



**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Continuation Sheet No. 1

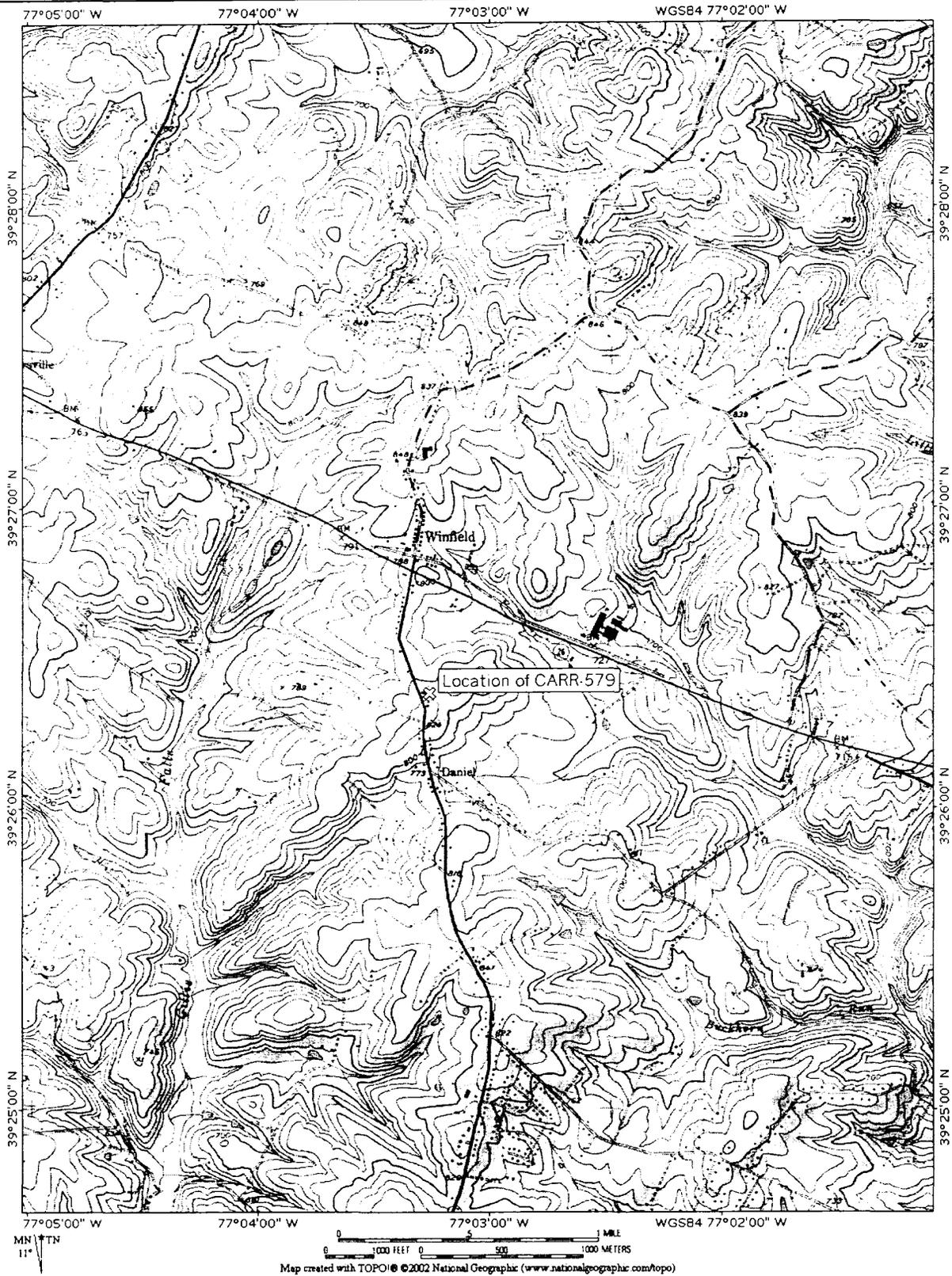
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property is not identified with an event, personage, or archaeological significance (Criteria A, B, and D, respectively). However, the property continues to meet the standards of Evaluation Criterion C: Design/Construction, and of Criteria Consideration a: Religious Properties - "...a religious property deriving primary significance from architectural or artistic distinction or historical importance...." Current photographs are attached in support of these findings.

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Date Prepared: 01.28.03

Negatives filed under CARR-1156



**SITE VICINITY MAP**  
Winfield, MD Quadrangle  
SCALE: As Shown



**Property Condition Assessment**  
CARR-579\_ Ebenezer United Methodist  
Church  
Clear Spring, MD 21722



EBENEZER U.M. CHURCH MIHP# CARR-579  
491 WOODBINE RD, SYKESVILLE, MD 21784  
PHOTO BY WILLIAM RIGGS ON 3/3/83  
NEG. 1/MD SAFO  
SIDE ELEVATION, LOOKING TOWARD SR 26 1/2

SYKESVILLE  
EBENEZER U.M. CHURCH CARR-579  
SYKESVILLE, MD 21784  
01.03

Photo Gallery: 01/29/83



EBENEZER U.M. CHURCH MIAMI CARR 579  
4911 WOODBINE RD, SYKESVILLE, MD 21784

PHOTO BY W. JANA RIGGS 01/28/03

NEC 2/MD, S-30

SIDE ELEVATION FROM CEMETERY 2/2

EBENEZER U.M. CHURCH MIAMI CARR 579

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Ebenezer M. E. Church  
Winfield (vicinity)

1888

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Ebenezer M. E. Church

and/or common Ebenezer U. M. Church

## 2. Location

street & number 4911 Woodbine Road (MD 94) \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Winfield  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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Ebenezer M. E. Church

street & number 4901 Woodbine Road telephone no.:

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

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" 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:** Ebenezer M. E. Church is located on the east side of Woodbine Road, at 4911, about 1/2 mile south of Liberty Road and the town of Winfield. It is a one-story, two-bay by four-bay Greek Revival pro-style temple building with a rubble stone foundation, 6-1 common bond brick walls, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and east-west running ridge. The west elevation has a portico front supported by four wood Doric columns and entablature blocks. Above the blocks is a bracketed cornice. The west wall has two eight-panel doors with stained glass transoms. Both the north and south elevations have four stained glass lancet windows. Both the northwest and southwest corners have a marble stone in the foundation that is carved "M. E. Church 1888." The interior is one large, open sanctuary that has now been greatly altered. There is a cemetery on a triangular lot north of the church.

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The west elevation has a portico front supported by four wood Doric columns and entablature blocks with three ogee mouldings on each block. Above the blocks is a bracketed cornice and between the brackets is a scalloped moulding. The tympanum has wood German siding and a bracketed raking cornice. In the center of the tympanum is a wood tablet with two rows of scalloped moulding. The west wall has two eight-panel doors with stained glass transoms. The doors have flat wood surrounds and a cornice supported by a large bracket at each end and five smaller brackets in between. The cornice has a row of scalloped moulding above the brackets, and a cavetto above that.

Both the north and south elevations have four stained glass lancet windows in wood frames with a beaded interior edge. They formerly had shutters or blinds. The bracketed cornice is carried around both elevations from the front, and both the northwest and southwest corners have a marble stone in the foundation that is carved "M. E. Church 1888." The windows all have the same geometric design, with a different figure in a circle near the top of the window and a memorial tablet at the bottom. The east elevation is covered with corrugated metal and has a later wing attached to it. It also has returns and a bracketed raking cornice.

The interior is one large, open sanctuary that has now been greatly altered. The east end retains its raised dais, but the altar and pulpit, which are new, have been placed

# 8. Significance

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1888 **Builder/Architect**

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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

Most of the early records related to Ebenezer M. E. Church were apparently destroyed in a fire. The history now available was collected by the church in 1959. The church was organized in the 1820's by a Methodist circuit rider, and the name taken from 1st Samuel 7:12. The first church, a log structure, was located on Bradock Road, just west of Skidmore Road, near Winfield, and had a partition down the middle to separate men and women. After it burned in 1848, the church accepted the current tract of land from Reuben Conaway and built a barrack type of structure in the center of the present cemetery. According to the church history, a new one-story frame structure 24 feet by 40 feet was built in 1861, but according to Scharf, in his History of Western Maryland, the frame church was built in 1854. It had three rows of pews and was also divided by a partition to separate men and women. Most of the time the church used lay preachers, though occasionally a circuit rider visited the congregation.

In 1885, a new structure was planned. The younger members proposed eliminating the partition and allowing men and women to sit together. The elder members opposed this, and the construction of the new edifice was delayed as a result.



Description (continued)

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on the west end, and the new benches are oriented to face west. The floor is carpeted and there is a drop ceiling. The center of the north and south elevations have a buttress. The baseboards have an ogee moulding at the top. All four walls have a chairrail moulding, and below that a moulding applied to flat wood to create the appearance of panels. The window surrounds have a bead on the inside of the front face, and are pedimented at the top, with an ogee moulding on the top edge. The north and south elevations have a picture rail moulding at the level of the top of the windows. The moulding has an astragal at the top and a channel below.

Historic photographs of the interior show that the east wall had a pair of fluted half-columns (probably trompe l'oeil) flanking a large painted scene. The altar was set in front of this scene on a low dais, with an altar rail of turned balusters enclosing three sides of the dais. There was a bracketed cornice around at least three sides of the room, and it was probably also trompe l'oeil. The picture rail, chairrail, and faux panels did not exist. The window and door surrounds were decoratively cut on the outer edge to create a profile similar to a baluster. The transoms had Queen Anne muntins, and there were double doors of apparently three panels each, with a small lying panel in the center. The windows were square headed, but the top sash had lanceolate glazing of three lights, with wood infill in the spandrels. The lower sash was two lights. The sanctuary was heated by at least one (probably two) wood stoves, and the buttresses doubled as chimneys. The pews had a round arched panel on each end and end rails with a slight curve. They were arranged in three rows, with two aisles. The end rows held shorter benches than the center row. The pulpit appears to have been set on the south wall, near the east end, and was a rather elaborate wood structure with panels separated by applied half-columns. In the southeast corner was a group of Windsor chairs. The church was painted a two-tone scheme, darker at the bottom third and lighter at the top two-thirds.

There is a cemetery on a triangular lot north of the church. The stones are set in parallel rows facing west toward the road, with the older stones (primarily from the 1870's and later) closer to the road. The cemetery is still being used for burials.

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM**

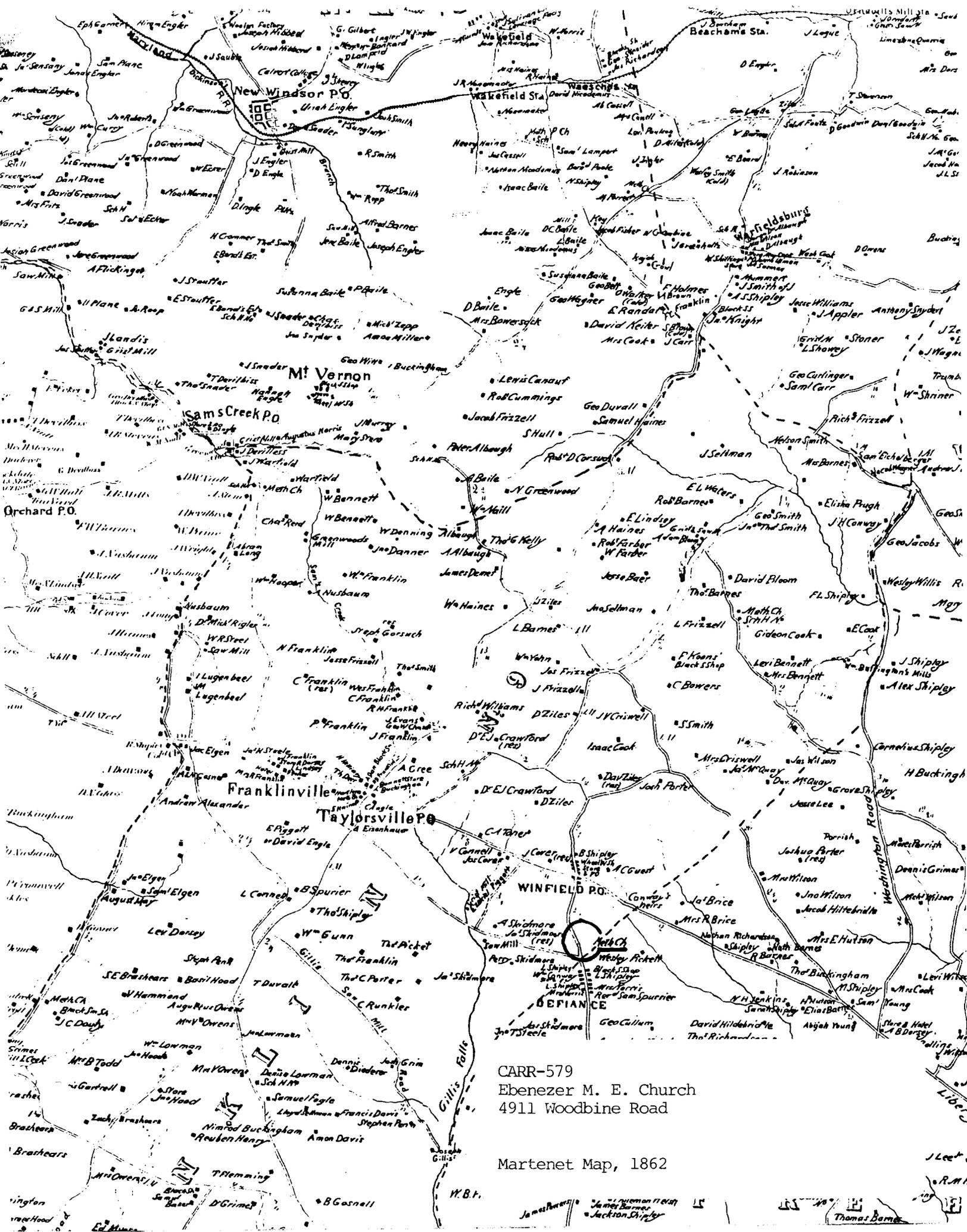
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**Significance (continued)**

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John Stem, a wealthy and prominent local leader offered \$500 for building the church, and favored an open sanctuary. This swung people against the partition and in 1888 the congregation pledged \$3000 for the building and voted against the partition. The church was dedicated in the Fall of 1888 and incorporated in August 1892. The building is especially significant for its adoption of a pro-style temple form, which is very unusual for Carroll County churches. It is also a very late use of the form in Maryland. The portico is applied to what would otherwise be a very typical rectangular church building for Carroll County, found in all parts of the County from as early as the second quarter of the nineteenth century to the early twentieth century, and built by all denominations.

The church hall was built next to the church in 1937 at a cost of \$1075, and in 1958 the two buildings were connected.



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Ebenezer M. E. Church  
4911 Woodbine Road  
Martenet Map, 1862

J. Lee  
R.A.H.  
Thomas Barnes

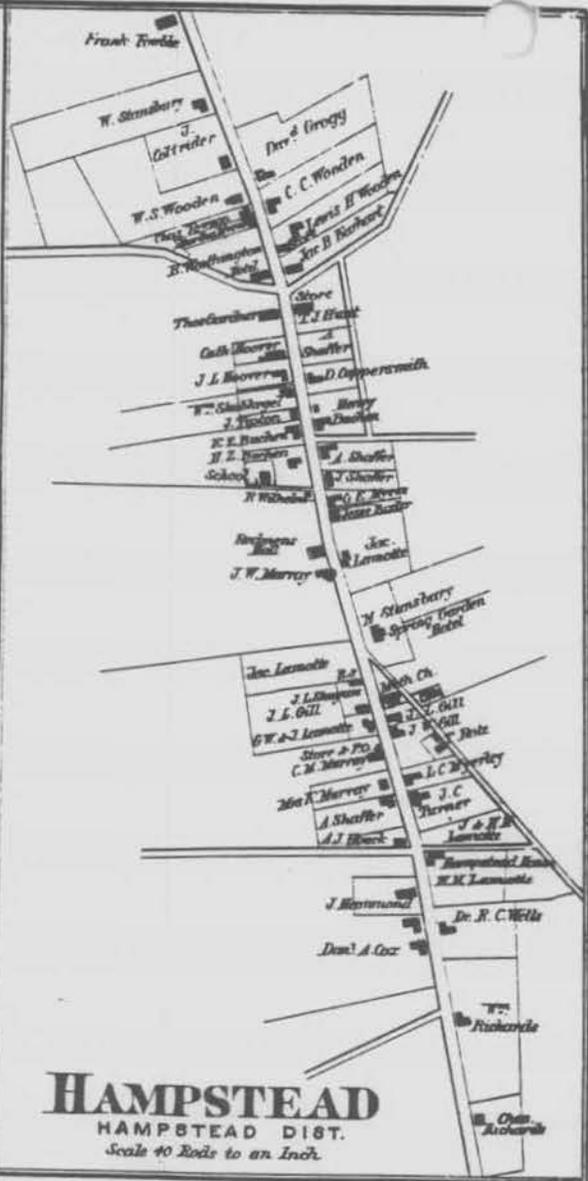
# FRANKLIN

DISTRICT NO 9  
Scale 7 1/2 Inch to the Mile



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4911 Woodbine Road

Lake, Griffin & Stevenson Atlas, 1877



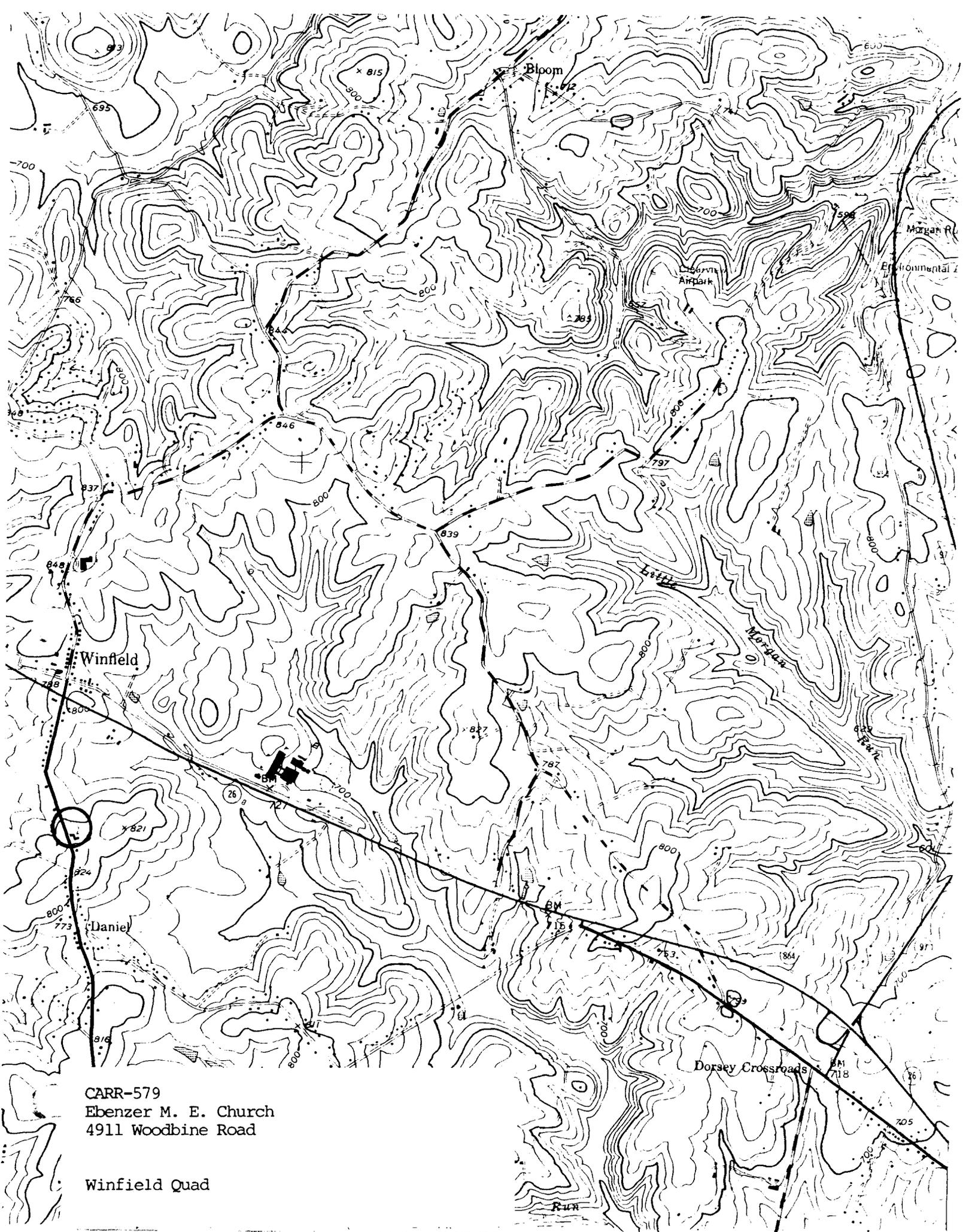
## HAMPSTEAD

HAMPSTEAD DIST.  
Scale 40 Rods to an Inch

- HAMPSTEAD BUSINESS REFERENCES**
- John W. Abbott, Teacher, and Justice of the Peace, Houcherville.
  - Geo. W. Keller, Paper Manufacturer and Dealer in all kinds of goods usually kept in a country store; also Farmer, Houcherville.
  - J. W. Marry, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Crockery, Prisms, Oils, Dye Stuffs, Glass, Drugs, Medicines, Fancy Goods, Hats, Caps, and Fertilizers, and all other goods usually kept in a country store.
  - H. H. La Motte, Proprietor of Hampstead Home.
  - E. T. Newbell, Teacher.
  - Lizzie Stockdale, Teacher.
  - J. H. Smith, Manufacturer of Flour, Feed and Meal. Mills located on east branch of Potomac Falls, two miles southwest of Hampstead.
  - M. S. Brilhart, Manufacturer of Flour, Feed, and Meal. Mills on east branch of Potomac Falls, one and a third miles west of Hampstead.

**WINFIELD P.O.**  
FRANKLIN DIST  
Scale 40 Rods to an Inch

J. R. L... ..



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Ebener M. E. Church  
4911 Woodbine Road

Winfield Quad



Ebenezer m E. Church  
4911 Woodbine Road  
Carroll County, Maryland

Photo: Kenneth m. Short

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north & west elevations

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Ebenezer M.E. Church  
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interior - view northwest

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Ebenezer M.E. Church

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interior views - c. 1940

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