

end of the said session, a parcel of ground where the said church stood, not exceeding five acres, and forthwith make return thereof to the clerk of the County Court for record, and which said parcel of land, with the improvements thereon, was by said Act given, granted and confirmed unto the members of the German Reformed Church, as a religious sect or order, and to their successors forever; provided, the same shall be by them improved, enjoyed and used as a house of worship and burying ground aforesaid; and

Preamble. WHEREAS, It appears that the then surveyor of Frederick county did make the survey and plat directed by said Act within the time therein limited, and did forthwith make return thereof to the clerk of the Frederick County Court, who recorded the same in Liber W. R. No. 3, folio 83, one of the Land Records of Frederick county, and the members of said church have ever since enjoyed, used and occupied said lot as a place for a house of worship and as a burying ground; and

Preamble. WHEREAS, The members of said church did on the thirty-first day of March, A. D. 1848, become incorporated according to law under the corporate name of The Glade Church; and

Preamble. WHEREAS, The pastor and consistory, the governing body of said church and the members thereof found it necessary for the greater convenience of the members and for the promotion of the welfare of said church to erect a new and more commodious house of worship in the village of Walkersville, in said county, about three-fourths of a mile distant from said lot, and to that end have purchased a lot of ground in said village of Walkersville from John H. Stouffer, containing one acre of land, and which they desire to hold and own in addition to said five acres, and upon which they have erected a new church building, which it is their wish to use as their principal place and house of worship, and they also desire to obtain another lot in said village for the purposes of a parsonage, and also desire to retain and maintain said five acre lot principally for purposes of sepulture, but it has been contended that if said church abandons the said building erected on said five acre lot as a house of worship the said lot will revert to the State of Maryland under the proviso in said grant; therefore,

Repeal. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all the right, title and interest of the State of Maryland in reversion, in and to five acres of land given and granted to the members of the German Reformed Church as a religious sect or order by the Act of the General Assembly passed at the session begun November fifth, A. D. 1781, enti-