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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
St. Mark's Church & Boyds School

AND/OR COMMON
(White Grounds Community)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
White Grounds Road & Hoyle's Mill Road

CITY, TOWN
Boyds

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	✓OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
__BUILDING(S)	✓PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
✓STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	✓RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	✓YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Mont. Co. Board of Education?

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
Manakee Street

CITY, TOWN
Rockville

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:
Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Rockville

STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	✓ UNALTERED	✓ ORIGINAL SITE
✓ GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a small, one-story frame church that faces south. The entrance is in the (south) gable facade, and it is covered with a low, one-bay vestibule. The church itself is three bays long, and there are tall, arched, stain-glass windows in each bay. There is a round window in the south gable end. The church sits on a stone foundation, and is sheathed in German siding.

It is not certain whether this was also an early Negro school. Supposedly, there is a one-room schoolhouse in this triangle.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	__ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
✓ 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Mrs. Maude Taylor, wife of the late Edward U. Taylor, former Superintendent of Colored Schools (for whom the present Boyds school is named), has information regarding this school. It may be on file at the Montgomery County Historical Society, where she is a member.

Also, check with Carroll Greene, of the Maryland Comm. on Negro History and Culture, 20 Dean Street, Annapolis, Md.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE: Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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It is not known at this time when the first blacks came to Boyds. It is known that some were here prior to the construction of the railroad as slaves of migrating settlers, more came when the railroad was under construction, and some came down from the Barnesville and Poolesville areas, both are older than Boyds.

John and Maria Duffin -married on May 1, 1850 in Barnesville, Md.- parents of the late Addison Duffin, and grandparents of Miss Lorraine Duffin and Mrs. Edna Johnson, built the first house on Whitegrounds Road. This log house, still standing, is the home of the late Sophronia Hebron. The Duffin sisters presently reside next door in the house built later by their father, Addison. Some of the other log houses built during that era along Whitegrounds Road and Hoyles Mill Road are still standing but not all are livable.

John and Maria Duffin were employees of Captain James Boyd - Maria worked in the house; John, and later his son, Addison, farmed the acreage now known as Whitegrounds Road. Captain Boyd initially owned 130 acres. He built cabins for his workers, raised cattle, and farmed the remaining acreage. His total acreage was believed to be about 1100 acres.

In July, 1892, one acre of land was purchased from Dorothy and John DeLauder at the sum of $50 for the erection of a church. This was part of the original tract owned by Grace Leapley. St. Marks Methodist Episcopol Church, presently known as St. Marks United Methodist Church, was completed on September 24, 1893. The first trustees, as recorded on the deed, were Addison Duffin, Thomas Jackson, and William Johnson. The The pastor, Reverand Benjamin F. Myers, solicited for financial donations from the residents in the area - one of whom was Captain James Boyd. Prior to this, the members worshiped in a one-room building next door which was also used as a school until the Boyds School was built, which is still standing across from the Edward U. Taylor Elementary School. Boyds School was closed in 1936, and students were transported to the two-room school in Clarksburg.

The parsonage was built in 1899 on the same acreage, under the pastorage of Reverand Daniel Wheeler.

Later additions were the dining hall, stained glass windows, cushioned folding chairs. In 1966, Mr. Glenn W. Shorb, donated one-half acre of land to St. Marks Church, to enable them to "square-off" the back boundaries of the cemetery. In September 1971, a modular, vertical building was donated to St. Marks Church through the YWCA of Montgomery County. This building was later erected to enlarge the dining hall.

The Edward U. Taylor Elementary School began its history in Sept., 1952 under the principalship of Samuel T. Jones. The building of Taylor consolidated seven up-county black communities - Martinsburg, Poolesville, Boyds, Sugarland, Sellman, Hyattstown, and Clarksburg. Students were bused from these communities to the school. The school was named in honor of Edward U. Taylor, the first supervisor of his race in the Montgomery County Public Schools. In September of 1961, the school was desegregated under the principalship of Weeta P. Morris.

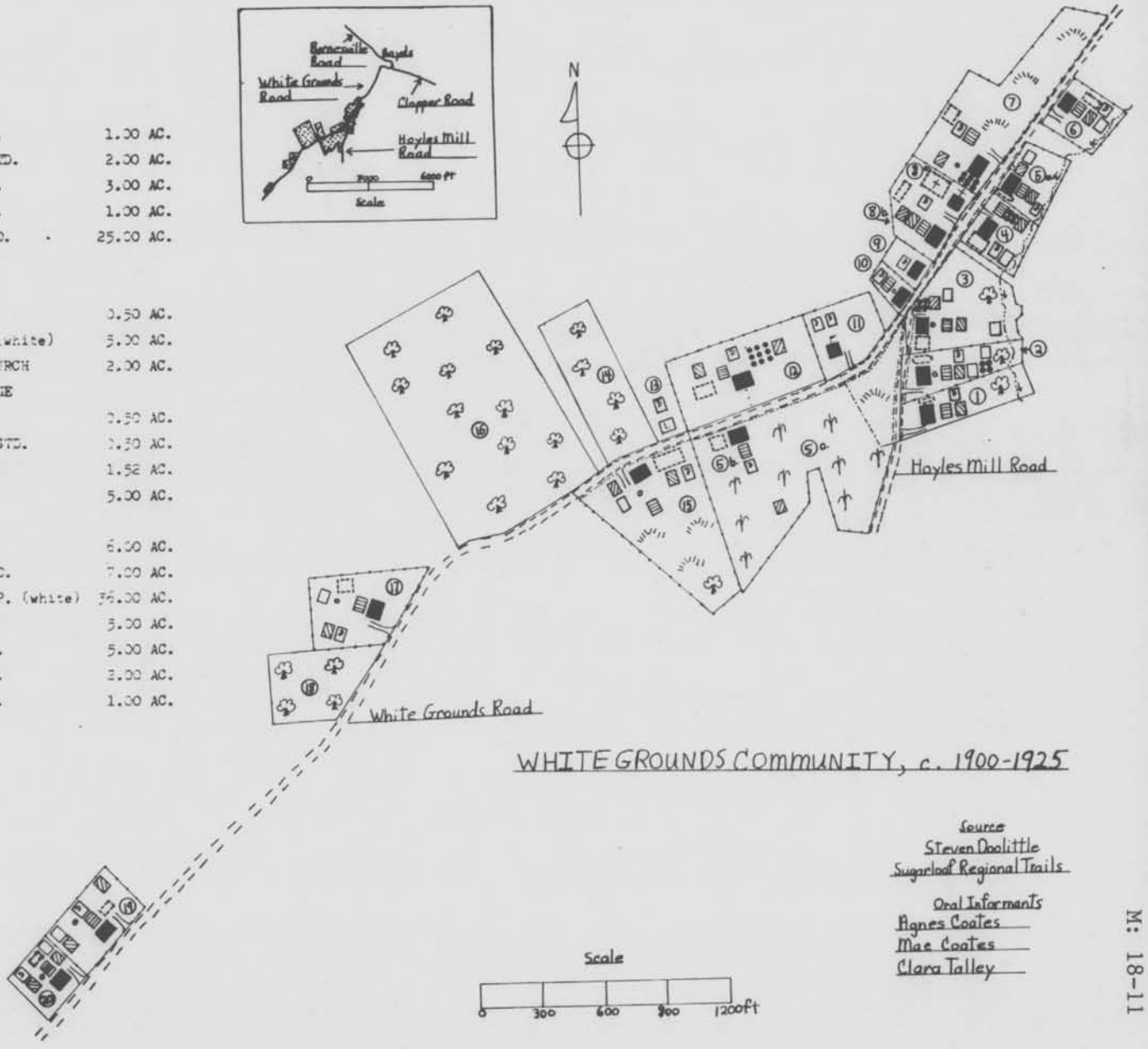
Key

- CHURCH
- CEMETERY
- LODGE
- COMMUNITY CENTER
- STORE
- POST OFFICE
- SCHOOL
- DWELLING
- PRIVY
- STABLE
- MEAT HOUSE
- PEN HOUSE
- MILK HOUSE
- CORN/FEED HOUSE
- PIG PEN
- GARDEN
- PASTURE
- CORN FIELD
- HAY FIELD
- ORCHARD
- FOREST
- THICKET
- WELL
- SPRING
- STREAM
- POND
- PARCEL BOUNDARY
- FENCED PARCEL BDY.
- FENCE
- DIRT ROAD
- LANE
- PATH
- STREAM FLOW

DWELLINGS AND OUTBUILDINGS NOT DRAWN TO SCALE

HSTD. = HOMESTEAD PROP. = PROPERTY

1.	MARTHA CARTER HSTD.	1.00 AC.
2.	WILLIAM LUCKETT HSTD.	2.00 AC.
3.	WILLIAM GIBBS HSTD.	3.00 AC.
4.	DUFFIN-HEBRON HSTD.	1.00 AC.
5a.	ADDISON DUFFIN HSTD.	25.00 AC.
b.	RENTED HOUSE	
c.	FARM FIELD	
6.	DIGGINS HSTD.	0.50 AC.
7.	JACOB RUPLE HSTD. (white)	5.00 AC.
8a.	ST. MARK'S M.E. CHURCH	2.00 AC.
b.	ST. MARK'S PARSONAGE	
9.	JOHN DORSEY HSTD.	0.50 AC.
10.	BLANCHE WILLIAMS HSTD.	0.50 AC.
11.	BOYDS NEGRO SCHOOL	1.52 AC.
12.	JOHN BROWN HSTD.	5.00 AC.
13.	ODD FELLOW'S LODGE	
14.	GEORGE DAVIS HSTD.	6.00 AC.
15.	GEORGE HAWKINS HSTD.	7.00 AC.
16.	JAMES WILLIAMS PROP. (white)	36.00 AC.
17.	JOHN PARKER HSTD.	5.00 AC.
18.	TIMOTHY CATON PROP.	5.00 AC.
19.	JOSHUA DUFFIN HSTD.	3.00 AC.
20.	NATHAN DUFFIN HSTD.	1.00 AC.



WHITE GROUNDS COMMUNITY, c. 1900-1925

Source
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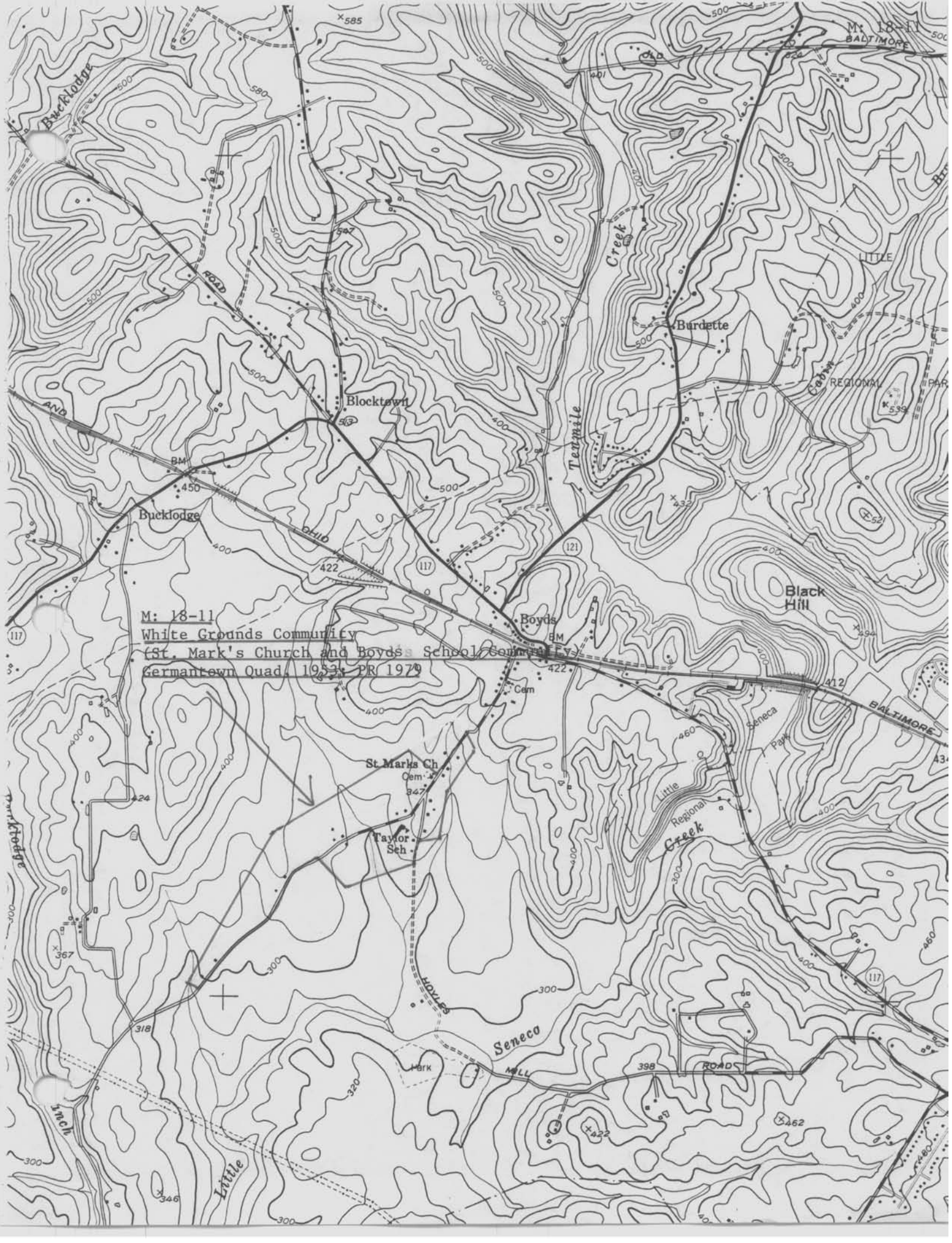

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White Grounds Community
(St. Mark's Church and Boyds School Community)
Germantown Quad. 1953; PR 1979

White Grounds Rd. by St. Mary's Church M:18-8

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Boyds Historic District

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St. Mark's Church
and
Parsonage

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St. Mary's Church

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St. Mark's church

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Boyds Negro School

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SW elev of Negro School

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19635 White Grounds Rd. M:18-8

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Duffin Family Home
(Addison Duffin Homestead)