

HO-431
Mt. Calvary Church
(Glenwood Baptist)
Roxbury Mills Road (MD 97)
Glenwood

1860

Standing on the east side of Roxbury Mills Road (MD 97), the Mt. Calvary Church is a three bay wide, four bay long, gable front frame church. The front facade has a gabled entrance portico flanked by tall narrow Gothic-arched windows. Above the portico is a small Gothic-arched window. The sides of the building have four tall narrow Gothic-arched windows with 1/1 sash in the straight part of each window. The roof has exposed rafter feet and exposed ornamental purlins.

The following is from Celia M. Holland's 1987 book Old Homes and Families of Howard County, Maryland:

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the departure of Rev. Hutton, the church was cared for by a succession of ministers. Then in 1873 Rev. Hutton returned to Mt. Calvary, where he remained until his death in 1890 and where he is buried. From 1923 to 1938 services were discontinued, after which the rector of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Rev. Samuel Fleming, served the congregation again in an attempt to keep the church open. Despite this generous gesture, due to a sharp decline in membership the doors were closed within a few years, although the building was kept in good repair. Finally in 1949 the building was leased to a new denomination, the Second New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Woodbine. Ten years later the congregation purchased the property and in 1960 adopted the name Glenwood Baptist Church. Although eight church school rooms were added to the rear of the building in 1963, from the road 'old Mt. Calvary' appears to have undergone little or no change and remains a pleasant reminder of the area's past."

OLD WESTMINSTER ROAD

*Including Mt. Calvary Episcopal Church
(Now the Glenwood Baptist Church), By His Grace,
Banks School House, Longwood Chapel (Presbyterian), and
the Sarah Jane Dorsey Cabin*

That part of the Old Westminster Road (Route 97) which extends from ROXBURY to COOKSVILLE is rich in significant landmarks, many of which have already been identified. Yet there are others, although less imposing, that merit attention before passing on to other areas of the county.

When one travels north from Roxbury, the first of these landmarks to be seen is the former Mt. Calvary Episcopal Church, which stands across the road from ROXBURY PLANTATION. The congregation was "assembled for services during the summer months of 1857 to 1859" and "received into union with the Protestant Episcopal Convention on May 30, 1860." The present building, which stands on land deeded the church by Allen Bowie Davis, then of Roxbury Mill, was built through the efforts of Rev. Orlando Hutton, D.D., first permanent rector, who served the congregation from 1857, when services were held in Banks School House, until 1868, when he accepted another assignment. On 27 September 1860, the year of completion, Mt. Calvary was consecrated by Bishop William Rollinson Whittingham. Following the departure of Rev. Hutton, the church was cared for by a succession of ministers. Then in 1873 Rev. Hutton returned to Mt.

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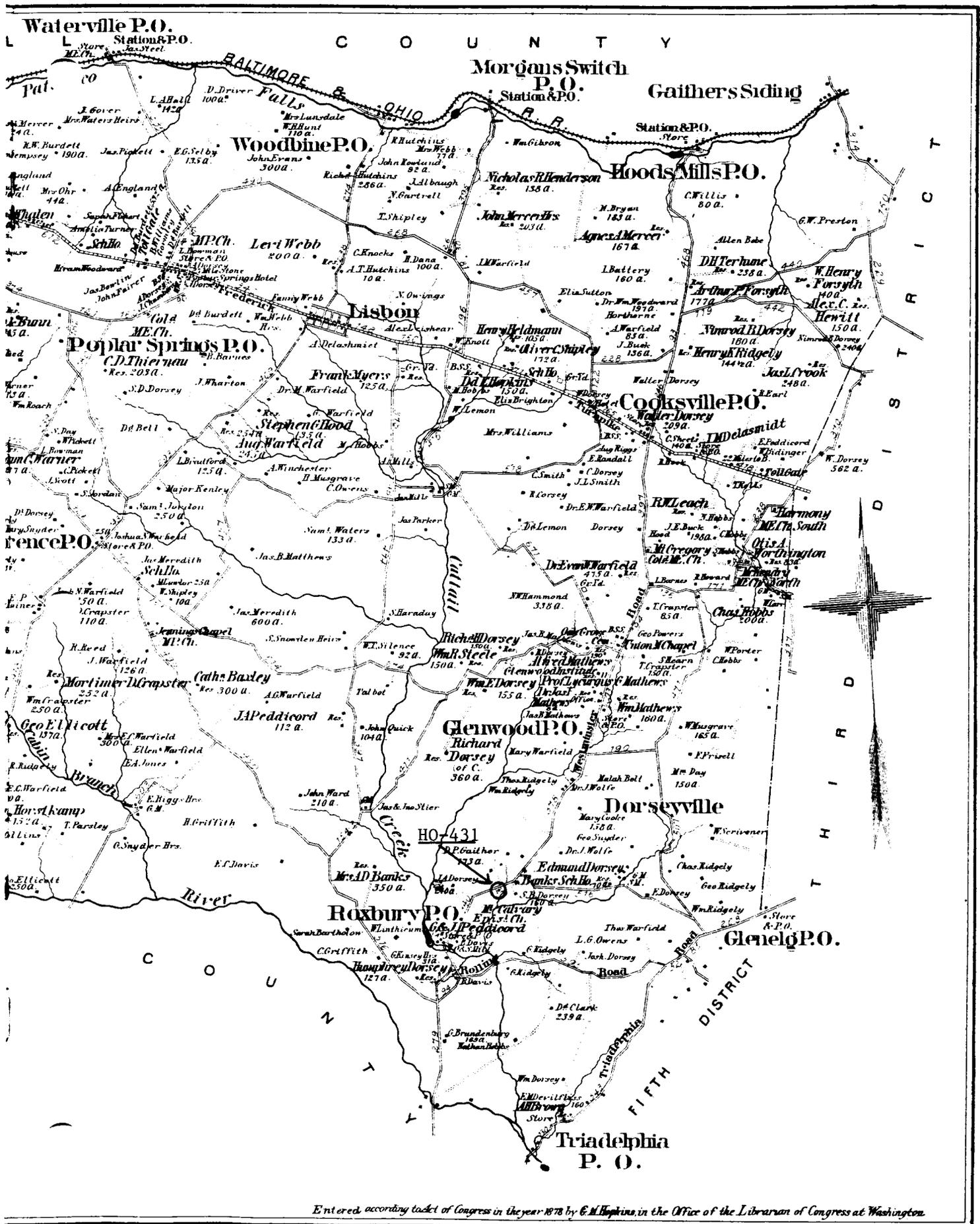
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North of Mt. Calvary Church, on the west side of the road on land once held by Capt. John Dorsey of Roxbury Plantation, is By His Grace, a three-story stone house of unusual proportions. Tall and stately, it cannot be overlooked by antiquarians or others in search of Howard County's heritage. While little is known of its origin, it is believed to have served for a time as the schoolmaster's house when the children of Capt. John and Col. Richard Dorsey were young. As one of the county's little-known but curiously interesting old homes, it warrants further study.

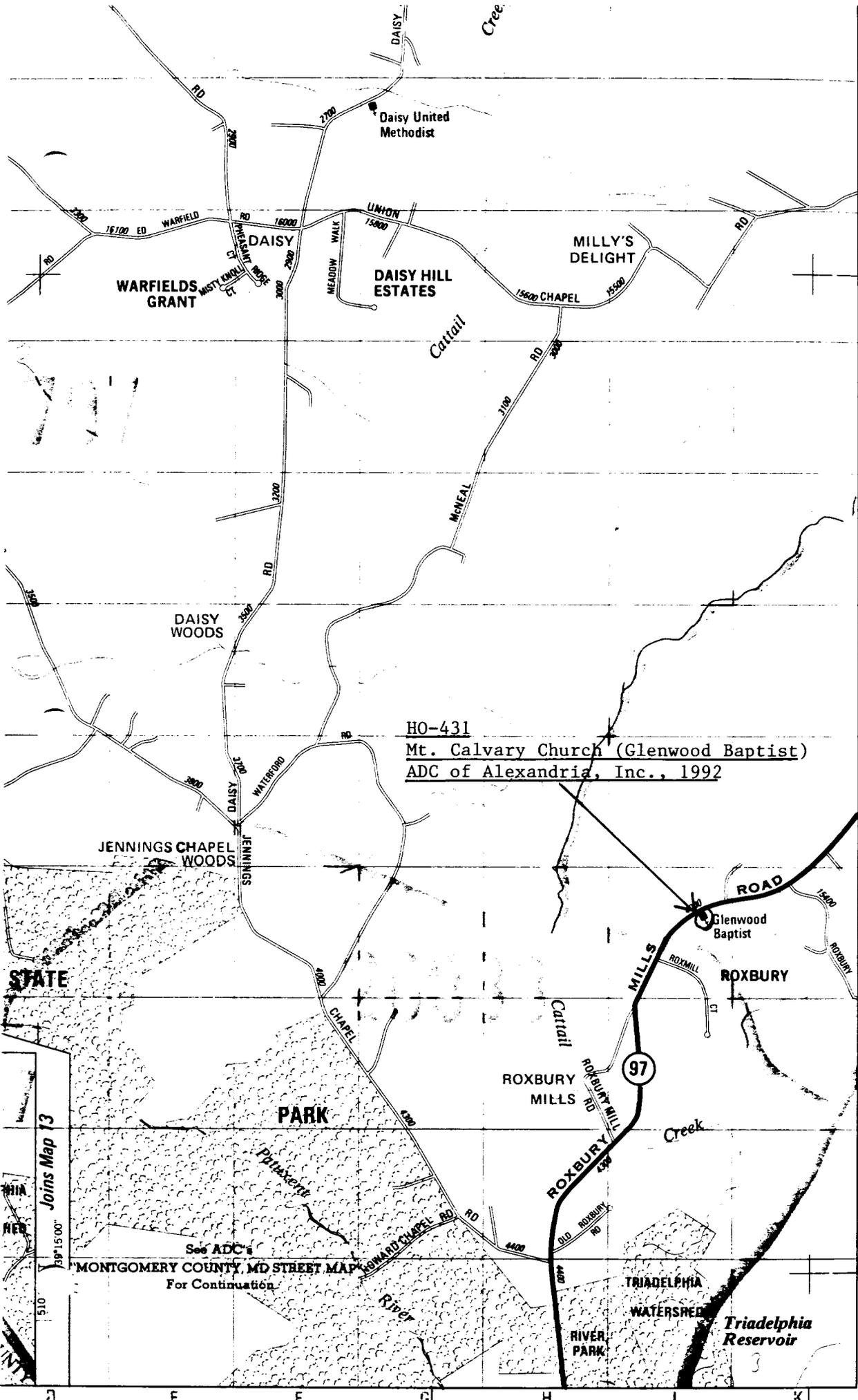
At the junction of Route 97 and Roxbury Road is found the original Banks School House, once a small private school conducted for the children of the



BANKS SCHOOL HOUSE



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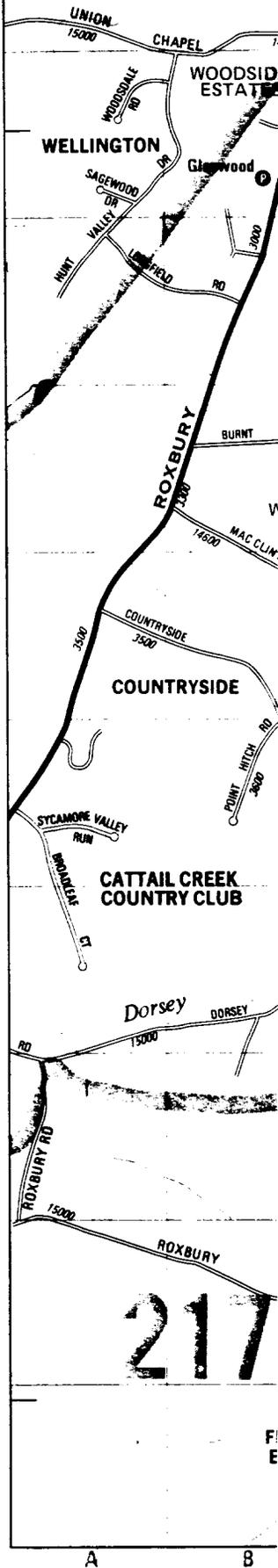
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See ADC's
 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD STREET MAP
 For Continuation

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