ACHS SUMMARY FORM John La Bal 1. Name: Goshen Methodist Episcopal Church 2. Planning Area/Site Number: 14/41 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 8 D-10 4. Address: 8410 Brink Road, Gaithersburg 5. Classification Summary Previous Survey Recording M-NCPPC Category building
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9. Description: The church is a common-bonded brick structure, 30' x 48', with a high mansard roof. It is three bays long and has a three bay front (north) facade with two-over-two, 8' high double-hung sash windows flanking the double wooden doors. The windows have plain stone sills and lintels. Above the doorway lintel is an arched rose window. The front facade is finished in dark red brick. The mansard roof has fish-scale shingles on the side walls. The frieze and cornice of the building are carried around the rose window as a frame. The graveyard contains handsome headstone motifs, at least one by John M. Heagy who in 1880 established the Montgomery County Marble and Granite Works on East Montgomery Avenue in Rockville.

10. Significance: The Goshen Methodist Church is significant for its unique architecture, and as the successor to one of the oldest Methodist Episcopal churches in Montgomery County.

In 1790 Ignatius Pigman gave one acre of land to an existing congregation to construct a new church. The first structure built on the Pigman grant was a log church, undecorated inside but furnished with plain plank

benches, a board floor and a elevated pulpit.

Having prospered, the congregation decided by 1830 to build a brick church, and started a brick kiln across the road. The structure built was similar in proportion to the present church, but by 1869 the building was considered unsafe, and the congregation met in the schoolhouse. The building was demolished, and some of its materials recirculated in a new building completed in 1871 by master builder S.G. Henseley, following the design of architect Walters West. Goshen continued to be a center of church activity until 1936 when consolidation moved the congregation to Laytonsville. The Goshen Church next served as a farm animal shelter. In 1950 the building and land were leased by the trustees of the Eastern Mennonite Board Missions and Charities.

- 1. Researcher and date researched: Evelyn Ripps-8/79
- 12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock

13. Date Compiled: 10/79

14. Designation Approval

15. Acreage: 2 3/4 acres

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The church is a common-bonded brick structure, 30' by 48', with a high mansard roof. It is three bays long and has a three bay front (north) facade with two-over-two 8' high double-hung sash windows flanking the double wooden doors. The windows have plain stone sills and lintels finished off in a dark color to match the woodwork, while the window frames are painted white.

Above the doorway lintel is an arched window, with a rose consisting of eight petals around a circular center pane. Like all the glass in the church, these windows are clear. The rose window illuminates the loft

The front facade is finished in dark red brick, without header courses; this wall was probably rebuilt when alterations were carried out in the building. The original rough lighter colored brick remains in the other three walls, which is laid up in common bond with headers on every eighth course. The brick walls are approximately twelve feet high.

The stone foundation shows about 15" above ground level at the front, and as the site slopes to the south, shows three feet at the rear.

The building is topped by a high mansard roof, the sidewalls of which have fish scale shingles. The stone front door slabs, set as two steps. are long and generous.

The frieze and cornice of the building are carried around the rose window as a frame. The eave overhang of the roof extends out about one foot beyond the head of the walls. Below it is a wide, bracketed cornice; the carved pair brackets over the front door resemble a modified Horn of Io, while those at the corners and along the side walls are abstracted florals.

Three 8' windows appear on the west wall, and two windows and a door on the east wall. The rear wall has only a door leading to the basement, which appears to have been improved at a later date. The rear wall brickwork shows the face bricks which provided for the chimney, and a second

chimney cuts the east side slope of the roof.

The graveyard is behind and beside the church, down the slope to the S.E. Gravestone motifs include doves, the righteous and outstretched hand pointing the way to heaven, the lamb, the lily, the weeping willow, and the open gate of heaven. The only decipherable signature among the artisan carvers is that of J.M. Heagy, who did work for the Crawford family.

John M. Heagy came to Rockville from the Middletown area of Frederick County, and in 1880 established the Montgomery County Marble and Granite Works on East Montgomery Avenue in Rockville. He advertised himself as "Proprietor and Manufacturer", "Dealer in Marble and Granite Monuments", "Headstone, Building Work, etc.", "Fine Work a Specialty", Iron Fences at Reasonable Rates." Heagy also established a branch at Beallsville in 1897.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Goshen Methodist Church is significant for its unique architecture and as the successor to one of the oldest Methodist Episcopal churches in Montgomery County.

A congregation was meeting for divine service in some structure on this site before 1790, for when Ignatius Pigman, in consideration of 5 shillings, gave one acre of land to the congregation in 1790, the land to be used for the construction of a church, an existing church was mentioned.

The first structure built on the Pigman grant for use by the congregation was a log house, undecorated inside, but furnished with plain plank benches, a board floor, and a pulpit elevated by some three or four steps.

Having prospered, the congregation decided by 1830 to build a brick church. Led by Rev. James Paynter, they started a brick kiln in the field across the road, employing a brickmaker named Ray. The structure then completed was similar in proportion to the present building, providing about the same total seating. Broad stone steps led to the entrance, which had three doors, one permitting entrance to a gallery above the rear end of the main chamber for the attendance at service of slaves. In the main chamber the sexes were separated by a partition. The pulpit was again built in the form of a high box. The windows were of plain glass and the walls were whitewashed. Parish names of that period were and still are identified actively with the life and history of the county. From 1853 on Goshen was included in the Methodist Episcopal Church Rockville Circuit.

The years before and during the Civil War raised a dispute within the church, resulting in a split in the Methodist establishment. Both factions laid claim to the property of Goshen Church and the matter went to Court for resolution. Although the majority among the membership were reputed southern sympathizers, the building and the land were awarded to the Methodist Episcopal Church, North. A trustee of the church, William Thompson, bought the property and donated it to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South?

The vicissitudes of the war and the disputes over the property no doubt contributed to the maintenance problems of the church. By 1869 the building was considered unsafe and the congregation met in the school house. The old church building was demolished and its usable materials and parts conserved for the new church building. This time the architectural services were donated by Walters West of Washington, D.C. Master builder S.G. Henseley and an assistant named Lee, together with a bricklayer named Jones, executed West's design for the building, which is substantially the present church. It was dedicated in 1871. The church was incorporated in 1888.

Goshen continued to be a center of church activity until 1936, when the Northern and Southern Methodists reunited, and the Methodist Church in Laytonsville became the place of worship for Methodists in the area. The old CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

(continued on Attachment Sheet A)

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Attachment Sheet A Goshen Methodist Episcopal Church

Goshen Church served as a shelter for farm animals for several years. In 1950, the unused buildings and land were leased by the trustees to the Eastern Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities for the consideration of upkeep of the building and care of the cemetery. The Mennonites rededicated the church for their own house of worship and a small congregation continues to worship there.

FOOTNOTES:

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The lower slope of the roof has fish scale shingles; the upper slope is a low-pitched "A" roof.

The brick on the facade is new but on the side and rear walls, the original brick remains. This wall was probably rebuilt when the other alterations were carried out.

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- Associated with the Pearre family, early agriculturalists and prominent citizens of upper Montgomery County.
- Because the acreage associated with this site is protected under a conservation easement, the site is designated with an environmental setting of approximately 6.7 acres to include the main house, the log dairy, the corn crib, and bank barn as features representative of the historic farmstead.

14/41 Goshen Mennonite Church (p. 10)

- 1870 -- Unique brick structure, based on a design by Washington architect, Walter West, and built by master builder S. G. Henseley.
- Site of one of the oldest Methodist Episcopal Churches in Montgomery County.
- The parcel includes, in addition to the church building, a cemetery and semicircular tree-shaded drive with wrought iron entrance gates, all of which contribute to the churchyard setting. The entire parcel should, therefore, be retained as the environmental setting.

14/59 Fertile Meadows (p. 10)

- Fine example of a late 18th century County farmhouse with a "distinctive southern Maryland flavor."
- Associated for nearly a century with the Riggs family, prominent businessmen and farmers in Montgomery County.
- An appropriate setting should include the main house, the log meat house and corn crib, plus sufficient land to protect the complex from future development.

14/60 Riggs/Wilcoxen House (p. 10)

- Late 18th century, simple Federal style farmhouse with Flemish bond brickwork.
- Example of typical tenant farmhouse once found throughout the County.

15/65 Waters Gift (p. 11)

- Mid-18th century altered log farmhouse.
- Associated with the Waters family, early settlers of the northeastern part of the County.

22/17 Flint Hill II (p. 12)

- Early 19th century log and frame farmhouse.
- Associated with the Bowie family, a prominent family in Montgomery County and Maryland history.

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Commission

FROM:

Perry Berman, Chief, Community Planning North

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SUBJECT:

Approved and Adopted May 1983 Amendment to the Master

Plan for Historic Preservation

I am pleased to transmit to you the May 1983, Approved and Adopted Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

This amendment designates fourteen historic resources for preservation and protection under the County's <u>Historic Preservation Ordinance</u>, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. In addition, it identifies 83 sites that have been reviewed and found not suitable for regulation under the <u>Ordinance</u>. Those properties listed on the <u>Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Resources in Montgomery County, Maryland are also exempted from any further regulation under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition, Section 24A-10 of the Preservation Ordinance.</u>

Please adjust your records to reflect this action. Should you have any questions concerning this amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Reinhart of Community Planning North at 565-7354.

PB:MR:sdr Enclosure

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated 8/25/82

ACTION TAKEN

8/25/82.....Sites recommended for inclusion in Chapter 4 of the Master Plan

M: 14/41

M: 14/60

M: 22/17

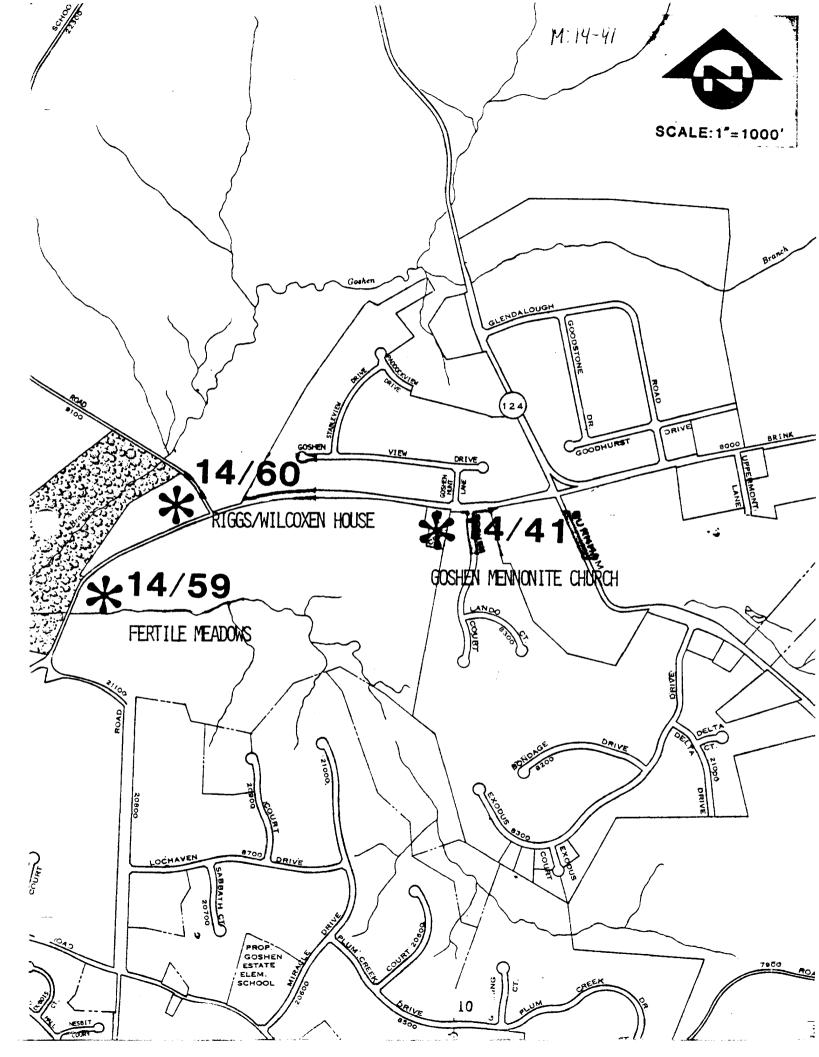
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Attachment Sheet B Goshen M.E. Church M: 14/41 Magi#

(Photographs by Evelyn Ripps - Winter 1979)







Attachment Sheet C Goshen M.E. Church

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Tombstone with J.M. Heagy signature

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GOSHEN MENNONITE CHURCH
In good condition and in Use.

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