist Church

street & number 11516 Fort Washington Road telephone no.:

city, town Fort Washington state and zip code Maryland 20744

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 3442

street & number Main Street folio 684

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date 1981 \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state  county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records County Planning, M-NCPPC

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

# 7. Description

Survey No. P.G.#80-12

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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.

Silesia Schoolhouse is a one-story frame front-gabled schoolhouse, typical of the one-room schoolhouses of the turn of this century. It stands on a level lot framed by several tall oak trees, accessible by an unpaved drive which circles the building to the south and the east.

The building is three bays by three bays, 22 by 37-1/2 feet. Entrance is into the center bay of the west gable front. The doorway, presently boarded up, has an applied wood pedimented surround, painted dark gray. The gable front is sheltered by a hip-roof porch with chamfered posts and plain (broken) railing. The wood floor of the porch rests on brick piers, and is accessible by two wooden steps.

The original German siding of the building is presently covered with white asbestos shingle. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash, and are presently boarded up with plywood. Only the two windows which flank the west door have shutters; they are louvered and painted dark gray. The gable roof is covered with green asphalt shingle. The plain boxed cornice has a slight overhang. There are two interior brick chimneys, one nearly centered at the ridge, and the other at the east gable end. The building rests on a low brick foundation; there is no basement.

A small hip roof entry porch shelters the rear entrance in the first bay of the east gable end. The rear entrance and porch were built in the 1930's when the school was converted into a dwelling; the rear door is the only opening in the east gable end. The porch has chamfered posts, wood floor and plain (broken) railing; it rests on wood posts and is accessible by a flight of wooden steps. The hip roof of the porch is covered with red asphalt shingle.

Silesia Schoolhouse was converted into a residence in the 1930's. The building was extended about 11 feet in length to the east; the rear entrance and porch, and easterly stove chimney were added. The single classroom space was divided by partitions into one large room, two small rooms, and a small closet/bathroom space; the easterly enlargement added a kitchen and another small bedroom ( see floor plan.) All of the interior material dates from the 1930's with the possible exception of the ogee molding of the west door surround. Other surrounds have multi- band moldings, the baseboards are plain and high, and doors have five panels. The southeasterly space is fitted with modern kitchen equipment.

Silesia Schoolhouse stands on the north side of Warburton Oaks Drive and fronts on Fort Washington Road. There is a concrete-capped well about 12 feet north of the building. The schoolhouse stands on the 6.58 acre lot of the Fort Washington Baptist Church. The modern (1960's) church fronts on Fort Washington Road; the low Sunday School building is attached to the east (rear) of the church. The church and Sunday school buildings stand at the northerly boundary of the lot.

# 8. Significance

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 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 checked="" 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
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<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** 1902 **Builder/Architect**

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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.

Silesia Schoolhouse is a good example of the simple one-room schoolhouse of the turn of the twentieth century. Although much altered on the interior, it retains much of its original exterior appearance.

The Silesia Schoolhouse was constructed in 1902 on a one-acre lot sold to the Board of County School Commissioners by James and Mary Edelen.<sup>1</sup> It was used as a school for only approximately one quarter century. When the Oxon Hill consolidated school was built in 1925, the one-room schools in the South Potomac/Piscataway area were closed and their students transported to the new school on Livingston Road. The one-acre lot and the Silesia Schoolhouse reverted at this time to the Edelen family.<sup>2</sup>

During the 1930's, the school building was converted into a private residence; it was at this time that the easterly extension was built, adding the kitchen with its stove chimney, and the rear entrance and porch.

In 1959, the schoolhouse and part of the original one-acre lot were sold to Congress Heights Baptist Church, which used the building as its mission chapel from that time until 1965. The new church on the adjoining lot was constructed at this time, and came to be known as Fort Washington Baptist Church.<sup>3</sup> Since the mid-1960's the old school building has been used by the church Boy Scout troop, and for occasional church-related meetings, but has deteriorated considerably. It has recently been boarded up for purposes of safety.

Silesia Schoolhouse is one of only a few turn-of-the-century one-room schoolhouses surviving in Prince George's County. Similar, although somewhat earlier, examples of the type are: The Friendly School #5 in District #5 (#80-21) which was built in the 1890's and converted into a residence in the 1920's; and Thrift Schoolhouse #2 in District #9 (#81B-3) which was built in 1884 and converted into a residence after 1911.<sup>4</sup> The Queen Anne Schoolhouse #1 in District #7 (#74B-8) was built in 1902 and

is nearly identical to Silesia Schoolhouse except for its siting on a prominent hill and its consequent high foundation and partial cellar space. Queen Anne Schoolhouse was converted to a dwelling after 1920; a front deck, new siding and rear shed-roof addition have changed its appearance to such an extent that it is no longer representative of turn-of-the-century one-room schoolhouses.<sup>5</sup>

Possibly the best surviving example of this type of building is the St. Mary's Beneficial Society Hall in Upper Marlboro (#79-25). This front-gabled one-room meeting house was built in 1892 as a Benevolent Society hall for the black Catholic community of Upper Marlboro. It is currently being restored for adaptive reuse.<sup>6</sup>

Silesia Schoolhouse is a good example of the turn-of-the-century one-room schoolhouses of Prince George's County. Although it is in deteriorating condition, it has great potential for adaptive reuse.

#### Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Deed #12:207.
- 2 Prince George's County Deed #272:329
- 3 Prince George's County Deeds #2322:280; #3442:684. Interview with trustees of Fort Washington Baptist Church, March 1988.
- 4 See MHT Inventory Forms P.G. #80-21 and P.G. #81B-3.
- 5 See MHT Inventory Form P.G. #74B-8.
- 6 See MHT Inventory Form P.G. #79-25.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G.#80-12

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

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5.68 acres

TM 122 F-4

Quadrangle name Mount Vernon, Section C

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C

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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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state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

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

organization Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission April 1988

street & number #4010, County Administration Building telephone 952-3521

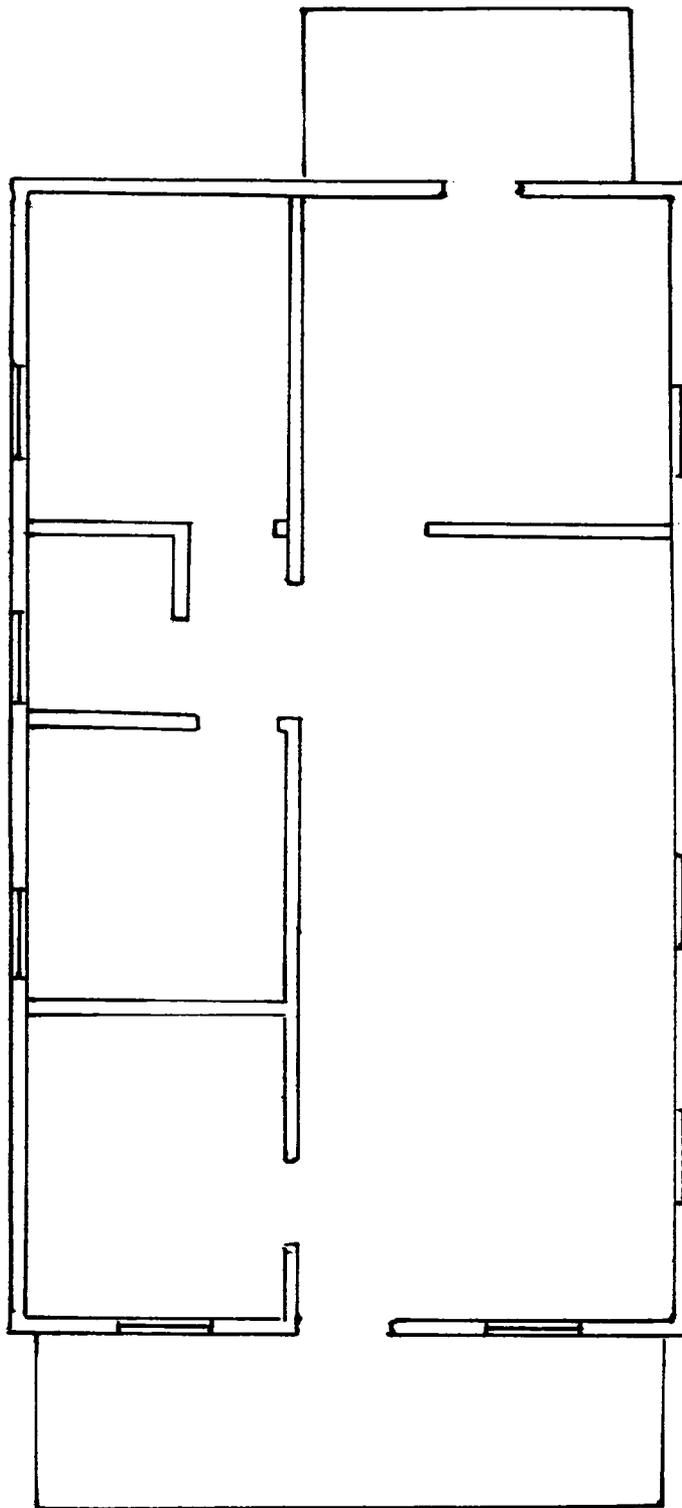
city or town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

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Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

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Silesia Schoolhouse  
PG#80-12

$\frac{1}{4}'' = 1'$

Silesia School House  
 11516 Ft. Washington Road, Oxon Hill  
 Priv/unocc/ /fair

1902

The Silesia School is <sup>a one-story</sup> gable roofed frame building, with entrance in the west gable end. At the east gable end is an interior chimney, and another approximately in the center at the ridge.

The Silesia Schoolhouse was constructed in 1902 on a one-acre lot sold to the Board of County School Commissioners by James and Mary Edelen.<sup>1</sup> It was used as a school for only approximately one quarter century. When the Oxon Hill consolidated school was built in 1925, the one-room schools in the South Potomac/Piscataway area were closed and their students transported to the new school on Livingston Road. The one-acre lot and the Silesia Schoolhouse reverted at this time to the Edelen family.<sup>2</sup> During the 1930's (according to long-time local residents) the school building was converted into a residence, and it was probably at this time that the east extension was added.

In 1959, the schoolhouse and part of the original one-acre lot were sold to Congress Heights Baptist Church, which used the building as its mission chapel from that time until 1965. The new church on the adjoining lot was constructed at this time, and came to be known as Ft. Washington Baptist Church.<sup>3</sup> Since the mid-1960's the old school building has been used by the church Boy Scout troop, and for occasional church related meetings, but has deteriorated considerably.

The Silesia schoolhouse remains one of very few surviving school buildings from the turn of the century, with a capability of adaptive reuse.

1. 12207

2. 274:329

3. 2322:240 ; 3442:684

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

(revised information entered 11/9/81)

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Silesia School house

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 11516 Fort Washington Road

CITY, TOWN Oxon Hill VICINITY OF Silesia CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4th

STATE Maryland 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Fort Washington Baptist Church

Telephone #: 292-1384

STREET & NUMBER 11516 Fort Washington Road

CITY, TOWN Oxon Hill VICINITY OF Maryland STATE zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. P.G. Co. Courthouse

Liber #: 3442  
Folio #: 684

STREET & NUMBER Main Street

CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro Maryland STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE P.G. Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE 1974  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Calvert Mansion, INCPPC, 4811 Riverdale Rd.

CITY, TOWN Riverdale, Md. 20737 STATE

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"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1902

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Silesia Schoolhouse was constructed in 1902 on a one-acre lot sold to the Board of County School Commissioners by James and Mary Edelen.<sup>1</sup> It was used as a school for only approximately one quarter century. When the Oxon Hill consolidated school was built in 1925, the one-room schools in the South Potomac/Piscataway area were closed and their students transported to the new school on Livingston Road. The one-acre lot and the Silesia Schoolhouse reverted at this time to the Edelen family.<sup>2</sup> During the 1930's (according to long-time local residents) the school building was converted into a residence, and it was probably at this time that the east extension was added.

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2. 272:329
3. 2322:280; 3442:684

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

**7 DESCRIPTION**

PG:80-12

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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 _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Silesia school house is a one-story gable-roofed frame building, built in two sections, with entrance in the west gable end. At the east gable end is an interior chimney, and another approximately in the center at the ridge.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

PG: 80-12

Deeds 12:207; 274:329; 2322:280  
Interview with pastor

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Susan G. Pearl

ORGANIZATION

P.G. Historical & Cultural Trust

DATE

June 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Galvert Mansion, MNCPPC, 4811 Riverdale Rd.

TELEPHONE

779-2011

CITY OR TOWN

Riverdale, Md. 20737

STATE

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CHAIN OF TITLE

SILESIA SCHOOL

P.G.#80-12

3442:684  
19 Apr 1966  
Deed

Trustees of Congress Heights Baptist Church to Trustees of Fort Washington Baptist Church; .688 acre lot being part of land acquired by grantors from Edelens, 2322:280

2322:280  
22 Apr 1959  
Deed

James P.R. Edelen and Gustavus Edelen to Congress Heights Baptist Church; .688 acre lot being part of land acquired by grantors from Board of Education, 274:329

274:329  
23 Nov 1925  
Deed

Board of Education to James P.R. Edelen & Gustavus Edelen; 1 acre, being same parcel which grantor acquired from Edelens, 12:207

12:207  
31 Dec 1902  
Deed

Mary J. Edelen et vir James R. Edelen to Board of County School Commissioners of Prince George's; 1 acre which grantors acquired by JWB#30:778

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Silesia School

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

11516 Ft. Washington Road, opposite Riverview Road

CITY, TOWN

Silesia (Oxon Hill)

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince George's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

(vacant)

NAME

Ft. Washington Baptist Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Ft. Washington & Riverview Rds.

CITY, TOWN

Oxon Hill

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Prince George's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

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**CHECK ONE**

- UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

- ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a typical, small, one-story frame, one-room school. It faces west on Ft. Washington Rd., and has a narrow three-bay gabled facade here. The central door is flanked by two 6/6 windows, and an open porch covers all three openings. It is four bays deep, and has 6/6 windows in each bay. There is a stove chimney enclosed in the east end wall. The building sits on a brick foundation. Present siding is asbestos shingle. Vacant and neglected.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

One of the last one-room schools remaining in this developing area. One of the few physical reminders of the old Silesia settlement. Some interest in its preservation by the Indian Head Highway Area Action Council.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

- 1) Letter from Mrs. O'Leary of Indian Head Highway Area Action Council.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

1/17/74

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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CHAIN OF TITLE  
SILESIA SCHOOL  
P.G.#80-12

3442:684  
19 Apr 1966  
Deed

Trustees of Congress Heights Baptist Church to Trustees of Fort Washington Baptist Church; .688 acre lot being part of land acquired by grantors from Edelens, 2322:280

2322:280  
22 Apr 1959  
Deed

James P.R. Edelen and Gustavus Edelen to Congress Heights Baptist Church; .688 acre lot being part of land acquired by grantors from Board of Education, 274:329

274:329  
23 Nov 1925  
Deed

Board of Education to James P.R. Edelen & Gustavus Edelen; 1 acre, being same parcel which grantor acquired from Edelens, 12:207

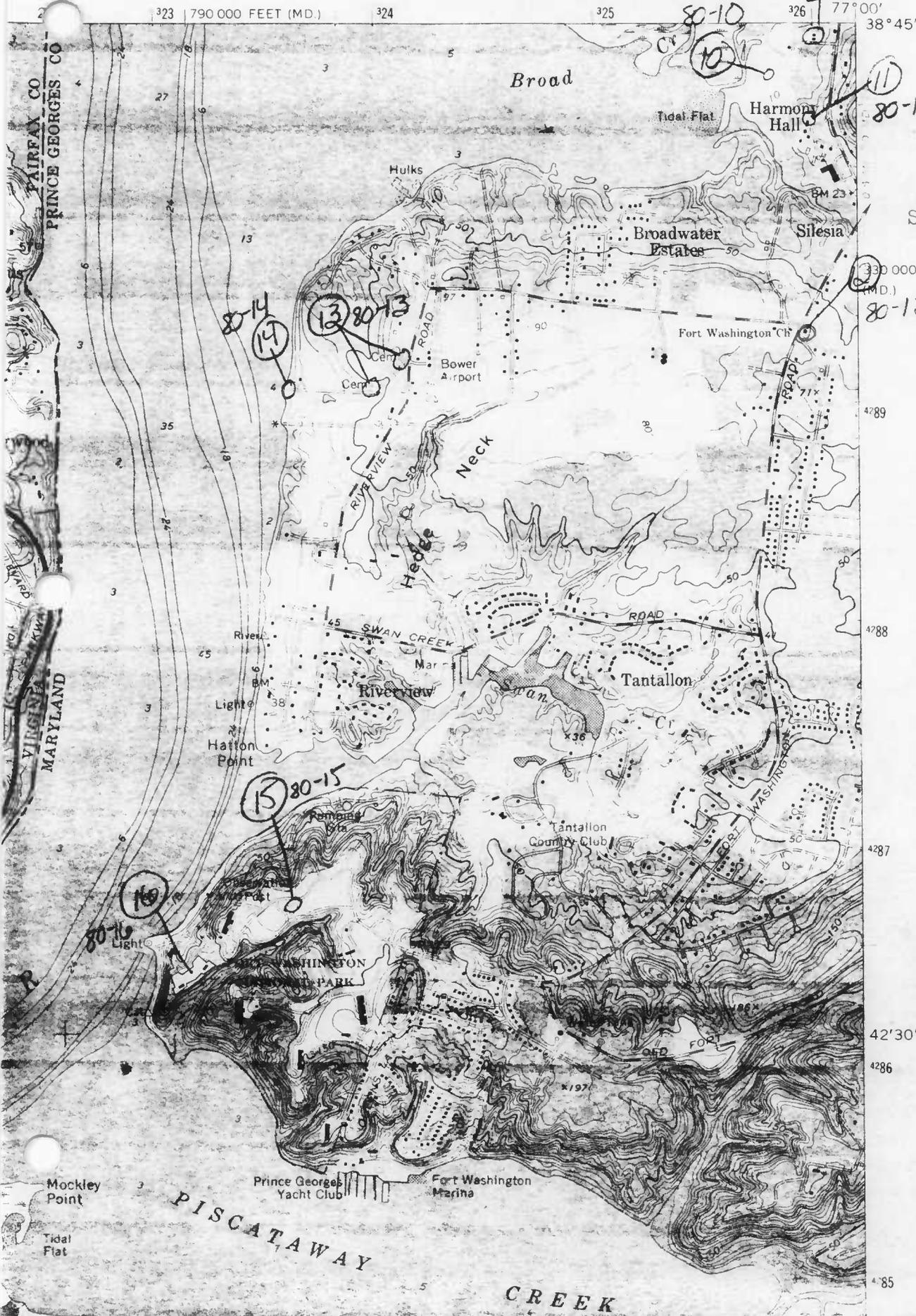
12:207  
31 Dec 1902  
Deed

Mary J. Edelen et vir James R. Edelen to Board of County School Commissioners of Prince George's; 1 acre which grantors acquired by JWB#30:778

MOUNT VERNON QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND-VIRGINIA  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
NE/4 INDIAN HEAD 15' QUADRANGLE

5661 IV SW  
(ANACOSTIA)

PG:80-12



SILESIA SCHOOL

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330 000 FEET  
(M.D.)  
80-12

FAIRFAX CO  
PRINCE GEORGES CO  
VIRGINIA  
MARYLAND

PISCATAWAY  
CREEK

4'85

Not zoned

O-S

Broad  
Creek

PARCEL A  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

5948

R-R

C-S-C

R-E

M.N.C.  
P.P.P.C.  
3503/140  
6.26 A  
P.53  
3764/85  
5.04A  
P.131

MAP 123  
F.144

RIVERVIEW

ROAD

FORT WASH  
BAPTIST CH  
3442/684  
6.58 A  
P.58

8042

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R-80

MUNICIPAL CENTER  
333-472  
90.60 A  
P.102

O-S

KIMBERLY WOODS

9056

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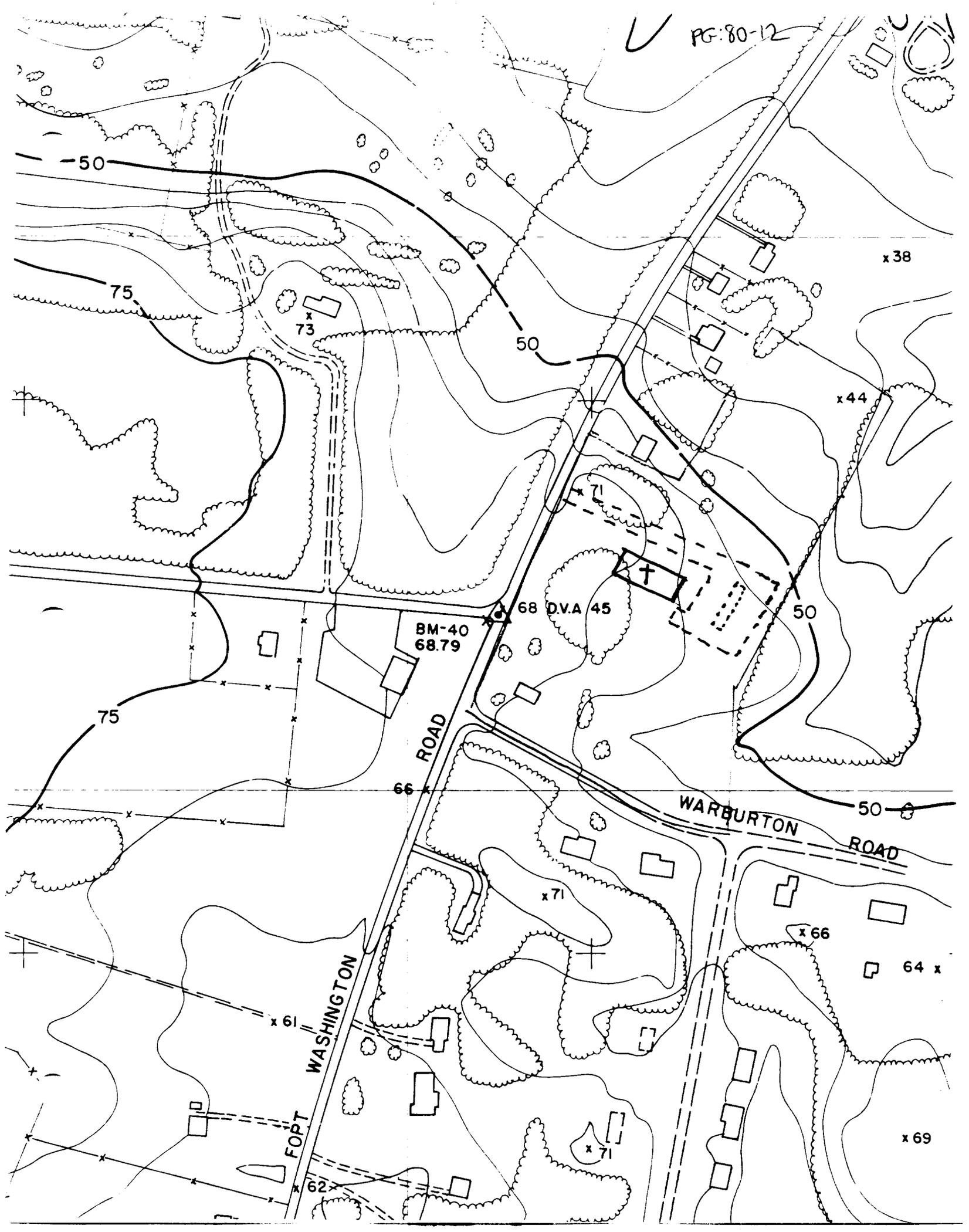
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5484/377  
3.06 A.  
P.143

2044

2939

7878

MAP 123-31



50

75

50

x38

x73

x44

68 D.V.A 45

BM-40  
68.79

50

75

66

WARBURTON ROAD

50

ROAD

x71

x66

64 x

x61

FORT WASHINGTON ROAD

FORT WASHINGTON ROAD

x62

x71

x69





NAME OLD SCHOOL HOUSE

PG: 80-12

LOCATION 11516 FT. WASHINGTON Rd + RIVERVIEW Rd SILESIA, Md.

FACADE NW

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Lucania detroit

Prince Georges Co. MD

Susan L. Pearl

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Northeast  $\frac{3}{4}$  elevation

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