

CARR-1017

New Oakland M. E. Church, South
5901 Mineral Hill Road

1892; 1928

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic New Oakland M. E. Church, South

and/or common Oakland United Methodist Church

2. Location

street & number 5901 Mineral Hill Road _____ not for publication

city, town Eldersburg vicinity of _____ congressional district _____

state Maryland county Carroll

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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Oakland Methodist Church

street & number 5901 Mineral Hill Road telephone no.: 795-7038

city, town Sykesville state and zip code MD 21784

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber _____

street & number 55 North Court Street folio _____

city, town Westminster state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title _____

date _____ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records _____

city, town _____ state _____

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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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.

Summary: The New Oakland M. E. Church, South, is located at 5901 Mineral Hill Road, on the north side of the road, in southeast Carroll County. It is approximately 2½ miles northeast of Eldersburg. The church is a one-story, one-bay by four-bay building that faces south, with a projecting bell tower at the southwest corner and two later additions on the west. The main body of the church has a pebble-dash finish and a gable roof with a north-south running ridge and pressed metal roofing tiles painted black. The south elevation has three lancets with stained glass. At the southeast corner of the foundation is a cornerstone carved with "New Oakland M. E. Church South 1892." The east elevation has four stained-glass lancet windows. The tower at the southwest corner also has a pebble-dash finish. The south elevation has new glazed double doors with a lanceolate transom that has stained-glass. The sanctuary ceiling follows the gable pitch, but is flat in the center, and is covered with pressed metal. There is a cemetery east of the church, with stones set in even rows facing south.

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The tower at the southwest corner also has a pebble-dash finish. The roof has small gables on all four sides, with broaches at the corners and metal finials on each broach. The south elevation has new glazed double doors with a lanceolate transom that has stained-glass. The field is amber, with a blue banner that has "Oakland Methodist Church" in white letters. Below the banner is a yellow-green tablet. At the top of the tower is a louvered vent. The east and west elevations of the tower each have a stained-glass lancet below, with a louvered vent above. West of the tower is a one-bay, one-story wing with a gable roof of asphalt shingles and an east-west running ridge. It, too, has a pebble-dash finish, and a single stained-glass lancet, with a boarded-up window in the foundation. The north elevation of this wing is two bays. There are lancet windows

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with 5/6 sash, and the top center light has blue glass. Attached to the west end of this wing is a CMU addition with a gable roof that aligns with the west wing roof.

All of the stained-glass windows have a dark blue margin, with an amber field, a fleur de lis at the top, and a yellow-green tablet at the bottom. Most of the windows have a medallion with a figure in it, near the top; those on the tower do not. Also, most of the windows have a bottom section that pivots open; those on the tower and the south elevation do not. Some of the tablets have memorials.

The sanctuary is one large space, with a carpet on the floor, new vinyl panels on the walls, and new pews and altar furniture. The ceiling follows the gable pitch, but is flat in the center, and is covered with pressed metal. The center section has four round medallions, with bell flowers and oval medallions inside of each. The gable ends also have pressed metal, with a diaper pattern, and an egg and dart moulding where the wall meets the ceiling. There are eight bronze gothic revival lights hanging from the ceiling, and new fans in the four center medallions. The window surrounds have a broken field. The west side of the sanctuary has a wide opening into the west addition. There is a cemetery east of the church, with stones set in even rows facing south.

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"/> invention		

Specific dates 1892; 1928 **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.

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Geographic Organization: Piedmont
 Chronological/Development Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
 Historic Period Themes: Architecture, Religion
 Resource Types: Church, Rural vernacular

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The new church building was a rectangular frame structure with clapboard siding. The front (south) elevation had four bays, with double doors on each end bay. Each door had three panels that were painted a lighter color than the rest of the door. Above the doors was a lanceolate transom of three lights, with colored glass. Between the doors were two lancet windows of 5/6 double hung sash, with colored glass. The gable end had an oculus with a square central light and half-round lights on each side of it. The glass was apparently all one color. There was a bell tower at the front of the ridge, with a hip roof. In front of the church was a wall, probably of concrete, with sunk panels. In the center of the wall were seven steps that had curved cheek walls with round newels at both ends that were topped with balls set on square piers.

In 1922 the interior was remodeled and the metal ceiling installed. In 1928 the tower and west wing were added. The exterior of the church seems to have been stuccoed by this time. The double doors in the tower appear to have had five panels each, and the existing stained glass was in place by this time. The old sash was apparently re-used in the addition. The CMU addition was built in 1957. By that time the two Oakland churches had once again merged into one congregation. The merger took place on 15 November 1942 and the church became known simply as The Oakland Methodist Church. The new church building was used for services, but the old building was retained.

The New Oakland M. E. Church, South building gives an interesting illustration of the evolution of taste in Carroll County through its additions and alterations. As late as 1892, when it was built, the congregation was still very conservative, and a traditional church plan with two entrance doors was employed. But as styles and materials that were nationally popular became more familiar, they were slowly adopted. A metal ceiling was added first, then a corner tower. The church as it stands today is very much different than a century ago, and the casual observer would not suspect that they are really one in the same building.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Centennial Celebration, 1892-1992, New Oakland Methodist Church
"History of the Churches on Freedom Circuit, M. E. Church, South, Carroll County, MD"
Pastor Conrad W. Jordan, n.d., In Historical Society of Carroll County vertical file

10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Finksburg

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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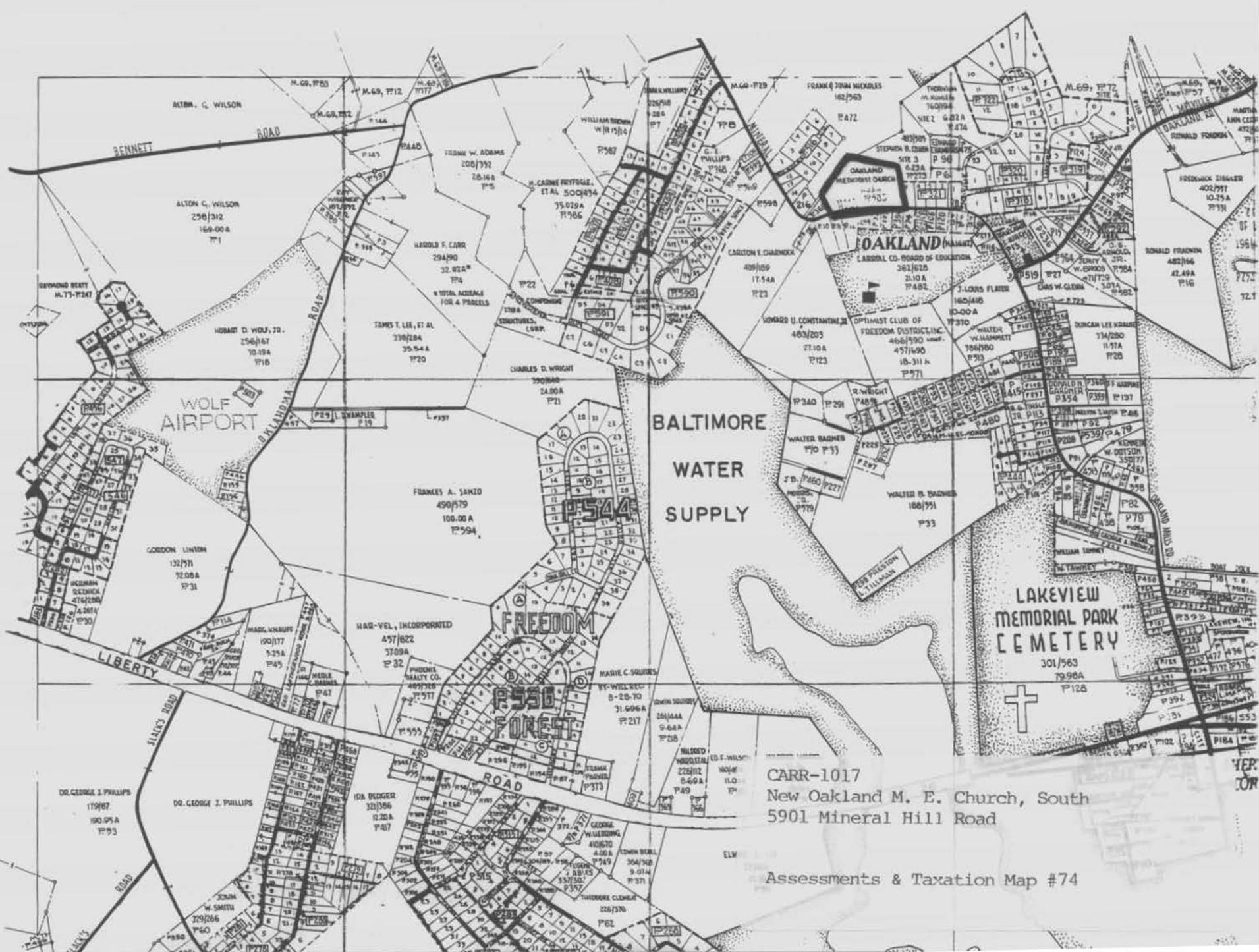
city or town Westminster

state MD

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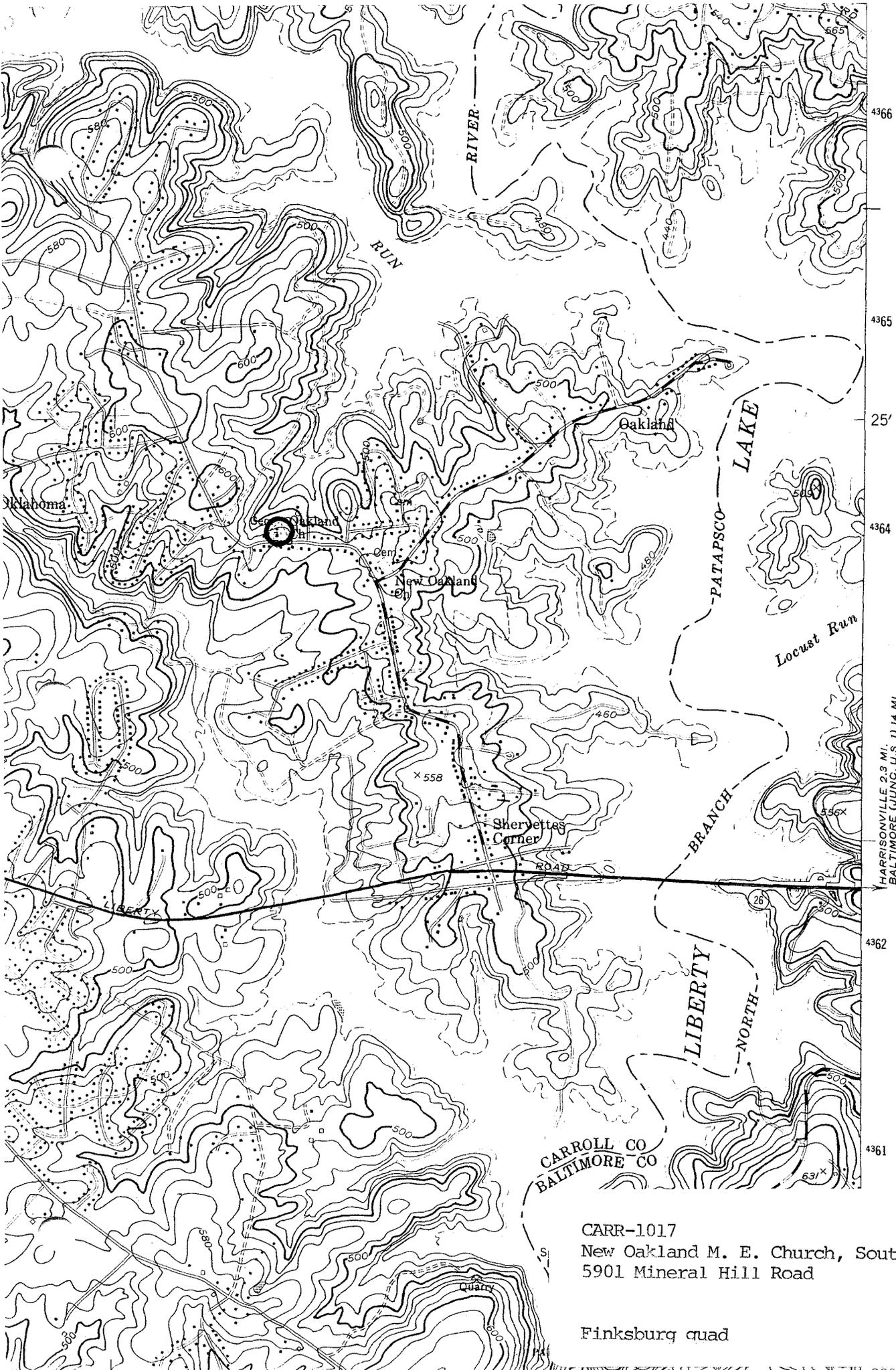
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Finksburg quad

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South: east elevations

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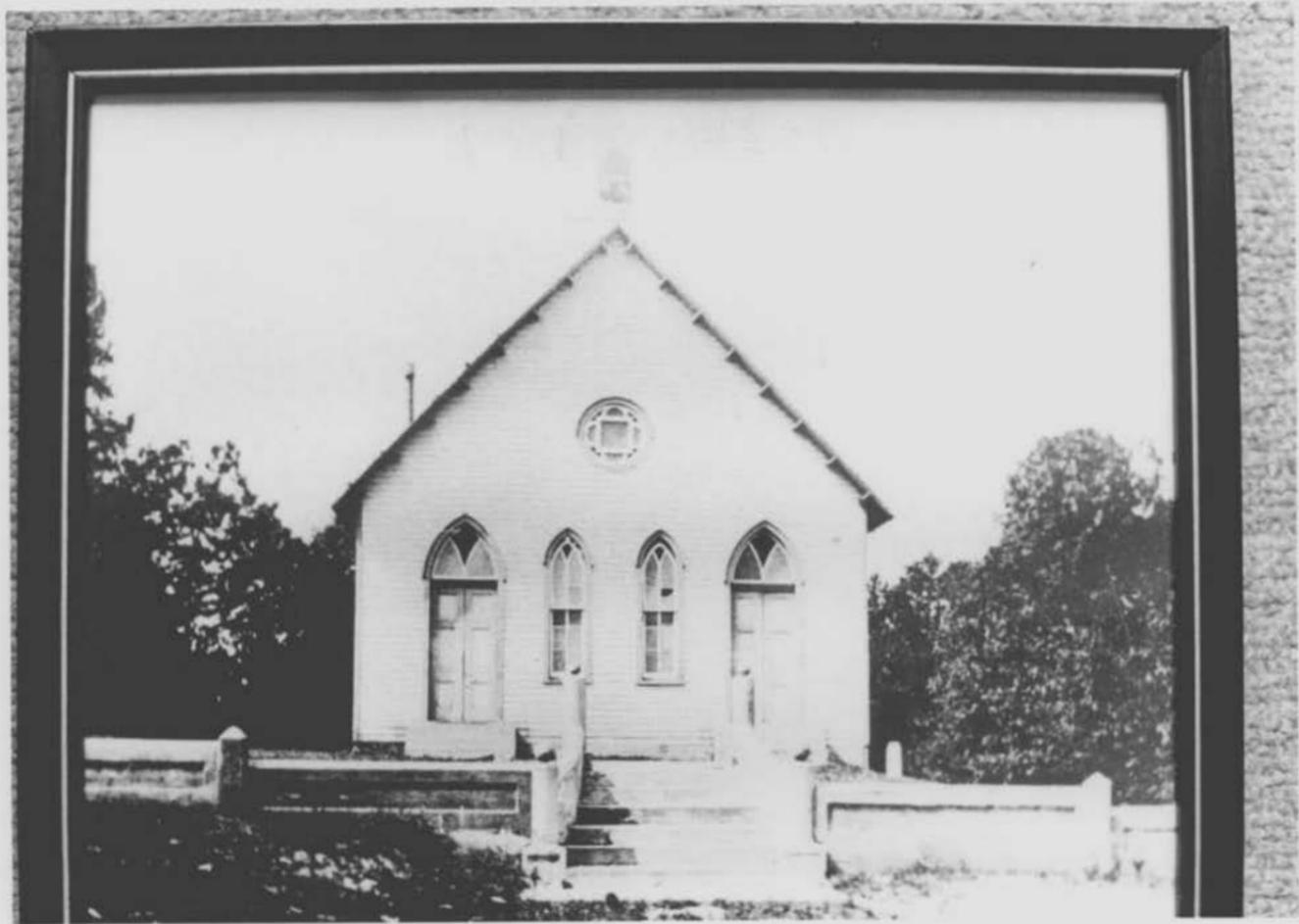
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interior - view south

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