

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

M:
Inventory No. 15/115

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Inventory Number 15/115

1. Name of Property

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH & CEMETERY

historic

FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

other

2. Location

street and number 27701 Ridge Rd

__ not for publication

city, town Damascus

__ vicinity

county Montgomery County

3. Owner of Property

name FRIENDSHIP CHURCH CEMETERY

street and number 27701 Ridge Rd

telephone 301-253-0022

city, town Damascus

state MD

zip code 20872

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

Courthouse

liber

folio

city, town

tax map

tax parcel P696 + P643

tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Clagettsville, Maryland is a small community located North of Damascus, along Route 27 and Route 80. Clagettsville currently has a population of approximately five hundred residents of diverse ethnicities. This community hosts three African-American sites dating back to the mid 1800's. Holsey Rd, Friendship United Methodist Church, and the home of Inez McAbee are landmarks for the African- American community.

The earliest Friendship Church was built in the late 1800s, and was named after a nearby farm owned by the Moxleys, a white family in the area. The name Friendship comes from the name of the land grant on which the Moxley family developed Friendship Farm at Clagettsville. Some of the first families to be members of the church were the Taylors, Welshes, Holseys, Gaithers, Grays, Zeiglers, Potts, Lyles, and Donnaleys. The first building to be called Friendship was located in the pines behind the Welch farm. It was a brown frame building and the first seats and studs were made from pine trees that were cut down from the site. The first benches were also made from the same pine.

In 1901, the second church was built and kept the name Friendship. The corner stone, bearing the date 1901, can still be seen on the left front corner of the church (See Attach) In the early days, the men and women were separated during worship; the men sat on the left side and the women were on the right. In 1909, Friendship and Pleasant Grove churches merged to create a two-point charge. At the time, both churches were very small. The Davis family donated the land and the building for Pleasant Grove. In 1928, the church's parsonage was renovated. During that same year, Friendship became part of a five-point charge that included Pleasant Grove, Mount Zion, Warren and Simpson.

In 1939 the Methodist Episcopal Church joined with the Methodist Protestant and Methodist Episcopal Church, South to form the Methodist Church. One of the delegates sent to the Jurisdictional Conference that approved the merger was Inez McAbee from Friendship Church. In 1942, the Friendship Church building was moved the length of the church back from Route 27 to its present location. At the same time, a basement was added to the church, which continues to serve as a kitchen and meeting room. Alexander McAbee, a trustee and local builder was responsible for building the new foundation and digging the basement for the church. In early 1952, a community house was built adjacent to the church. The trustees of the church donated their time and skills to build the building. On October 11, 1963, Friendship Church caught fire and the roof was badly damaged and was remodeled.

In early 1952, a community house was built adjacent to the church. The trustees of the church donated their time and skills to build the building. The pastors who served during this time were Rev. Sherman Mason (1951-1954, second tenure at Friendship), Rev. Aaron Johnson (1954-1960), and Rev. James Smith (1961-1967). During Rev. Smith's tenure, Rev. Maurice Moore served as the Assistant Pastor.

In 1984, the church finished paying off the mortgage used to remodel the church following the 1963 fire. Retired Bishop Edward G. Carroll delivered the sermon and several former pastors, including Rev. Terry Burley and Rev. Sherman Mason, Sr., were present to help the church celebrate.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates Early 1800 purchase by John Holsey

Architect/Builder Labor by Slaves of Mullinix
Plantation

Construction dates unknown

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

"Oneness in Christ" was a feature of the early Methodist movement in the United States. Many of the earliest congregations were integrated and in the early 1800s about 33 percent of the members of the Baltimore Conference were black. In 1800 the General Conference drew up a pastoral letter against slavery and blacks were increasingly excluded from the white churches. One consequence of this segregation was the formation of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1816. However, many blacks remained in the Methodist Episcopal Church under the charge of white pastors, but few (if any) blacks worshiped with whites.

The Methodist Conference supported the colonization of Liberia by freed slaves and this missionary conference elected Francis Burns as the first black bishop in 1858. However, it was not until 1920 that black bishops were authorized for service in the United States. The first black bishops in the United States were Robert Jones and Matthew W. Clair, Sr. (the latter from the Washington Conference).

In 1844 the Methodist Episcopal Church split over the issue of slavery. The split was initiated when the Baltimore Conference suspended a slaveholding preacher. In 1864 the General Conference allowed the creation of new black conferences. The Washington Conference included western Maryland, the District of Columbia and Virginia, and the Delaware Conference the territory north and west of the Washington Conference.

In 1939, the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Protestant Church, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South were formally united. However the union preserved the separate black conferences and was opposed in the Washington Conference where the vote for union failed 78 to 68 among the preachers and 96 to 1 among the laity. All of the black conferences were consolidated into the Central Jurisdiction. However, even as early as 1944, there were calls to eliminate the Central Jurisdiction and integrate the Methodist Church.

In 1956, Bishop Oxnam of the Baltimore Conference and Bishop Love of the Washington Conference brought leaders together for a Human Relations Conference, and in 1957 an informal study looked to

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functional unity between the Baltimore and Washington Conferences and complete union was achieved in 1965. In 1968, with the joining of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church to form The United Methodist Church, the Central Jurisdiction was finally abolished and all the conferences were integrated.

During these years the pastors were: Rev. J.J. Barnes (1931-1940), Rev. Sherman Mason (briefly following Rev. Barnes' death), and Rev. Terry Burley (1941-1945). In 1939 the Methodist Episcopal Church joined with the Methodist Protestant and Methodist Episcopal Church, South to form the Methodist Church. One of the delegates sent to the Jurisdictional Conference that approved the merger was Inez McAbee from Friendship Church. In 1942, the Friendship Church building was moved the length of the church back from Route 27 to its present location.

The last pastor to serve Friendship before it was joined with Damascus United Methodist Church was Rev. Elmer Frink (1967-1968). In 1968, the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church merged to form The United Methodist Church. In 1969, Friendship and Damascus churches were joined as a two-point charge, which remains in place today.
Recent History.

Members of the community started Friendship Church before 1901. Some of those members were the Zeigler's, Holsey's, Welch's, and Taylor's. the earliest Friendship Church was built in the late 1800's, and was named after a nearby farm owned by the Moxleys, a white family in the area. The name Friendship comes from the name of the land grant on which the Moxley family developed Friendship Farm at Clagettville.

In the church cemetery are headstones bearing such names as Pott, Holsey, Lyles, Zeigler and Gaither (See Figure 3-4) representing the families who attended and supported the church in its early days and whose descendants are members today.

In the early 1950's, a community house was built adjacent to the church. This building was used to support the executive branch of the church. This building was also used to support African-American social functions within the community.

Friendship United Methodist Church continues to be very active as it enters its second century of ministry to the community. The church holds worship services and Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 and special services throughout the year. Friendship has a Christmas Day service and the Damascus t Friendship Parish Holy Week

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services begin with Monday and Tuesday service at Friendship. In addition, the church is very involved in the local community. They regularly serve at the Frederick Soup Kitchen, and participate in many district programs including support for the N.M. Carroll Home and the Africa University initiatives.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Susan Bart-Singer "Centennial or not, Church holds anniversary celebrtion" Gazette 7/30/2003
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.5 acres
Acreage of historical setting _____
Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale: _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

P643 0.5 ACRE
P696 1 acre

11. Form Prepared by

name/title Warren Fleming
organization Damascus Connection Committie
street & number 9909 Founders Way

date 9/7/04
telephone 301-916-4522

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Friendship Cemetery Montgomery County, Maryland

27701 Ridge Road
Damascus, Maryland

Lat: 39° 18' 26"N, Lon: 77° 11' 50"W

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[annieb1961.comcast.net]. Total records = 171.

From Damascus, go 2 miles north on Highway 27 (Ridge Road). The cemetery is next to a little white church on the east side of the road.

A small well kept cemetery, owned by Friendship Methodist Church. They are still accepting burials. The cemetery started in the 1880's.

I first visited and walked this cemetery on Mar 02, 2003.

- Anne Braun

Anderson, Charles, b. 1877, d. 1946, age: 69yr
Anderson, Laura, b. Mar 1 1892, d. Aug 20 1974
Bright, Samuel L., b. Jun 04, 1947, d. Jul 18, 1991, Vietnam Veteran
Brown, Lester, b. Nov 19, 1926, d. Apr 15 1975
Brown, Mary J., d. Mar 11 1901, age 50yr
Brown, Thomas, d. Jul 22 1918, age 72yr
Butler, Emma F., b. Feb 25 1890, d. Jul 7 1980
Butler, Forrester B., b. Dec 6 1887, d. Jan 4 1980, s/w Emma, Mary and Martha
Butler, Lawson, d. Dec 11 1905, age 70 years
Butler, Martha, b. and d. Apr 23 1915
Butler, Mary, b. and d. Apr 23 1915
Butler, Nancy Welsh, b. 1845, d. 1895
Butler, Reginald, b. Nov 17 1903, d. Jun 30 1904, age 7mo and 13days, s/o Evia
Carter, Catherine, b. Jul 23 1923, d. no date
Carter, Florence V., d. Jun 6 1903, age 38yr
Carter, George C., b. Jul 14 1914, d. Mar 24 1993, s/w Catherine
Carter, Myrtle, d. Jun 2 1930
Cephas, George F., b. 1888, d. 1975
Claggett, George W., b. Aug 7 1864, d. Feb 23 1944
Cohens, Annie M.Z., b. May 4 1900, d. Oct 21 1971, s/w George
Cohens, George E., b. Oct 31 1898, d. Mar 15 1959

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Davis, Clarence, b. Jun 5 1906, d. Aug 24 1974, s/w Victoria
Davis, Victoria V., b. May 17 1903, d. no date
Demar, Andrew T., b. 1971, d. 1997
Dorsey, Agnes E., b. Sep 26 1938, No death date
Dorsey, Alice Mae, b. Feb 09 1918, d. Mar 31, 1985, age: 67yr
Dorsey, Alice, no dates, d/o A.C. and Mamie Dorsey
Dorsey, Clark, b. 1883, d. 1976
Dorsey, Edith B., b. 1930, d. 2001
Dorsey, Ethel Viola, b. Mar 2 1893, d. Nov 15 1916
Dorsey, Frank A., b. Aug 22 1936, d. Oct 4 1999, s/w Agnes
Dorsey, Henry, d. Jan 11 1948, age 95yr
Dorsey, Infant, no dates, s/o A.C. and Mamie Dorsey
Dorsey, James, b. Jun 17 1900, d. Feb 13 1975
Dorsey, John E., b. Oct 6 1874, d. Oct 3 1943, age 69yr
Dorsey, Loretta Iola, b. May 11 1960, d. Nov 9 1960, d/o James and Edith
Dorsey, Mamie, b. 1890, d. 1970, w/o Adam, s/w Infant Son and Alice
Dorsey, Roby, b. Jan 20 1890, d. Jan 29 1950, WWI Veteran
Dorsey, Wayne, b. 1959, d. 2002
Dorsey, Welton, b. Dec 6 1944, d. Jan 27 2001, Vietnam Veteran
Gaither, Arthur W., b. Oct 16 1867, d. May 30 1922
Gaither, Atsie N., b. Nov 19 1873, d. Dec 7 1972, s/w Thomas
Gaither, Eugene R., b. Jan 10 1908, d. Oct 20 1969, s/w Mary
Gaither, Julia, b. Sep 8 1922, d. no date
Gaither, Mary E., b. May 25 1908, d. Sep 29 1970
Gaither, Minnie C., b. Jul 10 1896, d. Jul 8 1913
Gaither, Preston B., b. Apr 1 1917, d. Feb 17 1985, s/w Julia
Gaither, Robert L., d. Dec 9 1908, age 29yr 9mo 1da, s/o J.A. and Sarah O. Gaither
Gaither, Sarah O., d. Nov 10 1902, age 67yr, w/o J.A. Gaither
Gaither, Spencer, d. Oct 8 1910, age 18yr 6mo 13da, s/w Thomas and Addie
Gaither, Thomas E., b. Jan 15 1868, d. Jul 30 1950
Gister, Lettie C. Welsh, d. Jul 18 1913, age 16yr
Gray, Elizabeth, d. Feb 17 1911, age 41yr 11mo 17da, w/o George
Gray, George G., b. May 3 1870, d. Oct 2 1938
Gray, Nellie E., b. 1895, d. 1971
Gray, Nettie, b. Jul 19 1911, d. Apr 3 1998
Gray, Willie, b. Oct 9 1897, d. Feb 3 1947, WWI Veteran
Hall, Carolyn Jones, b. Jun 28 1944, d. Jun 3 1995
Hammond, Charles H. H., d. Oct 2 1902, age 16yr 3mo 3da
Hawkins, John H., b. Nov 05, 1919, d. Jan 16, 1997, WWII Veteran
Hawkins, Mary L., b. Jul 25, 1922, d. no date
Hayes, David E., b. Aug 26, 1921, d. Jan 21 1985
Holsey, Catherine, b. Jul 6 1852, d. 1926, w/o John
Holsey, Charles, b. Sep 13 1881, d. Feb 14 1914, age 31 yr 10 mn 1 da
Holsey, Dora B., b. 1879, d. 1938
Holsey, Ethel, b. 1881, d. 1961
Holsey, Greenberry, b. Dec 11 1846, d. Mar 6 1901, age 54yr 2mn 25 da
Holsey, Greenberry, b. Jun 5 1879, d. Mar 28 1938
Holsey, Harriett, d. Jan 13 1927, age 71yr
Holsey, Horace S., b. 1872, d. 1956
Holsey, John H., b. 1875, d. 1939, s/w Dora
Holsey, John, d. Apr 12 1911, age 70yr 2mo 12da
Holsey, Lillie M., b. Feb 1 1904, d. Apr 24 1995

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Holsey, Luther, b. May 16 1868, d. Aug 18 1946
Holsey, Lydia A., b. Jul 17 1837, d. Aug 7 1898, w/o Greenberry
Holsey, Robert H. Crampton, b. Sep 10 1896, d. May 10 1972
Holsey, Sterling L., b. Jul 30 1898, d. Feb 16 1983, s/w Lillie
Holsey, Sterling R., b. Nov 09, 1903, d. Dec 19 1943
Jackson, Arthur W., b. Sep 21 1920, d. Feb 23 1942
Jackson, Benjamin E., b. Jun 17 1884, d. Mar 31 1904, age 19yr 9mo 14da, s/o B.L. and L.J. Jackson
Jackson, Charles Henry Sr., b. Apr 4 1897, d. Sep 30 1961
Jackson, Edith M., b. May 19 1883, d. no date, w/o George, s/w George
Jackson, George H., b. Mar 9 1876, d. Apr 13 1946
Jackson, Margaret L., b. Nov 23 1920, d. Aug 20 1941
Jackson, Raymond L., b. 1910, d. 1975
Johnson, Gladys, b. 1922, d. 1968, d/o Bessie Washington
Johnson, Lawrence, b. 1842, d. Aug 25 1913
Johnson, Myrtle M., b. Dec 11 1906, d. Sep 15 1946, age: 39yr
Keets, Susan A, b. Dec 25 1862, d. Oct 2 1911, age 48yr 9mo 9da, w/odavid
King, Albert Edward Jr., b. Jan 15 1947, d. Aug 28 2002, age 55 years
King, Herman A. Jr., b. Dec 28 1942, d. Jul 20 1975
King, Herman A. Sr., b. Jan 26 1914, d. Feb 13 1990
King, Mary Virginia Carter, b. Mar 20 1918, d. Nov 24 1999, Mother
Lee, Joseph, d. Oct 21 1954, Military Veteran
Leslie, Maxwell E., b. Aug 3 1934, d. Feb 2 1972, Military Veteran
Luby, Arthur McKinley Sr., b. 1897, d. 1946, WWI Veteran
Luby, Natalie Gray, b. 1913, d. 1978
Lyles, Claude E., d. Feb 6 1911, age 15 yr 7 mn 3 da
Lyles, Dempsey M., b. Mar 25, 1872, d. Oct 23 1947
Lyles, Eliza, d. Mar 2 1898, age 38yr, w/o George
Lyles, George, b. Aug 11 1858, d. Dec 22 1926
Lyles, Grace S., b. Sep 26 1900, d. Jul 19 1968, Mother
Lyles, Helena, b. 1923, d. 1982
Lyles, John F., b. 1913, d. no date, s/w Helena
Lyles, John W., b. Jan 3 1862, d. Jan 15 1916, age 54yr and 12days
Lyles, Martha, b. Dec 22 1882, d. Jul 23 1935, w/o William
Lyles, Neif E., b. Jun 22 1900, d. Nov 5 1959, WWI Veteran
Lyles, Nettie C., b. Nov 2 1887, d. Oct 22 1922
Lyles, O'Brian W., d. Jul 8 1938, Military Veteran
Lyles, Raymond, b. Aug 1 1894, d. Jul 8 1958, Military Veteran
Lyles, Robert E., b. Aug 5 1902, d. Mar 31 1965
Lyles, Viola, b. Mar 17 1898, d. Mar 4 1915, d/o William and Isabelle
Lyles, William E., b. Mar 17 1884, No deathdate
Mason, Abel, d. Mar 25 1885, age 17 years, s/o John and Margaret
Mason, John Lyles, d. Oct 30 1902, age 60 years
Mason, Margaret E., d. Mar 5 1912, age 68yr, w/o John
McAbee, Alexander, b. Jan 13 1911, d. May 11 1998
McAbee, Randall Curtis, b. Sep 7 1932, d. Dec 17 1975, Korea War Veteran
Orem, Carson Vincent, b. Feb 14 1903, d. Dec 6 1973
Orem, Dorathy A., b. 1930, d. 1931
Orem, Elsie A., b. 1912, d. 1958
Orem, Gaver B., b. 1907, d. 1975, s/w Elsie
Orem, Infant Son, b. and d. 1931
Orem, Infant Son, b. and d. 1932, s/w Dorathy and Infant Son
Orem, James S., b. Aug 15 1902, d. Mar 9 1987

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Orem, John Carlton, b. May 08, 1912, d. Jul 14 2001
Orem, Sterling R., b. May 29 1924, d. Feb 28 1942
Perkins, Herbert G., b. 1937, d. 1999
Potts, Amelia, d. Mar 11 1917, age 65yr 3mo
Potts, Caleb G., d. Dec 10 1922, age 46yr 8mo 15da
Potts, Caleb, d. Jul 21 1916, age 77yr
Potts, Lillian M., b. Jun 4 1892, d. Dec 24 1940, age 58 years
Potts, Luther, d. Oct 17 1917, age 72yr
Potts, Margaret, d. Oct 25 1906, age 60 years
Potts, Mary E., b. 1872, d. 1947
Potts, William E., b. 1867, d. 1945
Randall, Beverly M., b. Dec 19 1957, d. Feb 24 1987, Mother
Randall, Rona A., b. Jun 16 1935, d. Oct 23 1994, Mother
Reyner, Lavina M., b. May 1 1881, d. Apr 17 1929, w/o Fisher
Reynor, Fisher, b. Jan 12 1888, d. Mar 29 1974, WWI Veteran
Rollins, Fannie, b. Apr 5 1902, d. Apr 20 1996
Rose, Eunice B., b. Aug 22 1882, d. Mar 14 1977
Rose, Henry B., b. Sep 11 1874, d. Mar 5 1952, s/w Eunice
Shorten, Irene, b. 1876, d. 1938, s/w Robert
Shorten, Raymond, d. Mar 26 1905, age 11mo, s/o Robert and Irene
Shorten, Robert, b. 1871, d. 1941
Snowden, Burma A., b. 1903, d. 1944
Snowden, Octavia, b. Feb 23 1921, d. Apr 5 1960, Mother
Stewart, Joyce Jones, b. May 19 1941, d. Jul 15 1989
Taylor, John T., d. Nov 28 1890, age 55yr
Taylor, Stella V., d. Nov 28 1897, age 17yr
Thomas, Lavonia Mae, b. Feb 21, 1916, d. Mar 18 1970
Washington, Bessie M., b. May 18 1887, d. Jul 27 1979, Mother
Washington, Henry, b. May 14 1915, d. Feb 10 1973, Son
Welch, James H., b. May 4 1872, d. Aug 9 1942
Welsh, Aron, b. Oct 9 1878, d. Jul 17 1947
Welsh, Benjamin, b. Dec 5 1835, d. Aug 23 1923, s/w Mary
Welsh, Mary E., b. Nov 8 1840, d. May 13 1931
Welsh, Urner, b. Mar 27 1879, d. Apr 23 1943
Zeigler, Archie T., b. Jul 07, 1876, d. Jan 23 1964
Zeigler, Beatrice L., b. 1891, d. 1938
Zeigler, Eleanor J., b. 1926, d. 1942, s/w Gladys
Zeigler, Gladys A., b. 1927, d. 1942
Zeigler, No first name, b. 1869. d. 1953, age: 84yr
Ziegler, Bertha Bowins, b. Jul 31 1930, d. Jul 20 1968
Ziegler, Dock, b. Apr 5 1905, d. Oct 1943, age 38 years
Ziegler, Edwin E., b. Aug 26 1916, d. Oct 1 2001
Ziegler, Ellsworth, b. Feb 22 1883, d. Aug 26 1929, age 36yr
Ziegler, Elsie, b. Jun 25 1909, d. Aug 28 1956
Ziegler, Sarah F., b. 1863, d. 1941
Ziegler, Ulysses L. Jr., b. Aug 9 1962, d. Sep 30 1979

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...is an active project in the sense that it's in project planning."

Southbound I-70 already has an HOV lane between I-370 and the Beltway; northbound I-270 has an HOV lane from the Beltway to Route 121. Vehicles carrying two or more occupants can use these lanes.

State Sen. Robert J. Garagiola (D-Dist. 15)

HOV signs went up. But Buck said financial problems plagued that plan, because, among other improvements, the extensive project would have involved reconstructing bridges and shoulders.

"It would have been far more significant and far more than could have been done," Buck said.

telecommuting should be considered.

"I go every which way I can, and it's crazy. There's traffic every where you go," said Garagiola, who commutes to his Washington, D.C., law office by driving to the Shady Grove Metro three to four times a week.

Cryor said she has never been a fan of HOV lanes for this particular area.

mental study, designs and right-of-way acquisitions, he said.

In addition, the rough \$2 billion needed for the multi-modal project — including design and engineering, right-of-way acquisition and construction — has not been allocated, Buck said. "It's still many years out," he said.

Centennial or not, church holds anniversary celebration

by Susan Singer-Bart

Staff Writer

Church members thought Friendship United Methodist was approaching its 100th anniversary and they should start thinking about a celebration.

Some thought the church was founded in 1905, but 10 others traced the origin to the late 1890s. Then someone went outside to check the cornerstone of the building — it was laid in 1901.

But regardless of the date, a celebration was in order.

"It depends on whose records whether it is 100 or not ... it's just a matter of wanting to have a celebration," said Associate Pastor Frances Stewart.

Last weekend church members held a two-day celebration with a picnic Saturday in Watkins Park in Mount Airy, followed by a worship service, luncheon and concert Sunday.

More than 50 people came to the picnic and close to 90 attended the Sunday events, Stewart said.

The church on Ridge Road was the center of the Damascus African-American community for many years.

Church attendance has dwindled to 30 to 40 on an average Sunday as the congregation ages and children move away, said Associate Pastor Stephen Ricketts.

However, many extended family members return for special events.

"All but one of my children go to different places," said Estelle Saunders, 82. "Our church is so scattered, we can't get together very much like



J. Adam Fenster/The Gazette

Members of Friendship United Methodist Church gathered at Watkins Park in Mount Airy Saturday as part of a weekend celebration marking the church's 100th anniversary.

we used to."

Although Saunders now lives in Mount Airy, her daughter drives her to Sunday services at Friendship.

"There aren't hardly any African-American families in the community anymore," Stewart said.

The 2000 census found 740 African Americans (4.4 percent) and 15,104 whites in Damascus (90.7 percent).

"Most people commute [to the church]," Stewart said.

Joining together

In 1967, Friendship became the first African-American church to

have a white minister, the Rev. Elmer Fink.

Two years later, it merged with the white Damascus United Methodist Church when the Methodist church integrated, but both congregations kept their own buildings.

The Rev. Walter G. Edmonds and the two associate pastors now serve both congregations. On Sundays the same pastor preaches at all the services — the 8:45 a.m. service at Damascus; the 9:45 a.m. service at Friendship; and the 11 a.m. service at Damascus.

Most African-American families choose to worship at Friendship and most white families choose to wor-

ship at Damascus, Ricketts said.

"I do the same sermon with accommodations for each location," said Ricketts, who is white.

Damascus parishioners listen quietly; Friendship parishioners will interject "amens" to show their approval, he said.

"Personally, I enjoy the affiliation with the black church," Ricketts said. "I grew up in the white churches [in Virginia]."

"I appreciate the worship, the opportunity to be part of this group.... To hear their stories, things I was oblivious to. I find it to be a friendly, warm and loving church."

A name and a place

The Moxley family donated land for the church that was formerly part of the family's Friendship farm. Originally the church entrance was right on Ridge Road, but in 1942 it was moved one church length back from the road to its current location. At the same time the late Alexander McAbee, a local builder, built a new foundation and basement for the church.

The basement still houses the kitchen, bathrooms and a small community room. A building housing a larger fellowship room was built in 1952 and attached to the kitchen.

In the 1920s the church raised money by holding camp meetings.

Harvey Zeigler, 83, grew up in the church and remembers that when he was a boy, preachers and

choirs came from Washington and Baltimore for the meetings.

These meetings have evolved into homecoming reunions, which are held in September and fill the church with descendants of the founding families — Holseys, Zeiglers, Gaithers, Welches and more, Stewart said.

"People come back, renew old friendships, worship together and have a fellowship meal," she said.

This year's homecoming will be held Sept. 14.

The church was last remodeled in 1963, after an accidental fire damaged the roof. The roof of the sanctuary was lowered and new white siding added, but Zeigler hopes enough of the original building is intact to give it historic designation. He is gathering documentation to present the case to the county's Historic Preservation Commission.

The church originally sat on one acre. In the 1920s members of the youth fellowship performed plays in other African-American churches to raise money to buy an adjacent one-acre parcel north of the church for the fellowship building and more cemetery space, Zeigler said.

Box socials, where men bought boxed dinners donated by women in the congregation, paid off the remaining mortgage on the land during the 1930s, Zeigler said. The men shared the dinner with the women that cooked them.

Stewart is trying to rekindle some of the old activism in the church today.

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		Principal Residence:	NO
Mailing Address:	27701 RIDGE RD DAMASCUS MD 20872	Deed Reference:	1) 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address 27701 RIDGE RD DAMASCUS 20872	Zoning RC	Legal Description EBP 24-400 DAMASCUS
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Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1900	1,551 SF	21,780.00 SF	691

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior
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Value Information

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		Value As Of	As Of	As Of
		01/01/2004	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
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Improvements:	43,660	62,770		
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Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
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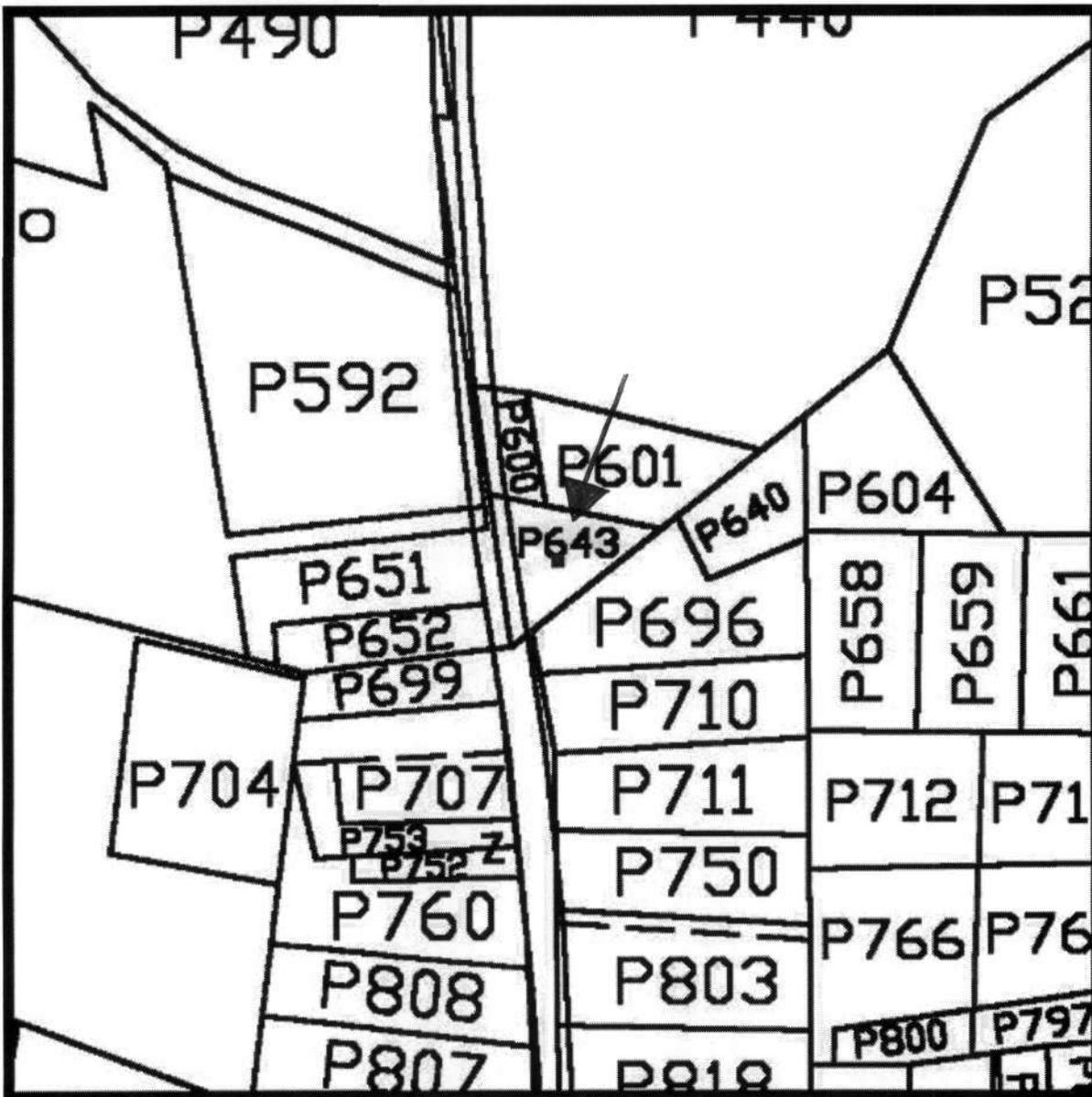
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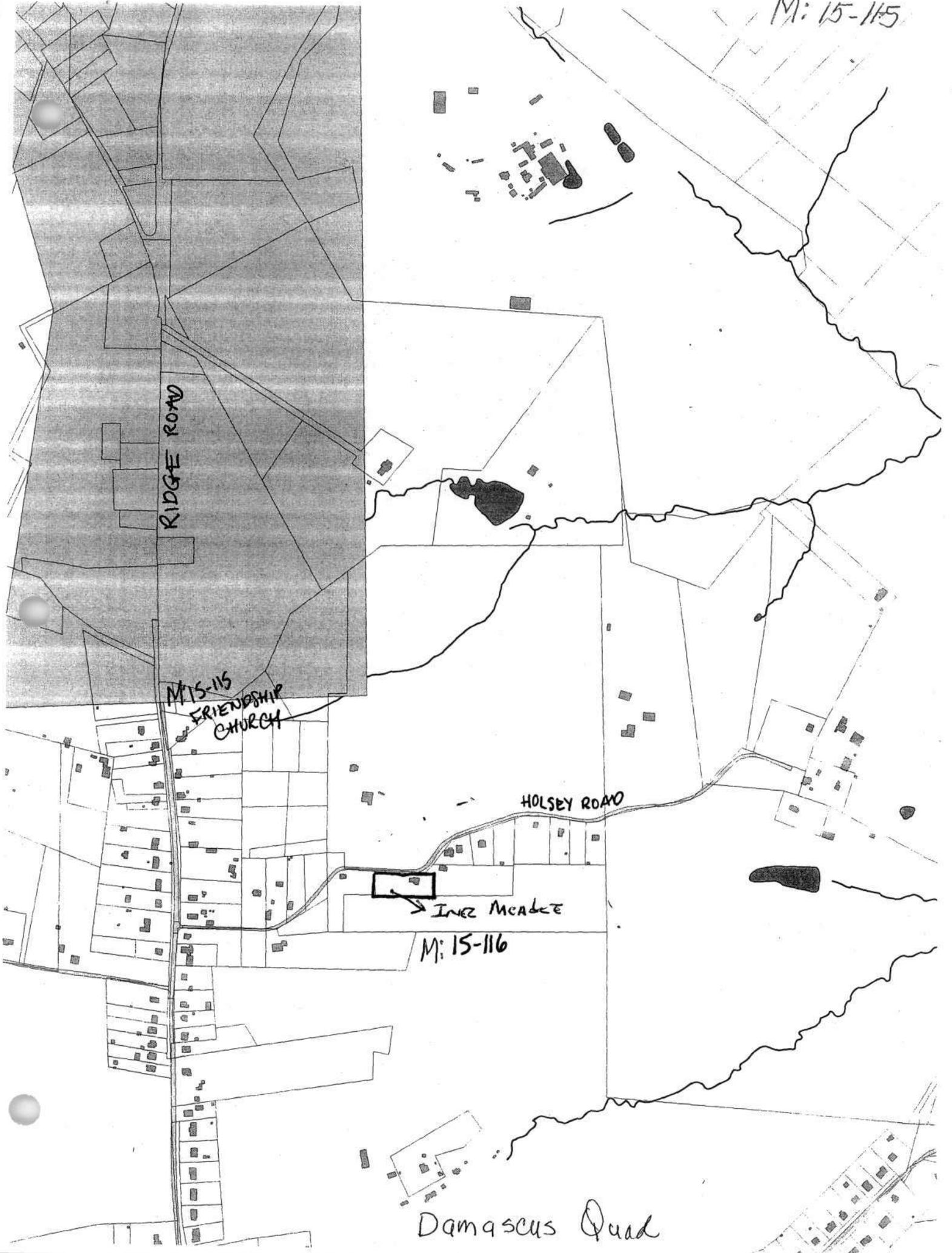
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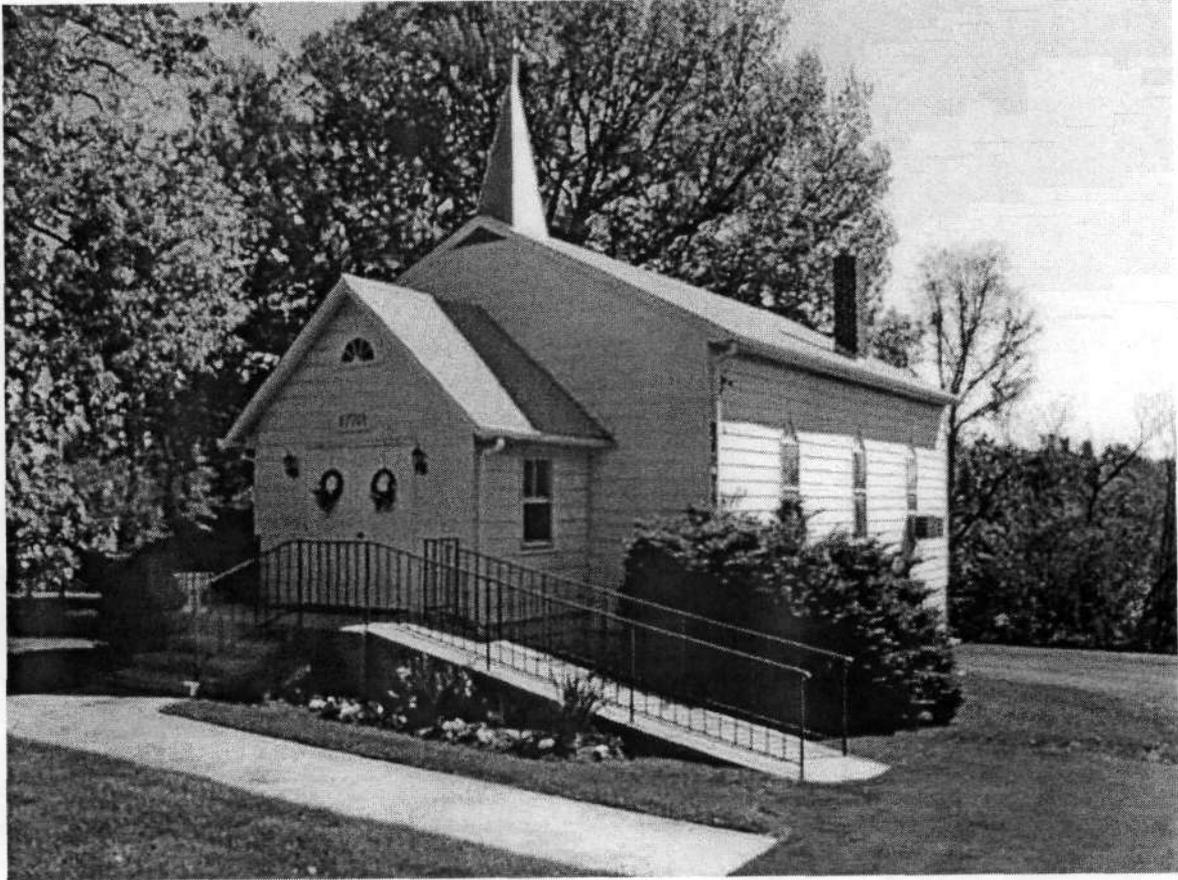
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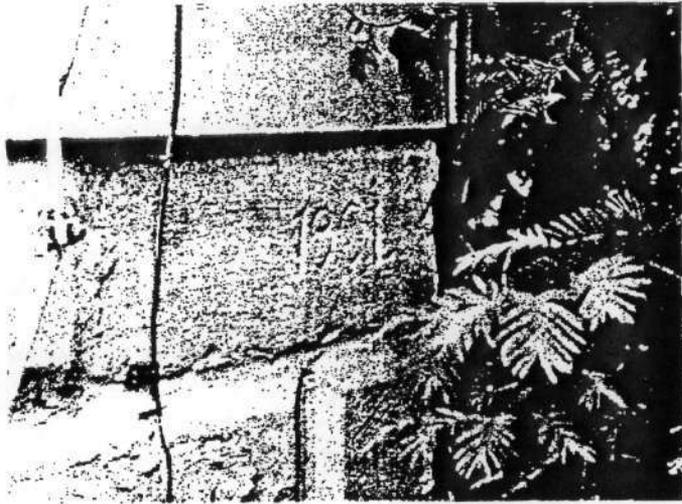
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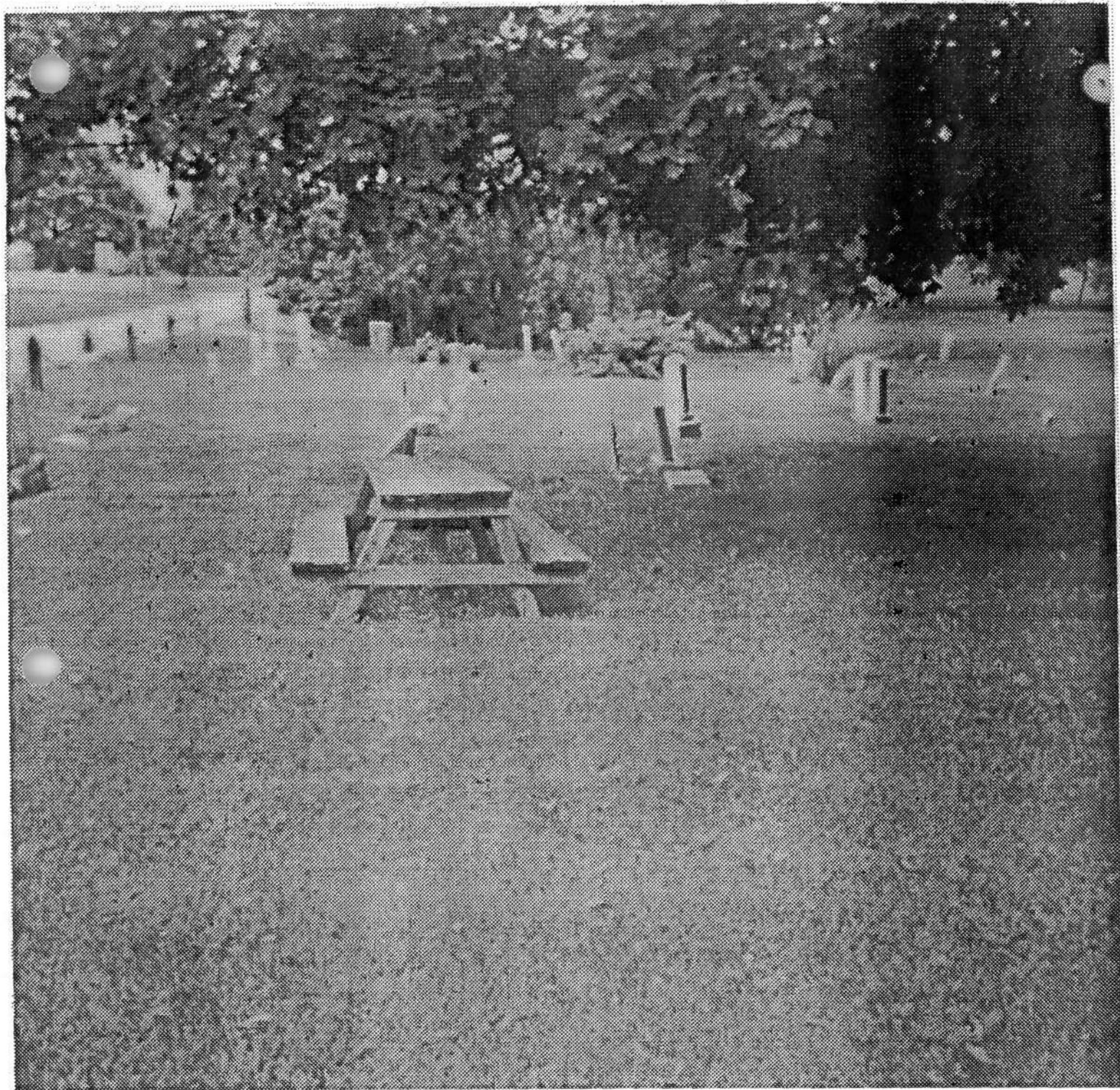
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FRIENDSHIP CHURCH CEMETARY
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