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Stevenson Methodist Church
Stevenson
Maryland 21153
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

STEVENSON METHODIST CHURCH

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

~~Green Spring Valley Road~~ 10625 Stevenson Rd Second

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Stevenson

— VICINITY OF

Baltimore

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

—DISTRICT

—PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

—AGRICULTURE

—MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

—UNOCCUPIED

—COMMERCIAL

—PARK

—STRUCTURE

—BOTH

—WORK IN PROGRESS

—EDUCATIONAL

—PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

—ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

—OBJECT

—IN PROCESS

—YES: RESTRICTED

—GOVERNMENT

—SCIENTIFIC

—BEING CONSIDERED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

—INDUSTRIAL

—TRANSPORTATION

NO

—MILITARY

—OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Stevenson Methodist Church

Telephone #: 486-7233

STREET & NUMBER

Stevenson

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Maryland

— VICINITY OF

21153

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: not available

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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 STEVENSON METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH is a stone structure of the Gothic-revival style, its cornerstone in the northwest corner of the tower indicating its 1905 construction date. Exterior walls, to the eave line, are of rubble stone; the gables are shingled.

With gables in all directions, the sanctuary occupies the north and south wings, the pulpit the shallow east wing. The Sunday-school occupies the west wing and the south wing which extends from it. A three-storey crenelated tower stands in the northwest re-entrant corner. A great window with wooden tracery pierces each end wall of each wing, the spring line of its Gothic arch corresponding with the top of the stone wall. A rose window is in the gable above the pulpit. Gothic-arched entrance doors are to the north and west in the tower and louvred openings are in all walls of its third storey.

Beaded wainscotting finishes the interior. Diagonal aisles lead through the pews toward the pulpit, one from the entrance tower, the other from a corresponding point entering the south wing of the Sunday school. Furnishings including pews and pulpit furniture appear to be original; two chandeliers with glass shades are early examples of electrical fixtures. Three overhead doors of wainscotting, with patent hardware, allow the Sunday-school to be opened to the sanctuary.

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

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Dating from 1905 and built in the picturesque Gothic style, the most accepted style for churches, the STEVENSON METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH is typical of many early twentieth century Methodist churches with its multiple gables covering sanctuary and Sunday-school alike, a tower rising from the principal interior corner. The wooden tracery, typical of its period, recalls with great originality similar stone forms found in medieval Europe.

STEVENSON METHODIST CHURCH

The Stevenson Methodist Church was designed by Benjamin D. and Max D. Price of Philadelphia. The cornerstone was laid in 1905¹ and dedication ceremonies were held two years later on June 23. Prominent supporters of the early church were General Felix Agnus, Walter Brooks, W. B. Brewster, George Jenkins, Summerfield Baldwin, Carroll Brown and H. Irving Cross. The cost of the building was \$11,000. On the day prior to the dedication the total debt was \$8,200. However, with a donation of \$2,000 from the Baltimore City Mission Church and generous contributions and pledges from private donors, the debt was reduced to \$1,700 by the time the dedication took place. The remaining mortgage was paid off in several months.² The present minister is the Reverend Ellsworth Bunce. There have been no alterations to the building.

¹ Cornerstone of Church.
² Baltimore American, June 24, 1907. Framed in the Church.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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

~~James T. Wollon, Jr., A.I.A., Leona North, Research Historian~~

ORGANIZATION

Valleys Planning Council

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

212 Washington Avenue

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CITY OR TOWN

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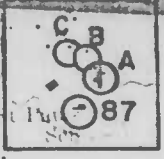
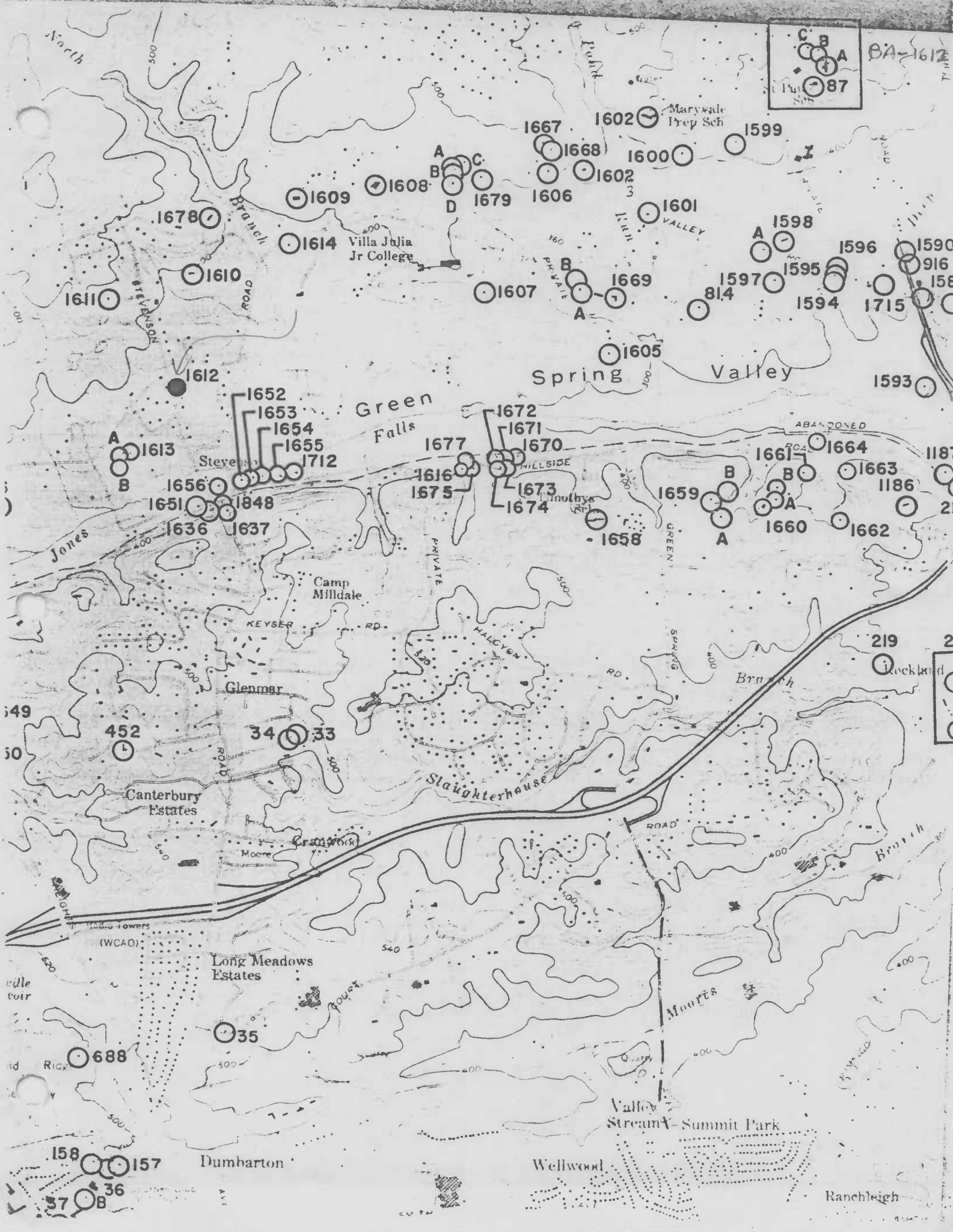
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