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St. Michael's R. C. Church 1880
Poplar Springs
Private

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Woodbine Quad
District 4
MAGI# 1402905608

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
St. Michael's R. C. Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
S. W. Corner of St. Michael's and Hardy Roads

CITY, TOWN
Poplar Springs __ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
6th

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Roman Catholic Arch. of Baltimore Telephone #: 489-7667

STREET & NUMBER
St. Michael's Road

CITY, TOWN
Poplar Springs __ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Tax Map 7, p. 39
Hall of Records

Liber #: 270 42
Folio #: 454(d) 470

STREET & NUMBER
Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN
Ellicott City

STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE
1978-1979 __FEDERAL X STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN
21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE
Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
X EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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A gabled roof, enclosed entrance porch, centered on the north wall, holds an eight paneled double door, each side of which holds four arched lights. A four light, fan light is set over the entrance and a carved triangular inset is placed above it, in the "A" line of the gable of the entrance porch. The north wall of the church holds a single east and west bay window, similar to those described, which flank the projecting entrance porch. A leaden paned, bull's eye is centered above the entrance porch on the north wall and similarly on the south wall. Its central circle depicts the Mother Mary on the north and St. Michael on the south.

The west wall holds four windows, while the east wall holds three nave windows, with a cellar door placed between the two north bay windows. Its south bay holds the sacristy.

The eaves are deeply cut and feature decorative roof timbering and bange-boards decorated with carvings, on the north elevation, held by four brackets with a central gothic arch, behind which is a narrow, rectangular, louvered attic vent. Another similar vent is placed on the south wall.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES 1880 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Michael's church at Poplar Springs, Howard County, Maryland, is the earliest Catholic Church standing in this community, constructed in 1880.[1] Its distinction is expanded upon by its construction in the Gothic Revival Style of the late 1800's, for it is the only structure of this style in the Poplar Springs - Lisbon area of Howard County.[2] Additionally, the addition of a small sacristy is important for it reflects a common practise in the building history of the United States, retaining and preserving the original architectural integrity of the building.[3]

History and Support

1. By the late nineteenth century the number of Roman Catholic families had increased in the Poplar Springs area to such an extent that a meeting of 20 Catholic residents was held in June, 1879 at the home of Lilbourn F. Kuhn. A priest of Woodstock College, Father Ferrari, S. J. was also present and suggested subsriptions be initiated for a new church. By June 12, 1880 the present church had been constructed and the corner-stone laid. On October 18, 1880 the Reverend Edward I. Devitt, S. J., under whom the parish or mission was placed, celebrated the first mass. Archbishop James Gibbons dedicated the church and administered the sacrement of confirmation on June 4, 1882. For the next ten years various Jesuit priests from Woodstock served as pastors and were boarded by memebers of the congregation. In 1892 St. Michaels at Poplar Springs and Holy Family Church at Harrisonville in Baltimore County were made missions of St. Josephs Church at Sykesville, under the Right Reverend Monsigneur James F. Nolan. Please see Item 7.

2. The western section of Howard County is noted for its fine vernacular architecture exhibited in its log and frame houses, many of which date form the mid-eighteenth to mid-nineteenth century. Very few buildings, except church edifices, feature recognizable stylistic detail. St. Michael's is particularly fortunate in having had little alteration occur and retains its late nineteenth century charm.

3. Alteration, however, has occured with the addition of the intersecting gabled roofsacristy, creating an "L" plan, rather than an "I" plan. This addition, however, has been constructed to the scale of the original building and is an integral part of it. Rather than superimposing itself on the the original structure it blends gracefully into the structure, maintaining only a small, one room addition off the south bay of the east wall, which features a matching pitch to its gable roof and a similar height to its walls. This addition, as well as the original structure, has been covered with a common exterior siding.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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District 4

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Centennial Edition of the Howard County Times

Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Stackhouse
at the Howard County Historical Society, May 20, 1980.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3 Acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 7

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 42 Folio 470

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION DATE
Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE
3450 Court House Drive

CITY OR TOWN STATE
Ellicott City Maryland

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The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: St. Michael's Catholic Church

AND/OR HISTORIC: " " " "

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: ~~Poplar Springs~~ SW corner of intersection of St. Michael's Rd & Hardy Rd

CITY OR TOWN: Poplar Springs

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
Md		Howard	

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District ☐ Building ☐	Public ☐	Public Acquisition:	Occupied ☐	Yes:
Site ☐ Structure ☐	Private ☐	In Process ☐	Unoccupied ☐	Restricted ☐
Object ☐	Both ☐	Being Considered ☐	Preservation work in progress ☐	Unrestricted ☐
				No: ☐

PRESENT USE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Agricultural	☐	Government	☐	Park	☐	Transportation ☐	Comments ☐
Commercial	☐	Industrial	☐	Private Residence	☐	Other *(Specify)* ☐	
Educational	☐	Military	☐	Religious	☐		
Entertainment	☐	Museum	☐	Scientific	☐		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE: | COUNTY: | ENTRY NUMBER | DATE — FOR NPS USE ONLY

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One) Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed ☐	
INTEGRITY	(Check One) Altered ☐ Unaltered ☐	(Check One) Moved ☐ Original Site ☒

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL *(If known)* PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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8. 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)* 1881

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Aboriginal	Education ☐	Political ☐	Urban Planning ☐
Prehistoric ☐	Engineering ☐	Religion/Philosophy ☐	Other *(Specify)* ☐
Historic ☐	Industry ☐	Science ☐	
Agriculture ☐	Invention ☐	Sculpture ☐	
Art ☐	Landscape Architecture ☐	Social/Humanitarian ☐	
Commerce ☐	Literature ☐	Theater ☐	
Communications ☐	Military ☐	Transportation ☐	
Conservation ☐	Music ☐		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)*

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

CORNER	LATITUDE Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"

OR

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE

LATITUDE Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
°	'	"	°	'	"

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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

ORGANIZATION | DATE

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: | STATE | CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

_____

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

_____

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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St. Michael's Catholic Church

located by MOB 7/21/20

Map # 7, p. 39

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Baltimore.

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Md. Reg.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

1. STATE Md COUNTY Howard TOWN VICINITY STREET NO. ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE WALL CONSTRUCTION NO. OF STORIES	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY 2. NAME St. Michaels Catholic Church DATE OR PERIOD late 19th STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

St. Michael's Catholic Church is a late 19th century Victorian church very similar in style to other rural religious edifices of the period which dot the Howard County countryside.

Facing N. the facade has a single storey projecting ~~[illegible]~~. The A roof has exposed rafters at the eaves which are carved in a scalloped pattern. The main door to the ~~[illegible]~~ is of recent date but is surmounted by a simple segmentally arched three panes stained overlight. On each side of the ~~[illegible]~~, at the N. wall of the main block, is a single lancet arched window containing a fixed (?) sash of rectangular panes. This same window design is repeated in the four windows of the E and W elevation.

The roof plan is A frame with an interior bellfry at the N. end. This

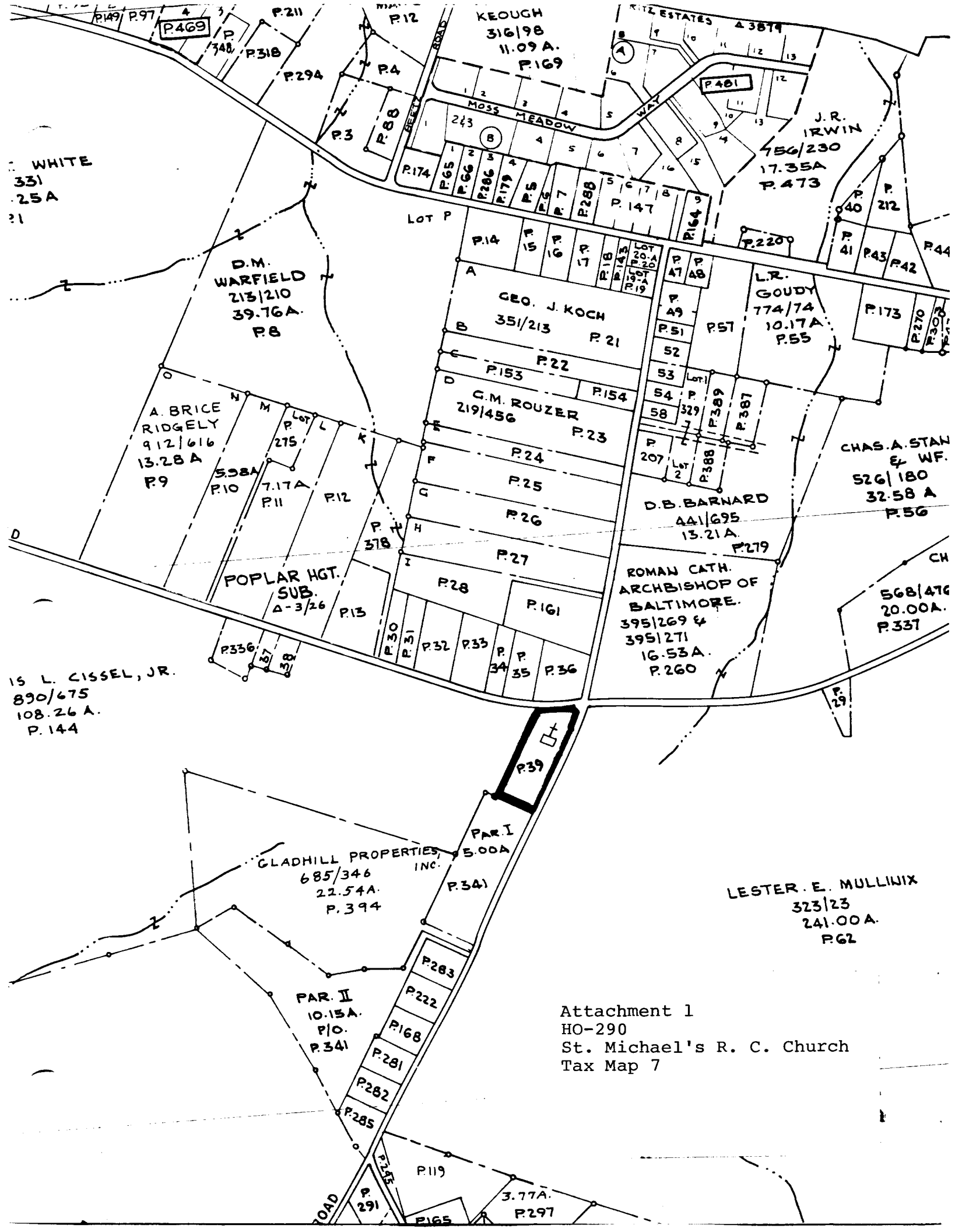
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior

louvered bellfry is "supported" by a bracketed modillion cornice.

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.	9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Rivoire, J.R., MHT 3/71 DATE OF RECORD



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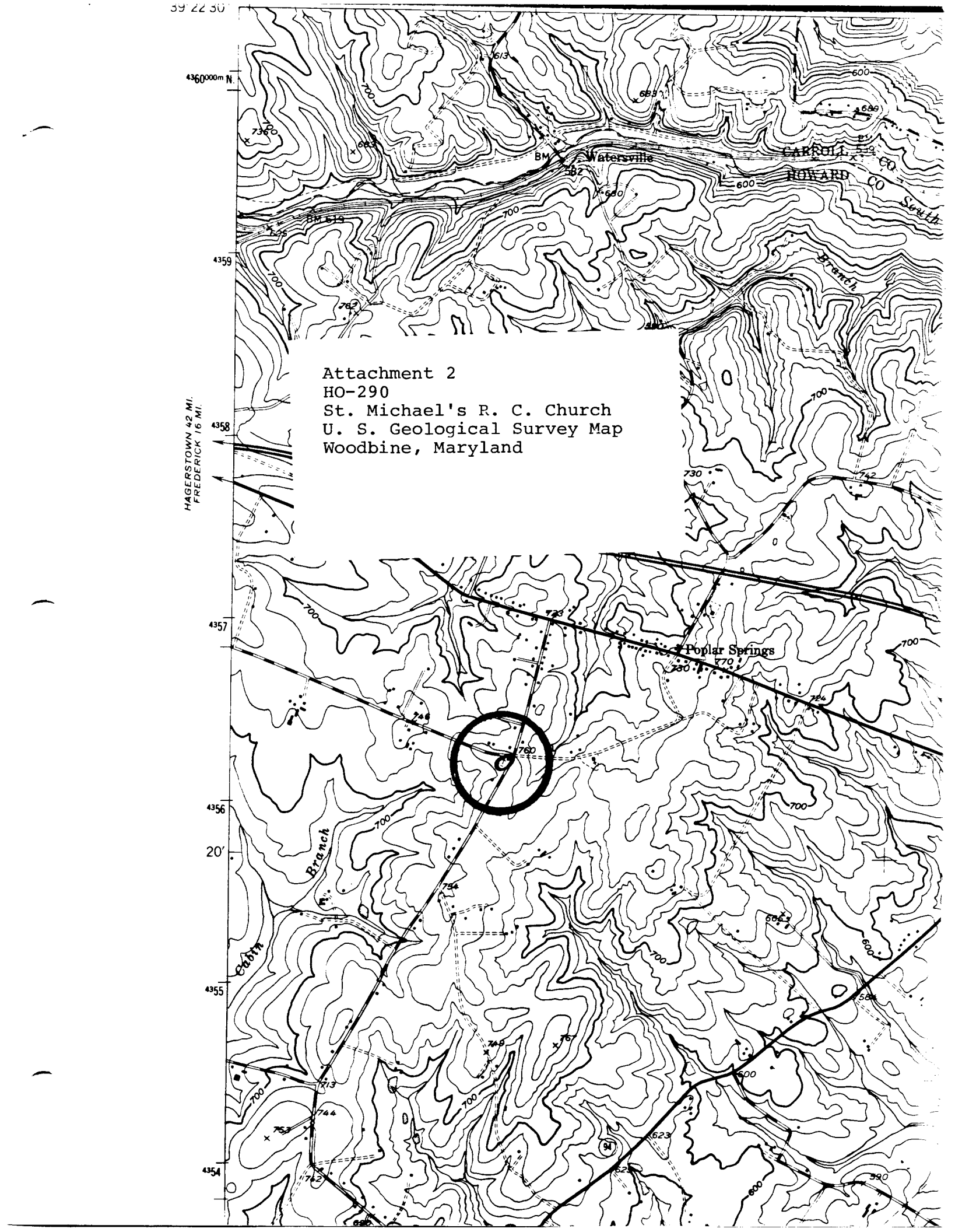
St. Michael's R. C. Church
Tax Map 7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St. Michael's R. C. Church
U. S. Geological Survey Map
Woodbine, Maryland

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St Michael's Catholic Church

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St. Michael's R. C. Church
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Poplar Springs, Maryland
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Negatives in possession of the Maryland Historical Trust
View: Northwest
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