

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: SORC School (current)  
Faith Presbyterian Church (historic) Inventory Number: B-3975

Address: 1214 N. Broadway City: Baltimore Zip Code: 21213

County: Baltimore City USGS Topographic Map: East Baltimore

Owner: Cathedral of the Living Word, Inc. Is the property being evaluated a district?  yes

Tax Parcel Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Account ID Number: Block: 1164-B Lot: 45

Project: Cathedral of the Living Word Site BAC 250A Agency: LLC  
Omnipoint Communications CAP Operations,

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the property located within a historic district?  yes  no

<i>If the property is within a district</i>		District Inventory Number: <u>B 5077</u>
NR-listed district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	Eligible district <input type="checkbox"/> yes	District Name: <u>Baltimore East/South Clifton Park</u>
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no Non-contributing but eligible in another context <input type="checkbox"/>		

<i>If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)</i>	
Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	

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

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP form, NRHP form for historic district

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

The SORC School complex (also known as the Cathedral of the Living Word and Faith Presbyterian Church) includes a cruciform plan church with a prominent bell tower, a chapel, and a Sunday school building. The church and chapel are designed in the Gothic Revival style of architecture, reminiscent of English Gothic parish churches, while the Sunday school building is designed in a collegiate Gothic Revival style of architecture. All three buildings are constructed of rusticated bluestone and have bluff accents that include stringcourses, lintels, and gothic arches. The gable roofs of the church and chapel are clad in slate.

The main (east) façade of the complex fronts North Broadway, with the church oriented on an east-west axis. Centered on the gable-end of the church's east façade is a tripartite gothic arch window with geometric tracery. The three-story tower is located in the southeast corner of the church with the main entrance to the church located on the east façade of the tower. The second-story of the tower has two louvered gothic arch openings on each façade, and the third-story has a single open gothic arch with tracery on each façade. The bell tower is topped by a pyramidal roof with dormer louvered gothic arch openings on each facade. The west façade of the church has a

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Comments: _____	
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>6/11/03</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>6/13/03</u> Date

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single rose window located below the gable peak. A rose window, three gothic arch windows, and three pairs of rectangular windows are located on the north façade of the transept. A gable roof vestibule is located at the east end of the north façade, and a tall flue projects from the northeast corner of the intersecting gable roofs. The church has buttresses at each corner and wall intersection and features dormer windows on the steeply pitched roof. The interior of the sanctuary features an exposed hammer beam ceiling and the original wood pews.

The attached chapel is located south of the church. The east façade of the chapel has a semi-circular apse with three rectangular windows. An enclosed connector, with three one-over-one sash rectangular windows, extends from the semi-circular wing to the church's bell tower. A rose window is located below the gable peak on the east façade of the chapel. The south façade features wall buttresses and six rectangular windows. Two dormer windows and two circular flues are located on the roof of the south façade. The rear (west) façade has four rectangular windows, and a dormer with vents is centered on the roof.

A three-story, two-bay wing connects the three-story school to the southwest corner of the chapel. The Sunday school building features segmental arch doorways ornamented above with decorative shields, bluff stringcourses and lintels, wall buttresses, and a flat roof. The majority of the windows are eight-over-eight-light double-hung wood sash. A modified "V" shape in plan, the school is five-bays on the east facade, six-bays on the south façade, and three-bays wide. The main entrance is a set of doors located at the easternmost end of the south façade.

Significance:

The SORC School complex is located amid what was once the Glendy Cemetery, named after the Scotch-Irish minister Rev. John Glendy who founded the Second Presbyterian Church in Baltimore. The lot was given to the church in 1806 to be used as a burial ground. Faith Chapel, a Gothic-Revival wood building, was constructed on the lot in 1878 and was used as a mission by the First Presbyterian Church. When the congregation outgrew the chapel, construction of the present church began in 1883. Formally dedicated in 1884, Faith Church was built of Falls Road bluestone with buff trim from Amherst, Ohio at a cost of \$40,000. The stone church and chapel were designed by a noted Baltimore architect, Charles L. Carson. The frame chapel, which was being used as a school, was torn down in 1915 and was replaced with the present school building designed by Clyde Friz the next year. The school building was rededicated as the Campbell Community Center in 1928. Following the trends of white migration out of Baltimore, Faith Presbyterian began constructing a new church on Lock Raven Boulevard in 1940, and the present complex of buildings came under the ownership of the Knox Presbyterian Church, the third African-American Presbyterian church in Baltimore.

The SORC School Complex possesses the qualities of significance for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C. The areas of significance are architecture and community planning and development. The church and associated buildings document the evolution of urban residential neighborhoods in Baltimore between 1850 and ca. 1955. As the population of Baltimore grew from downtown residential areas to previous undeveloped areas during the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, new institutions followed. Originally constructed to serve the increased residential population settling in the area, the church comprised an integral part of the white Protestant community. During the mid-twentieth century, as the white population began moving farther from the city, the church and associated buildings evolved into an important religious and community center for the new, all-black congregation.

The collection of buildings situated at the intersections of Biddle, Broadway, and Gay streets embody the distinctive characteristics of their types, periods, and methods of construction and form a cohesive entity as defined under Criterion C. The church, chapel, and school building are excellent examples of late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century Gothic Revival religious and institutional buildings. The buildings possess very good integrity of location,

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design, setting, materials, workmanship, and feeling. Additionally the church complex meets Criterion Consideration A because it is a well preserved example of Gothic-Revival architecture and reflects the residential growth and development the area.

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The Louis Berger Group, Inc.

Date Prepared: 5-23-03

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Site Location Map: Faith Presbyterian Church / SORC School (MIHP# B-3975)

Source: Baltimore East, Maryland, USGS Quadrangle, 1974

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Faith Presbyterian Church & Glendy Cemetery  
(Cathedral of the Living Word; SORC School)  
1214 N. Broadway  
Block 1164B, Lot 045  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.



GIS data Courtesy of  
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NORTH FACADE OF CHURCH



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VIEW FACING SOUTHWEST ON BROADWAY,  
MAIN (EAST) FACADE



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November 22, 2008  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR  
CLASSES 8 - 12

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Then you can do the impossible

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SOUTHWEST FACADE OF ADJOINING SCHOOL



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WEST FACADE OF ADJOINING SCHOOL



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WEST FACADE OF CHAPEL AND CHURCH



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## BALTIMORE CITY--COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CDBG SURVEY YEAR: 12 SURVEY NO.: B-3975  
 AREA: Madison Square-Oliver Historic District MAGI NO.: 0439755608

ADDRESS: 1214 N. Broadway  
 CURRENT NAME: The Cathedral of the Living Word



BLOCK: 1164-B LOT: 45 LOT SIZE: 214'x150'x247'x179'x153'  
 HEIGHT: MATERIALS: Stone  
 CONDITION: Good OWNER: The Cathedral of the Living Word, Inc.  
 ADDRESS: 1214 N. Broadway  
 USE: Religious ACCESSIBLE: Yes; restricted  
 DESIGNATION: LIBER/FOLIO: SEB 906-43

HISTORIC NAME: Faith Presbyterian Church & Glendy Cemetery  
 DATE: 1806, 1883-1884, 1916  
 ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Charles L. Carson/Wm. Ferguson & Bro.; Clyde Friz/Cowan Bldg. Co.  
 STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE): Gothic revival

## DESCRIPTION:

Faith Church, located at 1214 N. Broadway at the confluence of Biddle, Broadway, and Gay sts., is a cruciform plan, gable-roofed church of random ashlar with a tower in the southeast corner and a gable-roofed chapel with apse on the south end. The east elevation of the church has a tripartite lancet window. The tower is three stories, with a lancet doorway in the first, two louvered lancet openings in the second, a single open lancet with tracery in the third, and a dentil cornice below a spire with a lucarne. The east end of the chapel has a semicircular wing with three rectangular windows. The south elevation is four bays plus the apse, with single rectangular windows in the ends and double windows in the center ones, all divided by buttresses. A three-story, two bay wing connects the school to the southwest corner of the chapel. The school is a three story high "V"-shaped building with a flat roof and random ashlar. The east facade is five bays, and the south elevation six bays, but they are otherwise identical, with the two outer bays having projecting lancet doors in the first story, rectangular double windows in the second, and lancet double windows in the third. The other bays have a rectangular double window in each story.

## SIGNIFICANCE:

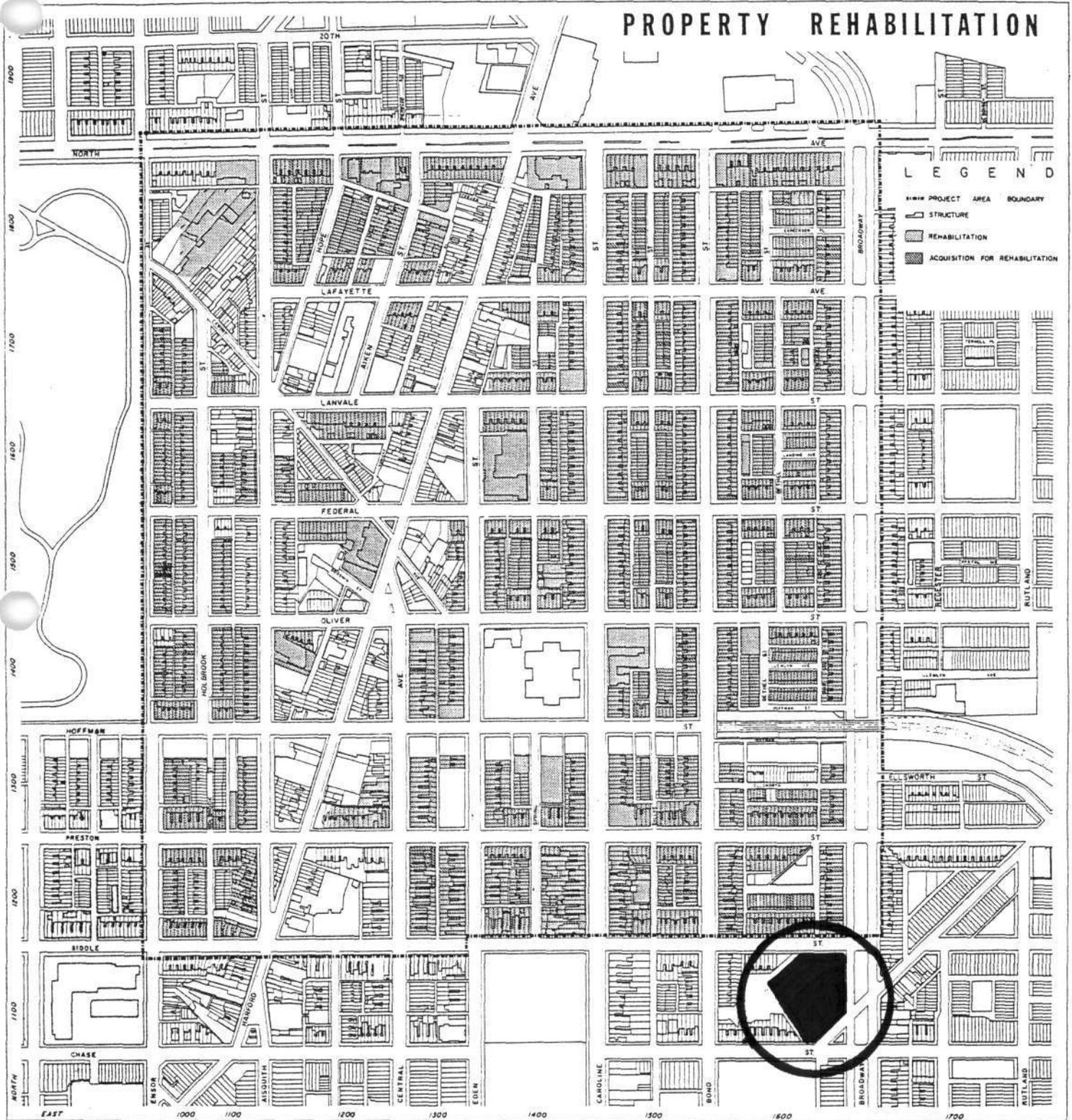
AREA: Architecture LEVEL: Local

Faith Church is an excellent example of the early English Gothic parish church popular among the ecclesiological movement of the nineteenth century, and is an important work of a major Baltimore architect. The church stands in the middle of Glendy Cemetery, named for the Scotch-Irish minister Rev. John Glendy who founded the Second Presbyterian Church in Baltimore. The lot was given to the church by General Smith in 1806 as a burial ground. Though the cemetery contained the graves of quite a few prominent Baltimoreans it was not very well-maintained, so to protect it, Faith Chapel was erected within it, in 1878. When this was outgrown, the present structure was built, the cornerstone being laid on 5-13-1883 and the church dedicated on 11-27-1884. The ensemble included a cruciform church with an open-timbered roof that seated 700, an adjoining chapel that seated 275, a tower between the two that acted as a common entrance, and a minister's study, organ chamber, and library connected around the perimeter. Built of Falls Rd. bluestone with trimmings of buff Amherst, Ohio stone at a cost of \$40,000, it was designed by noted Baltimore architect Charles L. Carson. In 1915 the old frame chapel, which was being used as a school, was torn down and replaced with the present edifice, designed by Clyde Friz to disturb as few graves as possible, and built of Falls Rd. granite, in 1916.

SOURCES: Smith, Eighty Years; Sun: 11-24-1884, 11-28-1884, 12-18-1915; American: 11-23-1884, 10-1-1893; MHS VF.

SURVEYOR AND DATE: Kenneth M. Short, August, 1987

# PROPERTY REHABILITATION



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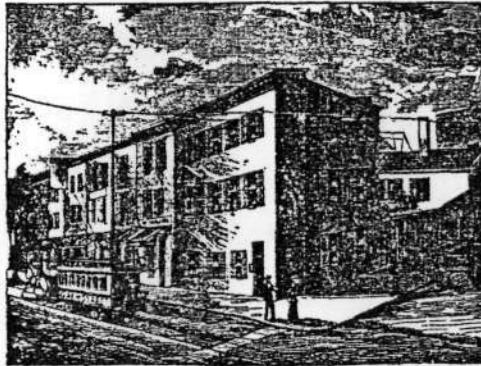
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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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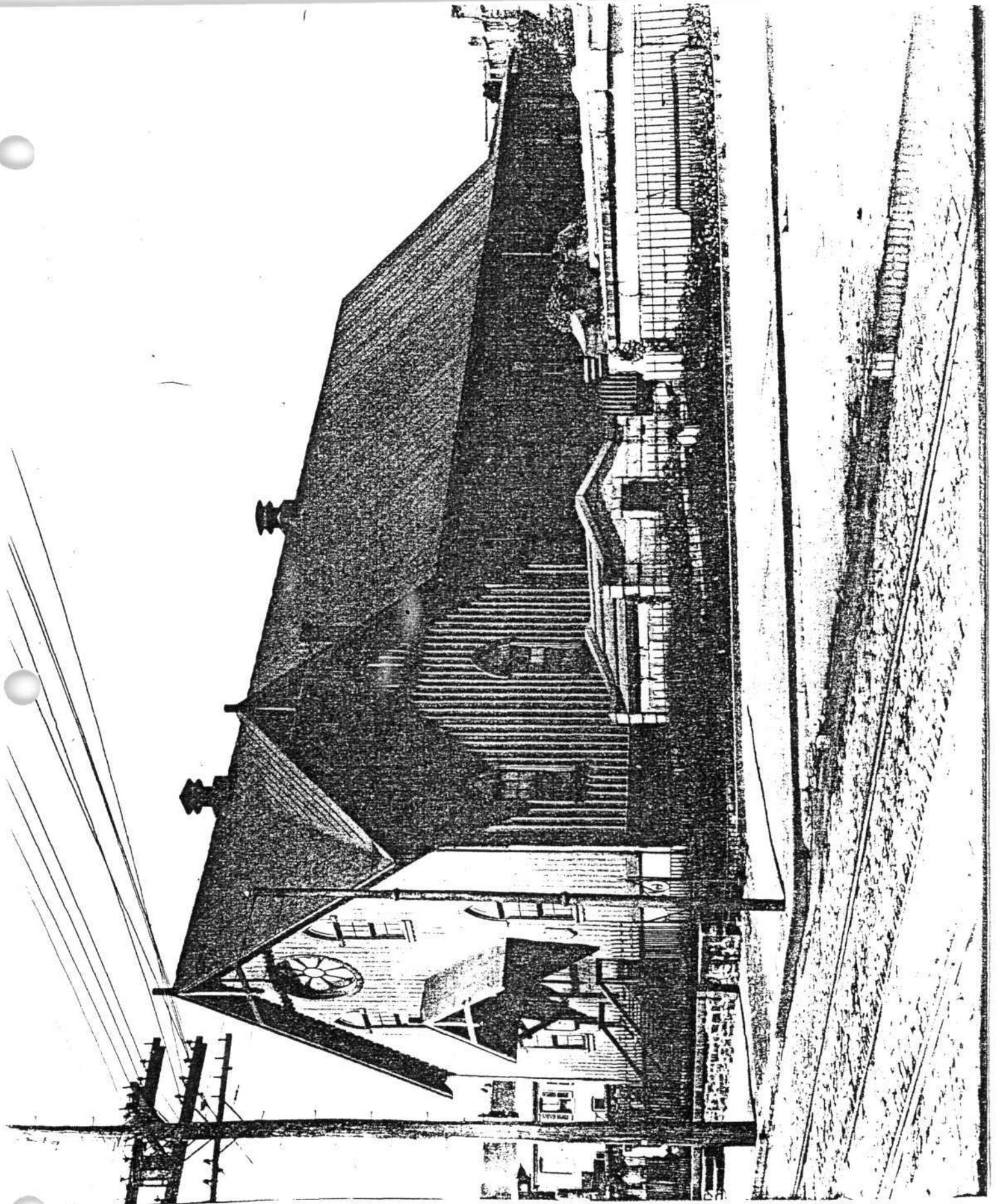
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and Glendy Cemetery  
1214 N. Broadway



Old Blacksmith Shop—First Meeting  
Place of Faith Presbyterian Church

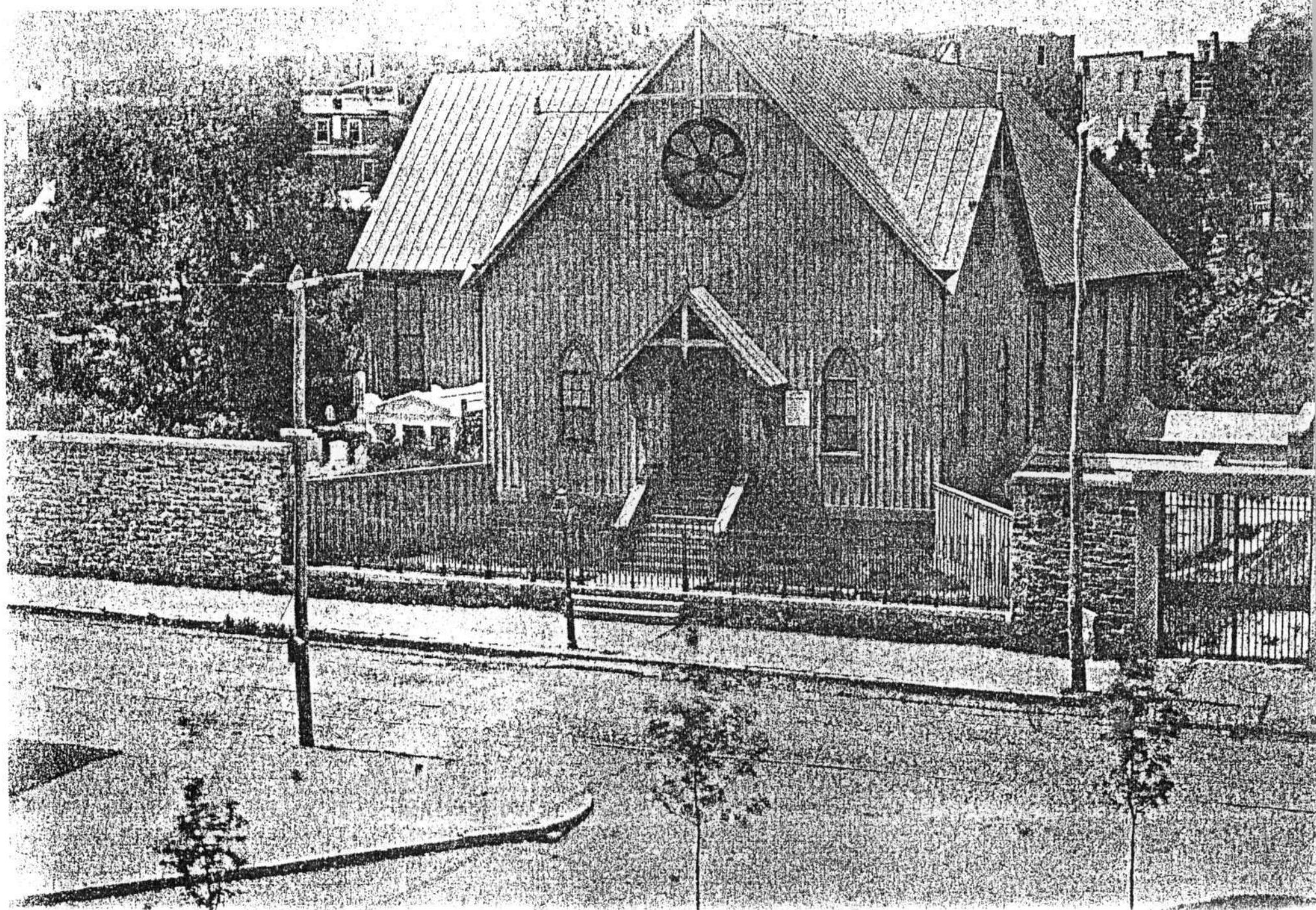
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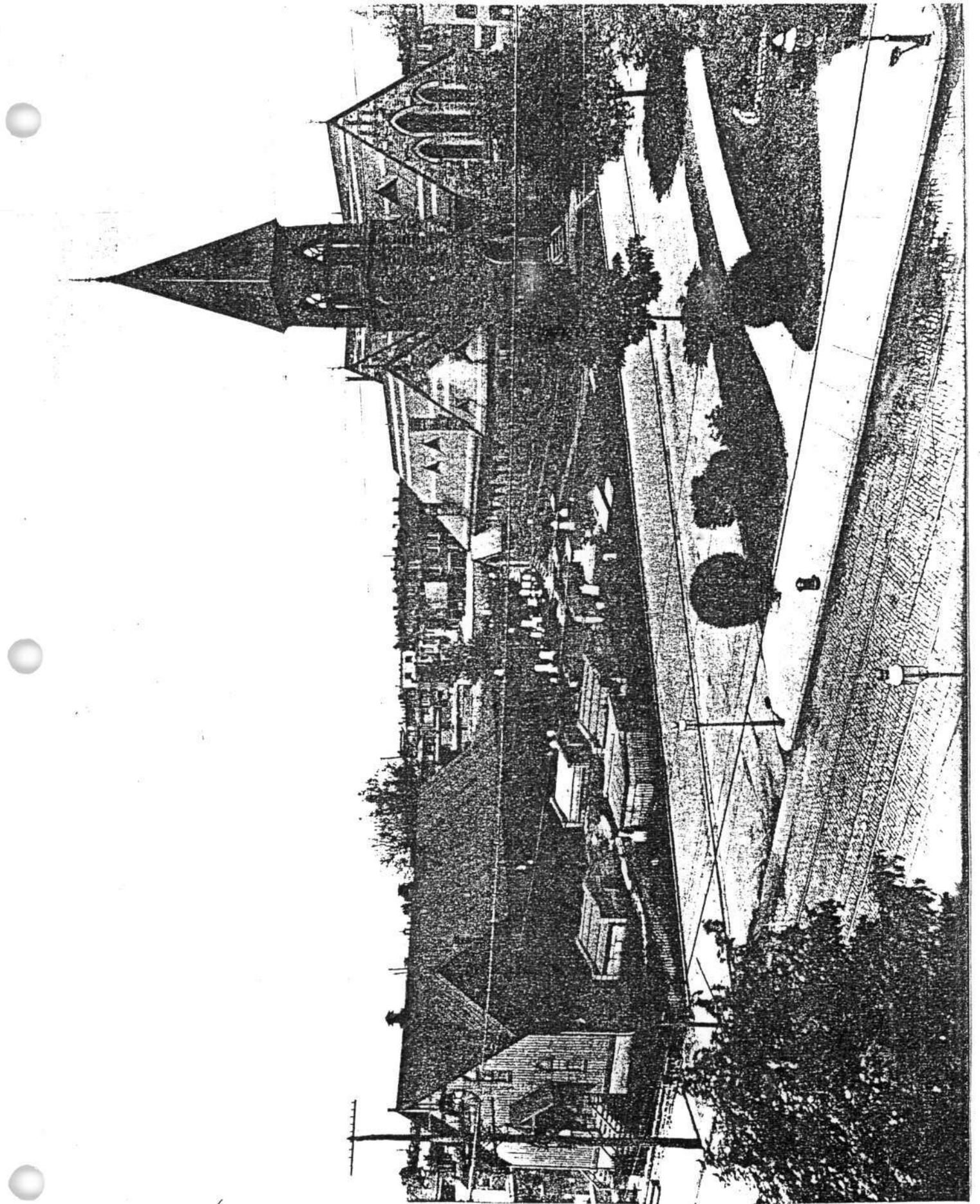
Francis A. Hyde, "Faith Church, Baltimore," in The Presbyterian Banner,  
June 20, 1918, p.1629. M.H.S. V.F.



Faith Presbyterian Chapel, c. 1910 (B-3975)  
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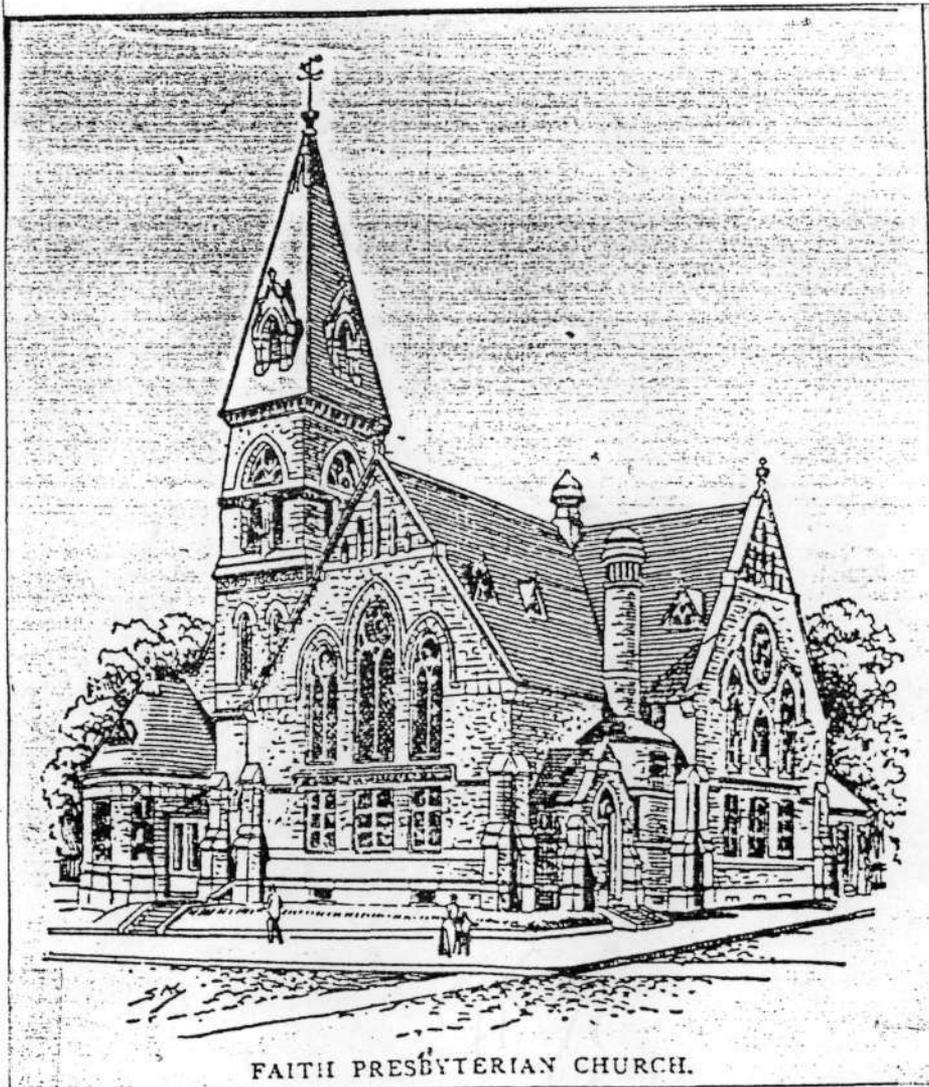
Faith Presbyterian Church and Chapel, c. 1910 (B-3975)  
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This 1915 photo shows the razing of the old chapel of Faith Presbyterian Church at Broadway, Gay and Chase

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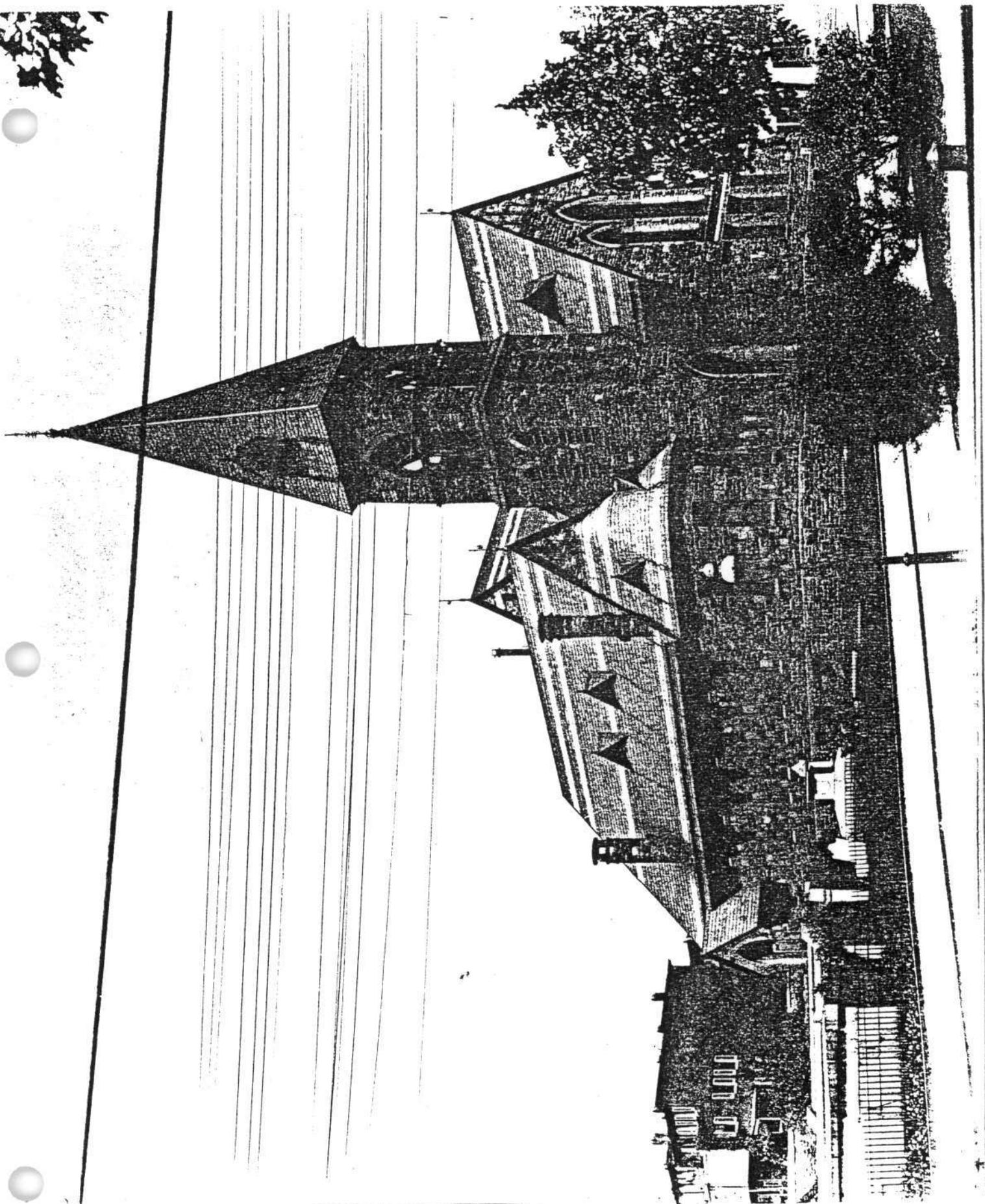
The Sun Magazine, Baltimore, April 17, 1955, in M.H.S. V.F.



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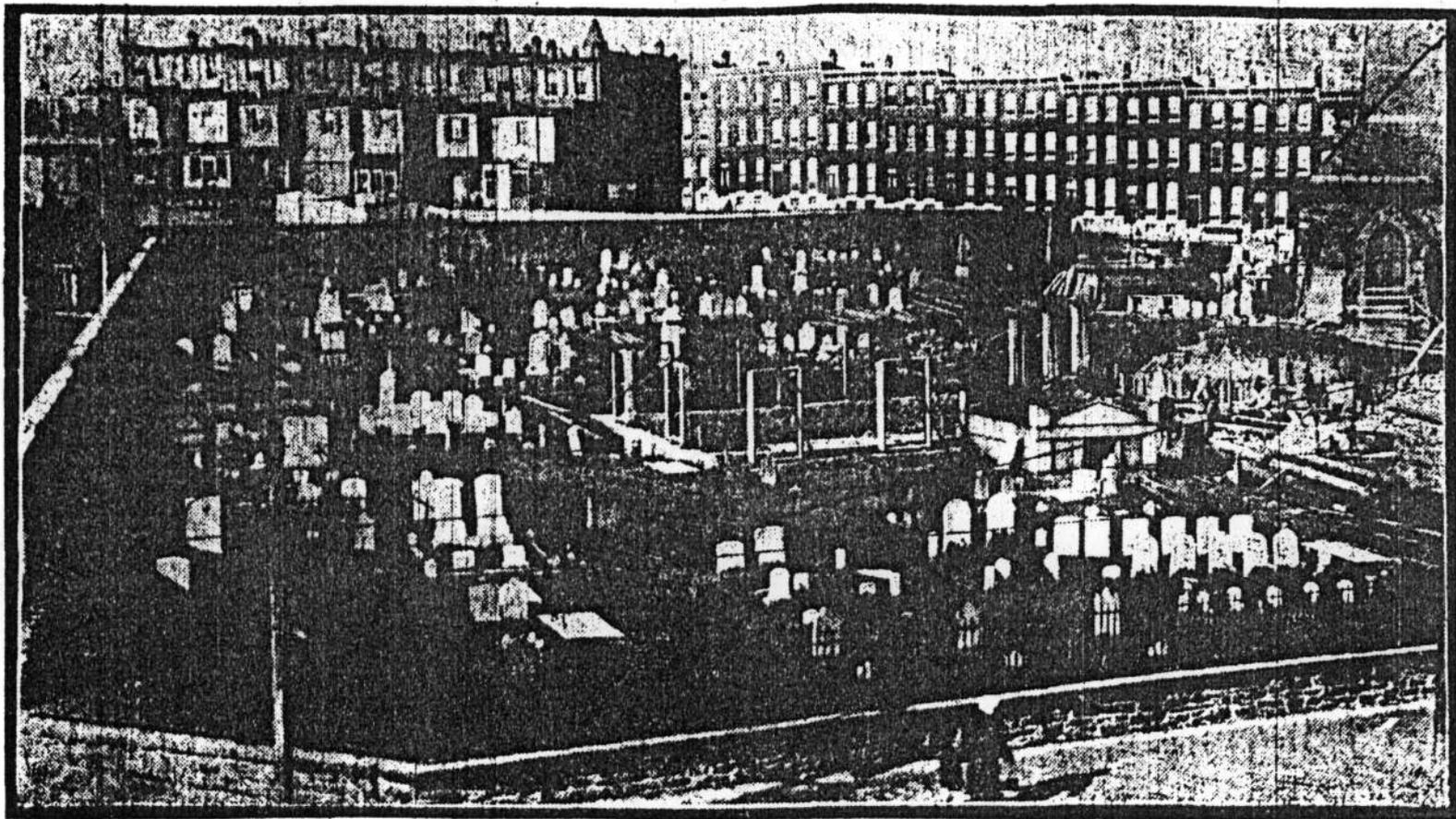
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The American, Baltimore, October 1, 1893, p.13, col.3-6.



Faith Presbyterian Church, c. 1910 (B-3975)  
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## New Chapel To Arise Amid Old Graves



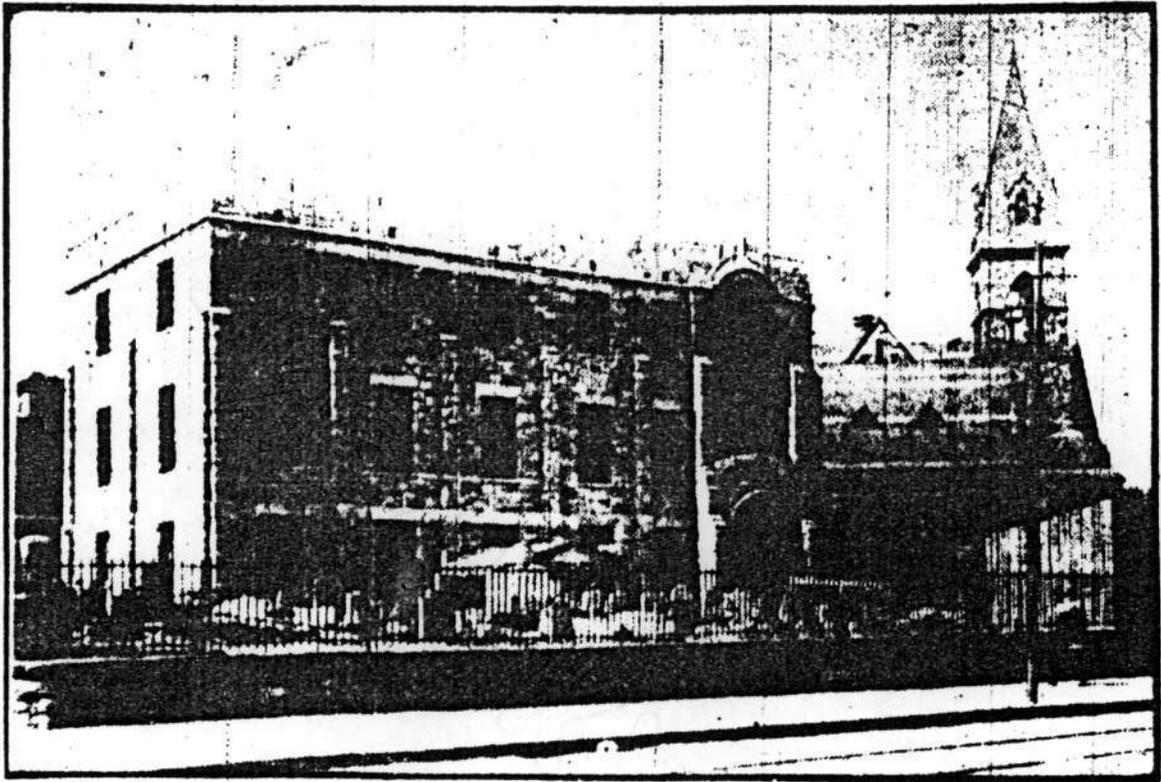
*GRAVEYARD OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*

In the centre of the picture are shown the foundations for the new building, and the rear of the church, to which it is to be an addition, is seen on the right.

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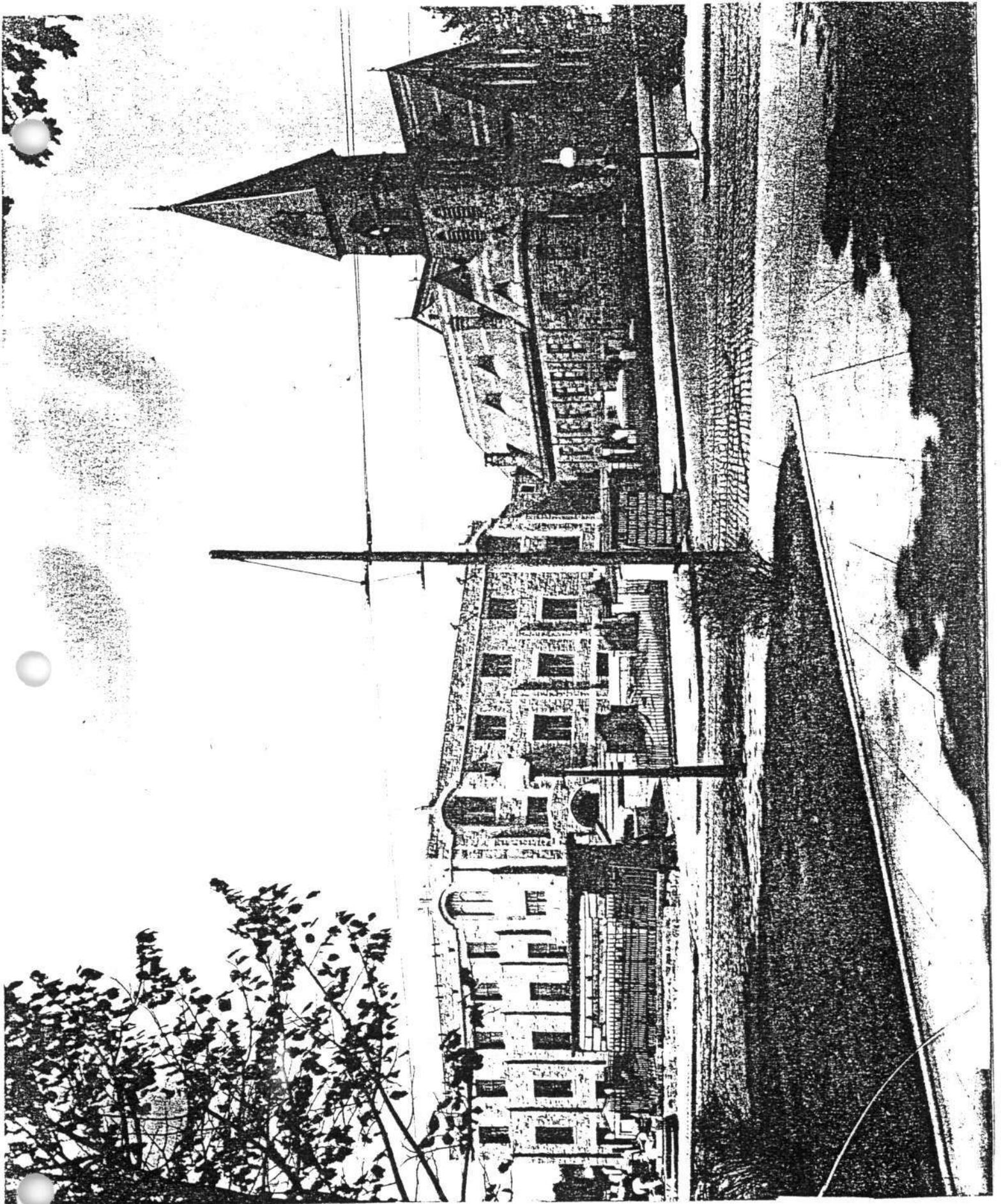
THE SUN, BALTIMORE, MONDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 25, 1916.

## Its Dedication Services Held Yesterday



COMMUNITY BUILDING OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Faith Presbyterian Church and School, 1916 (B-3975)  
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Faith Presbyterian Church

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1214 North Broadway

Baltimore, Maryland

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Southeast corner view

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Northeast corner view

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School Bldg., Southeast elevation

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Glendy Cemetery, general view from south

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