

PARISH HOUSE
Kennedyville, Maryland
(ca 1870-75)

The Parish House is the best preserved building constructed by or for John Kennedy in the 1870's. A double house, it is perfectly symmetrical with each unit two bays wide, two rooms deep, and a true two-and-one-half stories tall. At the rear is a one-story kitchen wing. Three architectural features set these houses apart from other Kent buildings of the same period. These are the curtained pair of gable chimneys, the three over three sash windows in the upper story, and the enclosed stair located directly beneath the roof ridge.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC PARISH HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER East side Rt. 213 (Main Street), second lot from railroad tracks

1st

CITY, TOWN

Kennedyville

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Kent

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Jeannette B. Parish

Telephone #: 301-348-5344

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Galena

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21635

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Court House

Liber #: EHP 73

Folio #: 546

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

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 type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Parish House is a brick double house that is identical in plan to the Groves House (K-389,) also on Main Street in Kennedyville. The structures have similiar histories and were constructed by the same person. Before the Groves House was altered, it probably had detailing similiar to this structure.

The building is four bays wide, two rooms deep, and a true two-and-one-half stories tall. Behind the main house is a two-room wide, one-story, shed-roofed wing, which contains the two kitchens for the two "mirror-image" dwelling units.

The shallow gable roof of the main house has a ridge set paralled to the street; its box cornices have 4½" cyma recta crownmold and simple composit bed moldings. The roof gables have tapered verge boards. On either side of the ridge pale in both gables are tall, broad chimneys, flush with the walls; each pair is connected by brick curtains.

There are windows in the front and rear walls of the main house, none in the gables. These have six over six sash on the first two floors and three over three sash on the third. All sash are set in unbeaded wooden frames with flattened quarterround backbands and wooden sills. Original shutters on the first floor windows each have two shallow, raised, unbeveled panels and Grecian ovolo and bevel panel moldings. Shutters on the upper floors are louvered. All shutters have their original hardware which includes shell pattern shutterdogs. Doorways have transom lights and doors with an upper glass light and two lower panels with the same detailing as the shutters.

The present roofs are metal over older wooden shingle roofs. The wide front porch replaces an earlier porch; it has square columns, a shallow hipped roof and a simple railing.

Unlike the Groves house, the brick of this building is unstuccoed on the south and front facades. On the front facade very regular, medium orange units laid in common !

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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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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 1870-75

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John Kennedy

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Parish House is one of the earliest Kennedyville houses. It was constructed by John Kennedy, the founder of the town, as a speculative building in about 1870-75. In form, plan, and fenestration, it more nearly resembles the vernacular buildings of southeastern Pennsylvania than those of the Upper Shore and probably was constructed by workers from Mr. Kennedy's home in Port Kennedy in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Kennedy began actively buying land in the Kennedyville area in 1853. By the late 1860's when the Kent County Railroad was acquiring rights-of-way in the area, Mr. Kennedy had already laid out his town. Sales of the lots began in about 1868. In addition to selling lots, Mr. Kennedy erected several buildings for sale. This house and the Groves House (K-390,) are both double houses and were both constructed before 1877. The building was sold from the Kennedy estate in 1878.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Kent County Land Records, Kent County Court House, Chestertown, Maryland

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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

Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

778-4600, ext.67

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

are used. They measure $8\frac{1}{2}$ " X $2\frac{1}{2}$ " X 4" and three courses equal $8\frac{1}{8}$ ". The mortar is hard and includes river sand; the joints are tooled convex with the vertical joints narrower than the horizontal. On the side of the structure, the brick is less regular, lighter in color and laid with wider mortar joints.

The interior plan, stair, and window trim duplicate those of the Groves house. Mantles in both first floor rooms are wooden with plain shelves, frieze, and pilasters, a rectangular opening. Their only ornament is a well-proportioned cyma recta and cavetto molding under the shelves.

PARISH HOUSE
Chain of Title

Land Records
of Kent County

Transaction

EHP 73
546

TO: Jeannette B. Parish
FROM: Harvey Clinton Leonard
DATE: April 18, 1977

EHP 57
401

TO: Harvey Clinton Leonard
FROM: Mary L. & William E. Lipscomb
DATE: April 8, 1974

RAS 15
101

TO: Mary L. & William E. Lipscomb
FROM: S. Scott Beck, Assignee
DATE: December 24, 1935

The Nickersons (Thomas E. & Mary) defaulted on a loan from The Chestertown Bank & their property was sold.

APR 2
579

TO: Thomas Earl Nickerson
FROM: Joseph B. Hossinger
DATE: September 4, 1917

DCB 5
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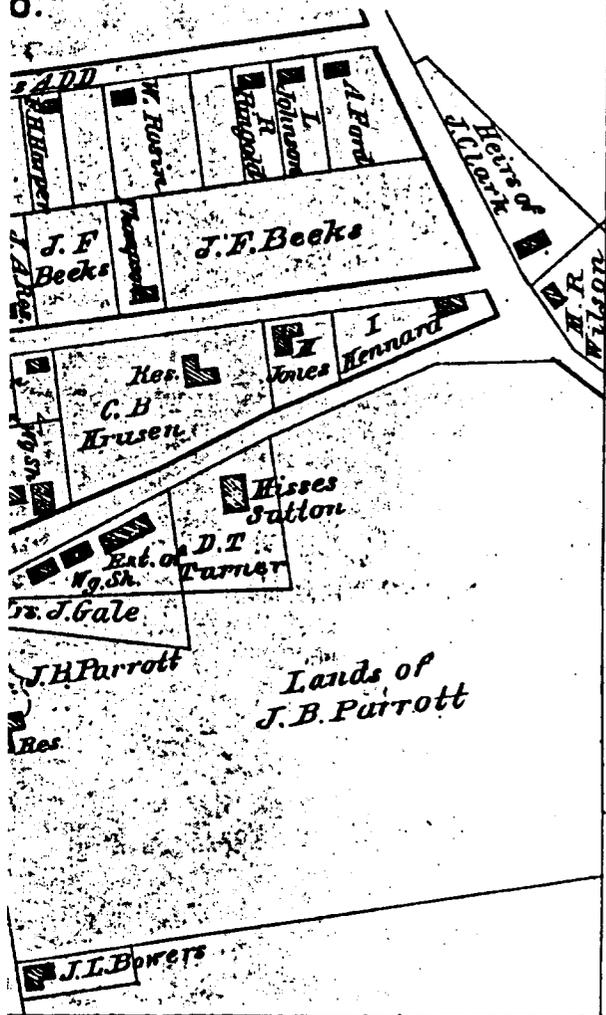
TO: Joseph B. Hossinger
FROM: Jacob Highley, etal
DATE: February 13, 1880

For \$1,285.00 the lot with a double brick dwelling of three stories each has five rooms and a kitchen.

DCB 4
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This reference is the record of land settlement after death of J. Kennedy in 1878; when he bought the property it had no house on it.

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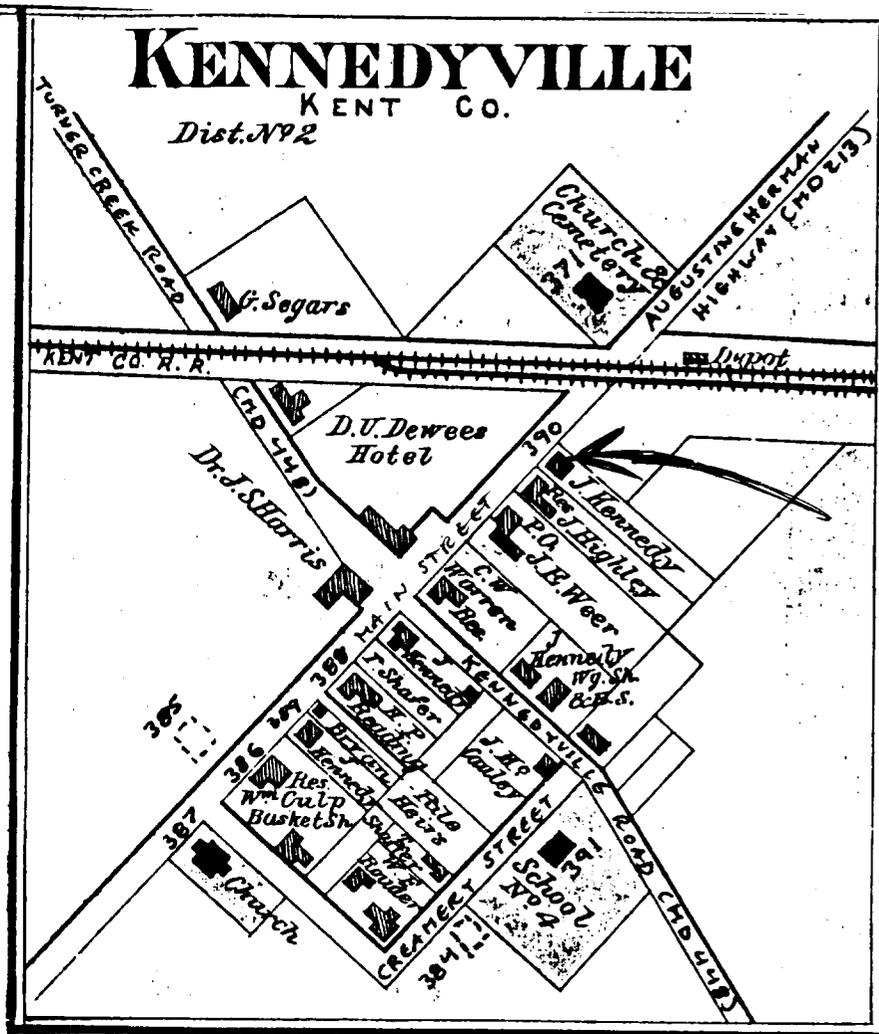
KENNEDYVILLE BUSINESS REFERENCES.

WILLIAM S. CULP, Carpenter and Builder, and Manufacturer of Peach-baskets. Orders solicited.
C. H. J. SPARKS, Proprietor of Cash Store. Is now offering to the public a full line of Dry Goods, Notions, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, and other Articles usually kept in a country store. Ready-made Clothing always on hand, or ordered at short notice. My Goods were bought for cash, and can offer bet-

KENNEDYVILLE

KENT CO.

Dist. No 2



SAMUEL S. HOPKINS, Proprietor of Urieville Flouring Mill. Best Grades of Family Flour manufactured and kept on hand for sale at all times, also Custom Work done at all times. All persons are solicited to give me a call. 2½ miles from Kennedyville.

J. F. POTE, Blacksmith at Urieville. All kinds of Blacksmithing done with neatness and dispatch. All persons wanting anything in my line will please give me a call. 2½ miles from Kennedyville.

A. STRONG, Wheelwright at Urieville. All kinds of Wheelwrighting done with neatness and dispatch. Persons wanting anything in my line will do well to give me a call. Shop 2½ miles from

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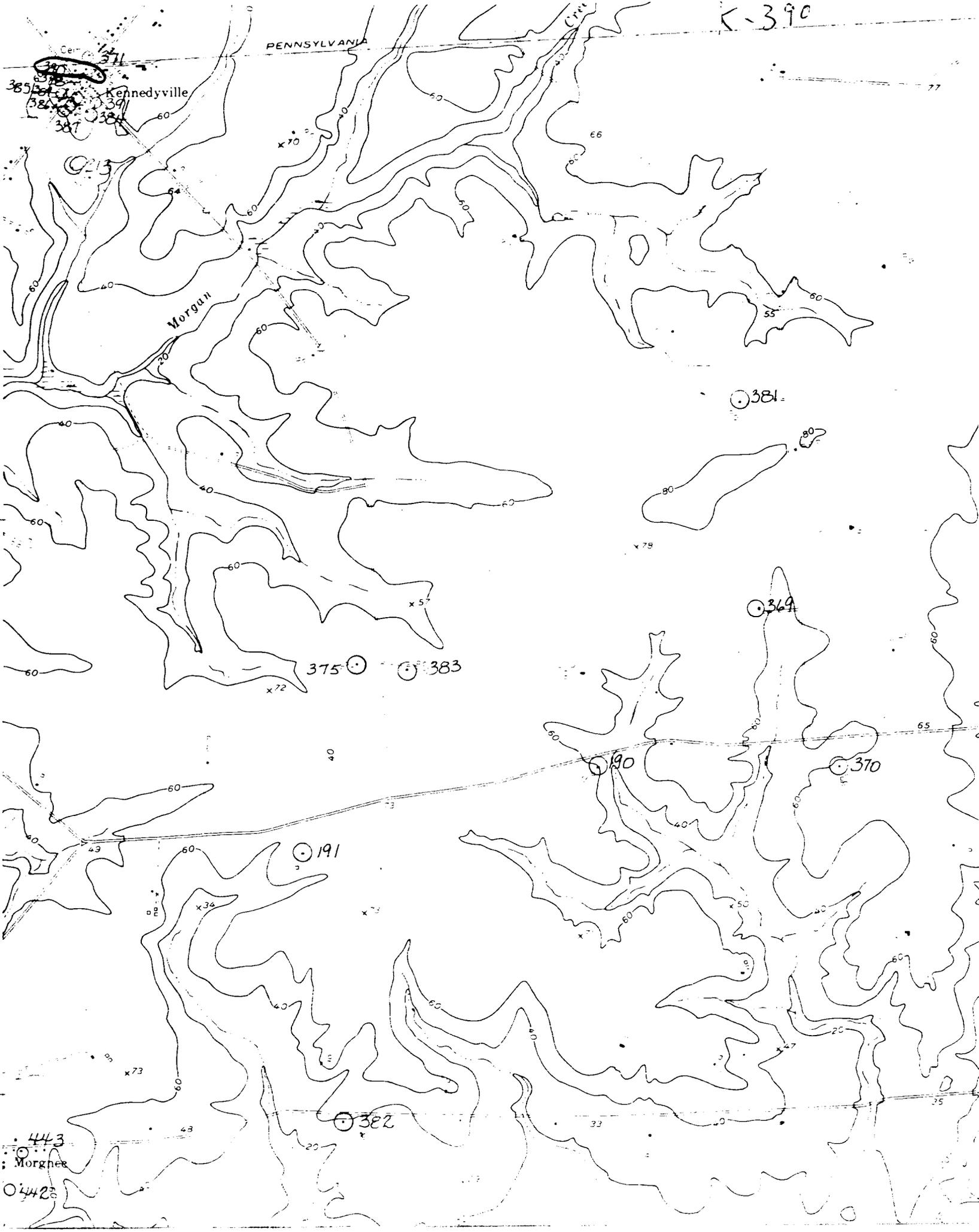
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Parish House

View to Northeast

Kennedyville

Kent county

M. L. Fritz

3/1980

J. Tyler Campbell
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