

Survey # WA-II-1056

Approximate date 1870

Street Address 25? South Main Street

Town, State Keedysville, Maryland

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Description

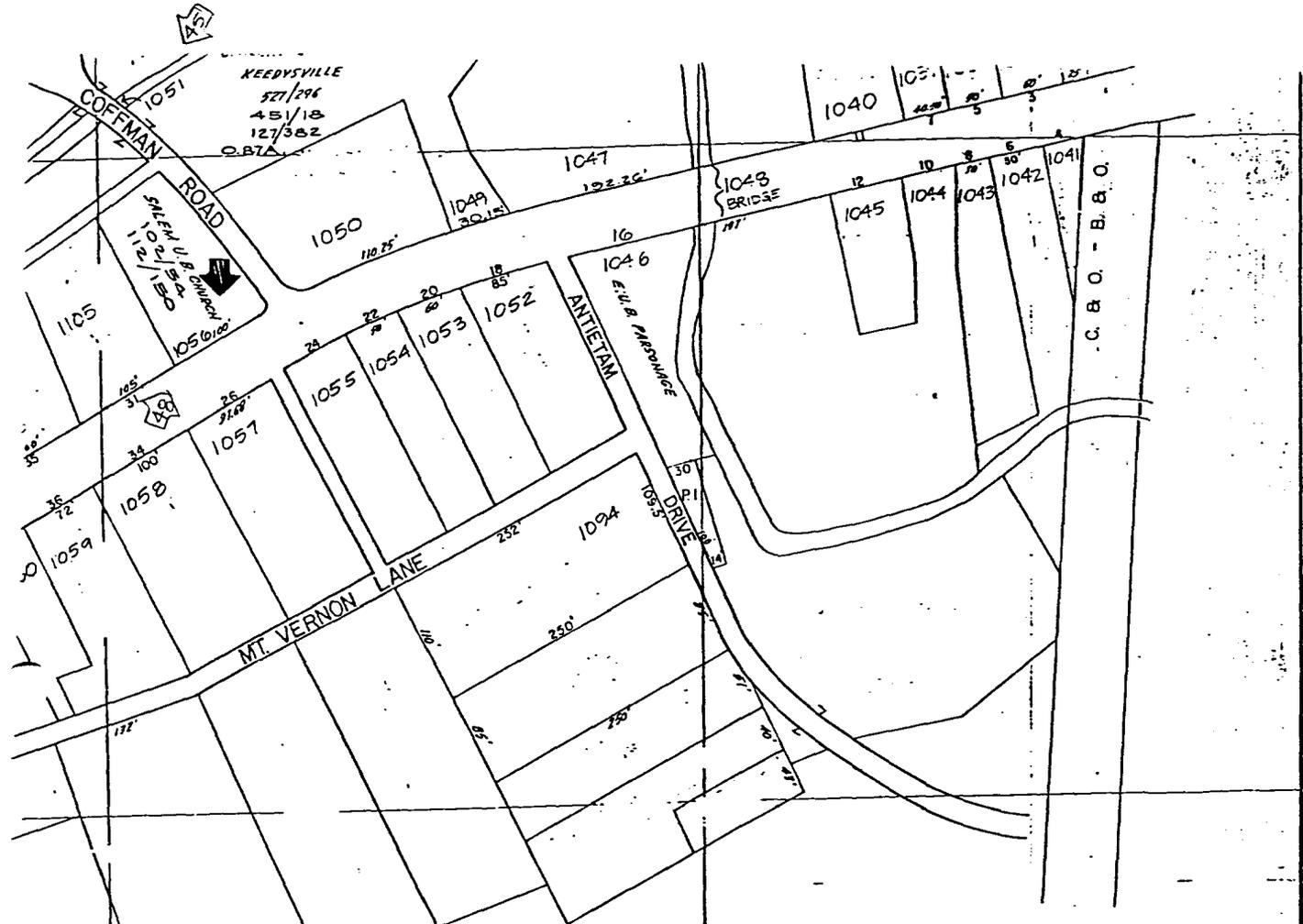
Salem United Methodist Church is a large two and a half story brick building dated 1870. It is three bays wide with gable front placement and a central entrance. The windows and entrance are round-arched. Built into sloping ground, the sides and rear of the building are a full story high at the lower or basement level. Here, openings are topped with wide wooden lintels. Along the sides of the building bays are divided by brick pilasters. An arcaded spire rises from the front of the roof. The building has undergone several changes, including the attachment of several additions at the rear. Windows now have multi-paned sash, while earlier they had stained glass. Pairs of louvered shutters are attached to each window. A ca. 1900 photograph of the building shows the stained glass windows, a different steeple with a straight-sided polygonal roof rising directly from the arcaded belfry instead of the present curvilinear one. The photo also shows a one story Gothic addition at the rear. A fire damaged the building in 1943.

Although this building dates from 1870, the United Brethren Congregation that built it is much older. The Reverend George Adam Geeting is credited with establishing the first meeting house for the United Brethren Congregation in America. The original church was on Mt. Hebron Road and was replaced by this structure.

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- I. Geographic Organization: Western Maryland
- II. Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
Agricultural-Industrial Transition
- III. Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):
Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community
Planning
Religion
- IV. Resource Type
Category: Building
Historic Environment: Village
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):
Church
Known Design Source: Unknown
- Photo Reference: Photo # 48, 45
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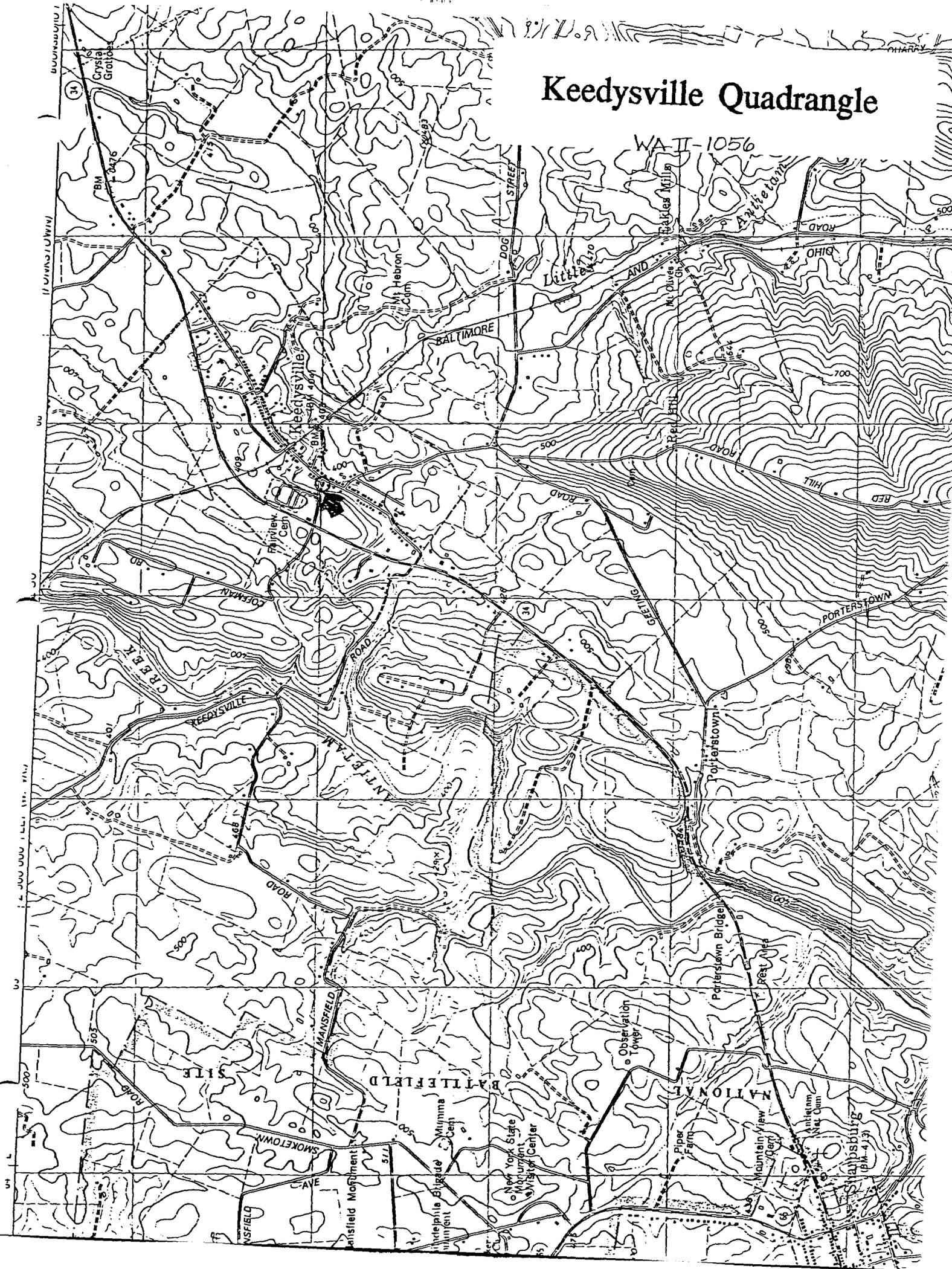
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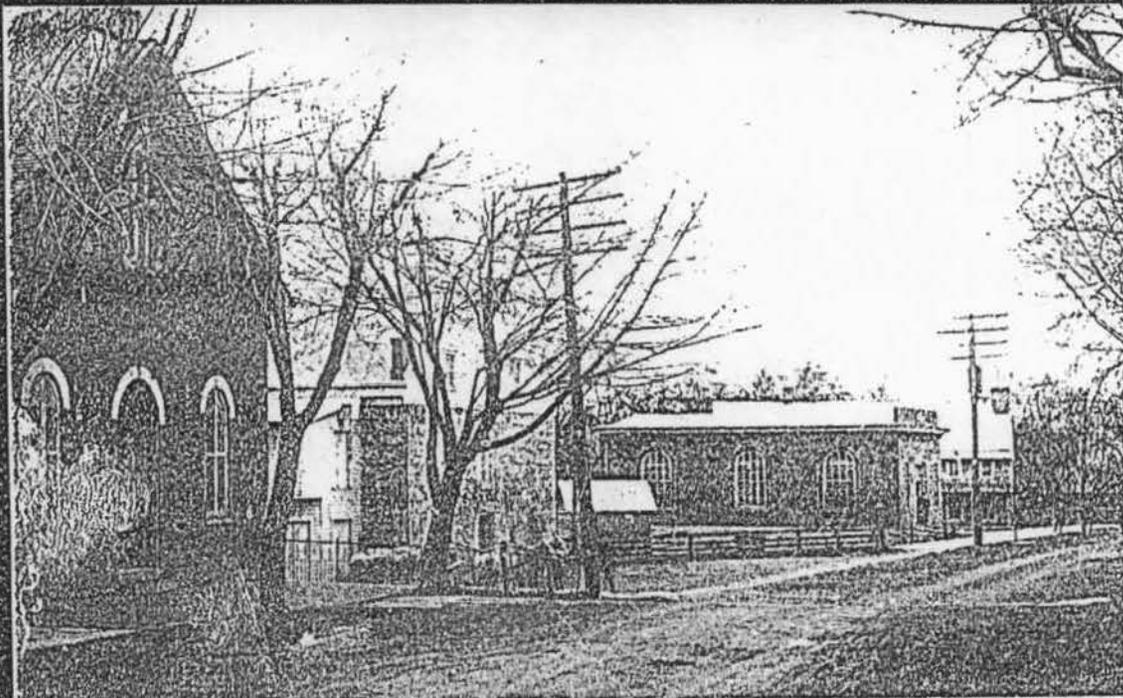
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KEEDYSVILLE
 WASHINGTON COUNTY ED. 19
 SCALE 1" = 100'

Keedysville Quadrangle

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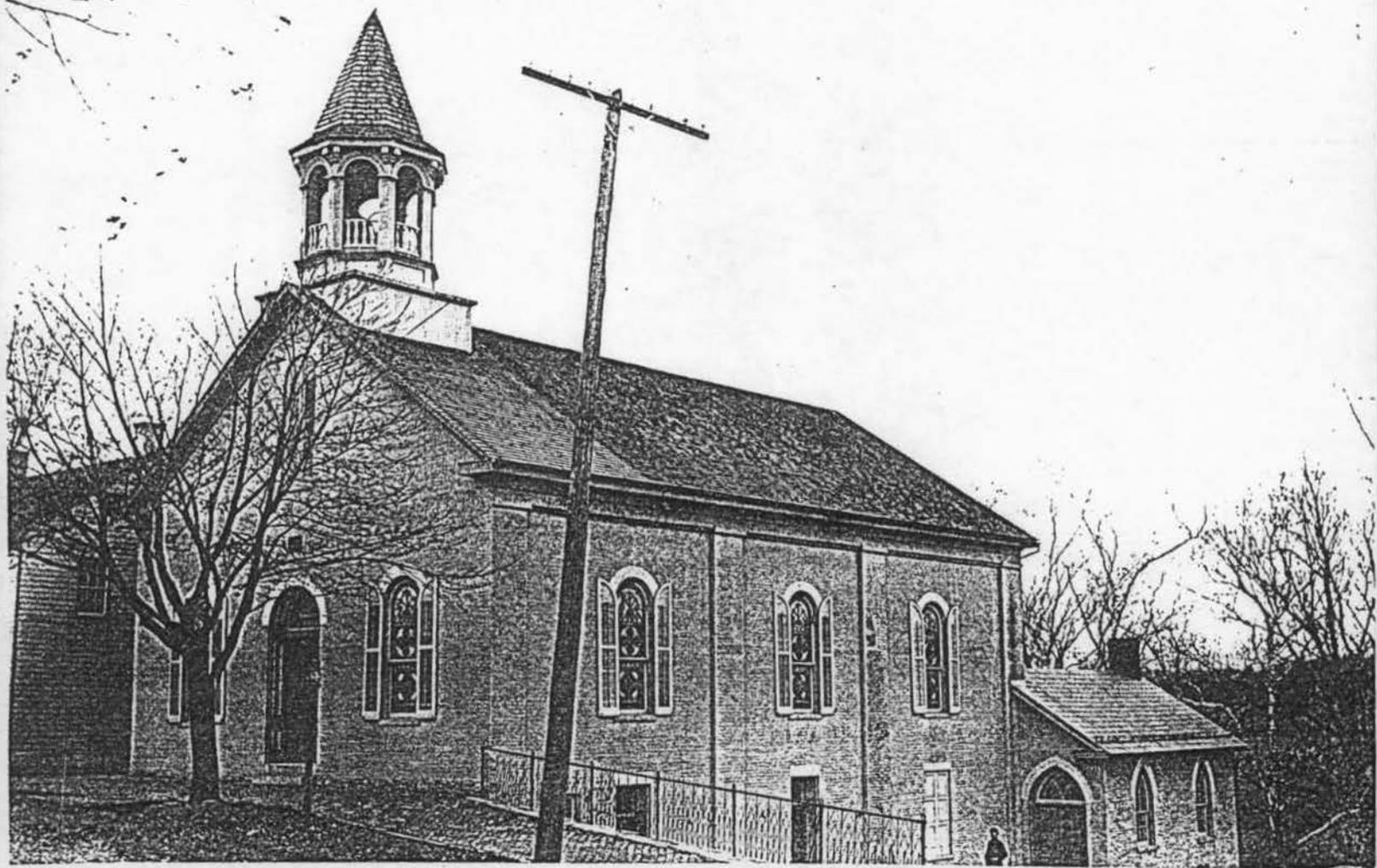


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Salem Methodist Church

25 S. Main St., Keedysville, MD

NW view, S+E elevations

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