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Emory Methodist Church

Architectural Survey File

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EMORY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1837, 1887

Private

Ellicott City

Built on land acquired by deed on December 19, 1837 from Samuel Ellicott to John Forrest and others, the deed stipulated that the land be used "to preach and expound God's Holy Word".

A three bay wide, five bay deep granite block, two story, gabled roof (running north-south) structure, Emory Methodist Church features hexagonally shaped frame shingles in the A insets added in 1887 to its north and south elevations. These walls hold a rectangular window featuring geometric and curvilinear forms surrounding a cross within a circle surmounting a quatre partite roman arched window on the north elevation and a sun flower or rose window in a gabled roof bay window on the south elevation.

An original west entrance has been replaced by twin rectangular entrances on the north wall surmounted by single lite transoms and decorated with closed pediments.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME					
COMMON: Emory Methodist Episcopal Church					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Methodist Episcopal Church of Emory Chapel/ Ellicott City's Mills in Anne Arundel County					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: Church Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Howard		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____
Comments _____ _____					
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Ellicott City United Methodist Parish					
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 Church Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City			STATE: Maryland		21043
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Hall of Records					
STREET AND NUMBER: 3540 Courthouse Drive					
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City			STATE: Maryland		21043
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Tax Map 25A p.299					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY: Howard County Historic Sites Inventory					
DATE OF SURVEY: 1977 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Howard County Historical Trust					
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle					
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis			STATE: Maryland		21401

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncolored		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Emory United Methodist Church is a three bay wide, five bay deep granite block and decorative shingled two $\frac{1}{2}$ story church with gable roof running north south and twin east and west bay north double wooden paneled rectangular entrances surmounted by single lite transoms and closed pediments. A simple wooden cornice runs partially along the front facade decorated by a row of dentiles and held by four large fulted brackets which lie on each side of a large central rectangular window section which is flanked by two wooden pillars springing from the cornice brackets. From the interior pillars spring fluted pilasters reaching up to the architrave which features four horizontal rectangular panels surmounted by a simple cornice decorated with a row of dentils, and surmounted by a Roman arched frame decoration whose central panel meets a wooden keystone.

The rectangular window features geometric and curvilinear forms which surround a cross within a circle. See Figure 1.

A simple wooden panel connects the second floor window with a quatre partite roman arched first floor window. The A formed by the gabled roof is filled around the window with decorative shingles. Built on the slope of a hill five cement stairs on the west become simply two on the east.

The west elevation holds four ground floor rectangular double-hung windows with a rectangular ground floor entrance and five vertically aligned first floor tall rectangular double-hung windows which feature Roman arch panels with three decorative quatre foils and curvilinear pattern. A similar arrangement lies on the west wall with the following exceptions: 1) a rectangular ground floor door lies on the second north bay, a shed roof furnace addition lies south of the third bay with a brich chimney lying north of second south bay. The south elevation holds a central gabled roof bay window with a large "sunflower" or rose window on the first floor and a two lite rectangular window on the ground floor. The building is in excellent condition.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1837 & 1887

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built on land acquired on December 19, 1837 by deed from Samuel Ellicott to John Forrest and others, the deed stipulated that the property was to be used "to preach and expound God's Holy Word". A committee of three, Jake Timanus stone mason; W.S. Harrison, carpenter; and Jesse McKinzie, plasterer, built the church which was considered a handsome house of worship.

Originally a west entrance door was used but later the twin entrance doors were placed on the south wall, when the church was rebuilt and the north and south windows added in 1887.

In the early days of the congregation, the men and women were divided into a separate seating arrangement. In 1887 with the general remodeling of the building, this restriction in seating was put aside.

The oldest Methodist Church in Howard County, it has been in continual use since its founding in 1837. In 1972 it joined with Mr. Zion Church to form a parish with one pastor serving the two churches.

Architecturally and historically significant, this building should be considered for inclusion into the National Register of Historic Places.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

American Association of University Women, Mimeographed paper on the history of Ellicott City. Ellicott City, 1972.

Holland, Celia. Ellicott City, Maryland 1772-1972. Bladensburg, 1972.

Howard County Bicentennial Commission, the Howard County Council of Garden Clubs, and the clergy of the participating churches. Religious Heritage Pilgrimage. Ellicott City, 1976.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

See Tax Map 25A p.299. .4 acres 129/463 465

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Cleora B. Thompson, Archivist		
ORGANIZATION Comprehensive Planning Section		DATE
STREET AND NUMBER: 3450 Courthouse Drive		
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City	STATE Maryland	21043

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

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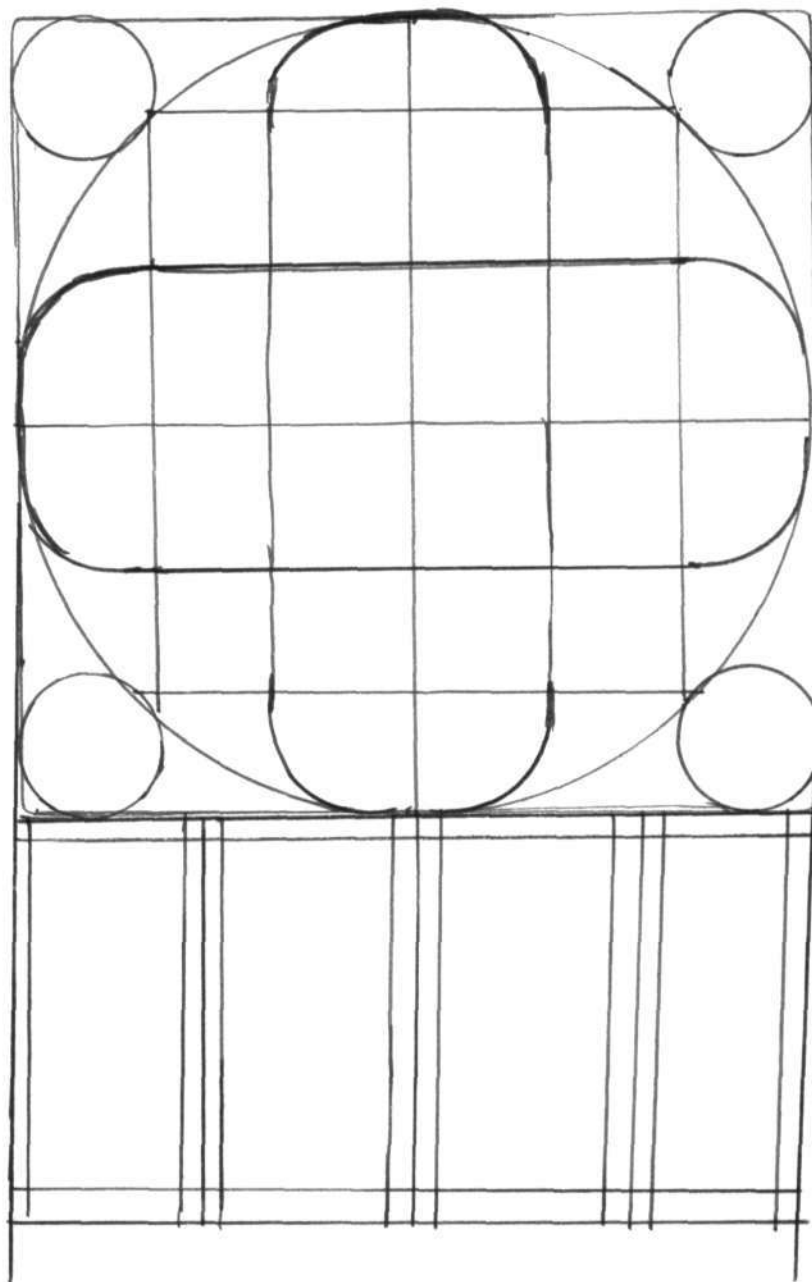


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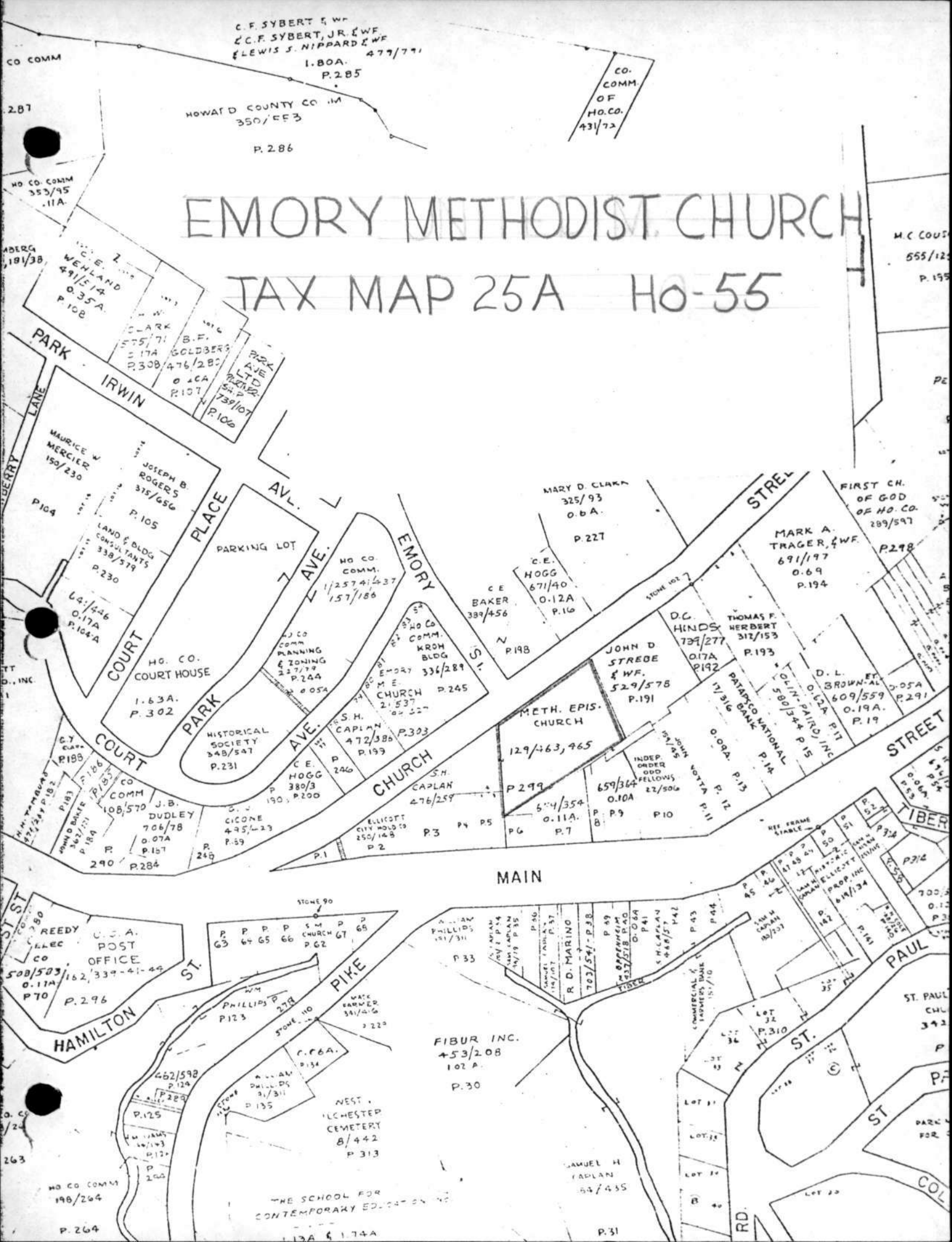
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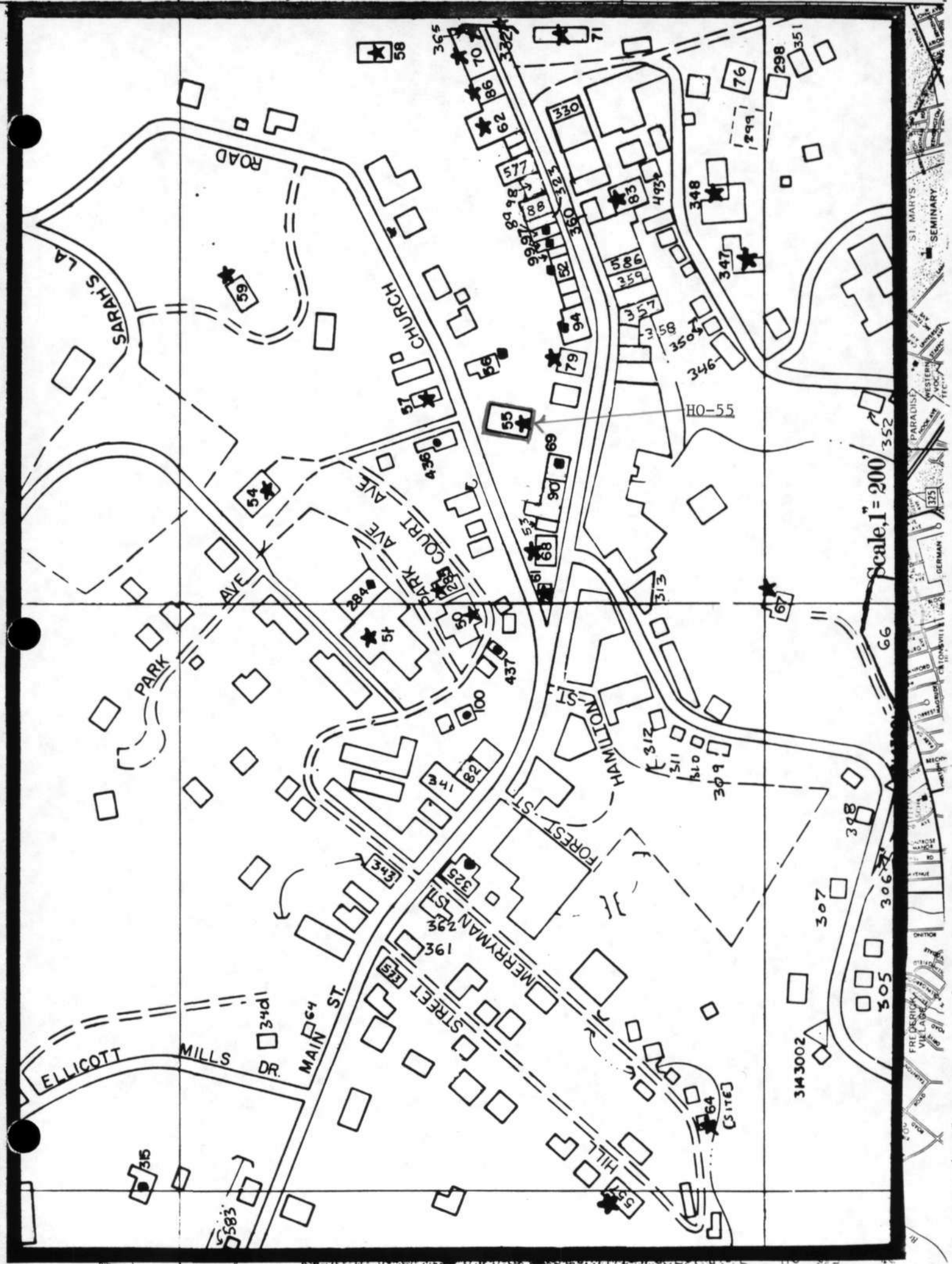
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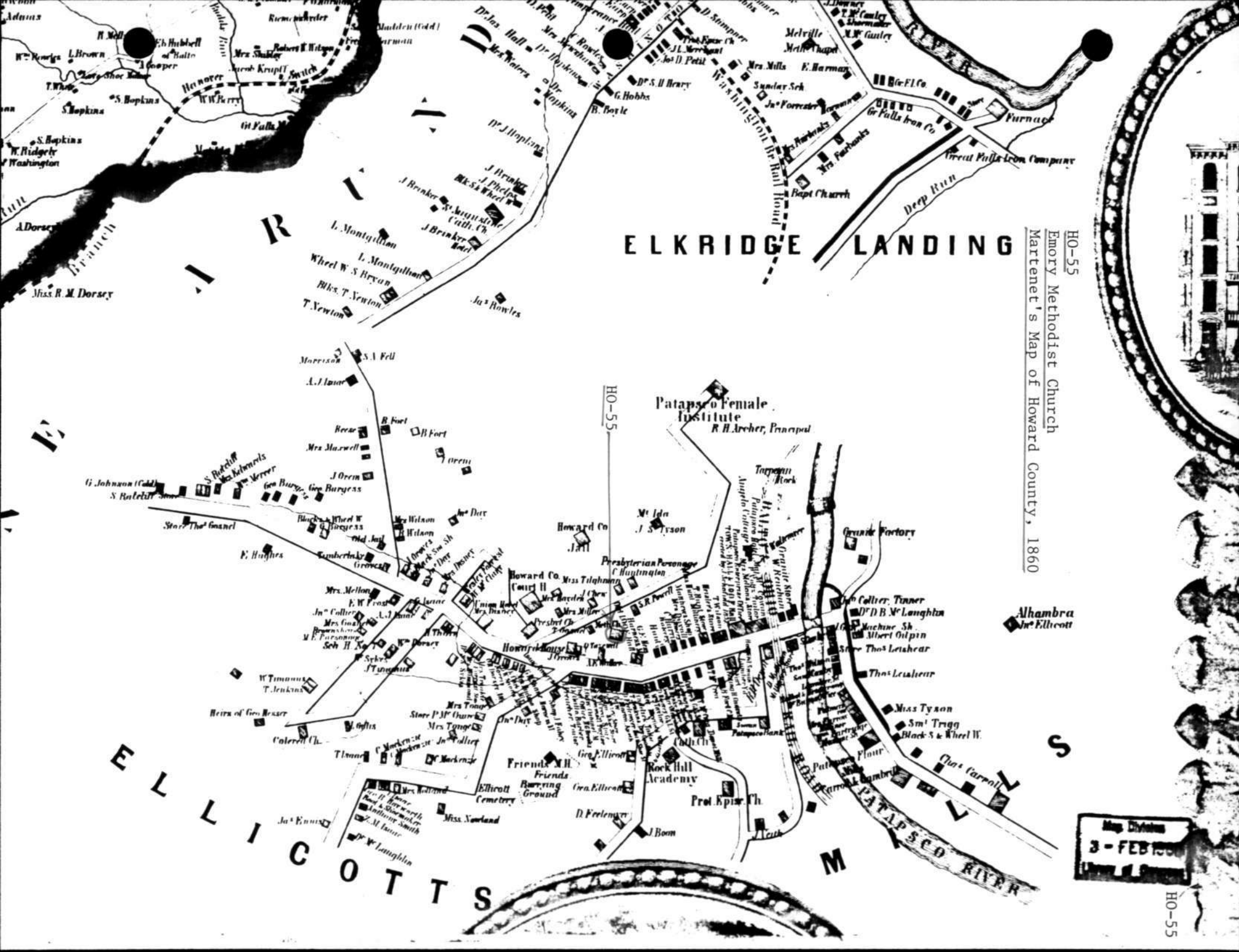
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| 2. Glenelg | HO-15 |
| 3. Franciscan Seminary | HO-16 |
| 4. Folly Quarter | HO-17 |
| 5. Waverly (National Register) | HO-21 |
| 6. Dougheregan Manor (National Register) | HO-22 |
| 7. St. Barnabas | HO-124 |

EMORY METHODIST CHURCH

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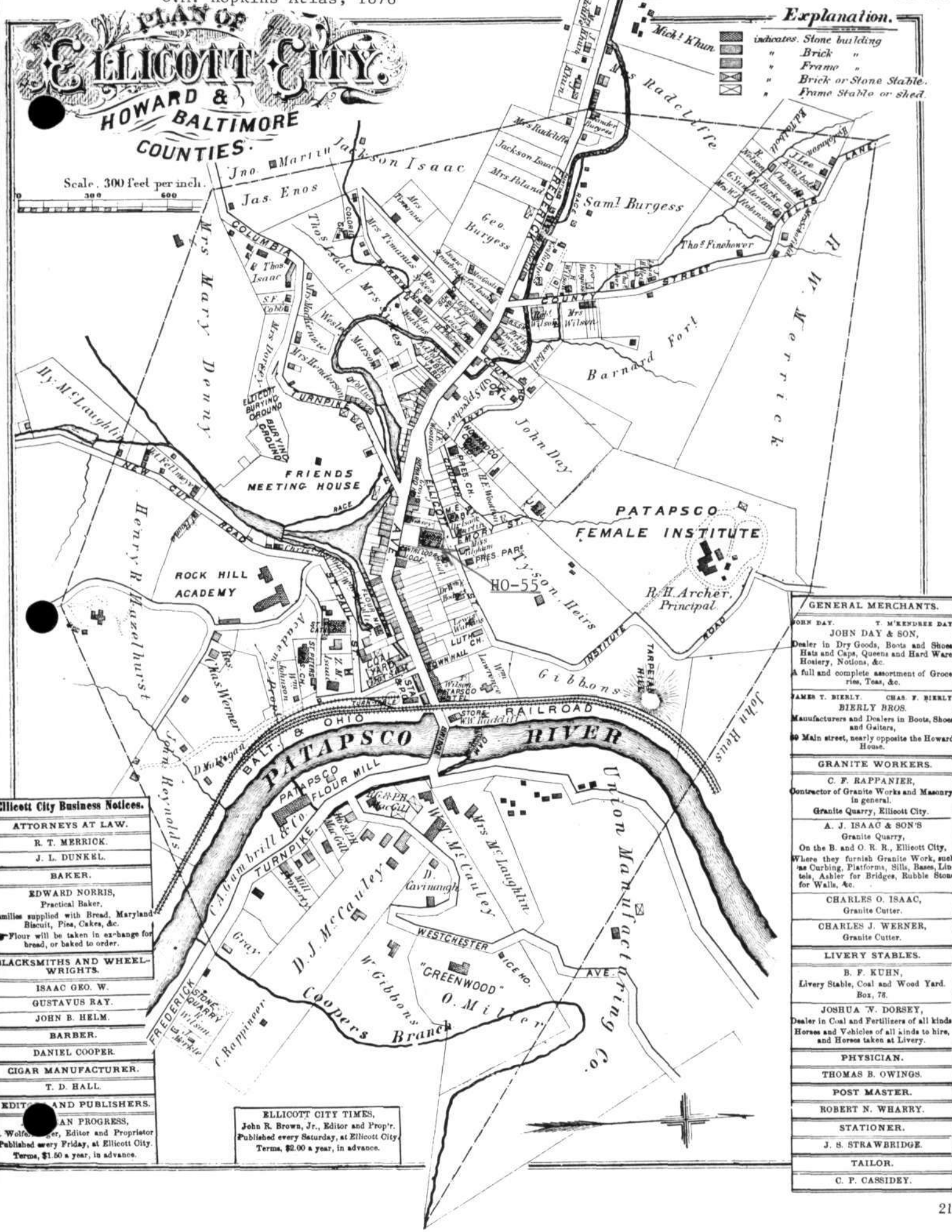


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Emory Methodist Church
Martinet's Map of Howard County, 1860

Map Division
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Explanation.

indicates	Stone building
"	Brick "
"	Frame "
"	Brick or Stone Stable
"	Frame Stable or shed

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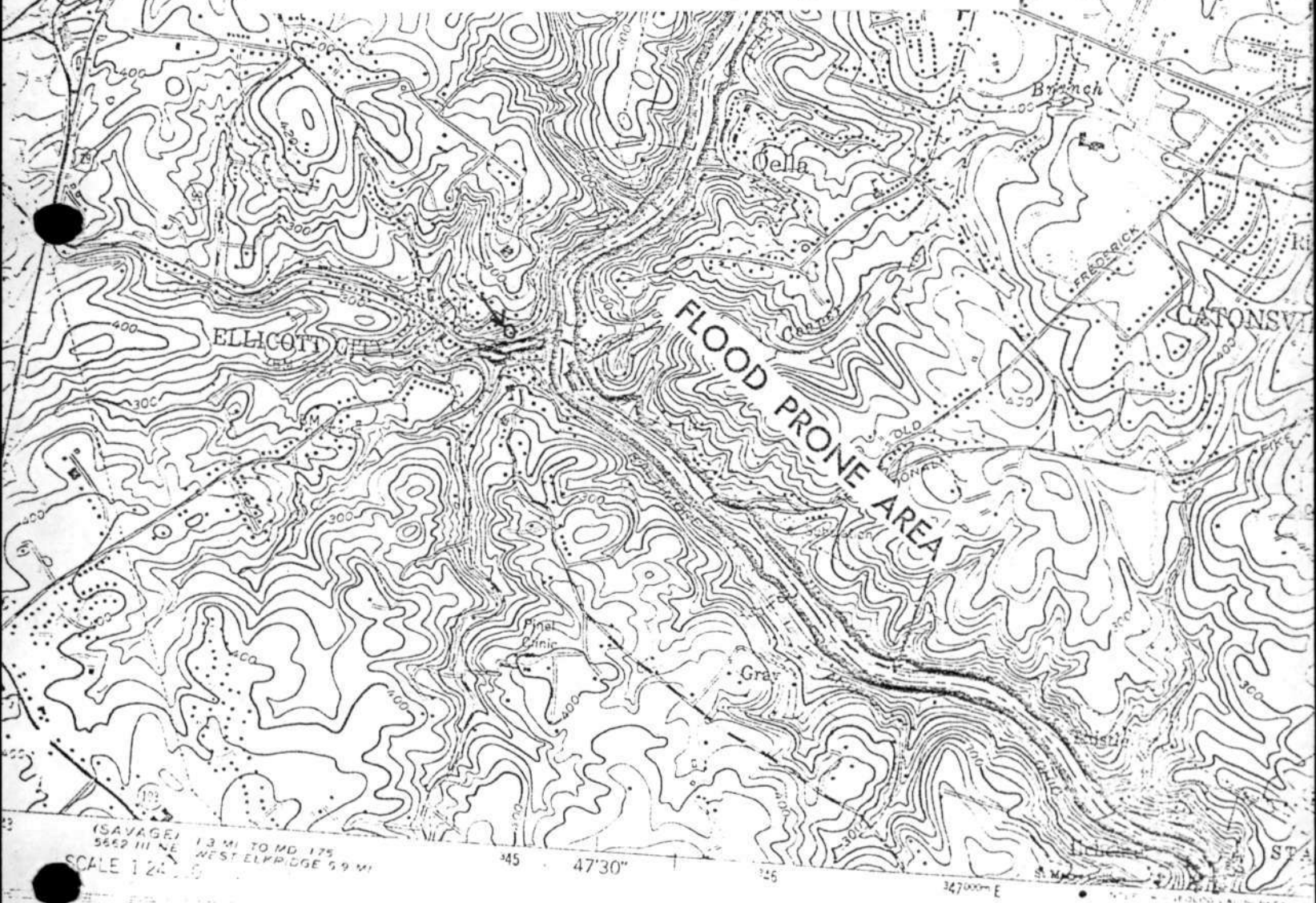
TAILOR.
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U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

MAP-ELLCOTT CITY, MD. QUAD



(SAVAGE)
SCALE 1:24,000
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WEST ELBRIDGE 5.9 MI

45 47'30"

347000 E

CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

EXPLANATION

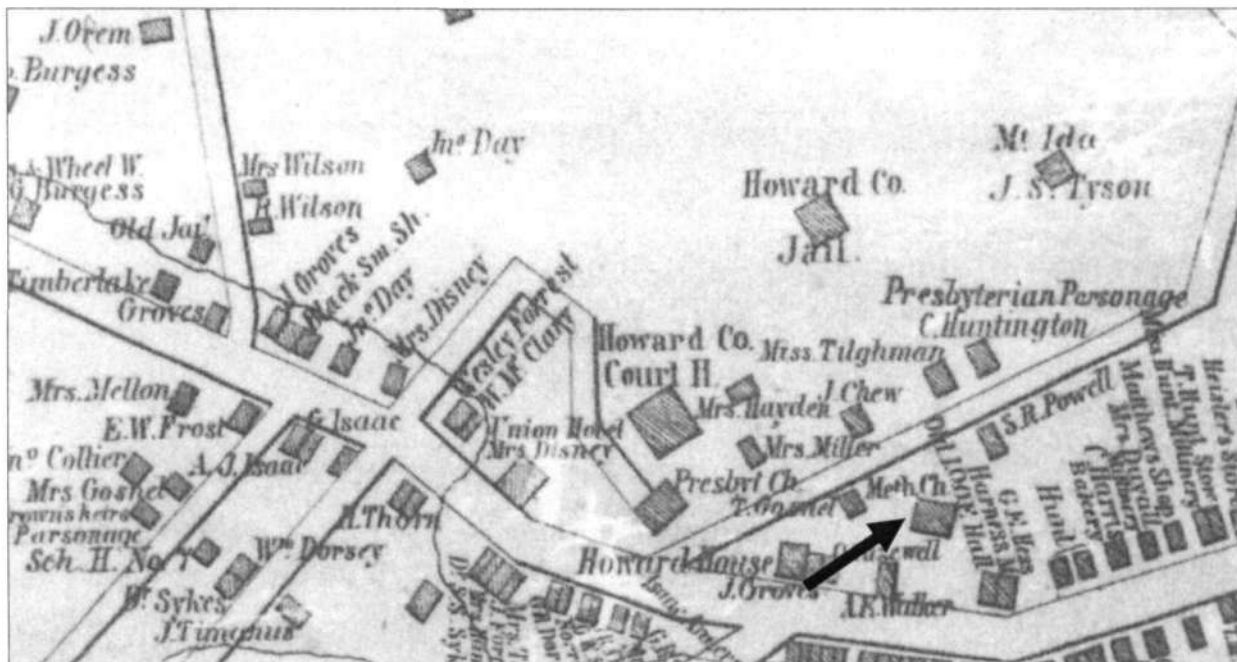
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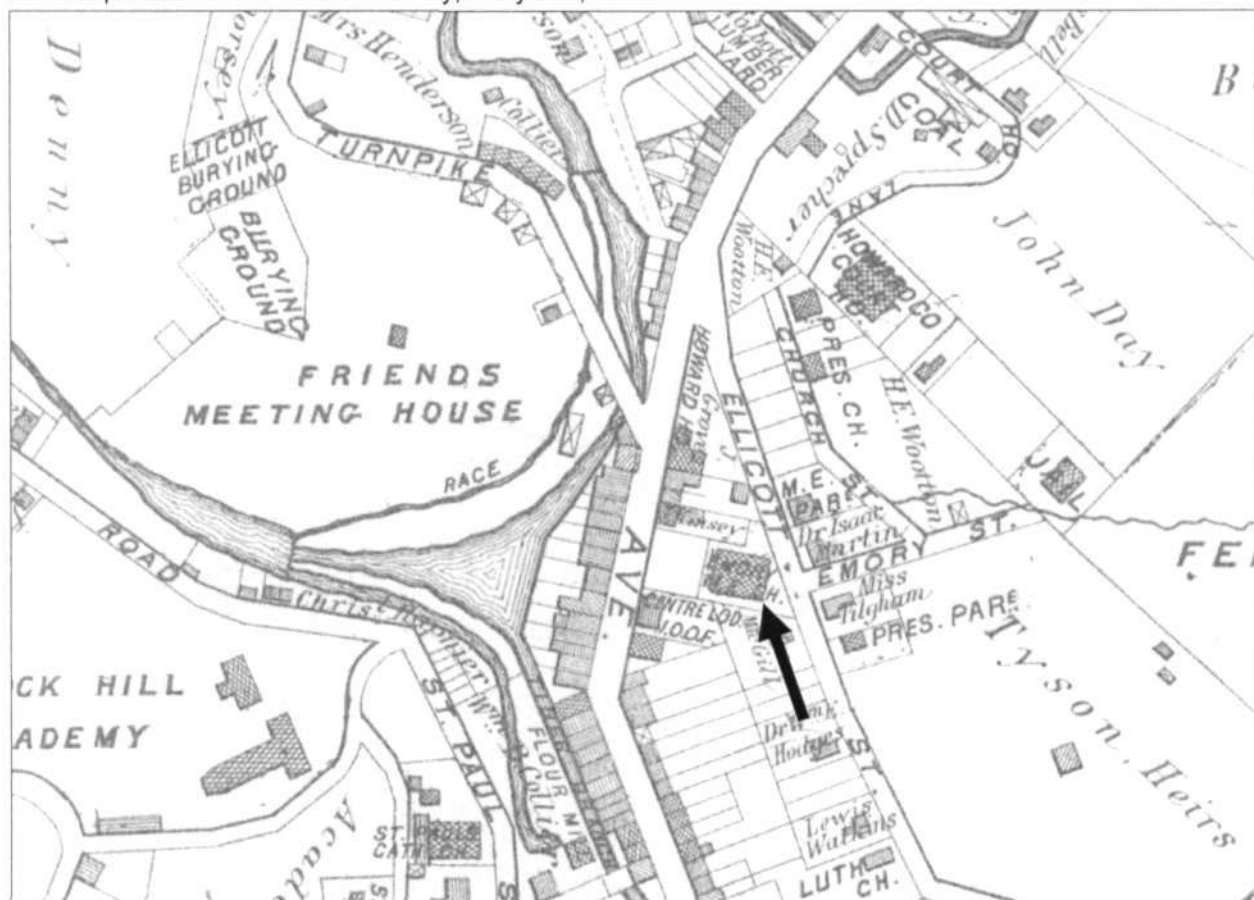
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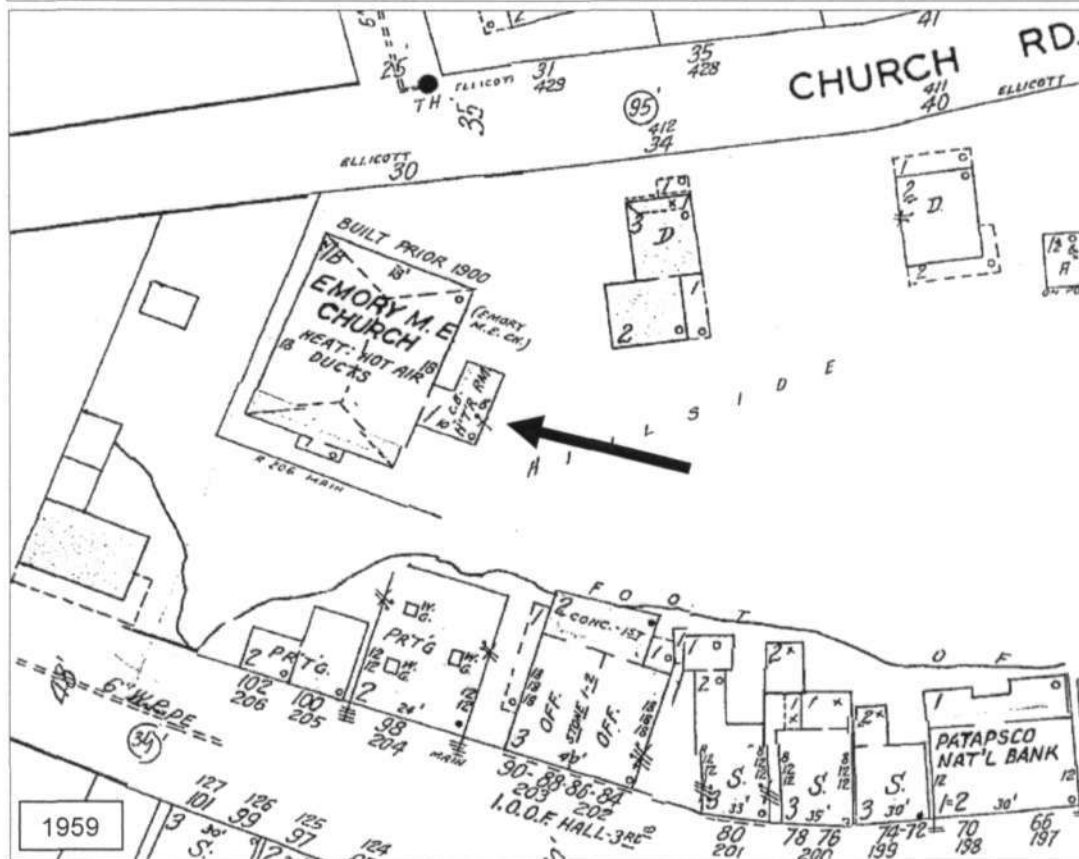
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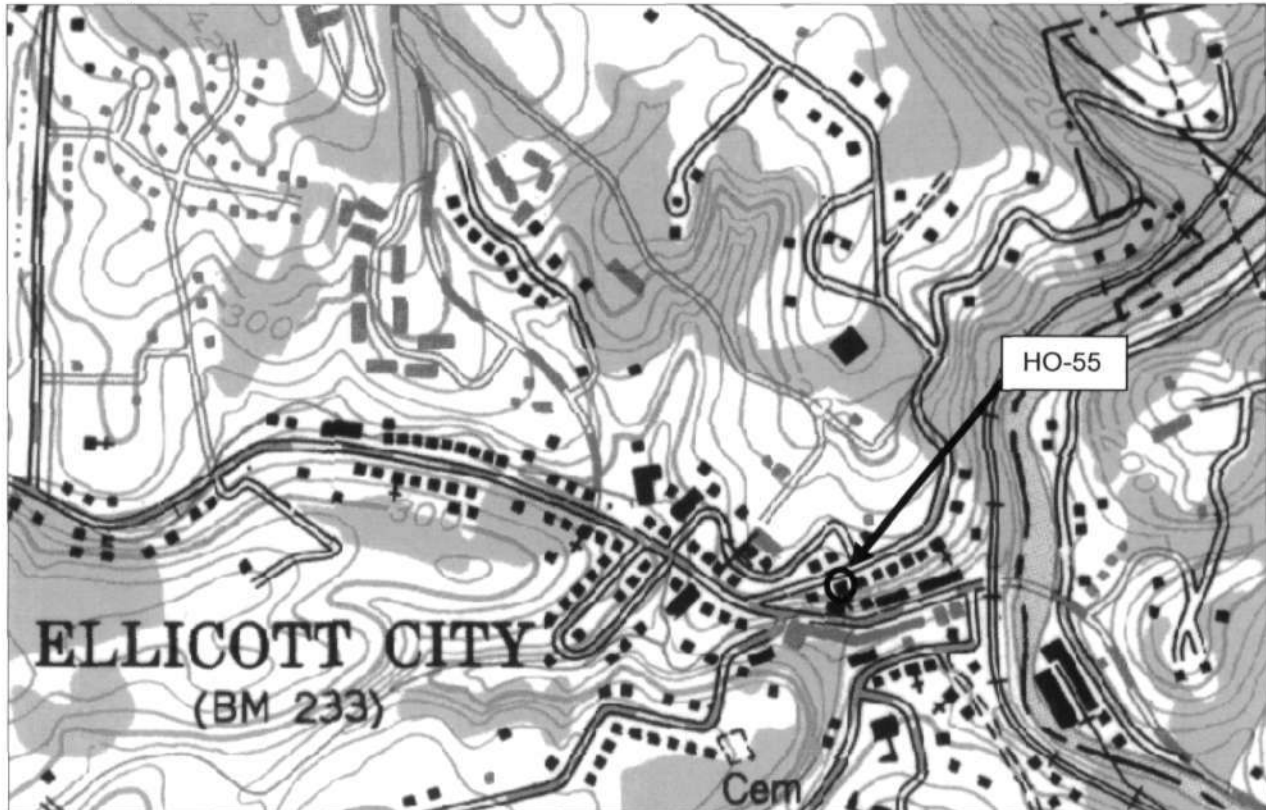


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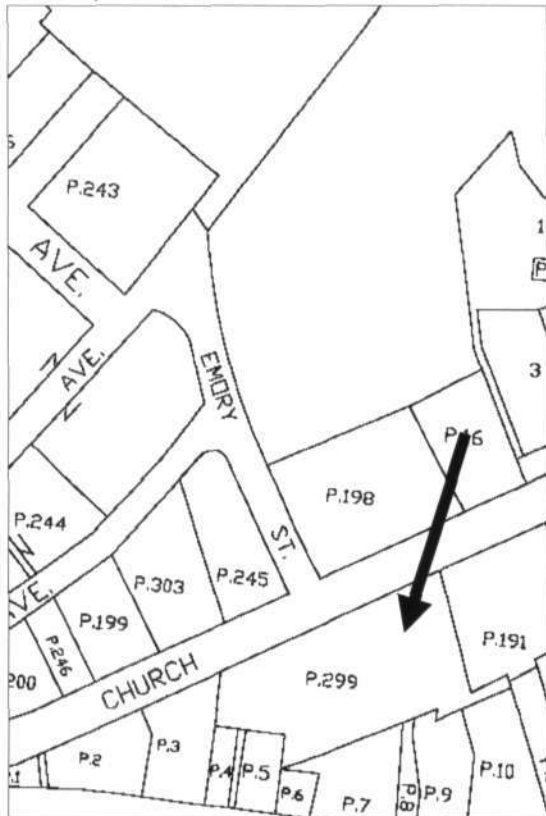
3799 Church Road, Ellicott City

Ellicott City quad 1953, Photorevised 1966 and 1974



Tax Map 25A, Parcel 299

National Web Map Service 6" Orthophoto Map, c. 2010



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Emory Methodist Church
3799 Church Road, Ellicott City
Photos by Jennifer K. Cosham, 11/28/2012
North façade



South elevation





EMORY M.E. CHURCH
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FEB. 1977
CLEORA THOMPSON



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