

St. Luke's Church  
M:23-78  
Montgomery County, Maryland

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. M:23-78

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1. Name of Property

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historic name St. Luke's Church

common/other name \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Location

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street & number 1001 Brighton Dam Rd not for publication \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Brookeville vicinity X state Maryland code MD

county \_\_\_\_\_ code \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing      Noncontributing

<u>1</u>	_____	buildings
<u>1</u>	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>2</u>	_____	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Listing \_\_\_\_\_

No X

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6. Function or Use  
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: RELIGION Sub: Church

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Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: RELIGION Sub: Church

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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

roof gable:asphalt shingles

walls wood: German siding

other \_\_\_\_\_

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Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance  
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
Religion  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance 1870  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates 1870  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References  
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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

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10. Geographical Data  
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Acreage of Property less than one acre

**Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)**

St. Luke's Episcopal Church occupies a less than one-acre parcel of land at the corner of New Hampshire Avenue and Brighton Dam Road, in Brighton.

**Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)**

This parcel has been associated with the property since the construction of the church building on the site in 1870.

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11. Form Prepared By  
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name/title Kim Williams, Architectural Historian  
organization M-NCPPC date December 1998  
street & number 8787 Georgia Avenue telephone 301 563-3400  
city or town Silver Spring state MD zip code     

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12. Property Owner  
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name St. Luke's Church  
street & number 1001 Brighton Dam Road telephone       
city or town      state      zip code       
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#### **ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

The church building is a single-story, basilican-plan, frame structure measuring 42 feet by 20 feet. It is set upon a stone foundation, is covered with a gable roof featuring a belfry, and has walls clad with German wood siding. Planned and built as a four-bay-deep building, the church was later elongated by one bay (twelve feet) to include an entry narthex.<sup>1</sup> The church was lengthened at the rear by the addition of a recessed chancel in 1916, and was more recently enlarged by a front porch.

#### Exterior:

The south facade, facing Brighton Dam Road, presents its gable front to the road. The wall is clad with German siding with a double entry door located on center at ground level. The double, six-paneled wood doors (replacement), are sheltered by a gable-roofed porch. This porch, an addition, is set upon a concrete slab foundation and has plain wood posts supporting the gable roof, clad with asphalt shingles. An historic wooden pew (possibly one of the original pews) sits on the front porch. At the ridge line of the church roof sits the belfry, added in 1949. This pyramidal roof structure with open sides shelters the church bell, donated to the church that same year.

The west elevation extends five bays deep. The front bay, corresponding with the entry narthex, is set upon a concrete slab foundation, while the remaining bays, part of the original

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<sup>1</sup> When this front bay was added is not certain. The history of the church makes it sound as if it was added immediately after the church was built. However, the front bay is built upon a concrete slab foundation as opposed to the stone foundation of the original structure, indicating a turn-of-the-century or later date of construction.

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structure, are built upon a stone foundation. The front bay is further differentiated from the rear bays by a vertical board closing the juncture of the historic structure and its addition. Each of the bays is defined by a single, 6/6 window, with large, interior bead molding, and a wood sill. The window in the front bay was made to match the existing windows.

The east elevation is similarly five bays deep, the front bay being part of the narthex addition. Another minor alteration appears at the fifth bay of this elevation where, based upon wood siding infill, there appears to have been a door in the place of the present window. Beyond the fifth bay of the sanctuary is a projecting wing of the rear chancel and a six-paneled wood door leading into it.

The north elevation consists of the rear wall of the chancel. The chancel was built in 1916 against the north wall of the sanctuary. It is set upon a stone foundation and has a cross gable roof sheltering the chancel and an adjoining antechamber. The gable end wall of the chancel is lit by a pointed-arch stained glass window, while the side wall of the chancel wing has a 6/6 window. A shed roof addition, set atop a concrete slab foundation, abuts the west wall of the chancel.

Interior:

The interior of St. Luke's Church is an open, basilica-plan sanctuary. The narthex opens directly onto the center aisle of the nave, while contemporary pews occupy the sides (there are no side aisles as the pews abut the side walls of the sanctuary). The central aisle leads to a raised and carpeted platform upon which is the lectern and pulpit and beyond which is the chancel, similarly raised upon a carpeted platform. The chancel is recessed into a horse-shoe-shaped Syrian arch and features a pointed-arch stained glass window on center. The stained glass is dedicated to the memory of the rev. William H. Laird, a former rector, who served the three churches of St. Bartholomew's church for nineteen years. A wooden balustrade with pointed arches serving as rails separates the chancel from the nave. A door on the east wall of the chancel leads into an antechamber which provides direct access to the exterior.

On the grassy expanse of lawn west of the church building and next to the drive leading from Brighton Dam Road to a gravel parking lot

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is a family cemetery and adjacent obelisk. The cemetery holds eight tombstones commemorating three members of the Brown family, two members of the Anderson family and five members of the Leishear family. While most of the tombstones are enclosed within a contemporary metal wire fence, an obelisk bearing the name of H.S. Brown (1865-1932) is located outside the bounds of the enclosure and just to its south. Both the Leishear and Brown families are local families who have had a presence in the region since at least the 19th century. The Thomas Leishear House (23-77) is just north of the church on New Hampshire Avenue, while several Brown family houses can be found along Green Bridge Road (23-75; 23-76 and 23-80), just north of St. Luke's Church on New Hampshire Avenue. In 1947, the vestry ruled that no more burials were to be permitted in the adjacent lot.

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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

St. Luke's Church was constructed in 1870 as an Episcopal church within St. Bartholomew's Parish, that also included St. John's Church in Olney. St. Luke's is the second ecclesiastical building to have been erected on the site--the first being the Chapel of Ease, built in 1761, which following its destruction by fire in 1812, was rebuilt several miles from this site. Although St. Luke's Church provides a representative example of late 19th-century rural church architecture, the building has been enlarged and altered and no longer retains sufficient integrity to meet the Criteria of the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties or the National Register of Historic Places.

Historic Context

Founded in 1871, St. Luke's Church traces its origins to 1761 when the parishioners of Prince George Parish residing "in and upon the neighborhood of a Branch of Patuxent, commonly called Hawlings River" petitioned then-Governor Horatio Sharpe for a chapel. In May 1761, the petition was granted and the Chapel of Ease was built at the northwest corner of Brookeville-Brighton Dam Road and Route 650, New Hampshire Avenue Extended in Brighton, Maryland. This 18th-century chapel was destroyed a few years later by a severe storm; it was not until 1812 that a new church was built to replace the original structure.

This 1812 structure was built several miles from the original site, on the Hawlings River. It was consecrated by Bishop James Kemp as St. Bartholomew's Church (commonly referred to as the "Hawlings River Church"), and was formally admitted to the Diocese of Maryland as a separate congregation. This new church was ministered to by the rector of Christ Church in Rockville. Needless to say, services were irregular. In addition, the geographical size of St. Bartholomew's Parish was too great for one church; consequently, in 1842, a chapel was founded at Olney as St. John's Church. The Reverend Orlando Hutton was elected in 1844 as the first Rector of St. Bartholomew's Parish to hold services in St. John's and St. Bartholomew's churches. A house was purchased at Brookeville, about halfway between the two churches, for a rectory and Mr. Hutton served as rector of both until 1861.

Around 1868, then-rector, Reverend Thomas Duncan, was asked to hold services near the Friendship Meeting House, where various members

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of the church wanted the services of an Episcopal church. Having received permission to do so, the Reverend Duncan preached at the Friendship church beginning in August 1868. The location for these services changed over the months until Mr. William Brown of J. Offered to sell a lot of land near Brighton for the construction of a church building.<sup>2</sup>

The new church building was planned by Reverend Thomas Duncan and built by 1870 as St. Luke's Church. According to the 1963 reminiscences of an original parishioner, the "plain little building" was said to have looked 'just like Tom Duncan'.<sup>3</sup> As originally constructed, the church consisted of the four-bay-deep, basilica-plan structure. The recessed chancel and the stained glass window were added in 1916, and the bell and belfry added after World War II.

With the building of St. Luke's Church in 1870, the parish now had three churches to serve its people, but still only one priest to serve the three churches. Various schedules were tried in an effort to hold as many services as possible in each church. This arrangement continued until 1948 when St. Bartholomew's Church was united with a Gaithersburg Church, leaving St. Luke's and St. John's to support a rector between them. Immediately after this, however, the growing St. John's began to make increasing demands on the rector, leaving St. Luke's at the mercy of visiting clergymen and lay readers. Eventually, in 1960, the Bishop of Washington decided that St. Luke's should build a rectory and call its own minister.

In 1935, St. Luke's Church acquired the Brighton Grange Hall, which stood across the road from the church, and no longer had an active grange membership. St. Luke's converted the grange into a parish hall, demolishing it in the 1980s. In 1961, the Warren Cooley family, owners of the Brown Place (M:23-75), gave the land for the rectory building.

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<sup>2</sup> Two lots were offered for sale; however as that of Mr. William Brown of J. was more central to the congregation, it was accepted.

<sup>3</sup> St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Brighton, Maryland, 1870-1970, p.7.

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**HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

**Geographic Organization:** Piedmont

**Chronological/Development Period (s):**

Agricultural-Industrial Transition (1815-1870)

**Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):**

Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and  
Community Planning

**RESOURCE TYPE(S)**

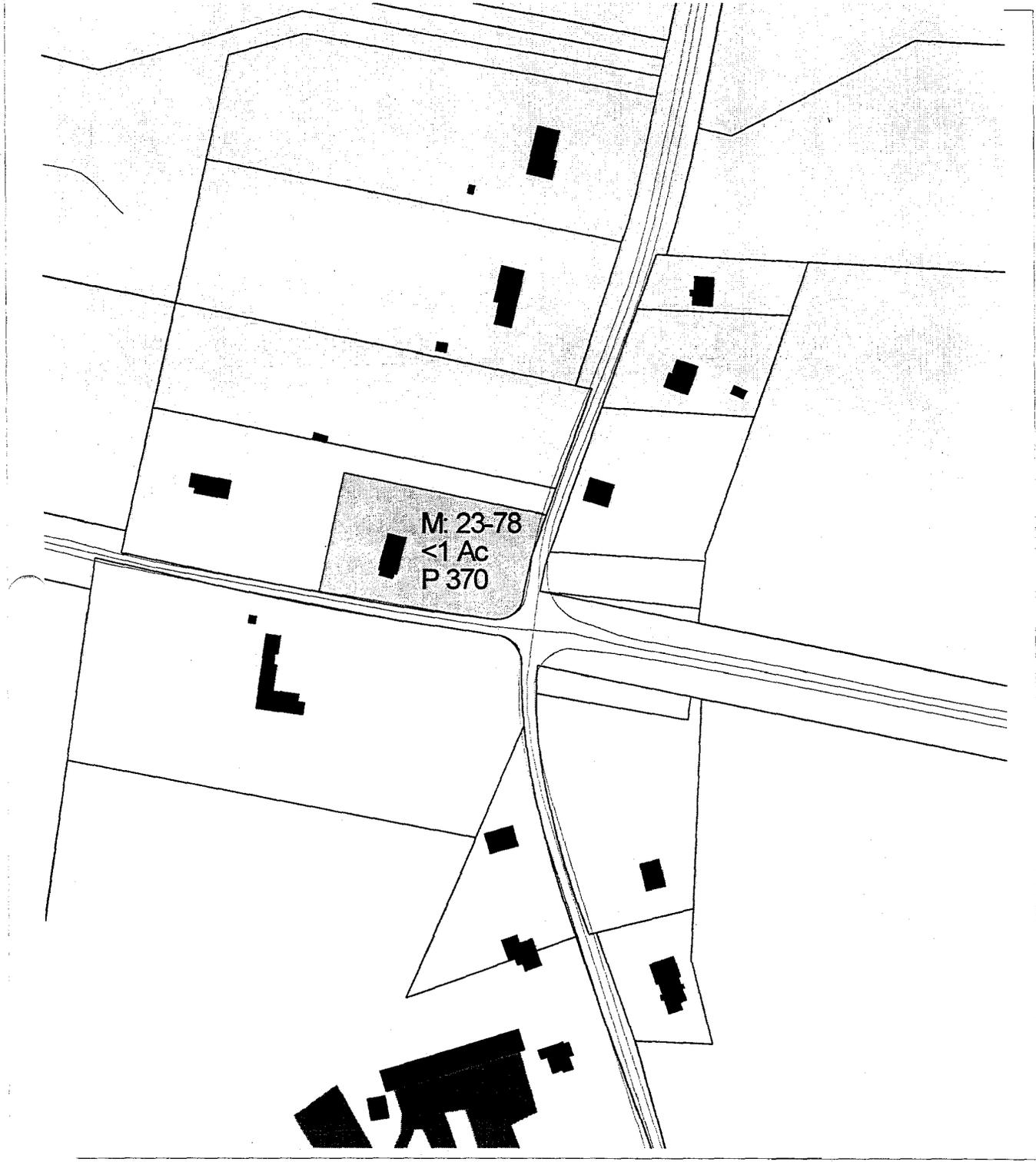
**Category:** Building

**Historic Environment:** Rural

**Historic Function (s):** RELIGION/Church  
RELIGION/Cemetery

**Known Design Source:** Unknown

# ST. LUKE'S CHURCH (M: 23-78)



Manual User Application



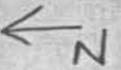
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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
8787 Georgia Avenue - Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760



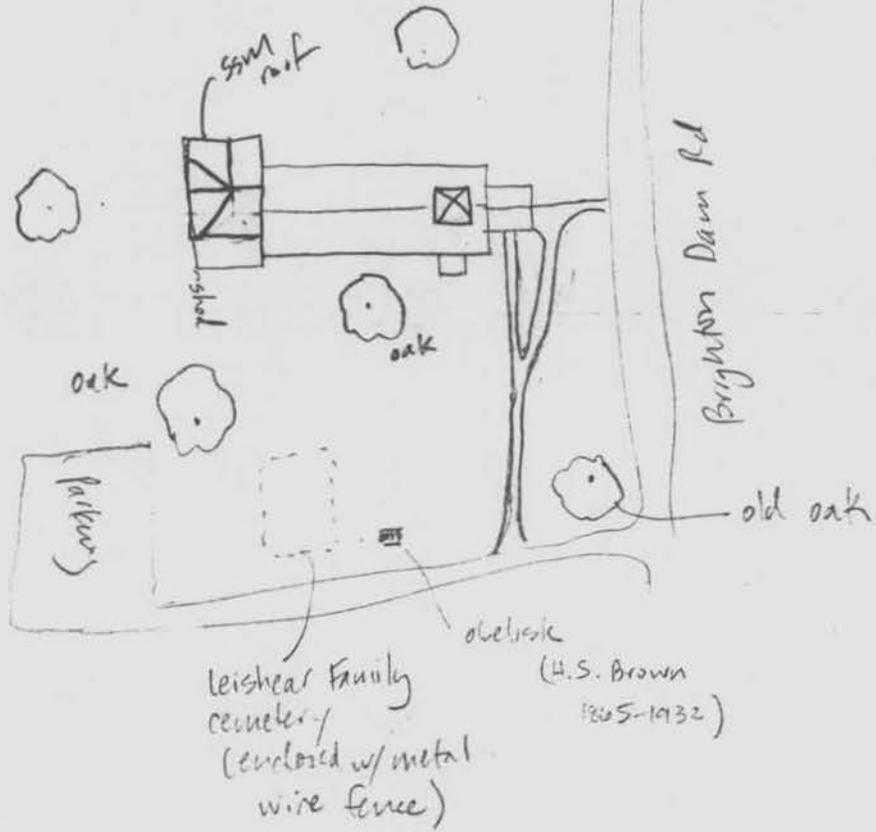
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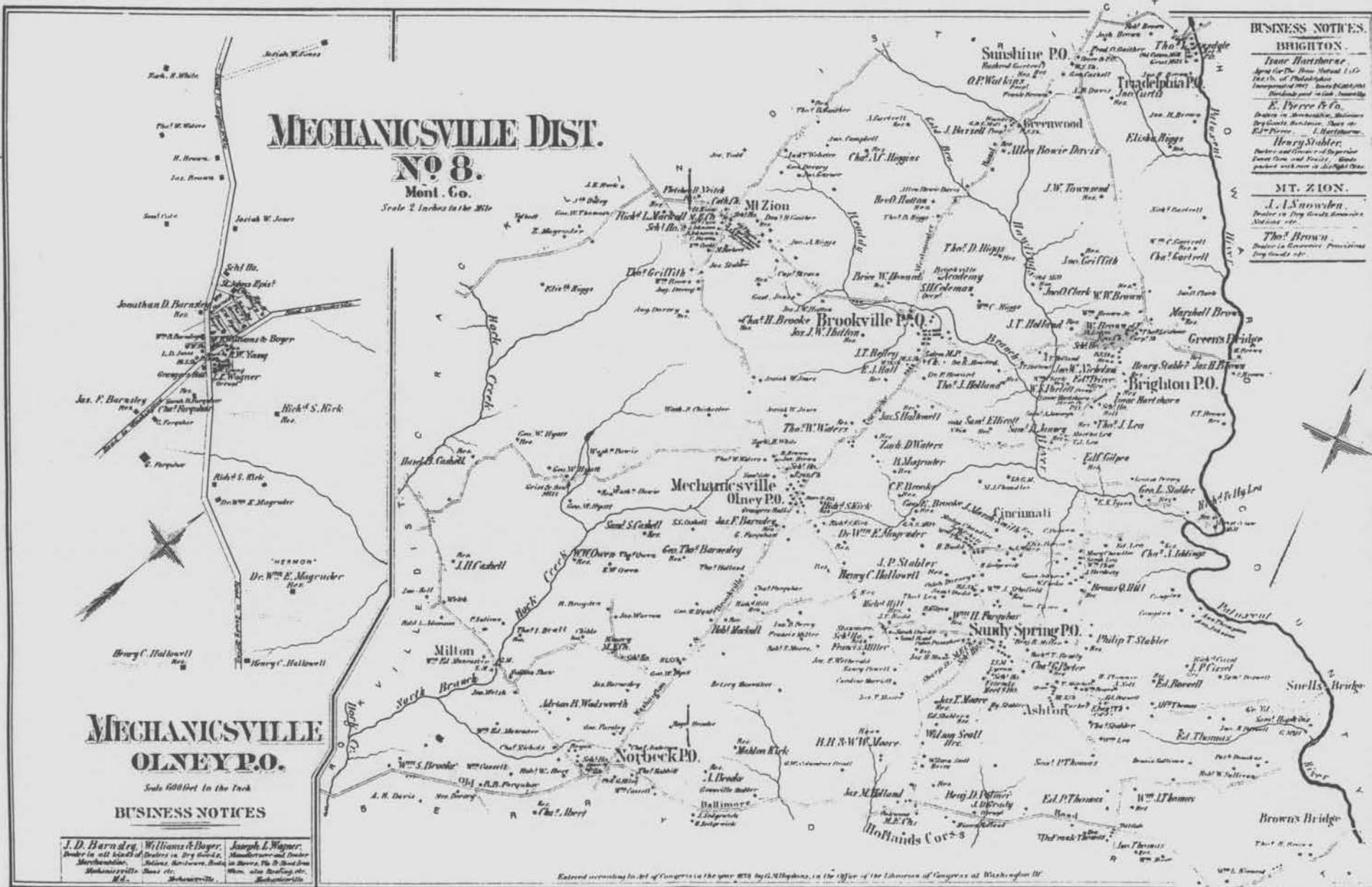


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New Hampshire Ave





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Name: SANDY SPRING  
 Date: 7/13/99  
 Scale: 1 inch equals 2000 feet

Location: 039° 11' 46.4" N 077° 01' 44.0" W  
 Caption: ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH (M: 23-78)  
 1001 Brighton Dam Rd.



M:  
23-78  
ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
MONTGOMERY CO., MD  
K. WILLIAMS  
OCTOBER 25, 1998  
MARYLAND SHPO  
SOUTH ELEVATION  
1 OF 4



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23-78

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

K. WILLIAMS

OCTOBER 25, 1998

MARYLAND SHPO

NW OBLIQUE

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ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
MONTGOMERY CO., MD

K. WILLIAMS

OCTOBER 25, 1998

MARYLAND SHPO

INTERIOR OF CHURCH, LOOKING NORTH

30F4

THO'S G. LEISHEAR

Died

Dec. 8. 1893.

Aged 77y 11m.

& 23 days.

At Rest.

10-25-98

M:

23-78

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
MONTGOMERY CO., MD

K. WILLIAMS

OCTOBER 25, 1998

MARYLAND SHPO

CEMETERY, LOCATED WEST OF CHURCH

40F4

FINAL DRAFT AMENDMENT

to the

MASTER PLAN FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

December 16, 1982

The purpose of this amendment is to add the following site to Chapter 4 of the Master Plan for Historic Preservation, thereby extending to it the protection of the Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code:

23/78 Brighton Grange Hall

- The only 19th Century grange hall standing in Montgomery County and believed to be the only one standing in the State of Maryland.
- Membership was active in a number of statewide agricultural movements and prominent in the Maryland State Grange.
- Reportedly, the site of the first Farmers Institute in Maryland, a forerunner of the State supported Agricultural Extension Service.
- While it would be preferable for the Grange Hall to remain in its original location and be restored to its original exterior condition, it may be necessary for the owners to move the structure or alter the exterior to increase the feasibility of its preservation. This plan, therefore, recommends designation of the entire parcel of .99 acre, with the potential for reduction or redefinition of the environmental setting in response to specific development or restoration plans. The plan also recommends flexibility in considering proposals for exterior alterations that will allow adaptive reuse.
- Because the Grange Hall is a community resource whose value is in some ways combined with and in some ways distinct from the adjacent resource, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, efforts to preserve the Grange Hall should involve financial assistance and support from the broader community.

MR:sam

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name St. Luke's Episcopal Church
2. Planning Area/Site Number 23/78
3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference Map 10 A-13
4. Address Brighton, Maryland
5. Classification Summary
  - Category Building
  - Ownership Private
  - Public Acquisition N.A.
  - Status Occupied
  - Accessible Yes;restricted
  - Present use Religious
  - Previous Survey Recording M-NCPCC Federal    State X County X Local
  - (Title and date: Inventory of Historical Sites 1976 )
6. Date 1870
7. Original Owner: Trustees of St. John's Episcopal Church (Olney)
8. Apparent Condition
  - a. excellent
  - b. altered
  - c. original site
9. Description : This simple 1½ story, one bay by five bay, frame church faces south. It has fieldstone foundations & white novelty siding. Double wooden paneled doors lead into the church. There are 6 over 6 double hung windows throughout. At the north elevation there is an apse with a gable roof; a stained glass window depicting St. Luke is set into the apse. The gabled roof is covered by green asbestos shingles; the cornice line is boxed and returned; there is an iron bell.  
The adjacent rectangular parish hall was constructed in 1886 as the Brighton Grange Hall.
10. Significance: St. Luke's Church is an outstanding example of a successful community project. Built by and for the immediate community in 1870, it still serves the descendants of the original congregation. It was the permanent successor to 100 years of temporary houses of worship for the Episcopalian families living along the Montgomery-Howard County line. St. Luke's originally shared a rector with St. John's (Olney) and St. Bartholomew's (Laytonsville). The Church has been the recipient of many community projects to support it, its furnishings, and its rector. It was recognized by the Diocese as a separate church in 1912. In 1935, the Vestry purchased the old Brighton Grange Hall (1886) to use as a parish hall.
11. Date researched and researcher Sept. 1978 Ina Hanel
12. Compiler Eileen McGuckian
13. Date Compiled 1/79
14. Designation Approval Candy Reed - Architectural Description
15. Acreage c.3 acres

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC St. Luke's Episcopal Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER New Hampshire Avenue

CITY, TOWN Brighton VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8

STATE Maryland COUNTY Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Vestry of St. Luke's Episcopal Church Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Brighton VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 228  
Folio #: 105

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE M-NCPPC

DATE 1976  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20855

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This simple one and a half story, one bay by five bay, frame church faces south on New Hampshire Avenue extended.

Built on fieldstone foundations, the church has white novelty siding. The south (front) porch has a flagstone floor on grade. A gabled hood is supported by four square posts. There is a white wooden cross at the peak of the south gable end. There are double wooden paneled doors which lead into the church.

There are six over six double hung windows throughout the church. At the north elevation there is an apse with a gable roof. A stained glass window depicting St. Luke is set into the apse. The gabled roof is covered by green asbestos shingles. The cornice line is boxed and returned. At the south end of the main gable roof there is a simple frame bell cot with a square base, novelty siding and a hipped roof. An iron bell hangs inside the cot. There is a shed roofed lean-to addition northwest of the apse and a one story gabled addition perpendicular to the apse on the northeast corner.

The south double wooden paneled outer doors leads into a narrow hall with a flanking wooden paneled door which lead into the cloak room for the choir and closet. An inner double wooden panel door leads into the chapel. There are nine rows of simple wooden pews on each side of a central aisle. Each pew back contains two book racks for hymnals. The altar is recessed behind a Gothic archway and a carved altar railing further separates the altar. Two Gothic/Eastlake chairs with high carved lancet backs flank the altar which is surmounted by a stained glass window of St. Luke. Southeast of the altar is a brass lectern with an eagle supporting the slanting top. The walls and ceilings appear to be plaster over lath. There are two hanging brass lamps, each with six milk glass globes.

The south entry hall appears, from an examination of the one bay by one bay structure, to be a later addition. There is a joint visible on the east and west elevations between the first and second windows. In addition, the glass in the south windows appear to be more recent.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES **1870**

BUILDER/ARCHITECT **Rev. Thomas Duncan**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

St. Luke's Church is an outstanding example of a successful community project. Built by and for the immediate community in 1870, it still serves the descendants of the original congregation. Many members of the present congregation have put in just as much time and effort as their ancestors have.

In 1761, the families of Brighton built a "Chapel of Ease" there; the church was destroyed several years later by a severe storm. In 1812, a new church, St. Bartholomew's Church, was built six miles northwest of the "Chapel of Ease", near Laytonsville. St. Bartholomew's Parish was too big for all members to attend one church, so a new church was built in Mechanicsville (now Olney) in 1842, the second to be built in St. Bartholomew's Parish. Named St. John's Church, it shared its rector with St. Bartholomew's.

The problem of attending services was not solved for the families living near and beyond the Montgomery-Howard county line. In 1868, the rector of St. Bartholomew's Parish, the Reverend Thomas Duncan, was asked to perform the Episcopalian services in Howard County. After two years of services in "borrowed" buildings and fields, the congregation decided to build a church of their own. Two lots were offered by William Brown of James<sup>1</sup> and William C. Gartrell. The Brown lot, of about 729 square yards, was chosen since it was in a more central position to the congregation; funds were raised, The Reverend Thomas Duncan designed a simple building, and the church was built in Brighton, next to where the "Chapel of Ease" had stood one hundred years before. The first service was held on April 24, 1870.<sup>2</sup>

Following the completion of St. Luke's, the congregation immediately collected funds to enlarge the building to accommodate 150 people. St. John's Church contributed the pulpit, chancel railing, and some pews. A collection was donated by St. John's and St. Bartholomew's Church. All three churches still shared the same rector.

A vestry was elected and organized in early 1872 and there followed a series of community projects to help support the church and the rector. A concert was given to raise money for a foot-pumped organ. (Fifty years later another reed organ was bought with money donated by the congregation. Thirty years after that, in 1950, an electric organ was bought.) A voluntary effort was given in the form of Sunday School teachers. Several adult members would travel each Sunday to St. Luke's twice, since the service and Sunday School were not both held in the morning. Caroline Kummer was the first teacher and organist at St. Luke's.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY (See Attachment Sheet A)**

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY ca. 3 acres**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

The church faces south. To the east of it stands the Parish Hall and behind that is New Hampshire Avenue. On the south side is Brookeville Brighton Dam Road. To the west is the graveyard and then the rectory. To the north is a small field with a few houses on the other side. All together, it is approximately three acres.

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE	COUNTY
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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Candy Reed - Architectural Description

Ina V. Hanel

ORGANIZATION

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## Attachment Sheet A

In 1912, the Diocese of Maryland granted recognition to St. Luke's as a separate church, and St. John's Church deeded the land to St. Luke's.<sup>3</sup>

In 1935, the Vestry of St. Luke's bought the old Brighton Grange Hall (built in 1886) to use as a Parish Hall. It stands east of the church, on the site where the "Chapel of Ease" once stood. Florence Brown Ridgely, daughter of William Brown, left \$500 in her will for the church to buy the hall. Part of the \$500, with money from individual families and the Guild, a fund-raising organization, helped to restore the building to its present shape and condition, and added toilet and sewage facilities.<sup>4</sup> The hall was used for many years for parties, meetings, and Sunday School, but is now rarely used by the church.

A rectory was built in 1961. The growth of St. John's Church had made it impossible for one rector to preach at both churches. St. Luke's Church got its first own rector in 1963. The land for the house was given by the Warren Cooley family. The present rector does not live in the rectory, so it is now used as the new Parish Hall, instead of the old Grange Hall.

The Women's Guild (founded in 1910) and the Sandy Spring Theater Group all are church and community projects.

Originally starting with one building on one-half an acre, the vestry now owns three buildings (the church, the parish hall, and the rectory) on about three acres.<sup>5</sup> A miniature graveyard also exists with ten graves. It was decided in 1960 to discontinue the graveyard since the rectory was being built next door.

St. Luke's Church is clearly a unique product of the Brighton community. Rev. Arthur Ribble, a former rector, wrote in 1942, "The congregation of St. Luke's Church is about as little organized and as about as efficient as any in the Church. They have little regard for budgets, organizations, and such things. They consider their work a family affair. They just pay their bills when they come due and get together and do whatever work there is to do."<sup>6</sup>

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NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: St. Luke's Episcopal Church				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Brighton				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
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STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Brighton			STATE: Maryland	
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CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Acreage Justification:

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Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: 5/10/73

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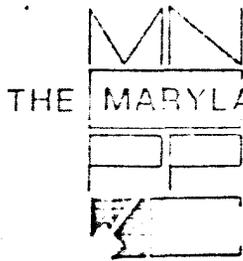
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Significance of this property is:  
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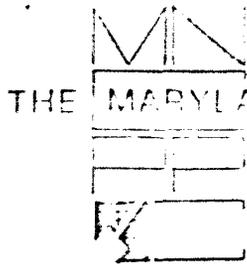
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See correspondence dated January 11, 1983

ACTION TAKEN

Final Draft Amendment to the Master Plan

Purpose of Amendment - to add M: 23/78 Brighton Grange Hall  
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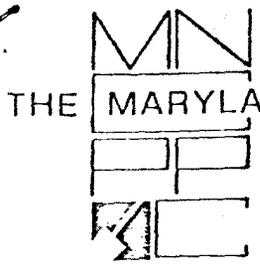
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8/25/82.....Sites recommended for inclusion in  
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sara Underwood, Director, Department of Community Development & Housing  
 James S. Baker, Director, Department of Environmental Protection  
 ✓ J. Rodney Little, Director, State Historic Preservation Officers  
 Eileen McGuckian, Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: John Matthews, Chief, Community Planning-South *JM*

SUBJECT: Brighton Grange Hall: Final Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation

I am pleased to transmit to you a copy of the Final Draft Amendment to the Approved & Adopted Master Plan for Historic Preservation. This draft recommends the designation of the Brighton Grange Hall located at the corner of Brighton Dam Road and New Hampshire Avenue as a Historic Site to be protected under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance.

Under Chapter 33A of the Montgomery County Code, 1972 as amended, the County Executive has the opportunity to submit comments and recommendations on the Final Draft Amendment to the County Council within 30 days following receipt of this transmittal.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Reinhart of Community Planning-South at 565-7354.

Enclosure  
 JM:MZR:nlw

# SIGNIFICANCE

M.23-78

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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Brighton Hall or St. Luke's Parish Hall was built as the Brighton Grange Hall, No. 60. Brighton Grange was one of the twelve early Granges formed in 1873 and 1874 in Montgomery County. This Grange was formed April 2, 1874 under the organization of Joseph T. Moore of Sandy Spring. It lasted for 63 years, the third longest Grange to exist in Montgomery County ( neighboring Granges of Olney and Liberty Grove existing longer ). Col. T. H. S. Boyd in his HISTORY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, 1879, lists Bethesda, Barnesville, Brighton, Damascus, Darnestown, Gaithersburg, Great Falls, Olney, Hyattstown, and Liberty Grove as thriving lodges, and he writes regarding the Grangers, "Conspicuous in the work of intellectual, social, and agricultural organization and development are the Grangers of the County". (1)

The National Grange of Patrons of Husbandry ( The Grange ) was an alliance of farmers active nationally and in Maryland and Montgomery County as a social group, an educational group, and as a political organization. Concerts and dances were held at the Grange Hall. It was a meeting place for various social functions as well as providing educational programs and political input within the community. Unique ritual at meetings helped create a common bond among members of the fraternal organization. The ritual emphasized the beauty and importance of the home, community, family, agriculture and citizenship. Women played an active role in many activities.

When Brighton Grange was in its early formation, the area of Brighton had a population of 150 as compared to Olney - 75, Bethesda - 25, Laytonsville - 100, and Brookeville - 250. Brighton had several stores and a Post Office. The land was very productive and sold for \$20 to \$60 an acre. The area was known for its superior quality of sweet corn and fruits. (2) Members of this early Grange came from outlying areas of Tridelphia, Sunshine, Brinklow and Ashton.

Joseph T. Moore, a prominent Quaker from Sandy Spring, was the first Master of the Olney Grange, a Grange which lasted for 96 years. He organized Brighton Grange in 1874, the same year in which he served as the first President of the Maryland State Grange until 1879. He had been a member of the Sandy Spring Farmers' Club which was organized in 1844 and which still is active in Montgomery County today in 1982. Moore was a leader in the community and instrumental in the organization of the Olney Grange in 1873. He was chosen Senator from Montgomery County and served 1881 - 1882.

Both Olney and Brighton Granges had lending libraries for their members and for community people. The number of books loaned by Brighton is on record at the University of Maryland. Olney Grange lobbied for Parcel Post for the convenience of the farmers, and this was accomplished. Records point out that the Olney Grange helped a family whose barn had burned. THE ANNALS OF SANDY SPRING by William Henry Farquhar record that "The County Grange held a delightful quarterly meeting at Brighton" in 1881. (3) It also notes that the Farmers Convention was held in the same year when two hundred attended, and a new feed called ensilage was exhibited at this time. A new feature was that the meeting began at ten, and ladies came in at twelve bringing a "luxurious dinner and went like a flash of light". (4) Progress was made in the field of agriculture in the 1880's in Montgomery County, and the Grangers were eager to spread the information. The use of lime and sodium nitrate as fertilizer, and the appearance of the first silos in Montgomery County occurred at this time. The Brighton Grange Hall was built in 1886.

In 1890 the First Farmers' Institute in Maryland was held with the co-operation of the Maryland Agricultural College, now University of Maryland, and this meeting was held at Brighton Grange Hall. This was the forerunner of the University of Maryland Extension Service that we know today. The Farmers Institutes later became a state supported educational program for farmers. The present Montgomery County 4-H Clubs, the Homemakers, The Farm Bureau, even the county and community fairs are an outgrowth of this meeting, and this first Farmers Institute was sponsored jointly by Brighton Grange and the Maryland Agricultural College Experiment Station.

Brighton Grange Hall is the only remaining Grange Hall in Montgomery County since the Olney Grange building ( Olney D.G.S. ) was destroyed two years ago. Brighton Grange Hall was the meeting place which formulated the extension service of today that is so active not only in the county but in the state. Some of the Brighton Grange members were active in the State Grange work. Dr. Augustus Stabler, a Maryland State Lecturer from 1908 to 1912, was District Agent for the Experiment Station, and he conducted Farmers Institutes throughout the state. He was also Deputy State Organizer for the Grange and organized Subordinate Granges. Charles Hartshorne from Brighton Grange was State Chaplain for sixteen years and a State Organizer. William E. Brown was Maryland State Overseer from 1906 - 1909. Mrs. Charles Hartshorne served as State Secretary from 1910 - 1916.

In the 1920's the Brighton Grange functioned primarily as a social club providing dances and entertainment for the community. Community members recall friends from Woodfield, Damascus, Lisbon, Glenwood and Tridelphia attending the Brighton functions. Many people in the community recall that Brighton Grange had the best baseball team in Montgomery County.

In 1932 Brighton Grange disbanded, and in 1935 St. Luke's Episcopal Church acquired it, when it was given to the church. The Grange Hall became the Parish Hall. A Kitchen, restrooms and fire escape were added.

From 1970 - 1981 the rectory was used as a parish hall. The Sandy Spring Theatre Group has used the Grange Hall for their performances, and once a year the church uses it for its Candle Festival, a fund raising event held each October.

The names of Moore, Stabler, Brown, Gartrell, Hartshorne, Thomas, Miller, and Lansdale are some of the names of people associated with the Brighton Grange. These names, familiar in the community today, are family names which have been recognized in Montgomery County and Maryland for many years.

Footnotes:

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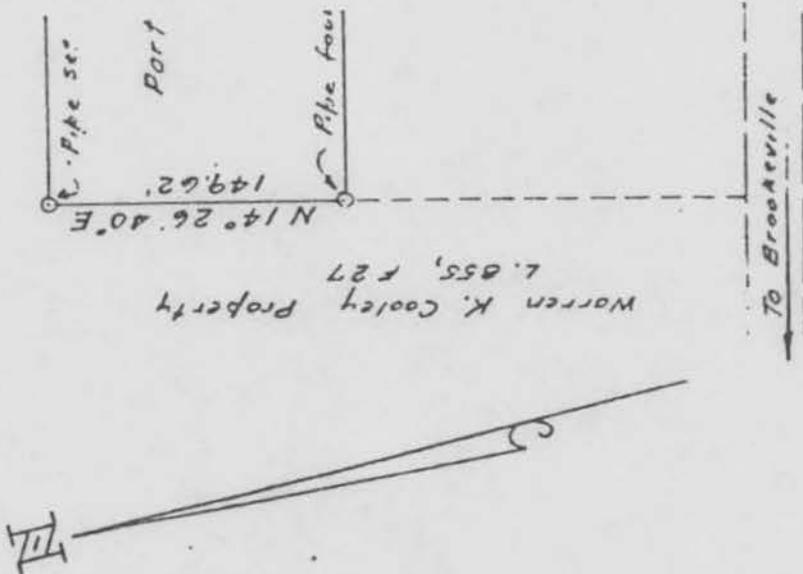
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Plat of Survey of  
Part of Warren K. Cooley Property  
Olney District  
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Scale: 1"=100'  
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NAME / TITLE

Janet Wilcox Becker

May, 1982

ORGANIZATION

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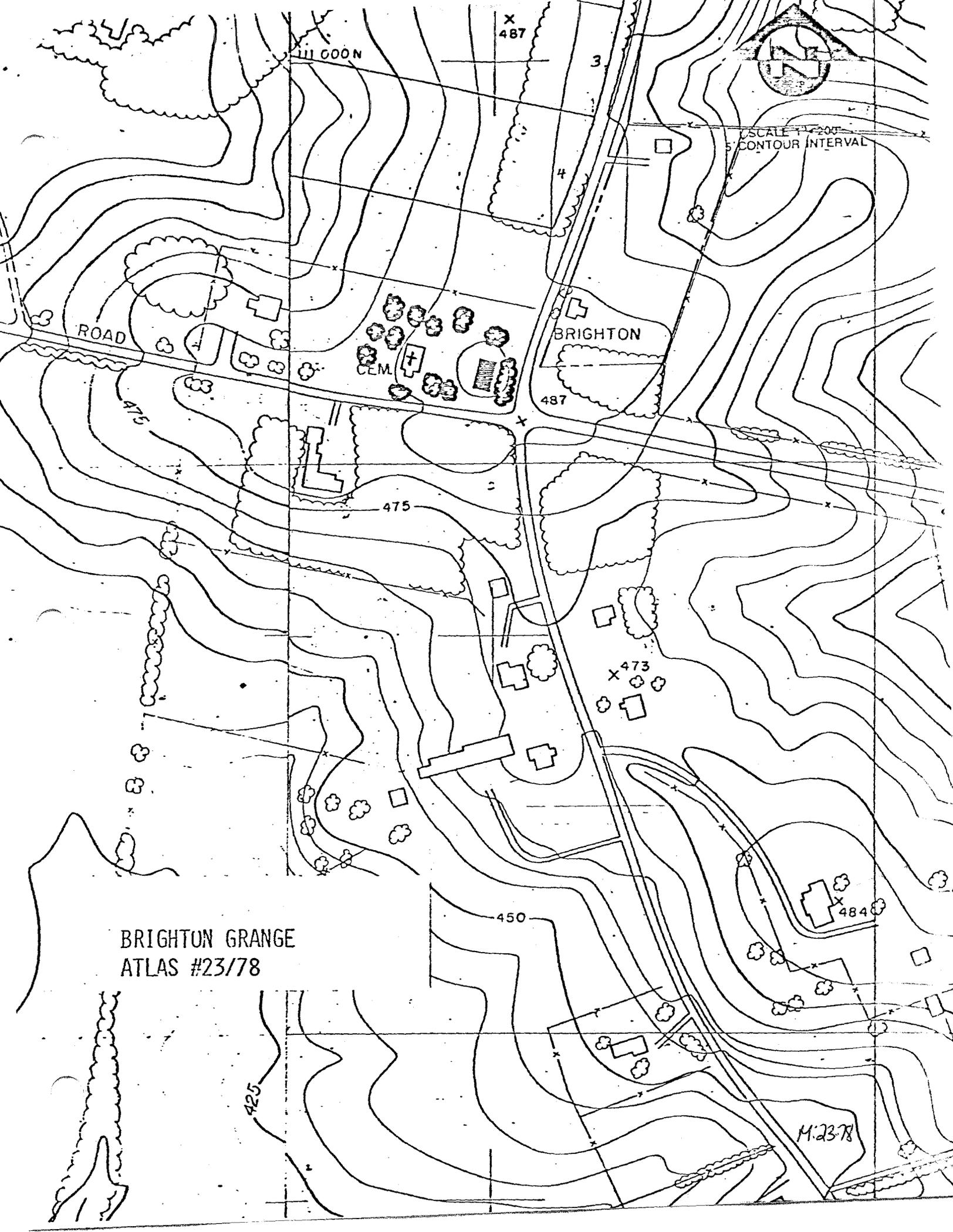
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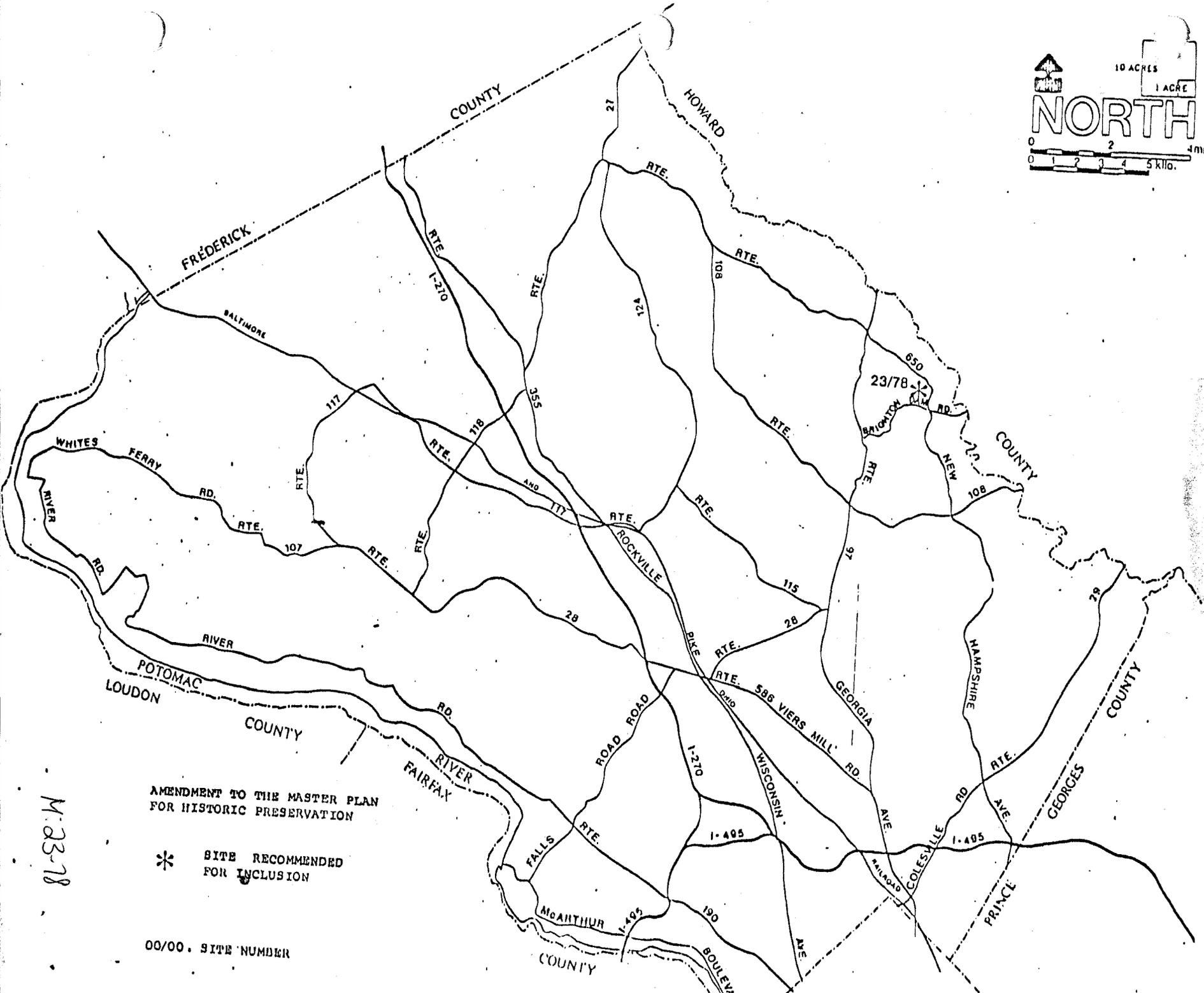
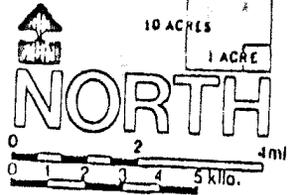
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St. Luke's Episcopal Church (and site of Grange Hall)

1001 Brighton Dam Road, Brookeville

Jennifer K. Cosham

April 21, 2004

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The photo attached to the ~~nominations~~ form is not the church itself. It is the Parish Hall that is east of the church and was built in 1886. The Sandy Spring Theatre Group uses it today. A stairway (covered) has been built on the longer outside wall that you see in the photo. I thought it was St. Luke's at first, and am writing this in case you misunderstood, too.

by: Ina V. Hanel