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PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH CEM.
FORMERLY ON BROOKVILLE RD.
FOREST GLEN

Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory

Name: Pilgrim Baptist Church
~~National Park Seminary Cemetery~~

ID: 194

Alternate name: Lyttonsville Church

Address: formerly on Brookville Rd.

Town: Forest Glen

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vicinity of

Type
 Religious Baptist
 Family
 Private
 Other

Association
 Free black
 Enslaved
 Ethnic
 Prehistoric

Setting Rural Urban Suburban Forested Other

Condition Excellent Good Fair Poor No longer exists

Negative Impacts (vandalism, dumping, neglect, encroachment, etc) _____

Approximate no. of burials unknown Date range of burials unknown

Description (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping, fence, paths and roads, etc.)
Church demolished in 1977. Bodies moved to Maryland National Cemetery Park in Laurel, MD.
See attached for church history.

Surveyor(s) Anne Brockett Survey date 10/14/04
Photographer _____ Date _____ Photo no. _____

Current owner _____
Address/Phone No. _____

Historic Status Locational Atlas ID _____ National Register
 Master Plan ID _____ Other _____

UTM N/A

Additional sources of information:
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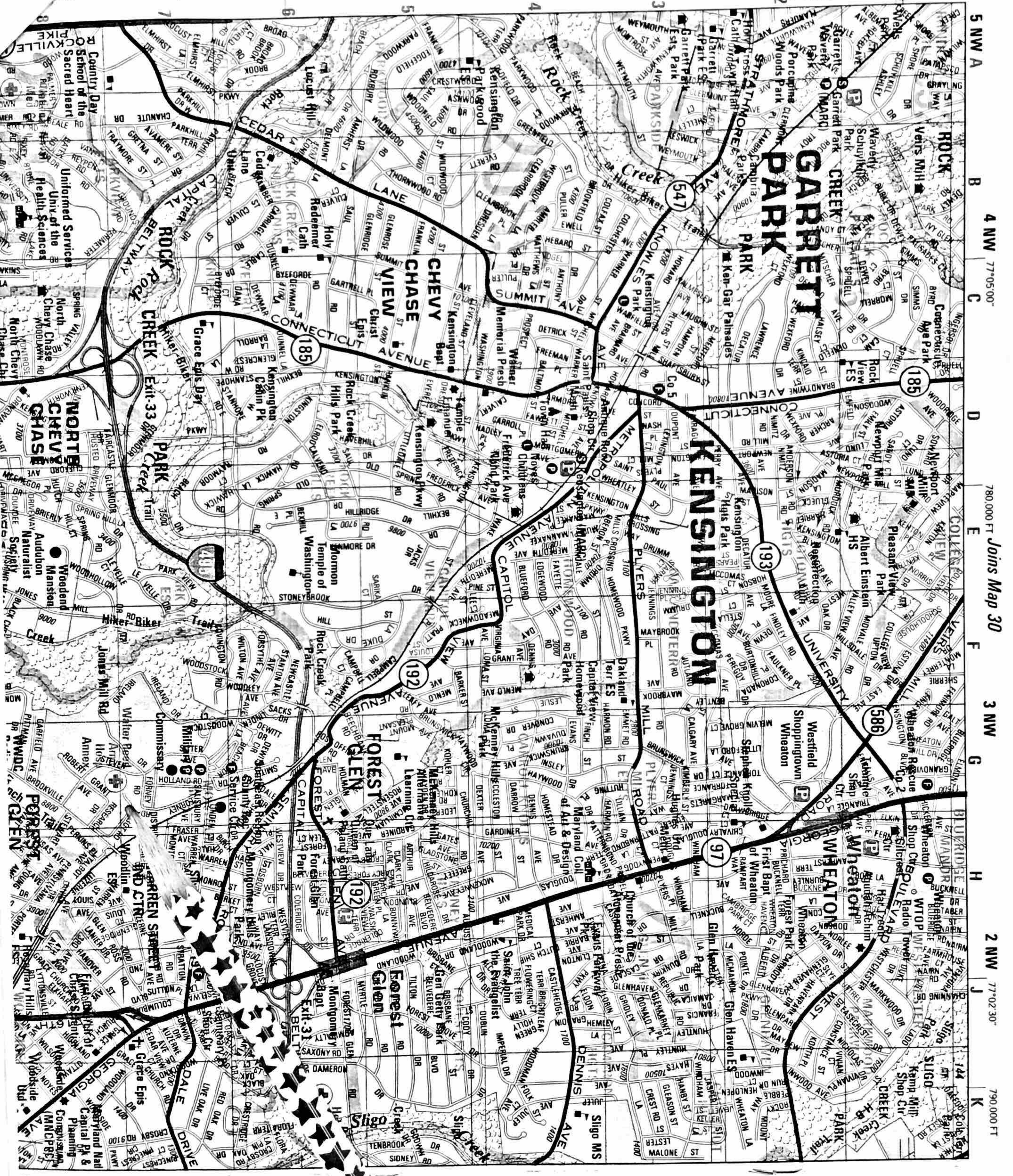
MAP 36

1 NW Joins Map 35

430,000 FT 212 NW

213 NW

214 NW 440,000 FT 39°02'30"



Joins Map 30

790,000 FT



Pilgrim Baptist Church

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Pilgrim's History

Pilgrim was organized in 1888 at Capital View, MD by Walter H. Brooks of the Nineteenth St Baptist Church Washington, DC. The first pastor was Rev. Maybell Madison. The members worshipped in a house until 1890 and then moved to Forest Glen, MD. The Rev. Henry Norm then called to pastor the church. The membership had grown to the extent that the officers and members decided to buy a lot in Lyttonsville, MD, part of which was to be used as a cemetery members.

In 1901 Rev. John H. Johnson was called and served until 1926; under his pastorship the church made rapid progress and in 1914 he and the members decided to build a larger edifice to replace the original building which was being used as a public school - The Linden Colored School. During the depression years, Rev. Peter Jackson (1927-1993) and Rev. C.R. Butler (1933-1936) led the flock at Pilgrim. In 1936 Rev. Peter Jackson returned to Pilgrim and added four new clubs to the church: Bible Study and Wednesday Evening Prayer Service was organized along with the addition of rooms at the rear of the church building. Rev. Peter Jackson served as pastor until he passed away in 1956. The Rev. James Cromartie then became pastor. The church grew rapidly under Rev. Cromartie's administration with new members and two assistant pastors. Rev. George Henry Delaware Helms. Rev. Cromartie served until he passed away in February 1965.

Rev. Delaware Helms then served as pastor for the next two years followed by Rev. Donald C. King for a year. Rev. Alvin Parris became pastor in 1969. During Rev. Parris' administration, a long needed baptismal pool was planned and installed. Upon the resignation of Rev. Parris in August 1970, Rev. Larney King became the acting pastor and in 1971 Rev. King organized and reorganized many church auxiliaries. Most importantly, under Rev. King the Pilgrim Baptist Church adopted a new Constitution and By-Laws. Rev. King worked actively with the Montgomery County Government by the Grace of God, worked out a profitable arrangement for the rebuilding of the edifice that is the present church.

In 1989, Rev. Chester L. Burke became the present full-time pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church. Building upon the rich legacy of the past, Pilgrim has soared to new heights under Pastor Burke's leadership. Pilgrim's membership continues to elevate and the church facility has become a place where other essential programs and services can thrive, such as, church ministries and service clubs, children's programs and the Christian Education Department organized in an effort to fulfill God's mandate to the church.

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