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1. STATE **Maryland**
 COUNTY **Baltimore**
 TOWN **Lutherville** VICINITY
 STREET NO. **214 W. Seminary Ave**

ORIGINAL OWNER
 ORIGINAL USE
 PRESENT OWNER **St. John's Methodist**
 PRESENT USE **manse** Church
 WALL CONSTRUCTION **frame and stone**
 NO. OF STORIES **2** or stone veneer

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY

2. NAME

DATE OR PERIOD **c. 1915**
 STYLE **Georgian Revival**
 ARCHITECT
 BUILDER

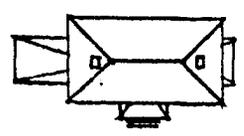
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4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC **no**

This house reflects late, diluted developments of its style as applied to a small house form. Basic style characteristics are seen with regard to the low hipped roof over the symmetrical facade. At the second floor level paired windows with nine over one sash flank a bay window motif which projects over a pent roofed porch hood. The bay window, under the wide overhang of the roof eaves, has two windows with four over one sash in its front face and similar single windows set at the angled sides.

At the first floor level the paneled front door with its arched upper lights and small flanking windows is slightly recessed behind the pent roof and Tuscan type columns at the wall line. This handsome entry feature is flanked in turn by tripled windows with nine over one sash. The windows are set with a heavy lintel carrying the clapboarded second floor walls and within random ashlar stone or stone veneer of the first floor level. Of note is the wide board above the first floor lintels and at the pent roof eave level which forms a belt course or string course simulation often used in eighteenth Georgian brick construction between floor levels.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered **no**



SEMINARY AVE.



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.



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1. STATE **Maryland**
 COUNTY **Baltimore**
 TOWN **Lutherville** VICINITY
 STREET NO. **216 W. Seminary Ave.**

ORIGINAL OWNER **St. John's Methodist**
 ORIGINAL USE **church**
 PRESENT OWNER **same**
 PRESENT USE **same**
 WALL CONSTRUCTION **stucco on**
 NO. OF STORIES **1**

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY

2. NAME

DATE OR PERIOD **1912**
 STYLE **Late Gothic Revival**
 ARCHITECT
 BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC **yes**

This handsome church presents a rather simple, streamlined example of the late Gothic Revival with "Perpendicular" style arches. The design includes label lintels over the large front facade window and the central nave windows complete with their tracery mullions and over the arched door and windows of the belfry tower. Casement type windows with heavy cross mullions flat headed tower and nave openings.

The narthex entrance in the corner, buttressed English medieval tower with its parapet crenelations above the louvered double windows of the belfry is typical small Gothic church feature. The doors are constructed of heavy boards with elaborate wrought-iron hardware and exposed nail head pattern.

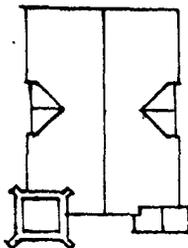
The central nave windows break the main roof's eaves and form low gables.

The roof is slate while the foundation, random ashlar stone, contrasts to the stuccoed walls above a wide watertable.

The old photograph, circa 1915, indicates that the front, secondary (east) vestibule is a modern addition which covers over an original arched doorway.

Of a historical note, this church replaced an earlier structure built in 1869 which was demolished to clear the site.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered **no**



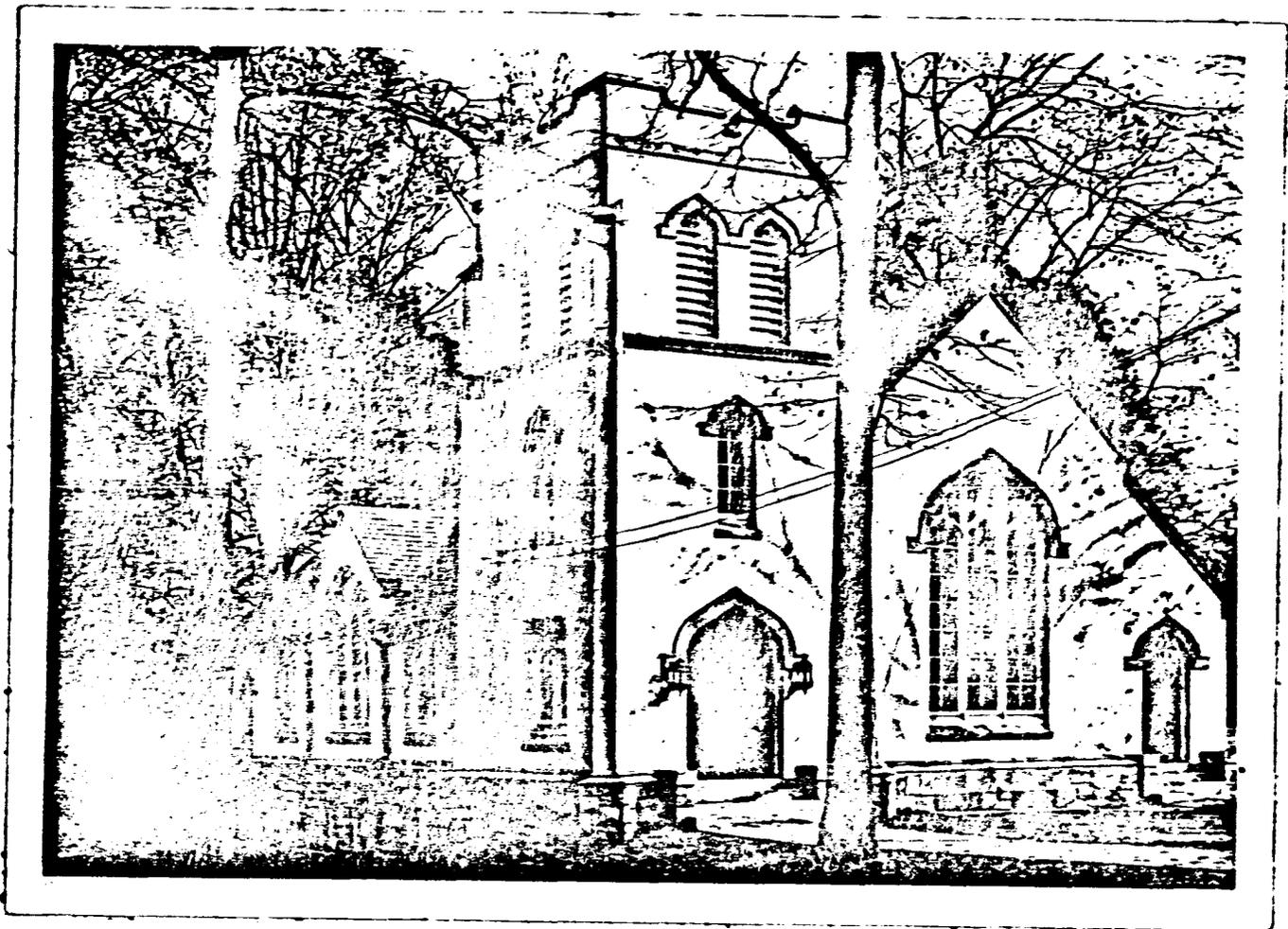
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St. John's Methodist Church, 216 W. Seminary Avenue, ca. 1915

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