

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Harmony Grove Union Chapel Inventory Number: F-3-197

Address: 7930 Worman's Mill Road City: _____ Zip Code: _____

County: Frederick USGS Topographic Map: Frederick

Owner: Raymond Smoley

Tax Parcel Number: 264 Tax Map Number: 57 Tax Account ID Number: 28-534876

Project: US 15/MD 26 Agency: MD SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Is the property located within a historic district? no yes Name of district: Harmony Grove Historic District*

**HARMONY GROVE DISTRICT DETERMINED INELIGIBLE*

Is district listed? no yes Determined eligible? no yes District Inventory Number: F-3-108

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Harmony Grove Union Chapel has been evaluated in light of the National Register criteria and within the contexts of architecture, religion, and community development. It has lost some integrity of form and materials, due to its exterior deterioration. A 1991 article (Frederick Magazine, June, 1991, p. 19) states that vandals had heavily damaged the building. It has been unused for many years. It lacks significant architectural distinction to merit listing under Criterion C. Although connected with a social and religious pattern in American life and history, it does not retain the necessary integrity of place, given the truncated nature of the community. It is not thought to have a significant enough association with important persons or events for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Harmony Grove Union Chapel is a one-story, frame church on the west side of Worman's Mill Road. Development and highway construction ravaged Harmony Grove, a mill village, and the chapel is one of a half-dozen buildings which remain. The town was bifurcated by the construction of the US 15 in the 1970's, and additional buildings were destroyed since the roadway construction, including the railroad station, post office, and freight warehouse, two stores, and Worman's Mill.

In Frederick Magazine (June, 1991, p. 19) it was stated that it was erected on land donated by Isaac Cronise when dissention arose among members of the village's Methodist Protestant Church [demolished]. Attempts to determine the nature of the dissention have been futile, but there were endless issues at the time that could cause rifts in Methodist congregations. Walter W. Benjamin, in The History of American Methodism (page 329), notes that denominational rivalry and competition was rife, characterized by "heckling" and "ceaseless carping" against everything, in an era of "rugged denominationalism". Thus

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Comments: <u>Retains sufficient integrity to reflect association with early Methodism (A) and stand as example of type (C)</u>	
<u>Andrew Lewis</u> ✓ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>07/30/02</u> Date
<u>R. K. Smith</u> Reviewer, NR program	<u>8/6/02</u> Date

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dissention was common within the Methodist Church at the time this building was constructed. Statistics from the Census of 1870 (Illustrated History of Methodism, Rev. Wlm. Daniels, 1879) notes that there were eight groups within Episcopal Methodism in the United States, and five independent groups of Methodists within Non-Episcopal Methodism. The creation of splinter congregations thus was a common occurrence within this mainstream religion.

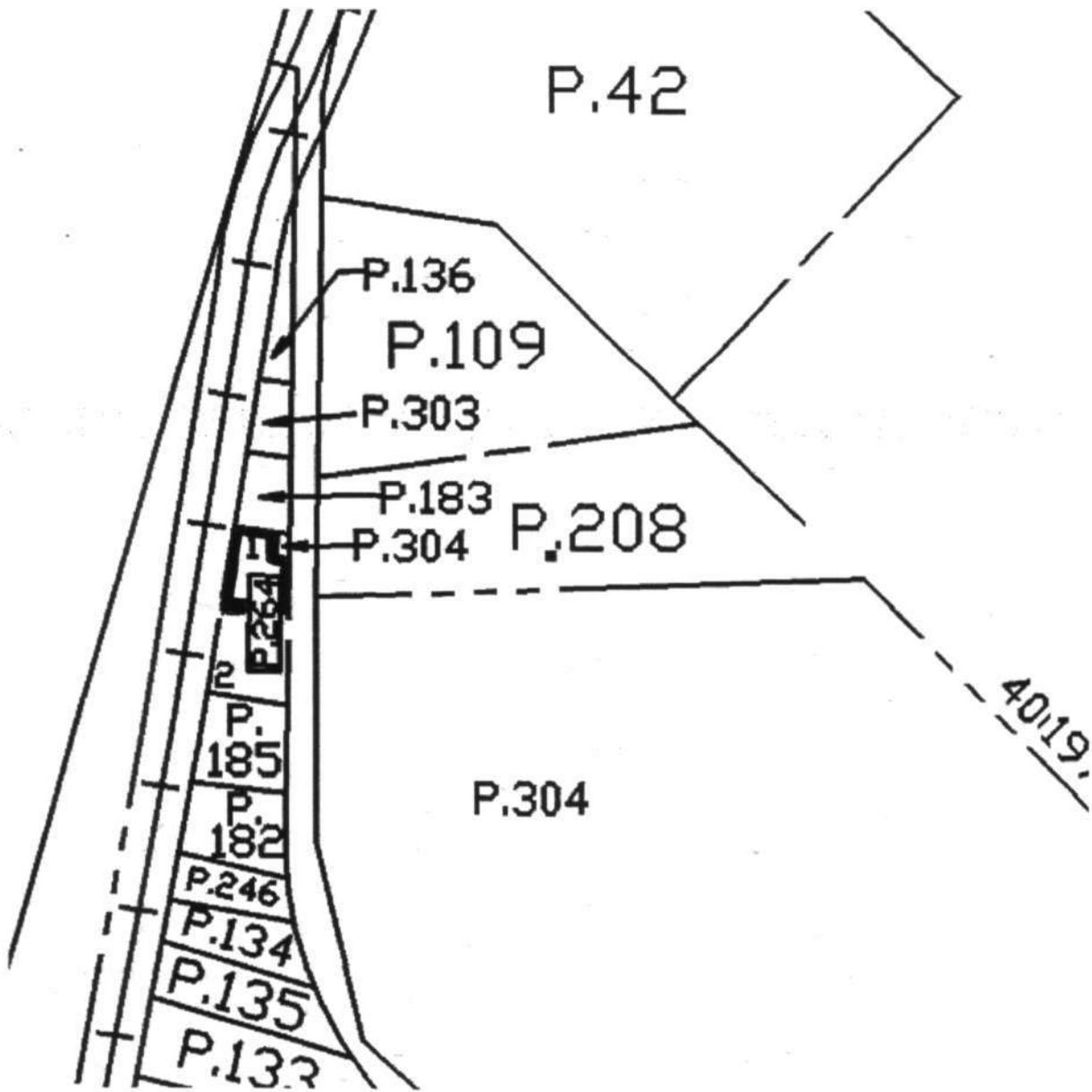
The building has undergone considerable deterioration, as shown in the attached photographs. It has been unused for a number of decades, and windowpanes are missing, and vines evidently grew up within a window enframement on the north side, as embedded plant material is still in evidence. In Frederick Magazine (June, 1991, p. 19) it was noted that it was in a very "sorry state". The building appears to be partly open to the elements, caulking is missing in the foundation, and it has structural problems.

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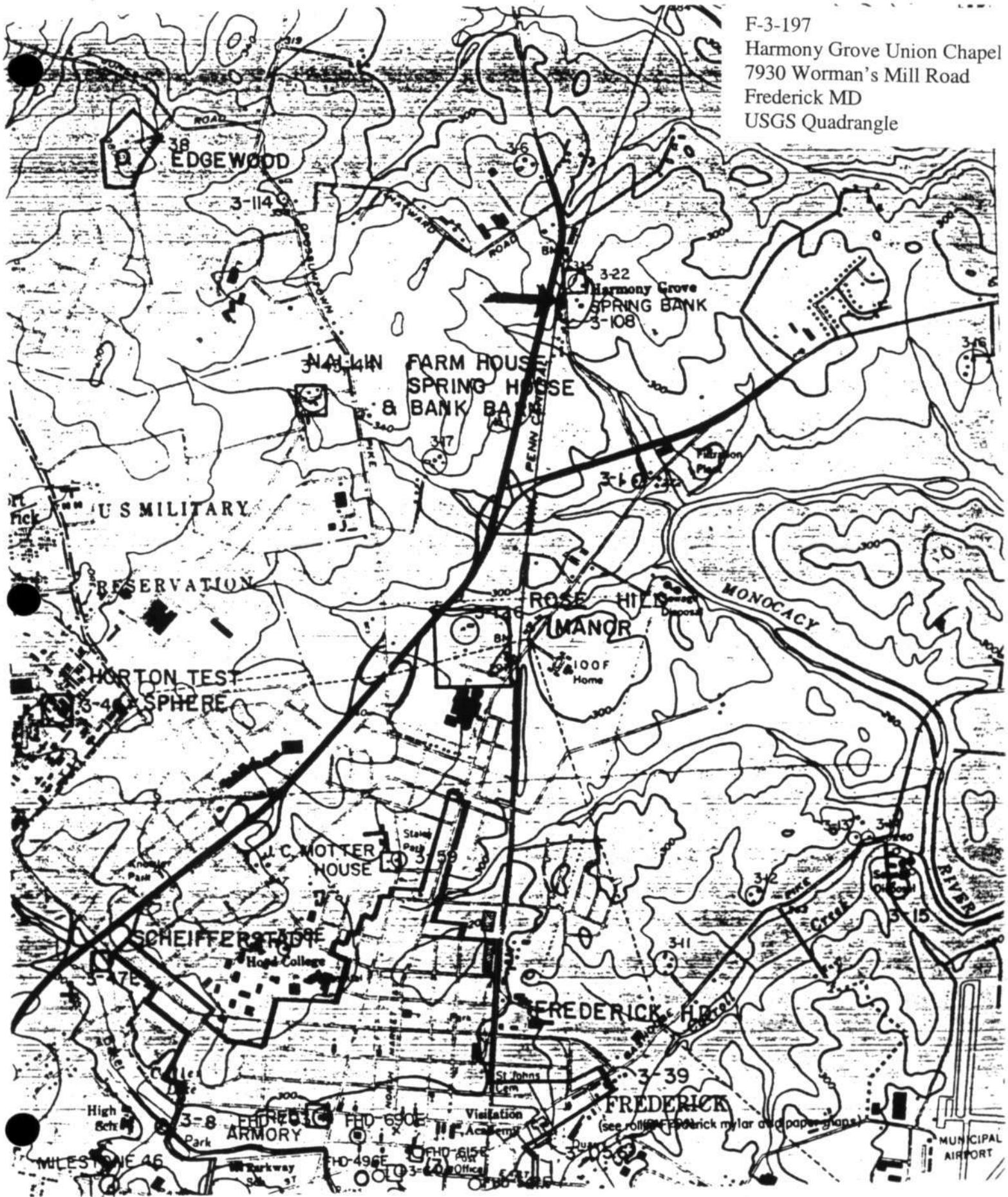
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Tax Map

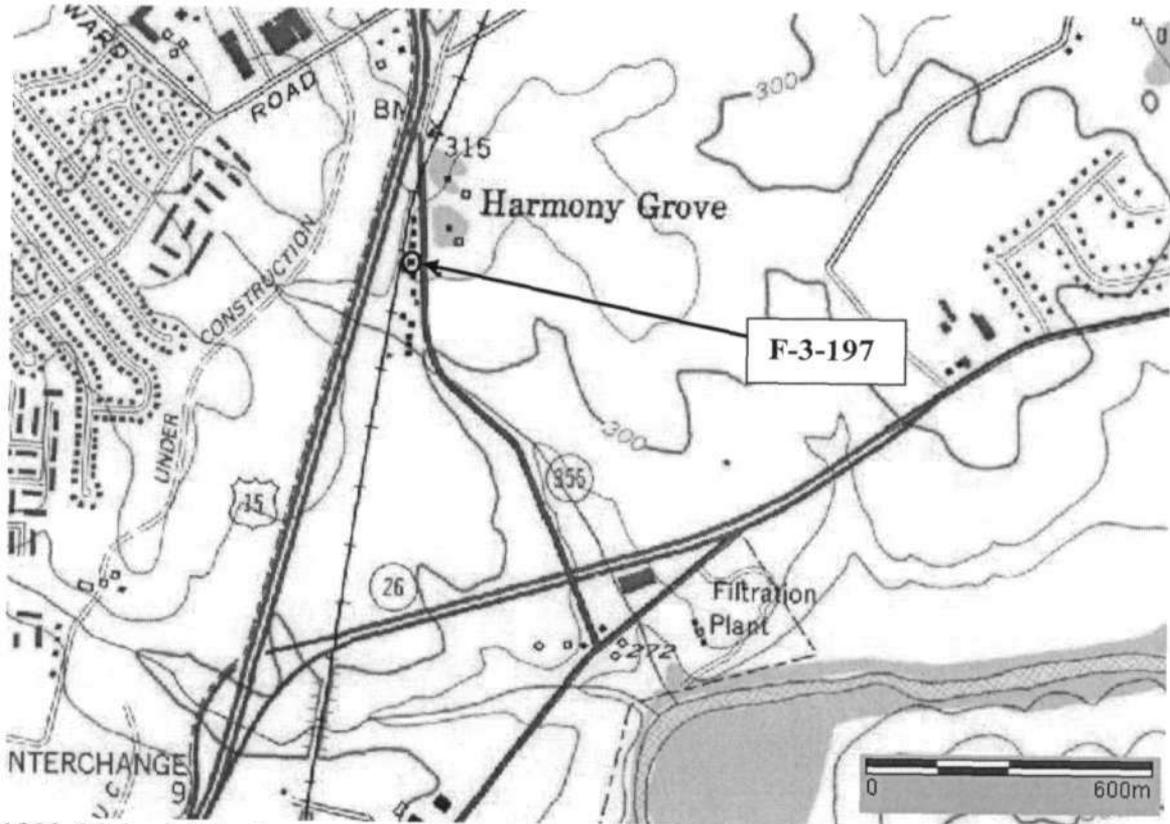
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USGS Quadrangle



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1993-95 Aerial Photo





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