

CARR-1106

Watersville M. E. Church
Watersville Road

1921

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Watersville M. E. Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Watersville Road _____ not for publication

city, town Watersville _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district

state Maryland _____ county Carroll

3. Classification

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

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

name unknown

street & number _____ telephone no.:

city, town _____ state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. unknown _____ liber

street & number _____ folio

city, town _____ state

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input 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 Watersville Methodist Episcopal Church is located within what remains of the small town of Watersville, on the southern boundary of Carroll County in the southwest section of the County. It is a one-story, one-bay by four-bay terra cotta block structure set on a raised, rubble stone foundation that is banked into a hill on the south and west. The church faces south toward the Patapsco falls, and is next to the Watersville Road, on the east side. There is a marble date stone on the southeast corner of the east elevation that reads "M.E. Church 1921." The upper story is built of glazed terra cotta block with a surface that approximates vermiculation. The gable roof has a ridge that runs north-south, has diamond pattern shingles, and exposed rafter ends. The south elevation has center double doors of tongue-and-grooved, beaded-edge vertical boards. The west elevation has four pairs of casement windows with diamond-light leaded glass. The east elevation has the diamond-light casements in the southern three bays. The northern bay has a projecting shed-roofed wing of the same terra cotta block and rubble stone foundation.

The Watersville Methodist Episcopal Church is located within what remains of the small town of Watersville, on the southern boundary of Carroll County in the southwest section of the County. It is approximately 3 miles east of Mount Airy. It is a one-story, one-bay by four-bay terra cotta block structure set on a raised, rubble stone foundation that is banked into a hill on the south and west. The church faces south toward the Patapsco falls, and is next to the Watersville Road, on the east side. The rubble stone in the foundation for the most part looks local, but some of the stone appears to be Port Deposit granite, and may indicate reuse of an earlier foundation. There is a marble date stone on the southeast corner of the east elevation that reads "M.E. Church 1921." The upper story is built of glazed terra cotta block with a surface that approximates vermiculation. The gable roof has a ridge that runs north-south, has diamond pattern shingles, and exposed rafter ends.

The south elevation has center double doors of tongue-and-grooved, beaded-edge vertical boards. Above it is a lanceolate transom with four stiles and infill of the same beaded-edge boards. The center portion of this elevation projects forward from the plane of the facade about the thickness of one block, and this projection is squared off at the top. The gable end has wood rake boards. The exterior stairs fall off to the east, toward the road. The west elevation has four pairs of casement windows with diamond-light leaded glass. Below each window is a window well with paired casement windows in the foundation. The east elevation has the diamond-light casements in the southern three bays, with three large boarded up window openings in the foundation below. These

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lower openings have concrete lintels and sills. The northern bay has a projecting shed-roofed wing of the same terra cotta block and rubble stone foundation. There is no opening on the east or south elevations of the upper story of the wing. The east elevation of the foundation of the wing has double doors with a concrete lintel and sill. Each door has one light above two panels. The north elevation has a boarded up opening in the center of the gable end and an interior terra cotta block chimney west of center. There is a pair of leaded casements east of center in the upper story, with a pair of glazed double doors below them, in the foundation. There is also a pair of glazed casement windows in the center of the cellar wall. Both foundation openings have concrete lintels and sills. The church is currently vacant and the interior was not accessible.

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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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 1921 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

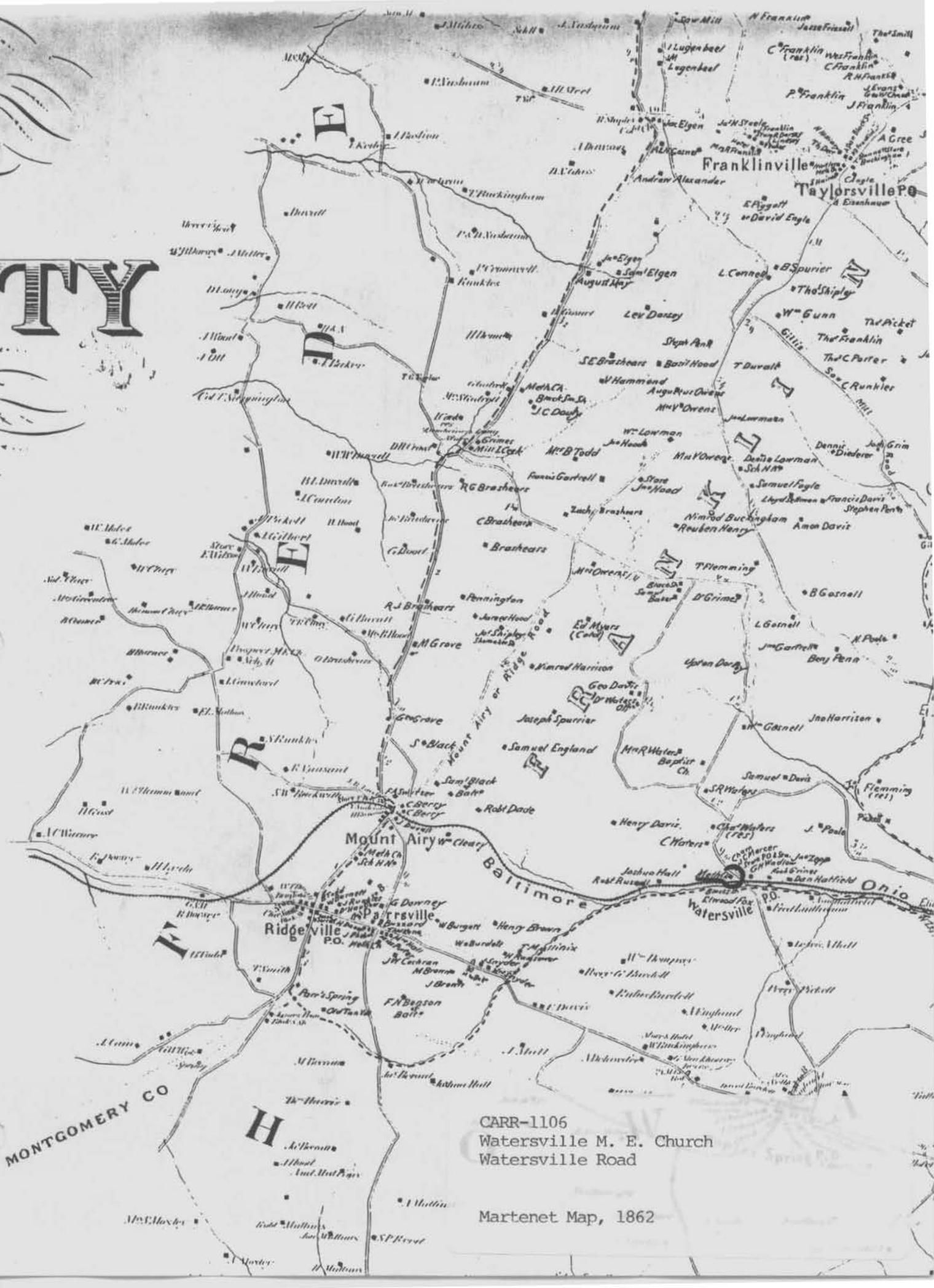
Since the Watersville U. M. Church closed several years ago, there is virtually no information available on its history. There was a Methodist Church located in this vicinity at least by 1862, according to Martenet's Map of Carroll County. It was still there in 1877, and Scharf noted in 1883, in his History of Western Maryland, that "[t]he Methodist Episcopal and Baptist congregations have a place of worship." What happened to the old building is unknown, but it was replaced with the existing building in 1921. It would appear that the old foundation was reused, with some alteration.

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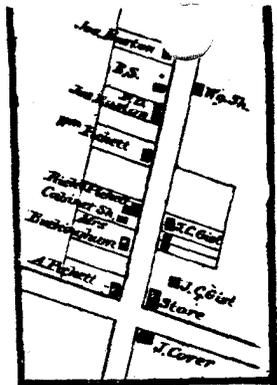
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Martenet Map, 1862

George Gross, Jr., Manufacturer of Lumber, Shingles, and Lath, one one-eighth miles north of Hampstead



WINFIELD BUSINESS REFERENCES.

- Geo. W. Hood, Boot and Shoe Maker. All work first-class. Shop on Mt. Airy and Westminster Road.
- W. H. B. Dorsey, Dealer in Grain. All kinds of Fertilizers, Agricultural Implements and Machinery. Lumber, Shingles, Lath and Frames. Mt. Airy.
- Dr. A. H. Bean, Physician and Surgeon. Residence near Mt. Airy.
- Elias M. Wood, Minister of the Maryland Virginia Eldership of the Church of God.
- J. R. Israel & Sons, House and Sign Painters. Residence in Winfield.
- S. R. Waters, M. D., Physician and Surgeon, near Watersville.
- W. F. Gosnell, Dealer in Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Groceries, and everything usually kept in a first-class Country Store. Store on Waterville road 3 miles from Waterville.
- H. P. Skidmore, Manufacturer of pure Cider, and keeps constantly on hand Cider and Vinegar for sale. Mill near Winfield.
- W. H. Croak, Farmer and Manufacturer of Cider.

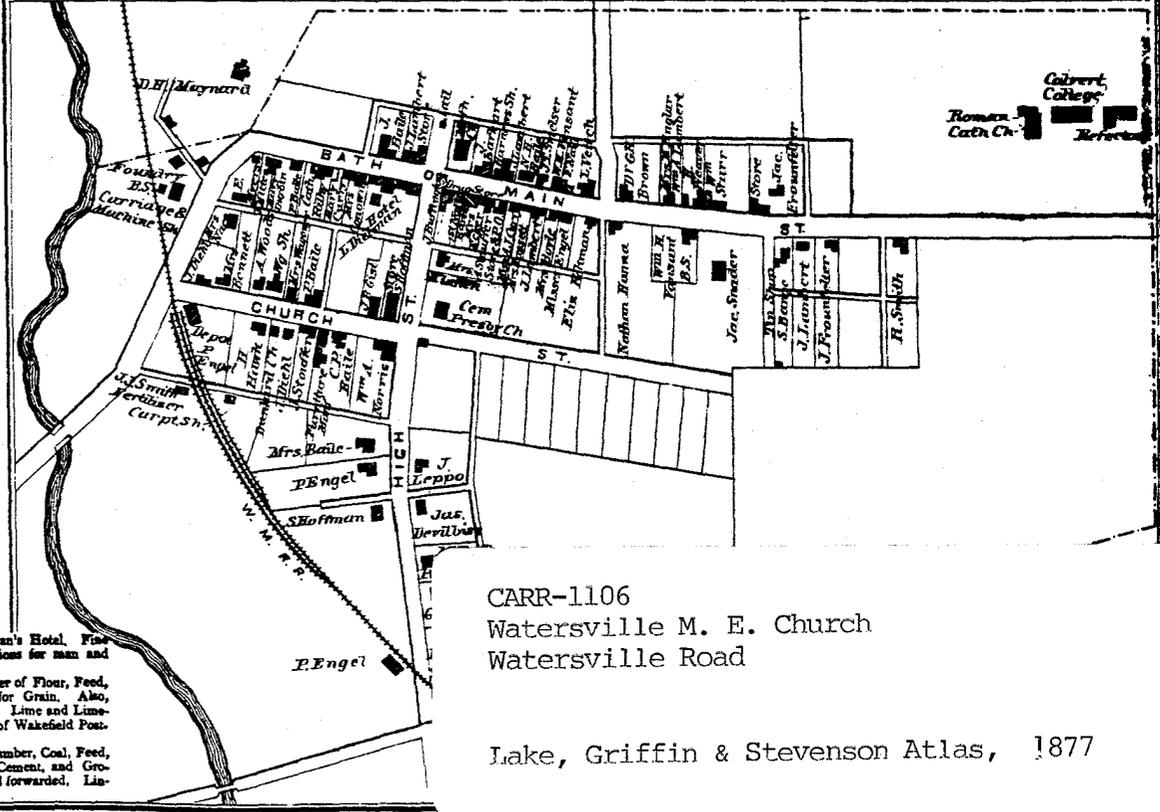
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NEW WINDSOR BUSINESS REFERENCES.

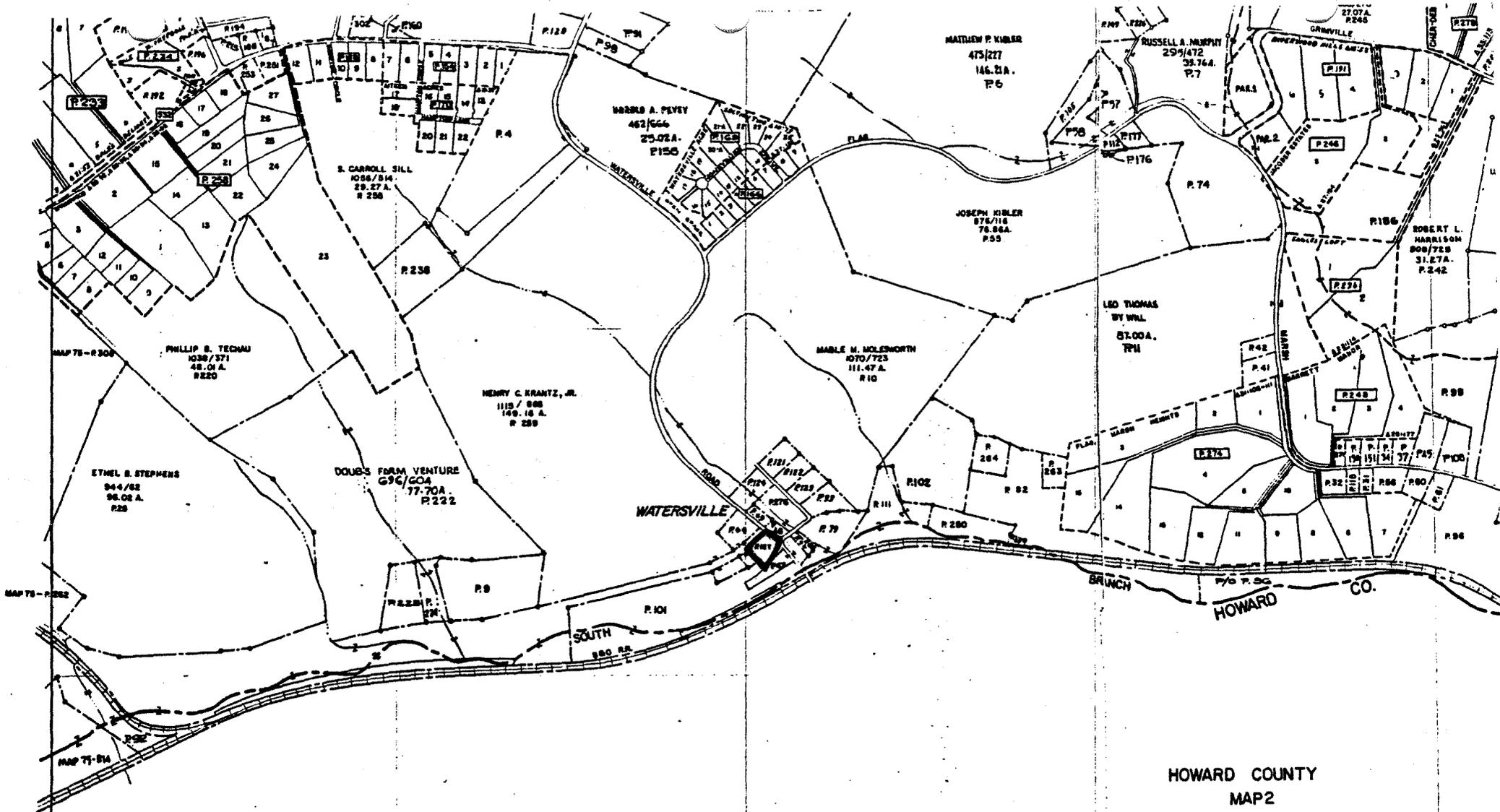
- Chas. F. Belle, Steam Furniture Manufacturer. Parlor Sets furnished in Hair, Cloth or Repp. Chamber Sets in any style desired. A large stock of coffins constantly on hand. Warerooms in New Windsor, Md.
- Jon. A. Wessche, Florist. Constantly on hand all kinds of Flowers. Give us a call. Wakefield Post-office.
- D. K. Shriver, Farmer and Breeder of Persian Horses and Chester Hogs, fall blood. Wakefield Post-office.
- E. P. Slingstaff, Farmer, Breeder and Raiser of Alderney Cattle and Berkshire Hogs.
- Samuel DeMott, Farmer, Breeder and Raiser of Blooded Horses and Buff Cochon Chickens.
- E. N. Sessler, Breeder and Raiser of Fall Blooded Alderney Cattle.
- P. E. Sessler, Raiser and Breeder of Blooded Horses. Keep the same constantly on hand for sale.
- Joseph T. Stern, Dealer in Dry Goods, Notions, Groceries, and General Merchandise, Deanning's Post-office.
- L. A. Aldridge, Physician and Surgeon, near Deanning's Post-office.
- E. T. Sessler, Farmer, and Breeder and Raiser of Fall Blooded Berkshire Hogs.
- Heman Plaine, Farmer. Also, Dealer in Hard and Soft Lumber. Custom Sawing done to order. Mill on Sam's Creek, three miles south-west of New Windsor.
- Wm. H. Zentarus, Miller by trade. Manufacturer of Flour, Feed, &c. Cash paid for all kinds of grain. Also, a fine stock of Hogs always on hand for sale at McKinstry's Mill.
- John W. Lambert, Farmer and Dealer in all kinds of Stock.
- J. W. Engler, Farmer, and Raiser and Breeder of "South Down" and "Cotswold" Sheep, fall blood.

- Louis Dielman, Proprietor of Dielman's Hotel. Five rooms and best of accommodations for man and beast.
- David Roop, Farmer and Manufacturer of Flour, Feed, &c. Highest cash price paid for Grain. Also, Custom Sawing done to order. Lime and Limestone for sale. One mile north of Wakefield Post-office.
- Josiah Engler & Son, Dealers in Lumber, Coal, Feed, Salt, Fish, Fertilizers, Plaster, Cement, and Groceries. Also, goods received and forwarded. Linwood.



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Lake, Griffin & Stevenson Atlas, 1877



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Assessments & Taxation Map #76

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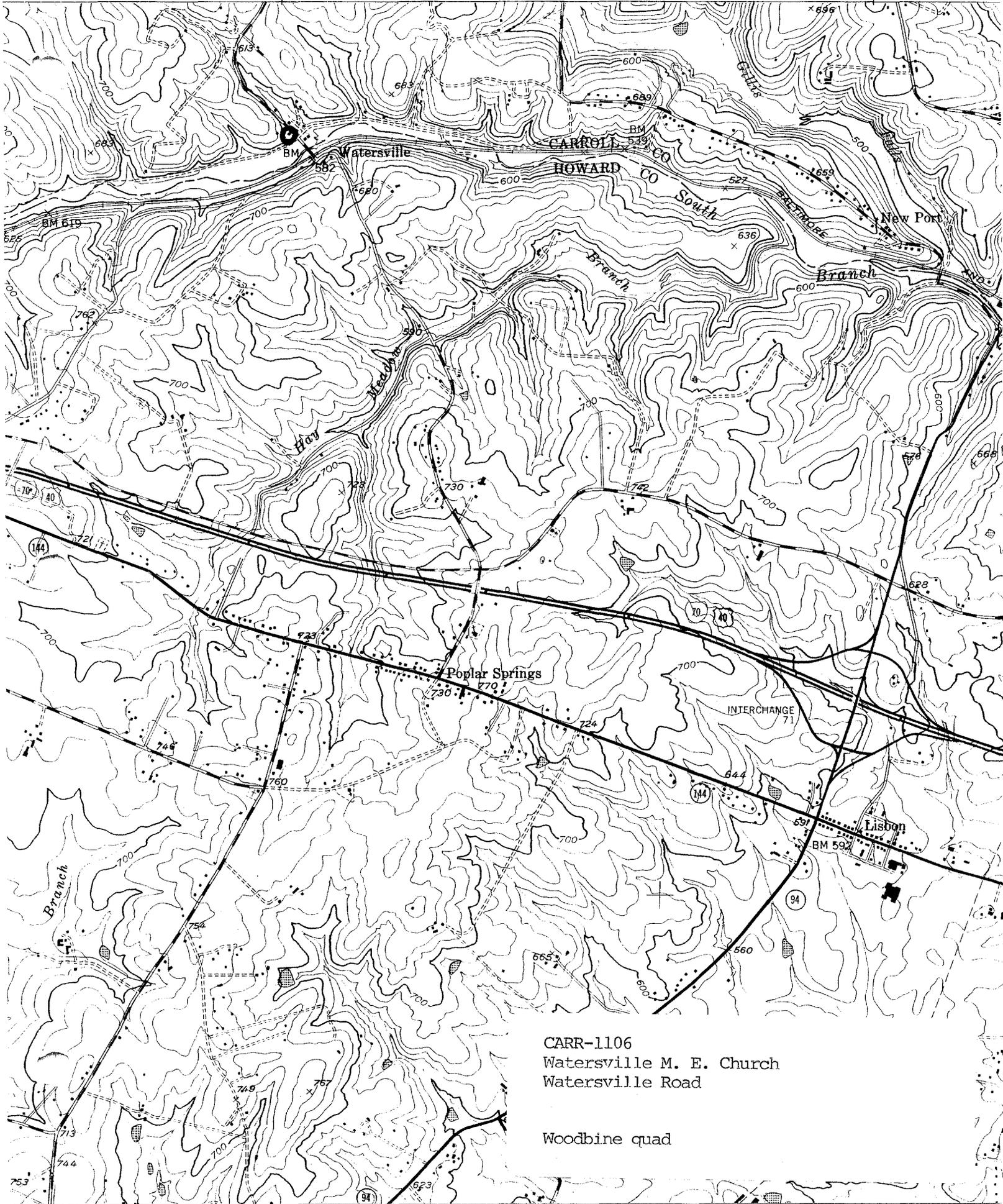
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Woodbine quad



Watersville M.E. Church

Watersville Road

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South: east elevations

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