

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. M:29/15

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Scotland A.M.E. Zion Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 10902 Seven Locks Road not for publicationcity, town Potomac vicinity of congressional district 10state MD 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Scotland A.M.E. Zion Churchstreet & number 10902 Seven Locks Rd. telephone no.: 301-299-5226city, town Potomac state and zip code MD 20854

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liberstreet & number 51 Monroe Street foliocity, town Rockville state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County Marylanddate 1976 federal state county localdepository for survey records Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commissioncity, town Silver Spring state MD

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

The Scotland A.M.E. Zion Church is located on Seven Locks Road in Potomac, approximately 200 feet south of Tuckerman Lane. The modest church building is built in two parts: the main portion was built in the 1960s, while the rear wing, originally the main part, was built in 1915.

The main portion of the church is constructed of concrete masonry units and has a gable roof with asphalt shingles. It is four bays deep with a small entry vestibule in its south gable end. There is an interesting conical steeple set on a square base at the roof peak. The windows are all 2/2 sash with the exception of a semi-circular, fixed sash window above the entrance.

The rear portion of the church, from which it gains its significance, is a slightly smaller gabled mass. This portion, however, is of frame construction with German siding. The windows are double-hung sash with two panes on the top sashes and multiple panes - some with stained glass - on the bottom ones. Because many of the lower panes have been replaced with plywood, it is difficult to see whether all of the windows followed this pattern. Each window in this portion is capped with a pediment. The pediments are probably a later addition, as they consist only of the moulding edge and the siding is visible in the openings.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1915 Builder/Architect UNKNOWN

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
 Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Scotland A.M.E. Zion Church is significant due to its status as one of a few remaining early twentieth century black churches in Montgomery County. The original church, built beginning in 1915, still remains, although it now exists as a rear wing of a 1960s addition.

History and Support.

The Scotland A.M.E. Church was first organized in 1906 by a group of black worshipers in the area who were too far from other established black churches and not satisfied by the treatment they received from nearby white churches. The congregation first worshiped in a house which was located a block-and-a-half from the present location, in an area now known as Fox Hills. The church, which at the time was called the Warren Church, was led by the Reverend J.W. Ricks.

In 1915, work began on a new church building on land purchased from Reverend Otho Simms. Like many black churches in this time period, existing one-room facilities were no longer adequate for the growing congregation. Work continued on the new church until it was finally completed in 1924 under the direction of Reverend O. L. Rand. The new church was a simple, gable-roofed, frame structure with one main room, similar to many one-room vernacular churches built at the time.

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By the 1950s, the church was deteriorating and badly in need of repairs. An effort was begun in 1955 to repair and expand the church, but because of financial difficulties, this work was much delayed. It was not until 1967 that the work was completed and services could be held in the new portion of the church. The 1960s addition now comprises the main part of the church, with the original portion reserved for a minister's study and Sunday school space. The church had once again fallen into disrepair by the 1980s. In 1989, groundbreaking ceremonies were held for a new building effort, which will include extensive repairs and additions.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographical Organization:

3) Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period:

11) Industrial/Urban Dominance

Historic Period Themes:

6) Religion

7) Social/Educational/Cultural

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Functions and Uses: Church

Known Design Source: None

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Zion Church/Scotland				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Scotland A.M.E. Zion Church				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Seven Locks Rd. & Snakeden Branch (10902 7 Locks Rd.)				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
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<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Trustees of Church				
STREET AND NUMBER: 10902 Seven Locks Rd.				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Invention
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Architecture
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is one of several areas in the County where free blacks settled after the Civil War. The name Scotland is derived from old land patents to Scot settlers in the 1700's. The church is situated on the road that leads from Rockville to the Seven Locks on the C & O Canal. Older maps show that this road passed to the west of the Church, until it was placed to the east in recent years. The old road is still visible.

One of the first black families to settle here was the Dove family. School records of the late 1800's mention both a Scotland School House (colored) and a Snake's Den School House (white.)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- 1) School Insurance Records-Mont. Co. Historical Society.
- 2) Real Estate Maps-1940's.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: 5/12/75

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Ave.

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

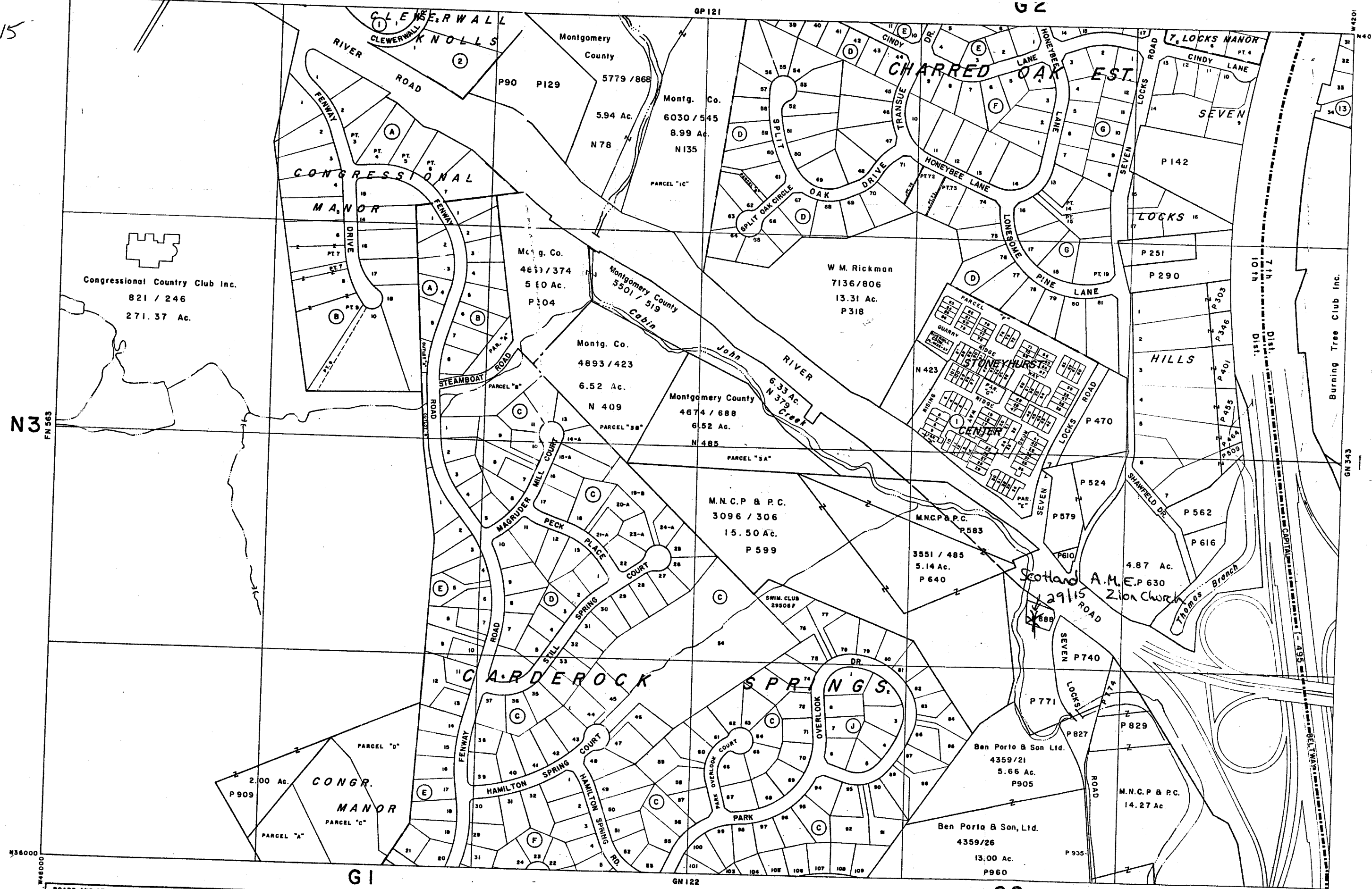
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- National
- State
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Signature _____

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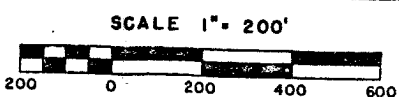
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LEGEND
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 - - - - - CORPORATE BOUNDARY
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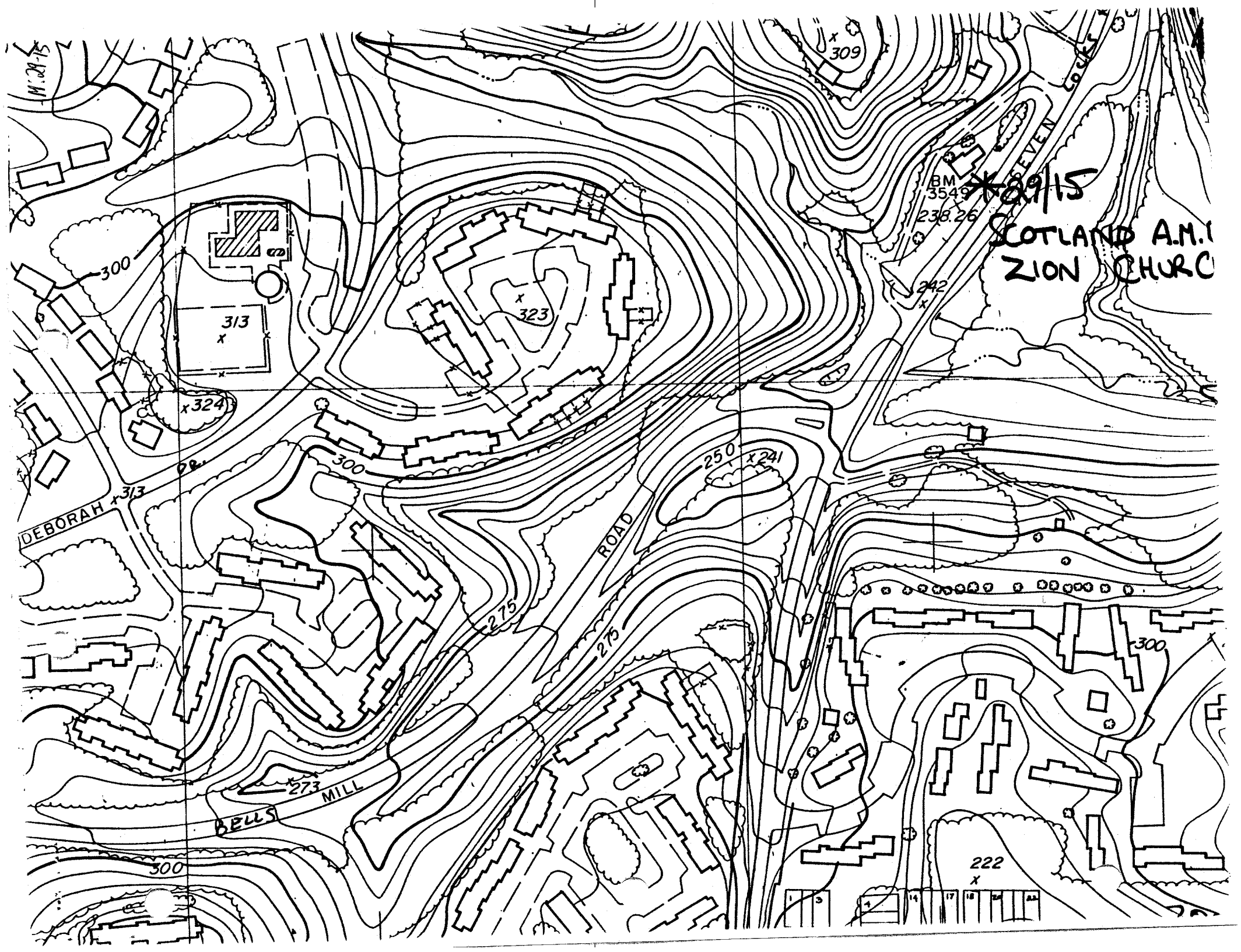
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Map GN 123
 W.S.S.C. 210 NW 8
 Location: CARDEROCK SPRINGS



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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FORM
LOCATIONAL MAP

SURVEY NO.: M: 29-15
PROPERTY NAME: SCOTLAND AME ZION CHURCH
TOWN: POTOMAC
COUNTY: MONTGOMERY
QUADRANGLE: ROCKVILLE

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ZION CHURCH





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NAME SCOTLAND A.M.E. ZION CHURCH M# 29-15

LOCATION 9 LOCKS RD. + SNAKEDEN BRANCH, BETHESDA, MD.

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