

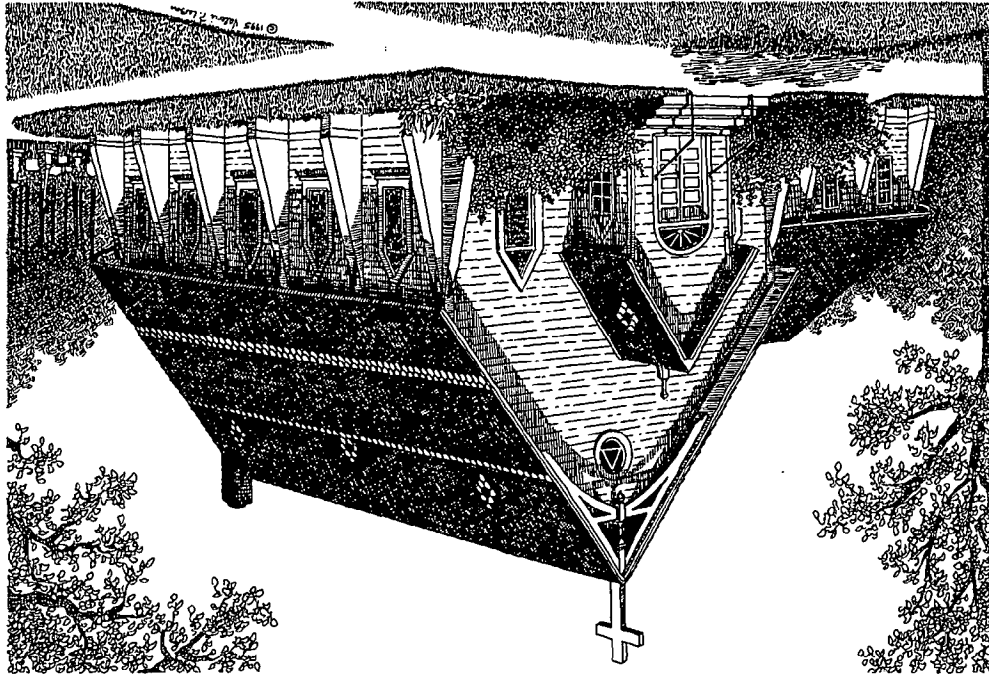
19/5-96A Neelsville Presbyterian Church
20701 Frederick Rd.

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Revision was approved
per staff report (with
conditions / expedited).

Separate action,
separate record.

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Neelsville Presbyterian Church • Germantown, Maryland
Sesquicentennial Celebration (1845 - 1995)

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On behalf of the members of Neelsville Presbyterian Church, I would like to express our appreciation for the guidance and help which you and Gwen Marcus provided in gaining approval of the Historic Preservation Commission for our Application for Historic Area Work Permit. I was actually at the meeting on Jan. 18, and would have liked to introduce myself, but you appeared to have many other activities that needed your attention. I hope that we'll be able to give you a tour when the project is complete. Thanks again. Bill Costello

EXPEDITED HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 20701 Frederick Road
Germantown

Meeting Date: 4/10/96

Resource: Neelesville Presbyterian Church

Review: HAWP-REVISION

Case Number: 19/5-96A

Tax Credit: No

Public Notice: 3/27/96

Report Date: 4/3/96

Applicant: Trustees (George Tracey, Representative)

Staff: Robin D. Ziek

PROPOSAL: Alterations for egress

RECOMMEND: APPROVAL
w/CCONDITIONS

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1887 (Sanctuary), 1929 (Meeting Room)

SIGNIFICANCE: Individual Master Plan Site
 Within a Master Plan Historic District
 Non-Contributing/Out-of-Period Resource

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Gothic church structure with 20th century addition for classrooms.

PROPOSAL: Four different options (see Circle 2) to meet health/safety codes during the renovation of the 1929 Meeting Room to serve as four classrooms. Two options (#2, 3) involve no exterior changes. Option #1 proposes a new door on the north side of the building. Option #4 proposes the replacement of an existing window (#12) on the east (rear) elevation with a doorway. Neither option would involve major changes to the 1929 structure.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval
 Approval with conditions:

1. New exit door shall match existing exterior doors on Meeting Room
2. _____
3. _____

Approval is based on the following criteria from Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code, Section 8(b): The commission shall instruct the director to issue a permit, or issue a permit subject to such conditions as are found to be necessary to insure conformity with the purposes and requirements of this chapter, if it finds that:

- 1. The proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of an historic site, or historic resource within an historic district; or
- 2. The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site, or the historic district in which an historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto or to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter.

and subject to the general condition that the applicant arrange for a field inspection by calling the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Field Services Office, five days prior to commencement of work and within two weeks following completion of work.

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Historic Preservation Commission
Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Development Services and Regulation
250 Hungerford Drive
Rockville, MD 20850

Re: Case # 19-5-96A
Neelsville Presbyterian Church

To Whom It May Concern:

We are requesting a revision of our Historic Area Work Permit for our White Church building due to possible life safety code violations which we have discovered pertaining to classroom egress.

Our original inside plans included modifying the classroom area by making four classrooms from the existing space for Sunday School use.

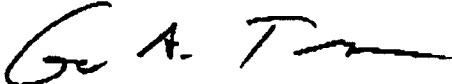
We have met with both the building code and fire marshall's office and determined that we meet the required building code requirements with our plans. We do not, however, meet the required NFPA Life Safety Code requirements under Section 5-5.1.2 for egress because the classrooms must exit through another classroom to exit the building. We were offered four alternatives to satisfy the egress requirements as follows:

1. Continue the existing corridor to the north wall and install an outside door there.
2. Continue the existing corridor to the north wall, then continue east to the existing exit door.
3. Continue the existing corridor east from its present position to the east wall, then continue north to the exit door.
4. Continue the existing corridor east from its present position to the east wall and have the exit door located there.

Options 2 and 3 will not change the exterior of the building in any way. Options 1 and 4 will change the exterior of the building. We think that option 4 may be the best choice, and would propose switching the existing exit door with window number 12. This would minimize any exterior changes to the building.

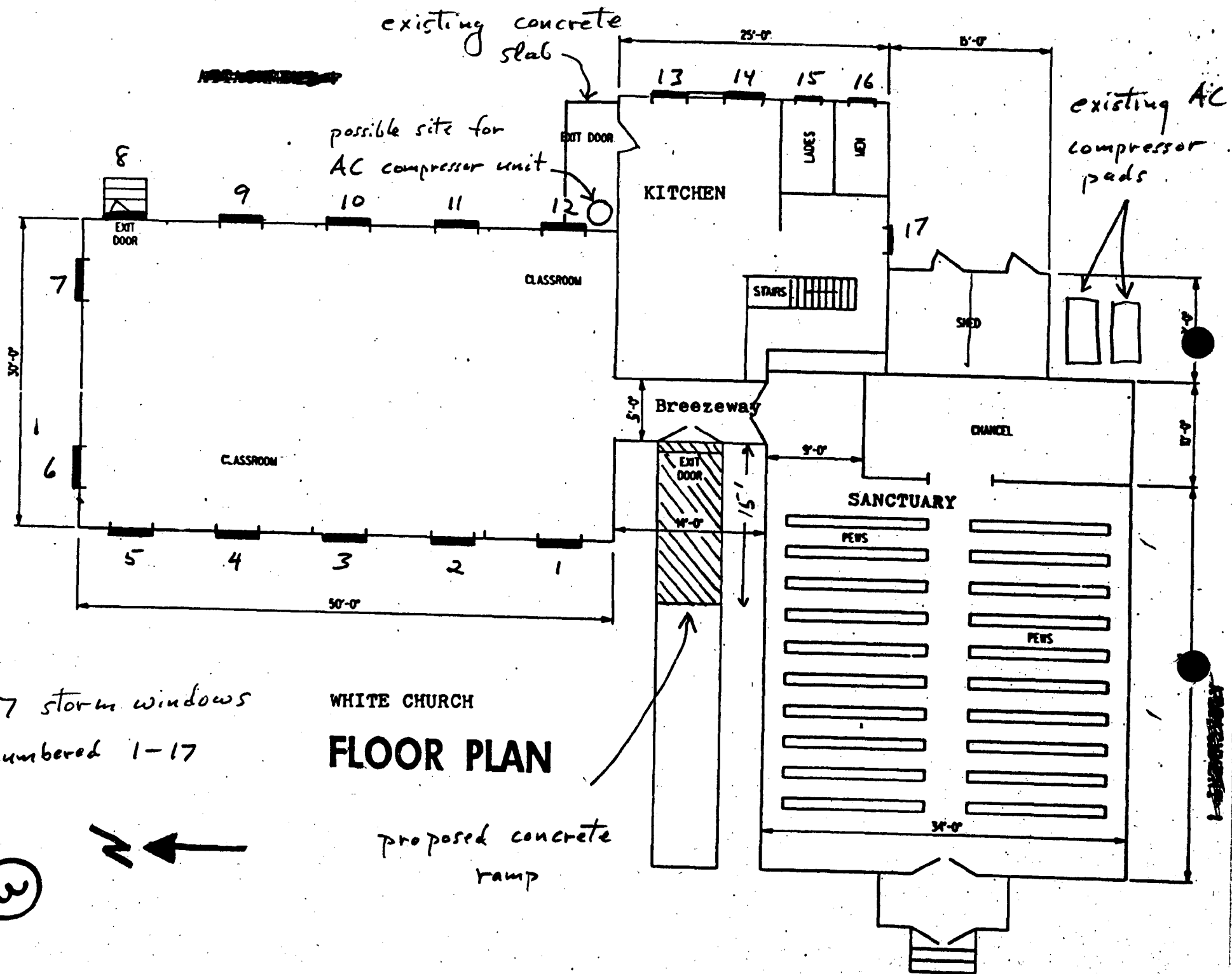
We are requesting your approval of all of these options as promptly as possible, so that we may begin our renovation of the building. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



George A. Tracey
Session Member
Tel: 301-417-6747
Pager: 202-996-9638

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existing concrete slab

possible site for AC compressor unit

existing AC compressor pads

17 storm windows numbered 1-17

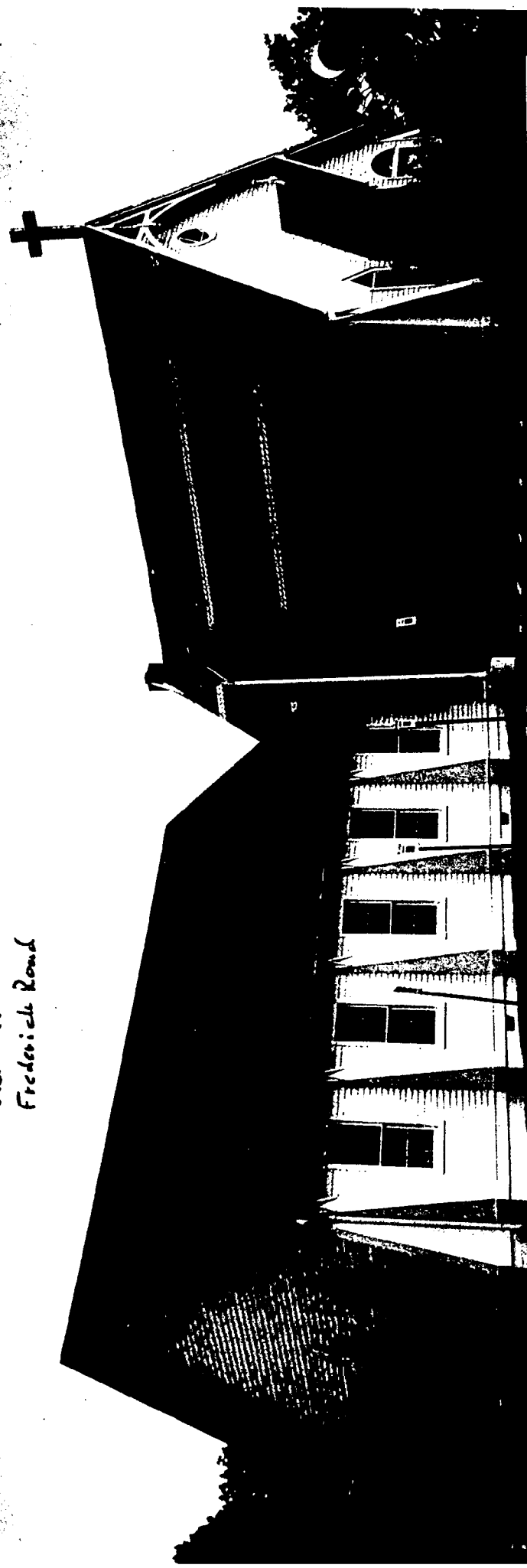
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FLOOR PLAN

proposed concrete ramp



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View from northwest - near
Frederick Road

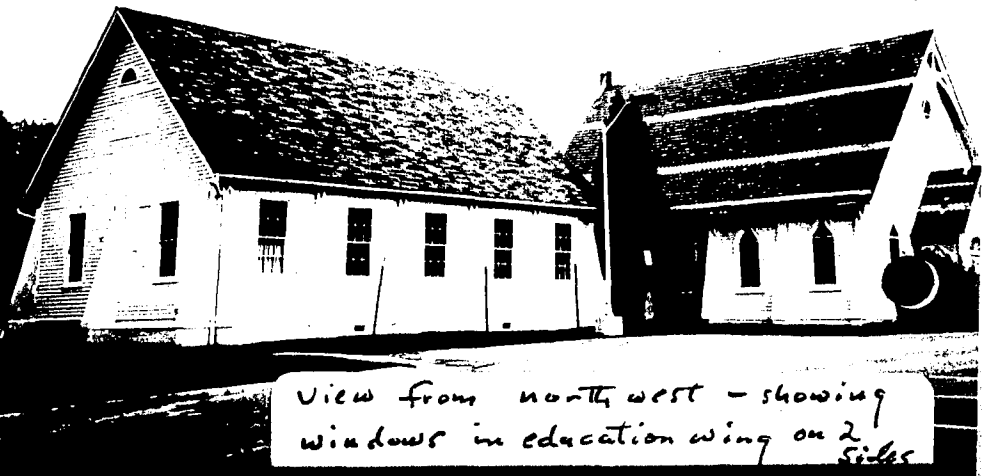


beveled stained glass window

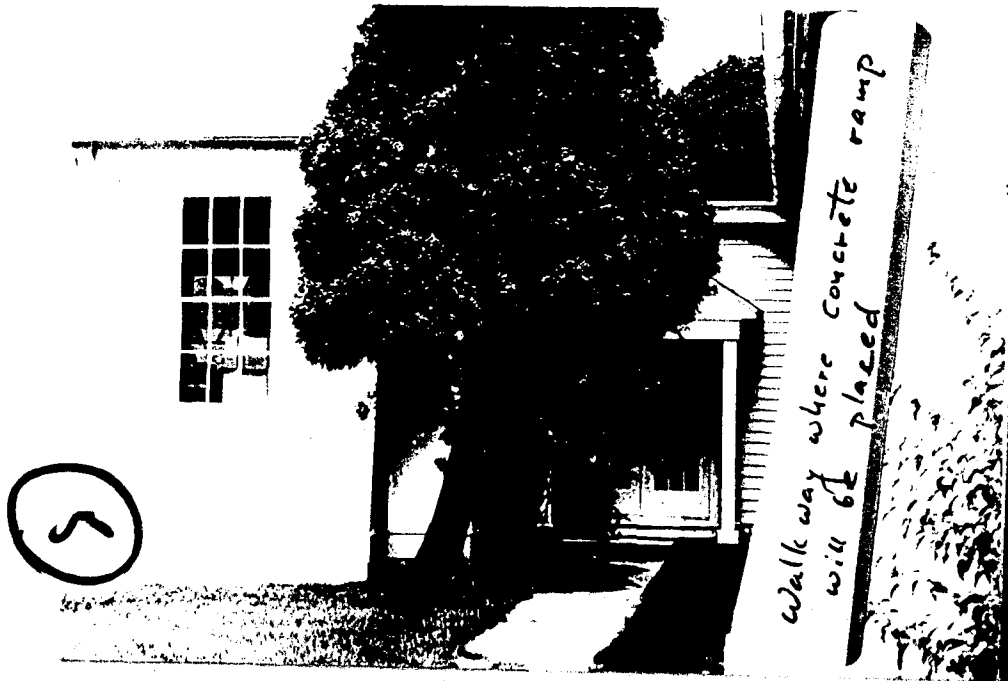
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View from east side showing exist AC units on windows



View from north west - showing windows in education wing on 2 sides



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walk way where concrete ramp will be placed



also shows windows concrete slab on east side

George A. Tracey
9129 Roundleaf Way
Gaithersburg, MD 20879
(301)417-6747

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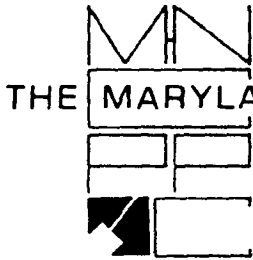
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I hope this will suffice. Call me if you need any changes made.
Thank you for your assistance.

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

DATE: 1/18/96

MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert Hubbard, Chief
Division of Development Services and Regulation
Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

FROM: ^{RDZ} Gwen Marcus, Historic Preservation Coordinator
Design, Zoning, and Preservation Division
M-NCPPC

SUBJECT: Historic Area Work Permit

The Montgomery Historic Preservation Commission has reviewed the attached application for a Historic Area Work Permit. The application was:

Approved Denied

Approved with Conditions: _____

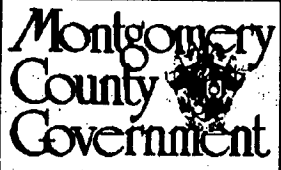
THE BUILDING PERMIT FOR THIS PROJECT SHALL BE ISSUED CONDITIONAL UPON ADHERANCE TO THE APPROVED HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT(HAWP).

Applicant: Neelsville Presbyterian Church, Board of Trustees

Address: 20701 Frederick Road, Germantown, MD. 20876

***THE APPLICANT MUST ARRANGE FOR A FIELD INSPECTION BY CALLING DEP/FIELD SERVICES (217-6240) FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF WORK AND WITHIN TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF WORK.

Attw: Bill Oosterhuis
Jim Carney



RETURN TO: Department of Environmental Protection
 Division of Development Services and Regulation
 250 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, Maryland 20850
 (301) 217-6370

Historic Preservation Commission
 (301) 495-4570

**APPLICATION FOR
 HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT**

TAX ACCOUNT # 00774766
 CONTACT PERSON Bill Coesterhuis
 DAYTIME TELEPHONE NO. (301) 903-3426
 NAME OF PROPERTY OWNER Board of Trustees, Nedville Presbyterian Church
 DAYTIME TELEPHONE NO. (301) 972-3916
 ADDRESS 20701 Frederick Road, Germantown, MD STATE MD ZIP CODE 20876-4177
 CONTRACTOR Coakley-Williams CITY _____ TELEPHONE NO. (301) 474-1000
 CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION NUMBER _____
 AGENT FOR OWNER Jim Carney DAYTIME TELEPHONE NO. (301) 903-6582

LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE
 HOUSE NUMBER 20701 STREET Frederick Road
 TOWN/CITY Germantown NEAREST CROSS STREET Nedville Church Road
 LOT _____ BLOCK N. 21 SUBDIVISION _____
 LIBER ST52, EBP9 FOLIO 63, 175, 10, 221 PARCEL _____
JA5, 2729

PART ONE: TYPE OF PERMIT ACTION AND USE

1A. CIRCLE ALL APPLICABLE: CIRCLE ALL APPLICABLE: A/C Slab Room Addition
 Construct Extend Alter/Renovate Repair Move Porch Deck Fireplace Shed Solar Woodburning Stove
 Wreck/Raze Install Revocable Revision Fence/Wall (complete Section 4) Single Family Other Church

1B. CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE \$ 100,000

1C. IF THIS IS A REVISION OF A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIVE PERMIT SEE PERMIT # NO

PART TWO: COMPLETE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND EXTEND/ADDITIONS

2A. TYPE OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL 01 () WSSC 02 () SEPTIC 03 () OTHER _____
 2B. TYPE OF WATER SUPPLY 01 () WSSC 02 () WELL 03 () OTHER _____

PART THREE: COMPLETE ONLY FOR FENCE/RETAINING WALL

3A. HEIGHT _____ feet _____ inches
 3B. INDICATE WHETHER THE FENCE OR RETAINING WALL IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:
 On party line/property line _____ Entirely on land of owner _____ On public right of way/easement _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE THE FOREGOING APPLICATION, THAT THE APPLICATION IS CORRECT, AND THAT THE CONSTRUCTION WILL COMPLY WITH PLANS APPROVED BY ALL AGENCIES LISTED AND I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE AND ACCEPT THIS TO BE A CONDITION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THIS PERMIT.

James R. Carney Signature of owner or authorized agent Date January 4, 1996

APPROVED X For Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission
 DISAPPROVED _____ Signature _____ Date 1/18/96

APPLICATION/PERMIT NO: 9801050061 DATE FILED: _____ DATE ISSUED: _____

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS



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

DATE: 1/18/96

MEMORANDUM

TO: Historic Area Work Permit Applicants

FROM: Gwen Marcus, ²⁰²Historic Preservation Coordinator
Design, Zoning, and Preservation Division
M-NCPPC

SUBJECT: Historic Area Work Permit Application - Approval of
Application/ Release of Other Required Permits

Enclosed is a copy of your Historic Area Work Permit application, approved by the Historic Preservation Commission at its recent meeting, and a transmittal memorandum stating conditions (if any) of approval.

You may now apply for a county building permit from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), at 250 Hungerford Drive, Second Floor, in Rockville. Please note that although your work has been approved by the Historic Preservation Commission, it must also be approved by DEP before work can begin.

When you file for your building permit at DEP, you must take with you the enclosed forms, as well as the Historic Area Work Permit that will be mailed to you directly from DEP. These forms are proof that the Historic Preservation Commission has reviewed your project. For further information about filing procedures or materials for your county building permit review, please call DEP at 217-6370.

If your project changes in any way from the approved plans, either before you apply for your building permit or even after the work has begun, please contact the Historic Preservation Commission staff at 495-4570.

Please also note that you must arrange for a field inspection for conformance with your approved HAWP plans. Please inform DEP/Field Services at 217-6240 of your anticipated work schedule.

Thank you very much for your patience and good luck with your project!

EXPEDITED HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 20701 Frederick Road

Meeting Date: 1/17/96

Resource: Neelsville Presbyterian Church

Review: HAWP

Case Number: 19/5-96A

Tax Credit: Partial

Public Notice: None due to snow storm

Report Date: 1/11/96

Applicant: Trustees of Neelsville
Presbyterian Church
(Bill Oosterhuis)

Staff: Robin D. Ziek

PROPOSAL: Alterations/storm windows

RECOMMEND: APPROVAL

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1887 (Sanctuary), 1929 (Meeting Room)

SIGNIFICANCE: X Individual Master Plan Site
 Within a Master Plan Historic District
 Outstanding Resource
 Contributing Resource
 Non-Contributing/Out-of-Period Resource

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION: Gothic Revival Church with wooden buttresses

PROPOSAL: Restore both sanctuary and meeting room for use as an educational wing and meeting area by the congregation, which now meets in the new church building adjacent to the 1887 structure. The proposal includes interior structural repairs (tax credit potential), repair of stained glass windows, insulation, electrical work, installation of a new HVAC system, and installation of a concrete ramp for handicapped accessibility. The ramp is proposed to run to one side of the 1887 sanctuary and lead into the breezeway entrance between the sanctuary and the meeting room.

RECOMMENDATION: X Approval
 Approval with conditions:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Approval is based on the following criteria from Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code, Section 8(b): The commission shall instruct the director to issue a permit, or issue a permit subject to such conditions as are found to be necessary to insure conformity with the purposes and requirements of this chapter, if it finds that:

 X 1. The proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of an historic site, or historic resource within an historic district; or

 X 2. The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site, or the historic district in which an historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto or to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter.

Restoration of the "Old White Church"

Neelsville Presbyterian Church

Background

Neelsville Presbyterian Church has just ended its Sesquicentennial Year (1995) and is moving to restore the "Old White Church" and attached "Meeting Room" to regular use. The "White Church and Cemetery" of Neelsville Presbyterian Church was added to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation as part of the Germantown Master Plan approved by the Montgomery County Council on June 13, 1989. The White Church includes two buildings - a sanctuary constructed in 1877, and a meeting room built in 1929. The kitchen and bathrooms were added in 1947 in the area between the sanctuary and the meeting room. The sanctuary building is in need of substantial repair due to termite damage to some of the wood beams supporting the structure and buckling of the stained glass windows. The meeting room is to be converted into four classrooms, but there is inadequate heating, ventilating and air conditioning in this building to make it useful.

The overall goal for this project is to restore both the sanctuary and the education wing so that they can be used in the normal operation of Neelsville Presbyterian Church, while preserving the historic character of these structures.

With this in mind, the church has raised funds to support the restoration of the termite-damaged beams, repair the stained glass windows, and to provide four classrooms in the education wing (meeting room) for Christian education.

1 a. The description of the existing structures and environmental setting with historical features and significance are attached as copied from the information used by the Historic Planning Commission to recommend that the Neelsville Presbyterian Church site, (MHT No. M19/5) be included in the Germantown Master Plan.

1 b. The general description of the restoration project

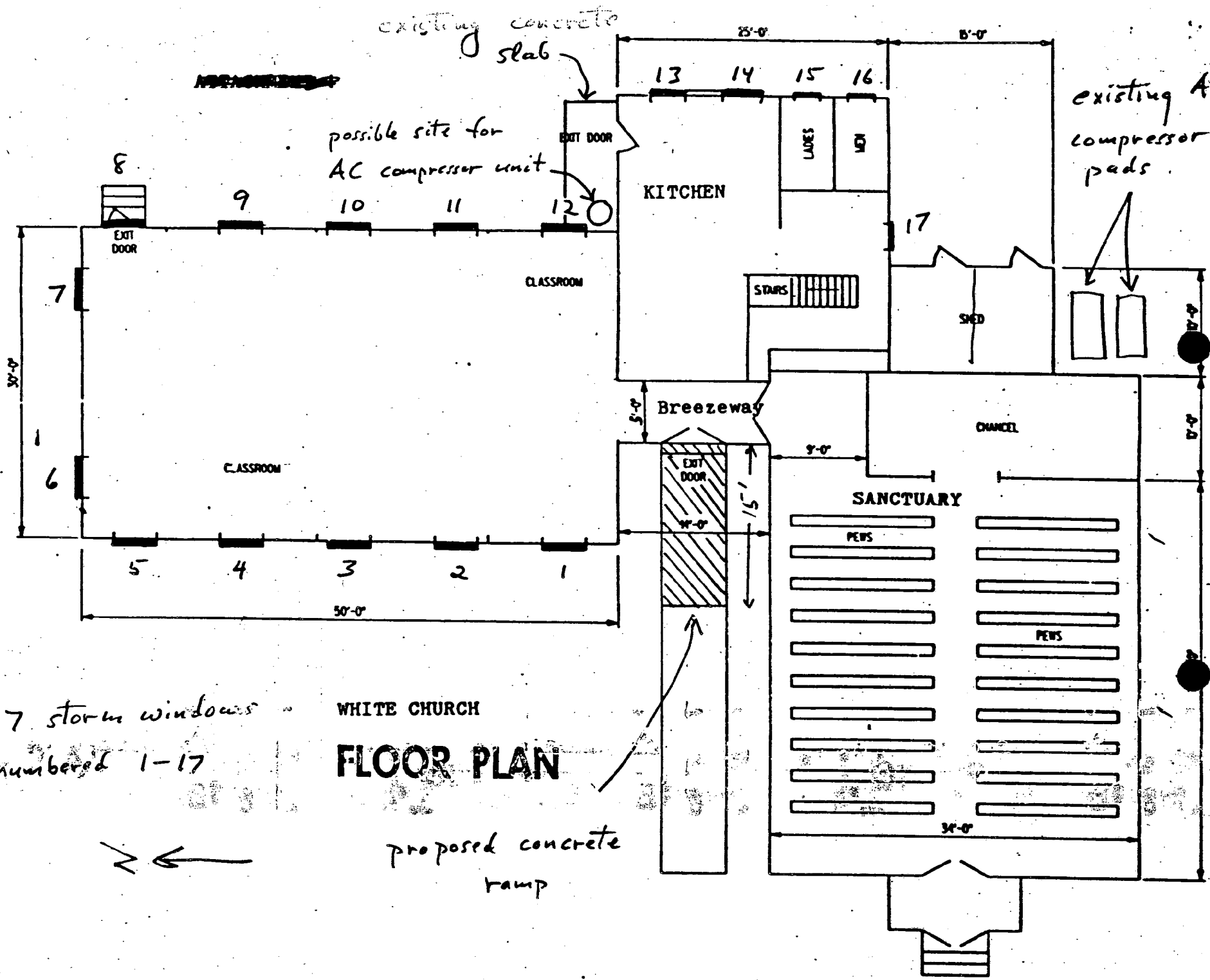
The major parts of the project are given below. Those parts which would potentially alter the exterior appearance are indicated by (E).

- 1) Restoration of the termite-damaged timbers in the support structure under the sanctuary.
- 2) Repair and straightening of the stained glass windows.
- 3) Repair the sanctuary foyer, concrete floor, doors, paint.
- 4) Install new wiring for overhead light fixtures, exit signs, emergency lighting, and wall outlets in sanctuary.
- 5) Provide four large classrooms in the education wing with insulation in the exterior walls, installation of new drywall on the interior of the exterior walls, install a false

ceiling with insulation. Repair exterior windows. Install light fixtures and wiring, ductwork for air conditioning and an air conditioning system. Add controls and equipment to provide heating from existing steam system - establishing an independent heating zone in the classroom/kitchen area. (The other heating zone is the sanctuary.)

- 6) The walls and ceiling of the kitchen, bathrooms, and hallway will be repaired and painted.
- 7) Provide air conditioning to the classrooms, kitchen and bathroom areas - the compressor to be located on ^{or near} existing cement slab exterior to the kitchen - blocked from view from both Frederick Road and from Neelsville Church Road. (E) *see white church floor plan.*
- 8) Install 17 white triple track storm windows on exterior windows of classrooms, bathrooms, and kitchen. It is intended that the crossbar of the storm windows be at the same level as the crossbar of the existing windows to minimize the visual impact of the storm windows. (The storm windows and the insulation in this education wing should make it much more energy-efficient.) (E)
- 9) Replace the two existing 5-ton air conditioning compressor units at the same location on the southeast corner of the sanctuary building. (E)
- 10) Construct a concrete ramp to the breezeway to provide wheelchair access to both sanctuary and to education wing.. Ramp to be about 15 feet long - replacing 2 concrete steps. (E)

We believe that through this restoration and subsequent use of the buildings, that many more Montgomery County citizens will become familiar with this historic landmark as it serves their needs.



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WHITE CHURCH
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proposed concrete ramp



SCHEDULE 1

**** HISTORIC SITE FORM ****

ATLAS # 19/005-000 HIST. NAME NEELSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ENTRY DATE 09/08/89
ADDRESS 20701 FREDERICK ROAD, GERMANTOWN
OWNER BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADDRESS 20701 FREDERICK ROAD
CITY GERMANTOWN STATE MD ZIP 20874 PHONE _____
TAX ACCOUNT # 00774766 TAX MAP # EU563 MAP COORD 228W12
LOT BLOCK N085 ACREAGE 0009.87 ZONING R200 USE 691 - RELIGIOUS
MASTER PLAN GERMANTOWN CIVIC 289 673 297

**** DESCRIPTION/SIGNIFICANCE ****

CRITERIA 1A 1D 2A 2C YEAR 1877 COND GOOD STYLE GOthic REVIVAL
FEATURES/INTEREST WOOD BUTTRESSES
ENVIr SETTING HPC REC: 2.5 ACRES, INCLUDING CEMETERY; PLANNING BOARD REC:
1.7 ACRES, INCLUDING CEMETERY

**** ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION ****

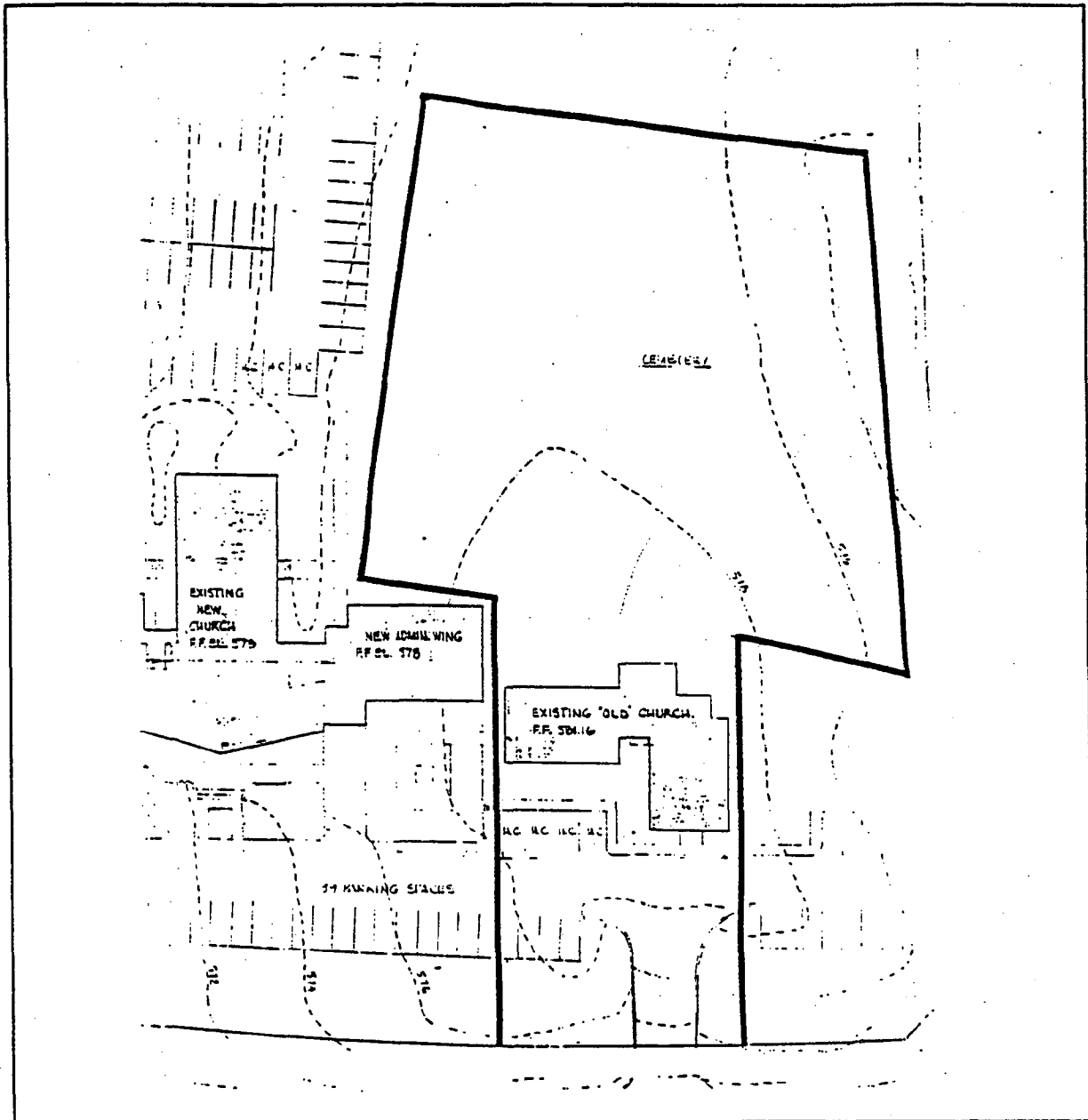
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CC RES # 11-1498 DATE 06/13/89 MNCPPC RES # 89-11 DATE 07/12/89

COMMENTS _____

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE CRITERIA

- (1) *Historical and cultural significance.* The historic resource:
 - a. Has character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the county, state or nation;
 - b. Is the site of a significant historic event;
 - c. Is identified with a person or a group of persons who influenced society; or
 - d. Exemplifies the cultural economic, social, political or historic heritage of the county and its communities.
- (2) *Architectural and design significance.* The historic resource:
 - a. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction;
 - b. Represents the work of a master;
 - c. Possesses high artistic values;
 - d. Represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
 - e. Represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community or county due to its singular physical characteristic or landscape. (Ord. No. 9-4, § 1.)

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Comprehensive Amendment
to the Master Plan
for Germantown
Montgomery County, Maryland

**Environmental Setting
for Neelsville
Presbyterian Church #19/5**

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

M. H. Berk et al
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4592 / 411
35.88 Ac.
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NEELSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PLOT 7758
9.87 AC.
N 85

+19/005

M. H. Berk Tr. et al
5468 / 285
4592 / 411
Res. B-2224
50.81 Ac.

NEELSVILLE CHURCH ROAD

Board of Education
3766 / 10
20.18 Ac.
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Board of Education
3762 / 91
9.46 Ac.
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Bd of Ed
3766 / 10

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MARY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

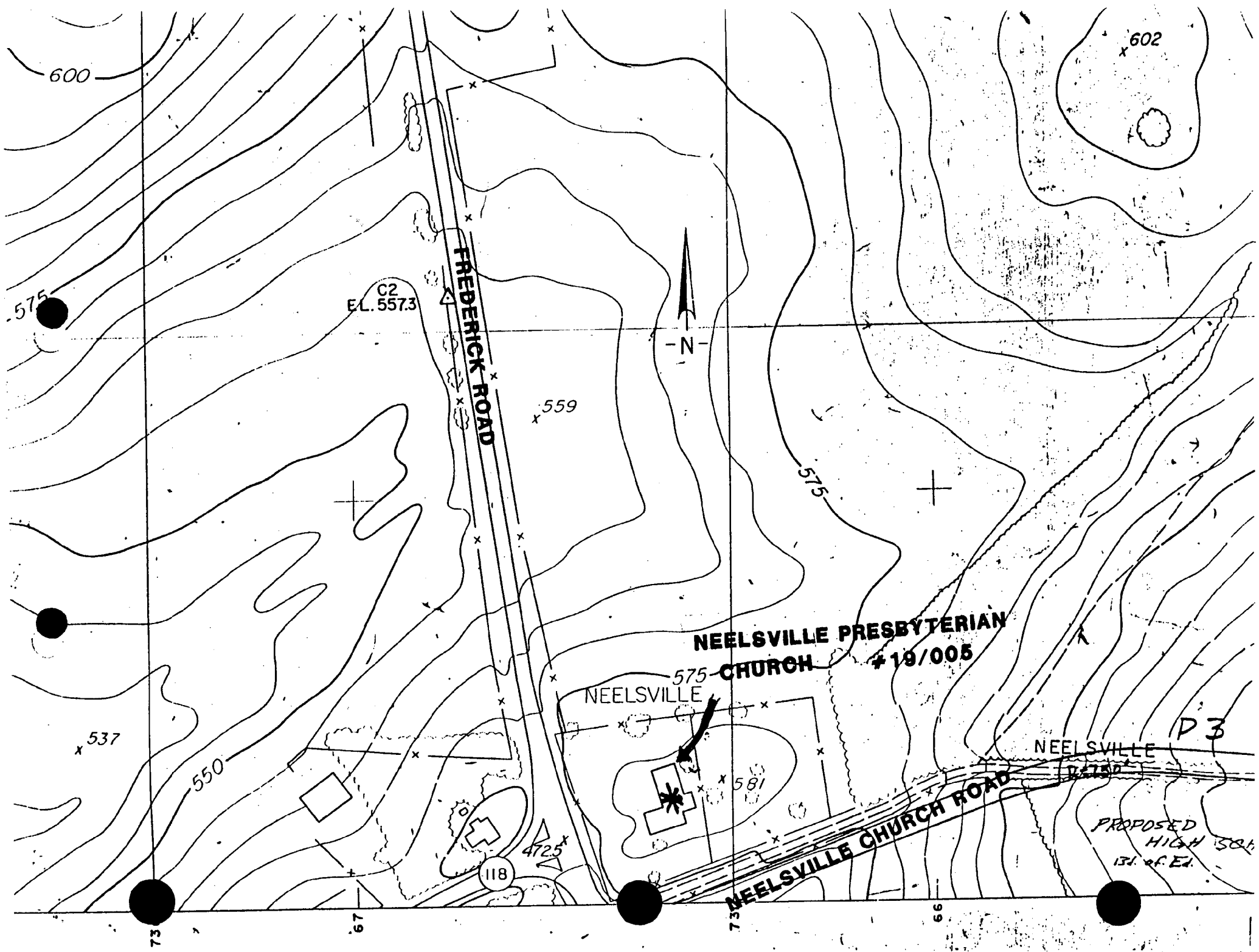
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Montgomery Community College

Pl. 11892

186.71 Ac.





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NEELSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH #19/005

NEELSVILLE

x 537

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NEELSVILLE CHURCH ROAD

PROPOSED HIGH SCHOOL
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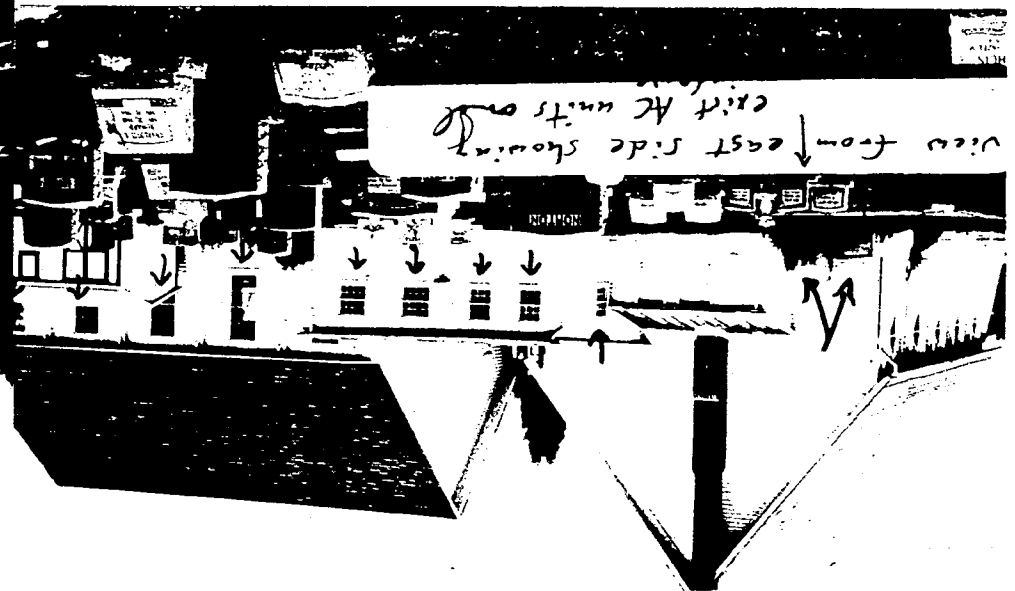
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Walkway where concrete ramp
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View from north west - showing
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View from northwest - near
Frederick Road



beveled stained glass window



FRONT FACADE



FRONT & SIDE FACADE

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

file

1. Name Neelsville Presbyterian Church

2. Planning Area/Site Number 19/5

3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference Map 7 F-12

4. Address 20701 Frederick Road, Germantown

5. Classification Summary

Category building
 Ownership private
 Public Acquisition NA
 Status occupied
 Accessible yes; restricted
 Present use religious
 Previous Survey Recording M-NCPPC Federal State County X Local

6. Date 1877

7. Original Owner Presbytery of Baltimore

8. Apparent Condition

a. good
 b. altered
 c. original site

9. Description: This Gothic Revival style frame church is located on Rt. 355 at Neelsville, between Gaithersburg & Clarksburg & faces west. It is 1½ stories high, 3 bays across & 5 bays deep with brick foundations & white clapboard siding. A small entry pavilion on the front (west) elevation leads to the double paneled doors. Ten wooden buttresses with brick foundations are on all other elevations. The church has a gable roof with slate tiles arranged in a fish scale design. At the gable's peak is an electrified cross, added in 1936. Seating is limited to 160-240 persons on wooden pews. Stained glass windows commemorate local families. A cemetery is east of the church. To the north a 1-story wing which connects the church buildings with a meeting hall; the hall is 1½ stories high, 5 bays by 2 bays, with a gable roof.

10. Significance: The significance of this building is the date of construction, and its part of the developing Presbyterianism in the County. The original church was built in 1845 by conservative Presbyterians; it faced south. The present building dates from 1877. Presbyterians at Darnestown and Neelsville formed the original congregation. But in 1867, member Andrew Small of Darnestown, left a will endowing the church, but stipulating that the minister must spend 3/4 of his time at Darnestown, 1/4 at Neelsville. In response, the Neelsville group retained their local pastor who already owned his home there, and the Darnestownites built a manse and hired a new minister. Eventually the money was shared, and the churches remained a single corporate body until 1919. The Presbyterians recently constructed a new church and now rent their old one to the Messiah Lutheran Church, Missouri synod.

11. Date researched and researcher Lyn Trojanowsky - 6/79 Candy Reed Arch. Description

12. Compiler Peg Coleman 13. Date Compiled 6/79 14. Designation Approval

15. Acreage: 9.870 acres

HPC MINUTES, NOVEMBER 1, 1984

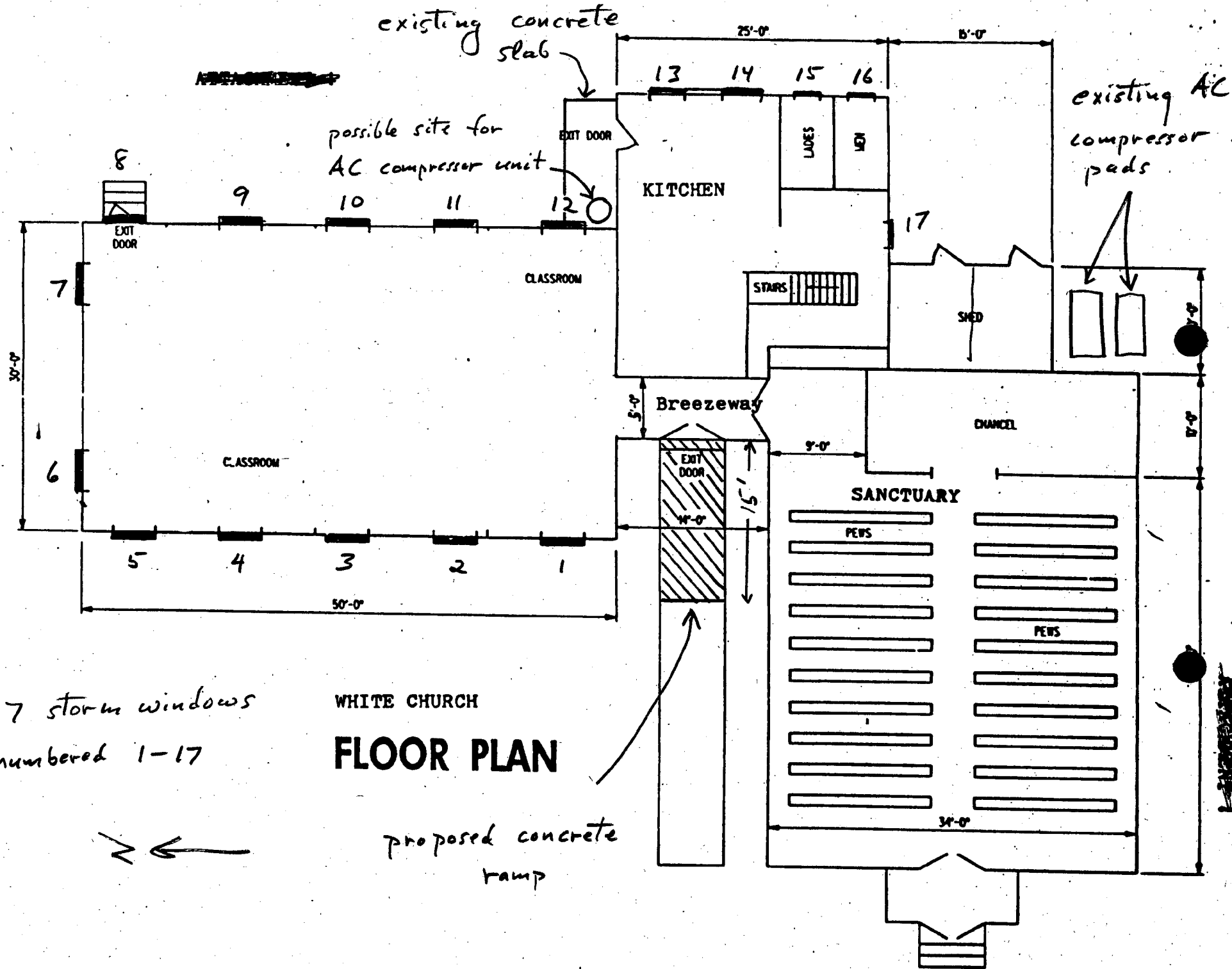
The first site to be evaluate by the Committee was the Neelsville Presbyterian Church (#19-5). Mrs. Hahn showed slides of the church which was built in 1877 and described it as a fine example of the Gothic Revival style of architecture. An addition, which was added in 1929, is particularly sympathetic. The church's significance in the development of Presbyterianism in the County and in the history of Neelsville was also pointed out. Edward Kuklewicz, representing the congregation, requested a postponement of the Commission decision on this site. He stated that the congregation should decide whether the church should become a historic site and that they had not had ample time to discuss the matter and take a vote. Mr. King pointed out that the Commission makes only a recommendation to the Planning Board and suggested that congregation comments be sent to the

Planning Board. Mr. Thompson stated that the congregation would be helped by knowing what the HPC assessment of the building was. Mr. Kuklewicz agreed that that would be helpful. Ms. McFarland stated that she felt it would be a more efficient process if the Commission took a vote at this time but she did not wish the congregation to feel that their input was unimportant. Mr. Kuklewicz agreed to communicate this feeling to the congregation.

Mr. Thompson moved that the Neelsville Presbyterian Church be recommended for placement on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation based on criteria #1A, #1D, #2A and #2C from the ordinance for historic preservation (Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code). The environmental setting would be approximately 2 1/2 acres including the cemetery. Mr. Patterson seconded the motion which passed unanimously with Mrs. Kuklewicz abstaining.

HPC TRANSMITTAL, DECEMBER 5, 1984

The Commission recommends the Neelsville Presbyterian Church (#19/5) for placement on the Master Plan, with an environmental setting of approximately 2 1/2 acres including the cemetery, based on criteria #1A, #1D, #2A and #2C. The building, built in 1877, is a fine example of Gothic Revival church architecture. The church is significant for its place in the development of Presbyterianism in Montgomery County and in the history of Neelsville as well. The 1929 addition to the church was found to be particularly sympathetic.



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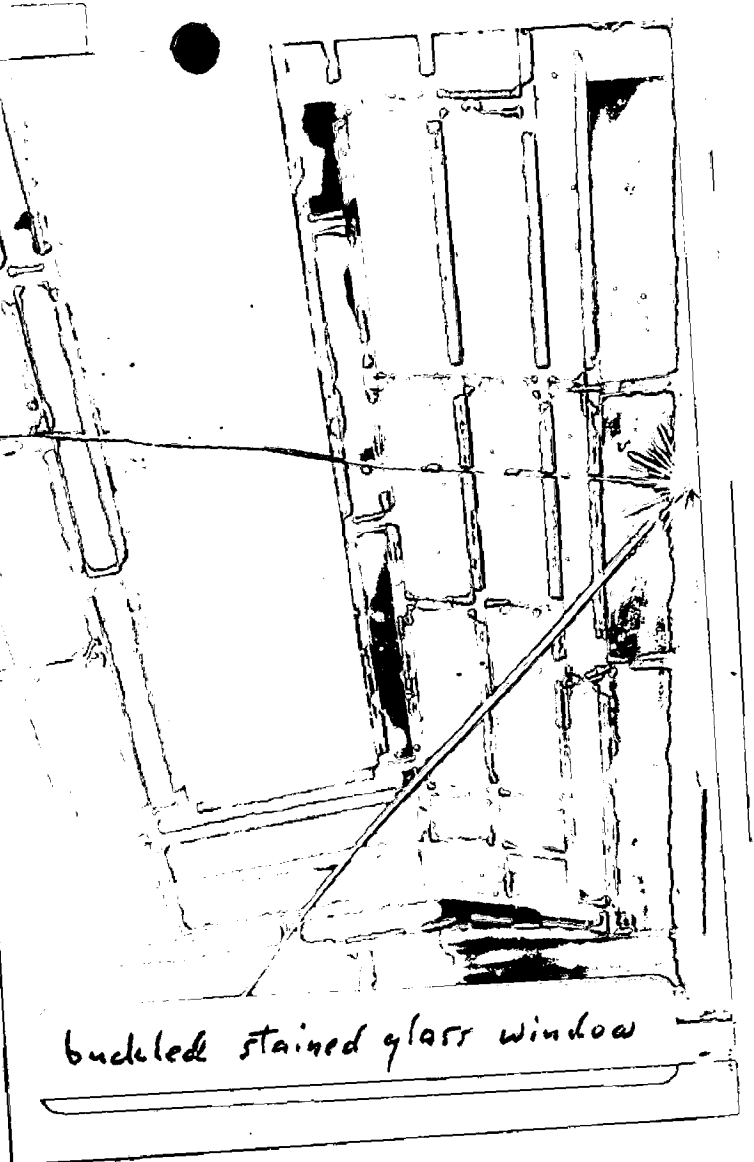
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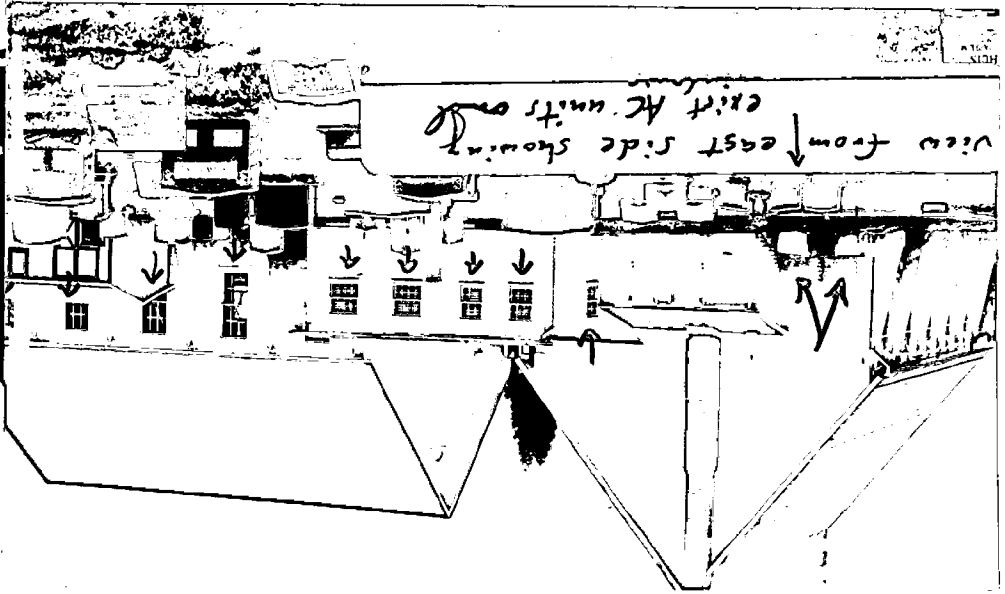
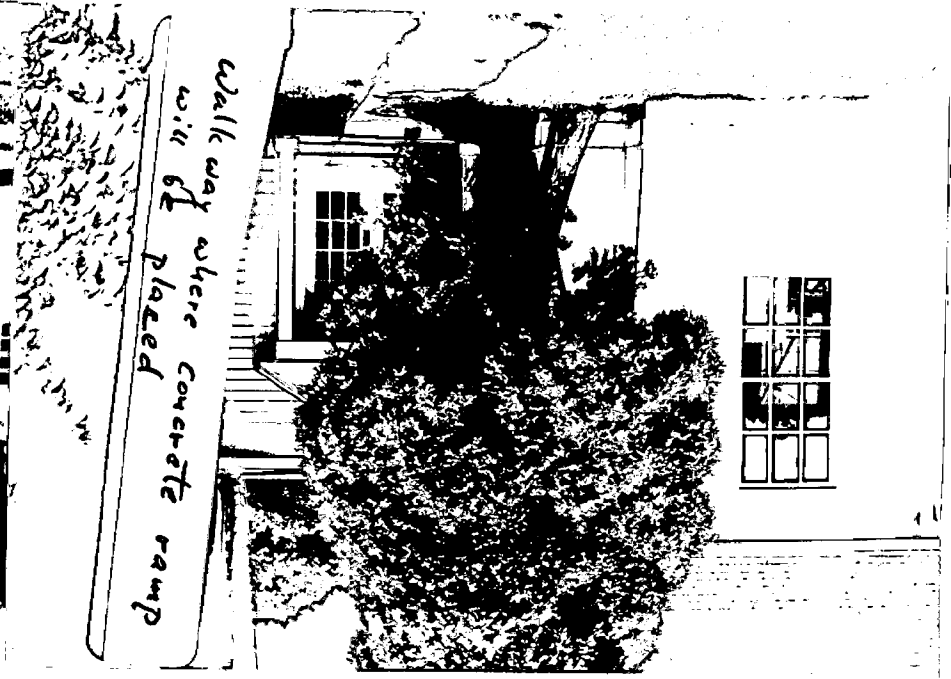
proposed concrete ramp



View from northwest - near
Frederick Road



buckled stained glass window



MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Neelsville Presbyterian Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 20701 Frederick Road

CITY, TOWN Germantown CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8
X VICINITY OF Neelsville

STATE Maryland COUNTY Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

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4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Board of Trustees of the Neelsville Presbyterian Church Telephone #: 972-3916

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN _____ STATE, zip code _____
 _____ VICINITY OF _____

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: STS2;EBP9;JA5;2739
 Folio #: 63;175;10;221

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20850

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE 1976 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20855

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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On the west elevation there is a small entry pavilion. This has a gable roof. Four concrete steps lead up to the double wooden paneled doors. The doorway is surmounted by a fanlight. There are six light clear lancet windows on the north and south sides of the pavilion. The remainder of the lancet windows in the church are stained glass. These windows are further defined by the wooden pediment which outlines the peak of the window frame. Five memorial windows are dedicated to the families; Benson, Crawford, Warfield, Waters, Snyder, Carl, Richards, and Hanshaw. There are four hanging lamps dating from the 1920-1930 period projecting down from the forty-foot ceiling about 20 feet. There are twenty pews each of which seats 8 to 12 persons. The marble baptismal fount in front and to the left of the altar does not have an inscription. According to Mrs. King's history it is dedicated to Mr. Gilligan who served the church between 1921 and 1926.^a Directly behind the fount is a marble plaque dedicated to J.H.S. Henderson. The plaque indicates that he was pastor for 18 years and died August 17, 1882 at 67 years of age. The altar is on a platform elevated about one foot and surrounded by a wooden rail. The floor is also made of wood.

The addition although built in 1929 and further modified in 1947 incorporated the architectural style of the earlier building. There is an entrance hall to the school room which can be entered two ways. To the left of the church (exterior) is a walk way about 20 feet in length that ends at a paned glass door in the middle of the entrance. The hallway can also be entered from inside the church at the left side of the altar. This construction gives the overall building an "L" shape. The school room is now used as a thrift shop.

The style and architecture of the church seem in keeping with most of the older houses in the area which are probably the same vintage.

There are six wooden buttresses along the north and south elevations. There are four buttresses along the east elevation. These buttresses have brick foundations. There is an exterior brick chimney on the east (rear) elevation. The church has a gable roof with slate tiles arranged in a fish scale design. There is a decorative bargeboard at the west gable end of the church. At the peak of the gable there is an electrified cross. There are two small one story clapboarded additions at the east elevations.

A neon cross on the roof was added in 1936.^a

East of the church is a cemetery. To the north there is a one story wing which connects the church buildings with a meeting hall. This hall was added in 1929. A kitchen and bathroom were added in 1947. This meeting hall building is built on cinderblock foundations and is one and a half stories high and is five bays by two bays. It has both six-over-six and eight-over-eight double-hung windows. The building is entered on the west elevation of the connecting wing through glass and wooden paneled doors. This building has a galbe roof with asbestos covering. There are six buttresses on the east and west elevations and three buttresses on the north elevation.

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The church sits on a hill surrounded by pines and cedars.

FOOTNOTE:

- a. King, Mrs. Merhel U., The History of Neelsville Presbyterian Church, 1845-1964, Neelsville Presbyterian Church, Germantown, 1964, p. 4.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES 1877

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Neelsville Church was established by the Presbytery of Baltimore in 1845, and the original church building apparently dates from that period.¹ The Neelsville Church and the Darnestown Church, which was established ten years later, adhered to the "old school" of thought, or more conservative faction of the Church. The old school included many southerners who would not agree to an anti-slavery stand. The original church faced what was then Briggs Road and is now the Neelsville Church Road.

The present building was built in 1877 and dedicated on June 2, 1878.² For the new building, land north of the old church lot was purchased from Rosanna and James Henderson and William and Jane Benson in 1872 and 1877.³

The first minister was a Mr. Motzer, who was succeeded by the Rev. James S.H. Henderson. Henderson served for 18 years at Neelsville, and had married Rosanna, the daughter of Joseph Neel. During this time controversy arose as to the location of a manse for the minister of the two churches. Andrew Small of Darnestown had left a will in 1867 which donated \$35,000 to the church provided that an academy be built, and that the minister spend 3/4 of his time in Darnestown and 1/4 at Neelsville. When the conflict over the manse was resolved and it had finally been built at Darnestown and the academy had also been built, \$27,000 remained. Neelsville Presbyterians voted to have the Rev. J.S.H. Henderson remain at their parish, so as of 1870 each church had its own leader. Eventually the money was equally shared and the churches remained a single corporate body until 1963.⁴

An additional chapel was built in 1896 in Germantown at a halfway point between the two churches, to serve those who could not travel so far in winter. It was sold for use as a residence 40 years later.⁵

The Neelsville Church purchased 7.087 acres in 1956 from the Harry Hoskinson estate for \$11,000.⁶ The land was to be used for an educational building of greater dimensions, and a church when the parishioners outgrew the old one. These two buildings have been erected within the past 10 years.

The old Neelsville Church has been rented to the Messiah Lutheran Church, Missouri synod, since 1976.

The cemetery is still in use.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Martinet & Bond, Map of Montgomery County, 1865; King, Mrs. Merhel, The History of Neelsville Presbyterian Church, 1845-1964, Germantown, Maryland, 1964, p. 1.
2. The Montgomery County Sentinel, Rockville, Md., June 21, 1878.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Attachment Sheet A

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 9.870 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	Lyn (Helen) Trojanowski	Candy Reed	Architectural Description
ORGANIZATION	Sugarloaf Regional Trails	DATE	June 1979
STREET & NUMBER	Box 87	TELEPHONE	926-4510
CITY OR TOWN	Dickerson	STATE	Maryland 20753

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Neelsville Presbyterian Church

8. Significance (continued)

FOOTNOTES:

3. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., EBP 9/170 (Jan. 16, 1872); JA 5/10 (March 22, 1887).
4. Wells, John F., Jr., A History of the Darnestown Presbyterian Church, Darnestown Presbyterian Church, Darnestown, Md., 1955, p. 5; King, Op. Cit., p. 4.
5. Land Records, Op. Cit., JA 53/303 (April 21, 1896). Interview: Harold Hargett, Germantown, former clerk of the session of the Neelsville Church, fall 1978.

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Restoration of the "Old White Church"

Neelsville Presbyterian Church

Background

Neelsville Presbyterian Church has just ended its Sesquicentennial Year (1995) and is moving to restore the "Old White Church" and attached "Meeting Room" to regular use. The "White Church and Cemetery" of Neelsville Presbyterian Church was added to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation as part of the Germantown Master Plan approved by the Montgomery County Council on June 13, 1989. The White Church includes two buildings - a sanctuary constructed in 1877, and a meeting room built in 1929. The kitchen and bathrooms were added in 1947 in the area between the sanctuary and the meeting room. The sanctuary building is in need of substantial repair due to termite damage to some of the wood beams supporting the structure and buckling of the stained glass windows. The meeting room is to be converted into four classrooms, but there is inadequate heating, ventilating and air conditioning in this building to make it useful.

The overall goal for this project is to restore both the sanctuary and the education wing so that they can be used in the normal operation of Neelsville Presbyterian Church, while preserving the historic character of these structures.

With this in mind, the church has raised funds to support the restoration of the termite-damaged beams, repair the stained glass windows, and to provide four classrooms in the education wing (meeting room) for Christian education.

1 a. The description of the existing structures and environmental setting with historical features and significance are attached as copied from the information used by the Historic Planning Commission to recommend that the Neelsville Presbyterian Church site, (MHT No. M19/5) be included in the Germantown Master Plan.

1 b. The general description of the restoration project

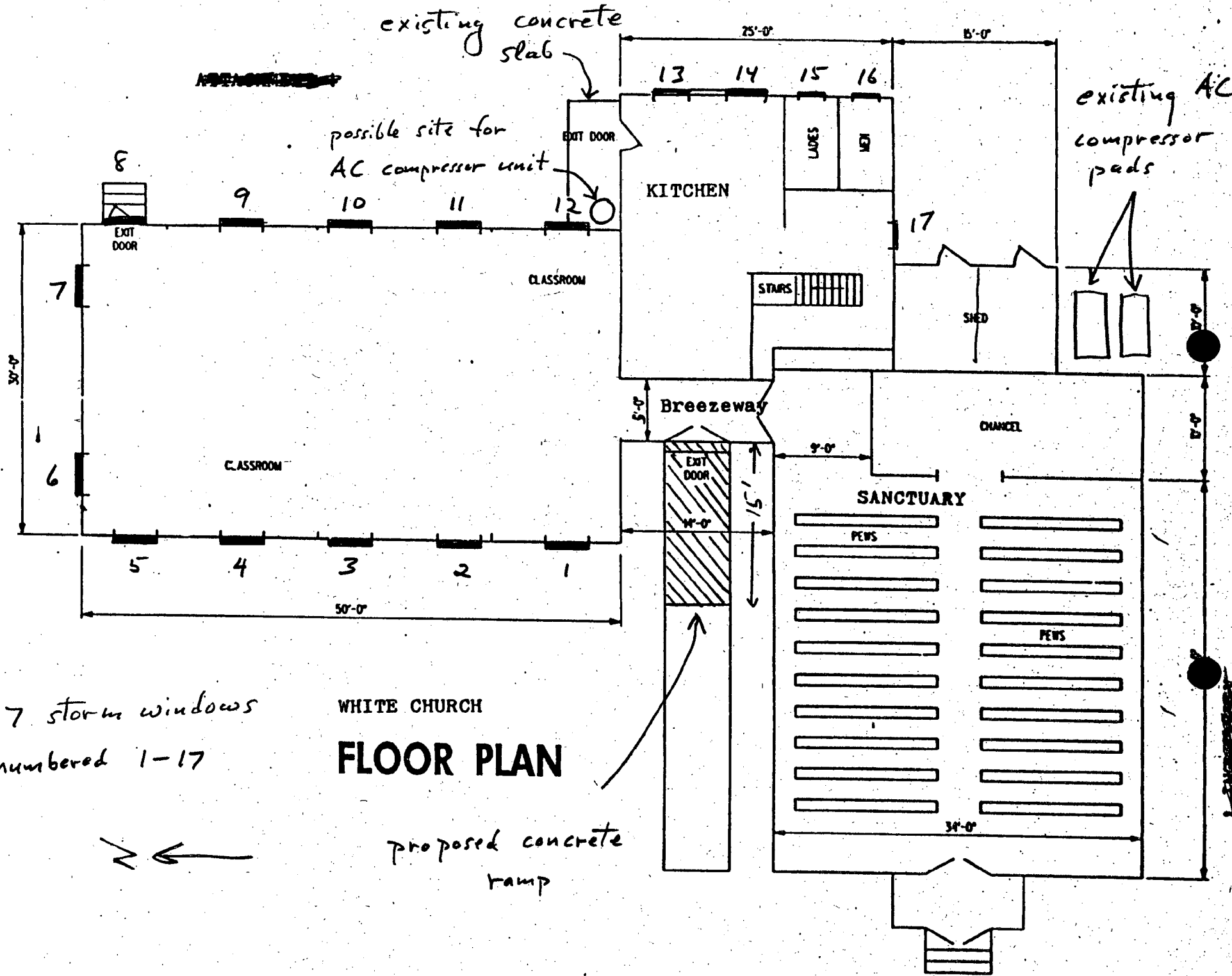
The major parts of the project are given below. Those parts which would potentially alter the exterior appearance are indicated by (E.)

- 1) Restoration of the termite-damaged timbers in the support structure under the sanctuary.
- 2) Repair and straightening of the stained glass windows.
- 3) Repair the sanctuary foyer, concrete floor, doors, paint.
- 4) Install new wiring for overhead light fixtures, exit signs, emergency lighting, and wall outlets in sanctuary.
- 5) Provide four large classrooms in the education wing with insulation in the exterior walls, installation of new drywall on the interior of the exterior walls, install a false

ceiling with insulation. Repair exterior windows. Install light fixtures and wiring, ductwork for air conditioning and an air conditioning system. Add controls and equipment to provide heating from existing steam system - establishing an independent heating zone in the classroom/kitchen area. (The other heating zone is the sanctuary.)

- 6) The walls and ceiling of the kitchen, bathrooms, and hallway will be repaired and painted.
- 7) Provide air conditioning to the classrooms, kitchen and bathroom areas - the compressor to be located on ^{or near} existing cement slab exterior to the kitchen - blocked from view from both Frederick Road and from Neelsville Church Road. (E) *see white church floor plan.*
- 8) Install 17 white triple track storm windows on exterior windows of classrooms, bathrooms, and kitchen. It is intended that the crossbar of the storm windows be at the same level as the crossbar of the existing windows to minimize the visual impact of the storm windows. (The storm windows and the insulation in this education wing should make it much more energy-efficient.) (E)
- 9) Replace the two existing 5-ton air conditioning compressor units at the same location on the southeast corner of the sanctuary building. (E)
- 10) Construct a concrete ramp to the breezeway to provide wheelchair access to both sanctuary and to education wing.. Ramp to be about 15 feet long - replacing 2 concrete steps. (E)

We believe that through this restoration and subsequent use of the buildings, that many more Montgomery County citizens will become familiar with this historic landmark as it serves their needs.



existing concrete slab

possible site for AC compressor unit

existing AC compressor pads

17 storm windows numbered 1-17

WHITE CHURCH
FLOOR PLAN

proposed concrete ramp



***** HISTORIC SITE FORM *****

ATLAS # 19/005-000 HIST. NAME NEELSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ENTRY DATE 09/08/89
ADDRESS 20701 FREDERICK ROAD, GERMANTOWN
OWNER BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADDRESS 20701 FREDERICK ROAD
CITY GERMANTOWN STATE MD ZIP 20874 PHONE _____
TAX CCOUNT # 00774766 TAX MAP # EU563 MAP COORD 228W12
LOT BLOCK N085 ACREAGE 0009.87 ZONING R200 USE 691 - RELIGIOUS
MASTER PLAN GERMANTOWN CIVIC 289 673 297

**** DESCRIPTION/SIGNIFICANCE ****

CRITERIA 1A 1D 2A 2C YEAR 1877 COND GOOD STYLE GOthic REVIVAL
FEATURES/INTEREST WOOD BUTTRESSES
ENVIR SETTING HPC REC: 2.5 ACRES, INCLUDING CEMETERY; PLANNING BOARD REC: 1.7 ACRES, INCLUDING CEMETERY

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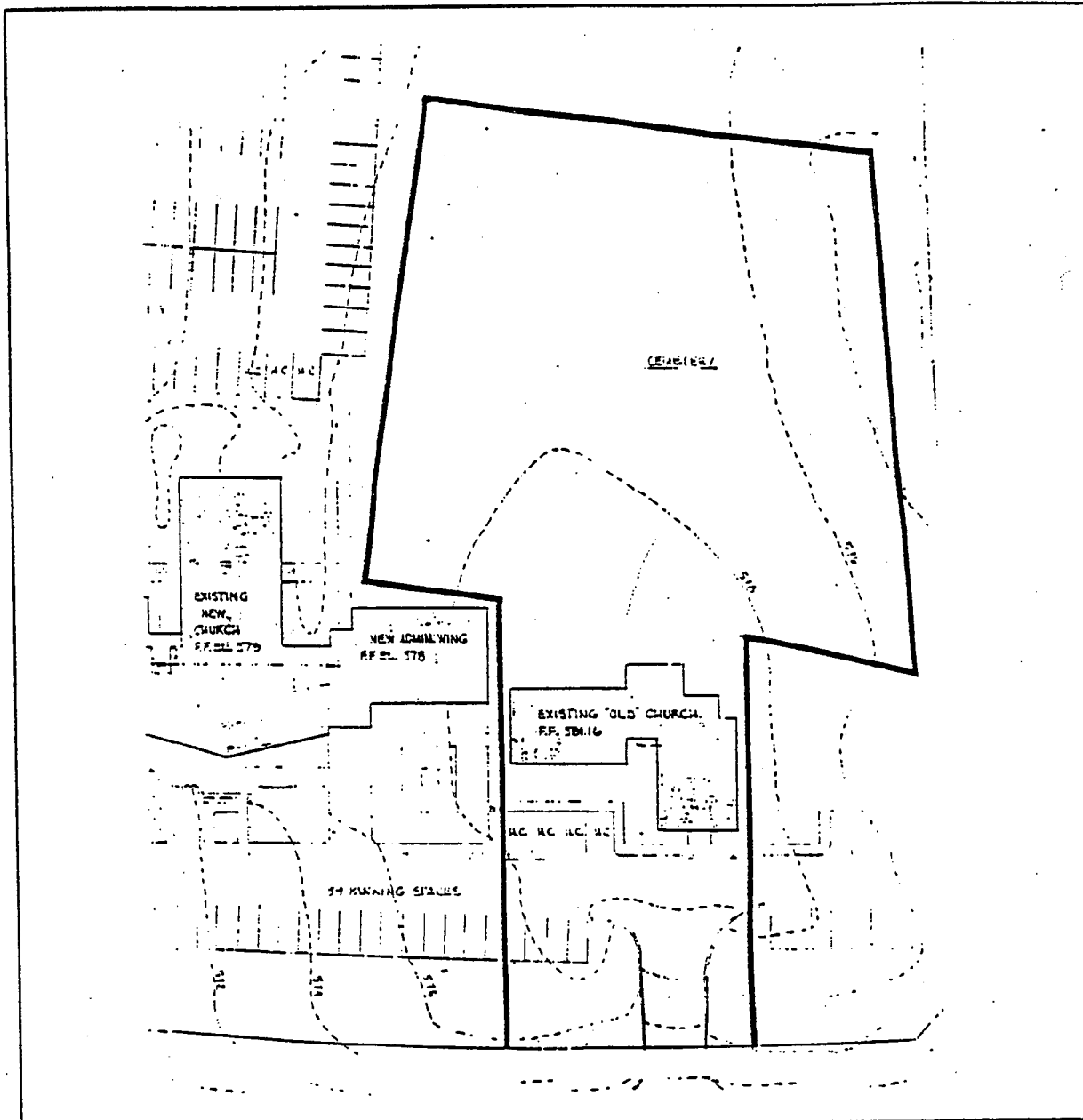
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CC RES # 11-1498 DATE 06/13/89 MNCPPC RES # 89-11 DATE 07/12/89

COMMENTS _____

HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE CRITERIA

- (1) *Historical and cultural significance.* The historic resource:
 - a. Has character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the county, state or nation;
 - b. Is the site of a significant historic event;
 - c. Is identified with a person or a group of persons who influenced society; or
 - d. Exemplifies the cultural economic, social, political or historic heritage of the county and its communities.
- (2) *Architectural and design significance.* The historic resource:
 - a. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction;
 - b. Represents the work of a master;
 - c. Possesses high artistic values;
 - d. Represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
 - e. Represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community or county due to its singular physical characteristic or landscape. (Ord. No. 9-4, § 1.)

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Comprehensive Amendment
to the Master Plan
for Germantown
Montgomery County, Maryland

**Environmental Setting
for Neelsville
Presbyterian Church #19/5**

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

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NEELSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH #19/005
Plat 7758
9.87 Ac.
N 85

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Res. 8-2224
50.81 Ac.

NEELSVILLE CHURCH ROAD
Board of Education
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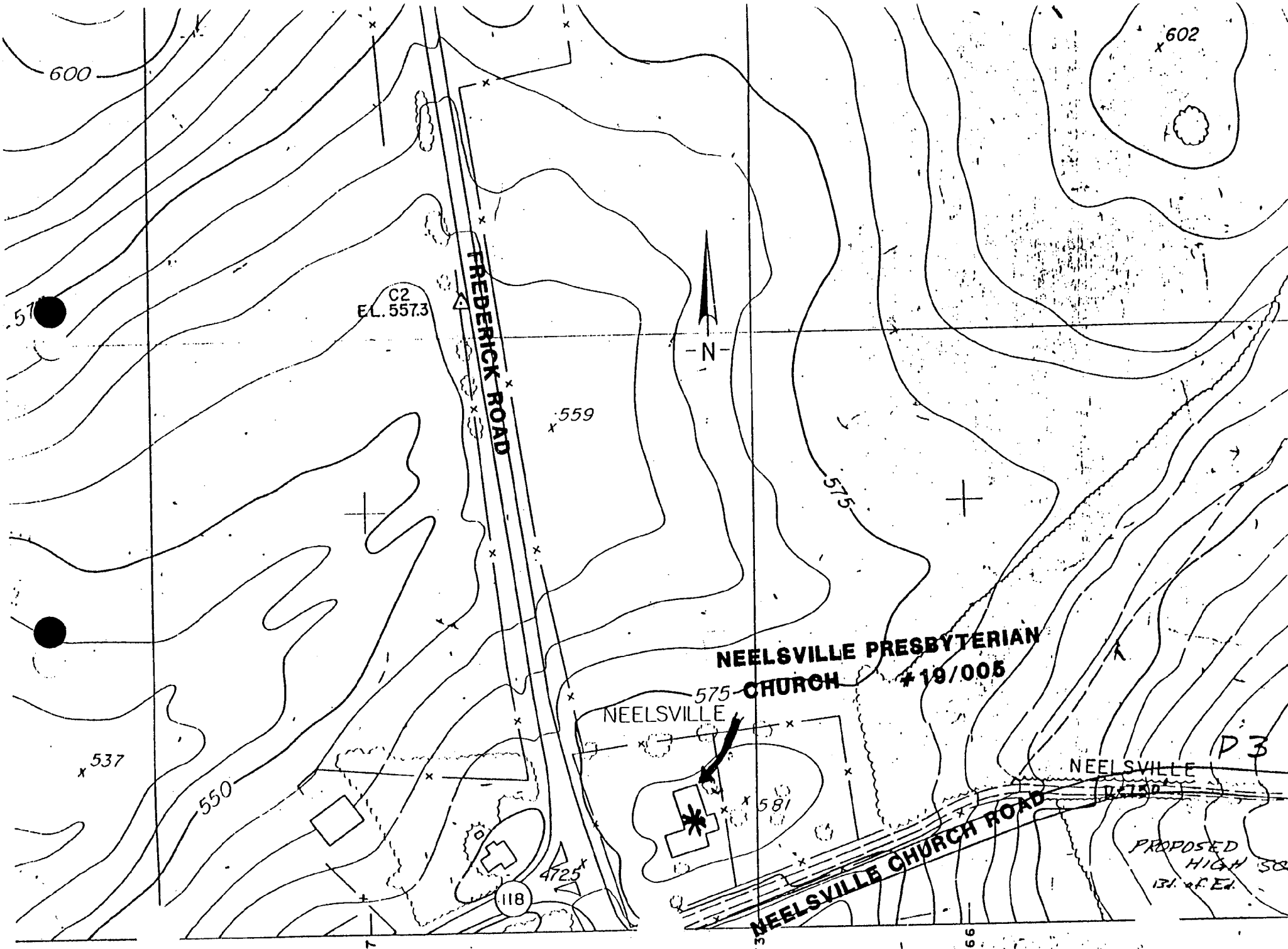
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BOLAND
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MARY
BOLAND
SUB.
MONTGOMERY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
MANTOWN CAMPUS
Plat 11892
186.71 Ac.

FUTURE M-61
BEEHIVE LANE
DRUMCASTLE COURT
OXBRIDGE DRIVE
BRANDENMILL
APPELLAGRA COURT
BRUNNIDGE TERRACE
FLOWERTON PLACE
APPERSON WAY
APPERSON PLACE
PARCEL "A" through "F"





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FREDERICK ROAD



NEELSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH #19/005

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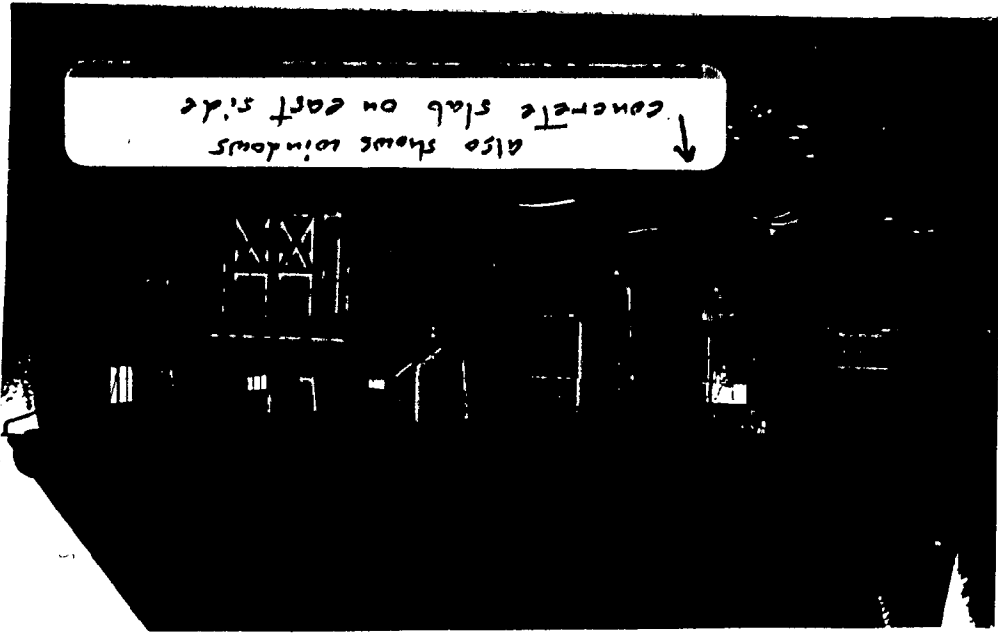
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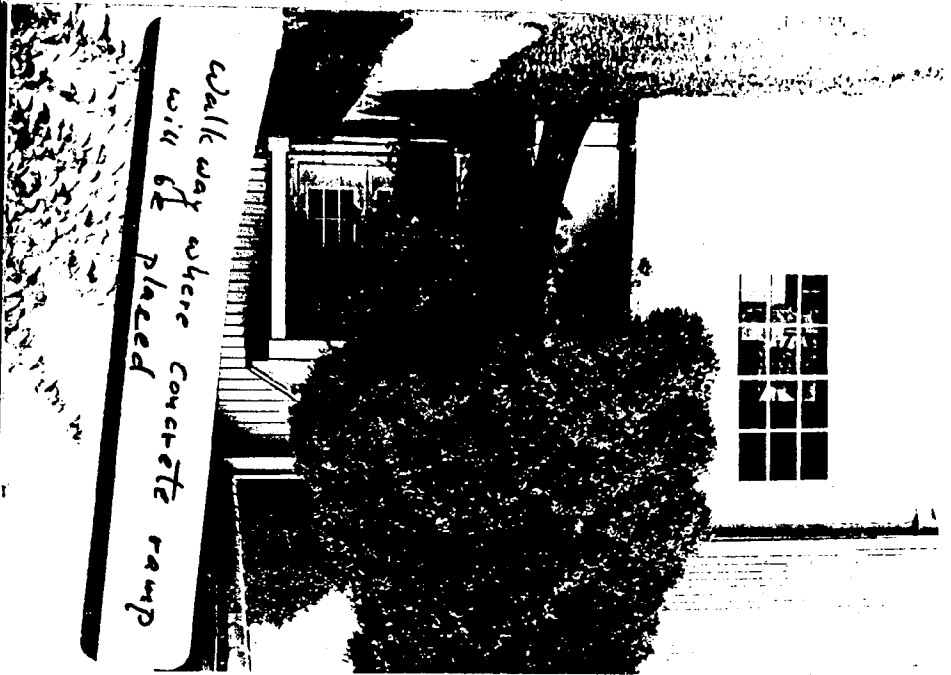
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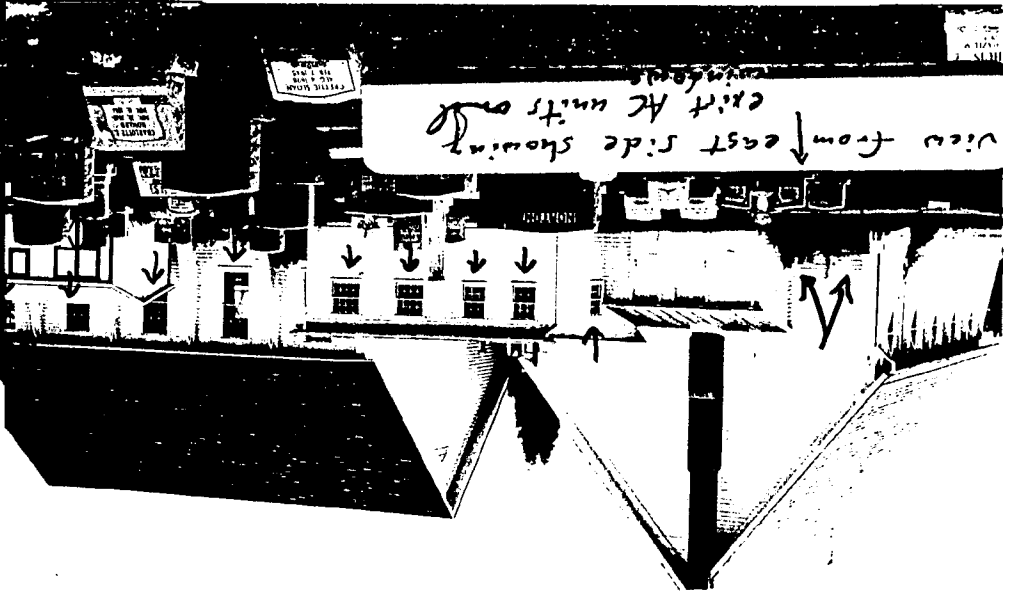
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concrete slab on east side



walk way where concrete ramp
will be placed



View from north west - showing
windows in education wing on 2nd floor



View from east side showing
exit AC units on 2nd floor

View from north west - near
Frederick Road



buckled stained glass window



FRONT FACADE



FRONT & SIDE FACADE

HPC MINUTES, NOVEMBER 1, 1984

The first site to be evaluate by the Committee was the Neelsville Presbyterian Church (#19-5). Mrs. Hahn showed slides of the church which was built in 1877 and described it as a fine example of the Gothic Revival style of architecture. An addition, which was added in 1929, is particularly sympathetic. The church's significance in the development of Presbyterianism in the County and in the history of Neelsville was also pointed out. Edward Kuklewicz, representing the congregation, requested a postponement of the Commission decision on this site. He stated that the congregation should decide whether the church should become a historic site and that they had not had ample time to discuss the matter and take a vote. Mr. King pointed out that the Commission makes only a recommendation to the Planning Board and suggested that congregation comments be sent to the Planning Board. Mr. Thompson stated that the congregation would be helped by knowing what the HPC assessment of the building was. Mr. Kuklewicz agreed that that would be helpful. Ms. McFarland stated that she felt it would be a more efficient process if the Commission took a vote at this time but she did not wish the congregation to feel that their input was unimportant. Mr. Kuklewicz agreed to communicate this feeling to the congregation.

Mr. Thompson moved that the Neelsville Presbyterian Church be recommended for placement on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation based on criteria #1A, #1D, #2A and #2C from the Ordinance for historic preservation (Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code). The environmental setting would be approximately 2 1/2 acres including the cemetery. Mr. Patterson seconded the motion which passed unanimously with Mrs. Kuklewicz abstaining.

HPC TRANSMITTAL, DECEMBER 5, 1984

The Commission recommends the Neelsville Presbyterian Church (#19/5) for placement on the Master Plan, with an environmental setting of approximately 2 1/2 acres including the cemetery, based on criteria #1A, #1D, #2A and #2C. The building, built in 1877, is a fine example of Gothic Revival church architecture. The church is significant for its place in the development of Presbyterianism in Montgomery County and in the history of Neelsville as well. The 1929 addition to the church was found to be particularly sympathetic.

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

file

1. Name Neelsville Presbyterian Church

2. Planning Area/Site Number 19/5

3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference Map 7
F-12

4. Address 20701 Frederick Road, Germantown

5. Classification Summary

Category building
 Ownership private
 Public Acquisition NA
 Status occupied
 Accessible yes: restricted
 Present use religious
 Previous Survey Recording M-NCPCC Federal State X County X Local

6. Date 1877

7. Original Owner Presbytery of
Baltimore

8. Apparent Condition

a. good

c. original site

b. altered

9. Description: This Gothic Revival style frame church is located on Rt. 355 at Neelsville, between Gaithersburg & Clarksburg & faces west. It is 1½ stories high, 3 bays across & 5 bays deep with brick foundations & white clapboard siding. A small entry pavilion on the front (west) elevation leads to the double paneled doors. Ten wooden buttresses with brick foundations are on all other elevations. The church has a gable roof with slate tiles arranged in a fish scale design. At the gable's peak is an electrified cross, added in 1936. Seating is limited to 160-240 persons on wooden pews. Stained glass windows commemorate local families. A cemetery is east of the church. To the north a 1-story wing which connects the church buildings with a meeting hall; the hall is 1½ stories high, 5 bays by 2 bays, with a gable roof.

10. Significance: The significance of this building is the date of construction, and its part of the developing Presbyterianism in the County. The original church was built in 1845 by conservative Presbyterians; it faced south. The present building dates from 1877. Presbyterians at Darnestown and Neelsville formed the original congregation. But in 1867, member Andrew Small of Darnestown, left a will endowing the church, but stipulating that the minister must spend ¾ of his time at Darnestown, ¼ at Neelsville. In response, the Neelsville group retained their local pastor who already owned his home there, and the Darnestownites built a manse and hired a new minister. Eventually the money was shared, and the churches remained a single corporate body until 1900. The Presbyterians recently constructed a new church and now rent their old one to the Messiah Lutheran Church, Missouri synod.

11. Date researched and researcher Lyn Trojanowsky - 6/79 Candy Reed
Arch. Description

12. Compiler Peg Coleman 13. Date Compiled 6/79 14. Designation
Approval

15. Acreage: 9.870 acres

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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	<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 Board of Trustees of the Neelsville Presbyterian Church Telephone #: 972-3916

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: STS2; EBP9; JA5; 2739
Folio #: 63; 175; 10; 221

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This Gothic Revival Style church faces west on Route 355. Built on brick foundations, it has a white clapboarded exterior. The church is one and a half stories high, three bays across and five bays deep.

On the west elevation there is a small entry pavilion. This has a gable roof. Four concrete steps lead up to the double wooden paneled doors. The doorway is surmounted by a fanlight. There are six light clear lancet windows on the north and south sides of the pavilion. The remainder of the lancet windows in the church are stained glass. These windows are further defined by the wooden pediment which outlines the peak of the window frame. Five memorial windows are dedicated to the families; Benson, Crawford, Warfield, Waters, Snyder, Carl, Richards, and Hanshaw. There are four hanging lamps dating from the 1920-1930 period projecting down from the forty-foot ceiling about 20 feet. There are twenty pews each of which seats 8 to 12 persons. The marble baptismal fount in front and to the left of the altar does not have an inscription. According to Mrs. King's history it is dedicated to Mr. Gilligan who served the church between 1921 and 1926.^a Directly behind the fount is a marble plaque dedicated to J.H.S. Henderson. The plaque indicates that he was pastor for 18 years and died August 17, 1882 at 67 years of age. The altar is on a platform elevated about one foot and surrounded by a wooden rail. The floor is also made of wood.

The addition although built in 1929 and further modified in 1947 incorporated the architectural style of the earlier building. There is an entrance hall to the school room which can be entered two ways. To the left of the church (exterior) is a walk way about 20 feet in length that ends at a paned glass door in the middle of the entrance. The hallway can also be entered from inside the church at the left side of the altar. This construction gives the overall building an "L" shape. The school room is now used as a thrift shop.

The style and architecture of the church seem in keeping with most of the older houses in the area which are probably the same vintage.

There are six wooden buttresses along the north and south elevations. There are four buttresses along the east elevation. These buttresses have brick foundations. There is an exterior brick chimney on the east (rear) elevation. The church has a gable roof with slate tiles arranged in a fish scale design. There is a decorative bargeboard at the west gable end of the church. At the peak of the gable there is an electrified cross. There are two small one story clapboarded additions at the east elevations.

A neon cross on the roof was added in 1936.^a

East of the church is a cemetery. To the north there is a one story wing which connects the church buildings with a meeting hall. This hall was added in 1929. A kitchen and bathroom were added in 1947. This meeting hall building is built on cinderblock foundations and is one and a half stories high and is five bays by two bays. It has both six-over-six and eight-over-eight double-hung windows. The building is entered on the west elevation of the connecting wing through glass and wooden paneled doors. This building has a gable roof with asbestos covering. There are six buttresses on the east and west elevations and three buttresses on the north elevation.

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7 DESCRIPTION

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
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The church sits on a hill surrounded by pines and cedars.

FOOTNOTE:

- a. King, Mrs. Merhel U., The History of Neelsville Presbyterian Church, 1845-1964, Neelsville Presbyterian Church, Germantown, 1964, p. 4.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1877

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Neelsville Church was established by the Presbytery of Baltimore in 1845, and the original church building apparently dates from that period.¹ The Neelsville Church and the Darnestown Church, which was established ten years later, adhered to the "old school" of thought, or more conservative faction of the Church. The old school included many southerners who would not agree to an anti-slavery stand. The original church faced what was then Briggs Road and is now the Neelsville Church Road.

The present building was built in 1877 and dedicated on June 2, 1878.² For the new building, land north of the old church lot was purchased from Rosanna and James Henderson and William and Jane Benson in 1872 and 1877.³

The first minister was a Mr. Motzer, who was succeeded by the Rev. James S.H. Henderson. Henderson served for 18 years at Neelsville, and had married Rosanna, the daughter of Joseph Neel. During this time controversy arose as to the location of a manse for the minister of the two churches. Andrew Small of Darnestown had left a will in 1867 which donated \$35,000 to the church provided that an academy be built, and that the minister spend 3/4 of his time in Darnestown and 1/4 at Neelsville. When the conflict over the manse was resolved and it had finally been built at Darnestown and the academy had also been built, \$27,000 remained. Neelsville Presbyterians voted to have the Rev. J.S.H. Henderson remain at their parish, so as of 1870 each church had its own leader. Eventually the money was equally shared and the churches remained a single corporate body until 1963.⁴

An additional chapel was built in 1896 in Germantown at a halfway point between the two churches, to serve those who could not travel so far in winter. It was sold for use as a residence 40 years later.⁵

The Neelsville Church purchased 7.087 acres in 1956 from the Harry Hoskinson estate for \$11,000.⁶ The land was to be used for an educational building of greater dimensions, and a church when the parishioners outgrew the old one. These two buildings have been erected within the past 10 years.

The old Neelsville Church has been rented to the Messiah Lutheran Church, Missouri synod, since 1976.

The cemetery is still in use.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Martinet & Bond, Map of Montgomery County, 1865; King, Mrs. Merhel, The History of Neelsville Presbyterian Church, 1845-1964, Germantown, Maryland, 1964, p. 1.
2. The Montgomery County Sentinel, Rockville, Md., June 21, 1878.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 9.870 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	Lyn (Helen) Trojanowski	Candy Reed Architectural Description
ORGANIZATION	Sugarloaf Regional Trails	DATE June 1979
STREET & NUMBER	Box 87	TELEPHONE 926-4510
CITY OR TOWN	Dickerson	STATE Maryland 20753

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8. Significance (continued)

FOOTNOTES:

3. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., EBP 9/170 (Jan. 16, 1872); JA 5/10 (March 22, 1887).
4. Wells, John F., Jr., A History of the Darnestown Presbyterian Church, Darnestown Presbyterian Church, Darnestown, Md., 1955, p. 5; King, Op. Cit., p. 4.
5. Land Records, Op. Cit., JA 53/303 (April 21, 1896). Interview: Harold Hargett, Germantown, former clerk of the session of the Neelsville Church, fall 1978.

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