

WI-497
Grace M. P. Church
Pittsville
Public Worship

1876

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Grace M. P. Church, Grace United Methodist Church

other Pittsville Full Gospel Church

2. Location

street and number 34670 Main Street not for publication

city, town Pittsville vicinity

county Wicomico

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

name Trustees of Pittsville Full Gospel Church

street and number 34670 Main Street telephone

city, town Pittsville state MD zip code 21850

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court tax map and parcel Map 301, P. 1230

city, town Salisbury, Maryland liber 1179 folio 375

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District**
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
district	public	agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	commerce/trade	Noncontributing
structure	both	defense	Contributing
site		domestic	Noncontributing
object		education	Contributing
		funerary	Noncontributing
		government	Contributing
		health care	Noncontributing
		industry	Contributing
		landscape	Noncontributing
		recreation/culture	Contributing
		religion	Noncontributing
		social	Contributing
		transportation	Noncontributing
		work in progress	Contributing
		unknown	Noncontributing
		vacant/not in use	Contributing
		other:	Noncontributing
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

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7. Description

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Condition

	excellent	deteriorated
x	good	ruins
	fair	altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Grace M. P. Church or Grace United Methodist Church, now known as the Pittsville Full Gospel Church, stands at 34670 Main Street in the town of Pittsville, Wicomico County, Maryland. The church faces south with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Dated to 1876, the single-story, rectangular frame church is supported on a low brick foundation, and the exterior is sheathed with vinyl siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is an ell-plan addition.

The south (main) facade is dominated by an entrance and bell tower which is centered on the gable end facade of the main block. The entrance is incorporated in a single-story, gable-roofed vestibule that extends forward from the tower. The pointed arch entrance is filled with double doors under a colored glass transom. Piercing the second story level is a round, colored glass window. The tower is topped by a intricately carved belfry with pointed arch openings flanked by squarish columns enriched with sawn decoration. Fixed atop each pointed arch opening is a small cross gable at the base of the broach spire. The entrance and bell tower is flanked by long colored glass windows.

The west side of the church is defined by three colored glass windows, while the east side is partially covered by the ell-shaped rear wing. An interior brick stove chimney pierces the roofline.

The rear wall of the main block is largely covered by the single-story gable roofed addition, which is oriented on a perpendicular axis to the sanctuary. The addition stretches across the back of the church with a shed roof.

The interior was not seen.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
1600-1699	agriculture	economics	health/medicine	performing arts
1700-1799	archeology	education	industry	philosophy
x1800-1899	x architecture	engineering	invention	politics/government
1900-1999	art	entertainment/ recreation	landscape architecture	religion
2000-	commerce	ethnic heritage	law	science
	communications	exploration/ settlement	literature	social history
	community planning		maritime history	transportation
	conservation		military	other:

Significance dates

Architect

Specific dates

1876, 1880

Builder

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ Wicomico County Land Record, SPT 4/105, 5 July 1880.

² Wicomico County Land Record, 1179/375, 4 May 1989.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

Resource Type: Standing Structure

Category: Church

Historic Environment: Residential Neighborhood

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Religious

Known Design Source:

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project area

Acreage surveyed

Quadrangle name

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant

street & number P. O. Box 5

city or town Westover, Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032
410-514-7600

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Grace M. P. Church
34670 Main Street
Pittsville, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 301, Parcel 1230

1179/375 John S. Parsons, Grace P. Clark, Darlene P. Cooper, Linda
D. Truitt, Ruth P. Jones, and Jacob E. Jones, Trustees for
Grace United Methodist Church, Robert Riddleberger, pastor,
and Thomas McKelvey, District Superintendent

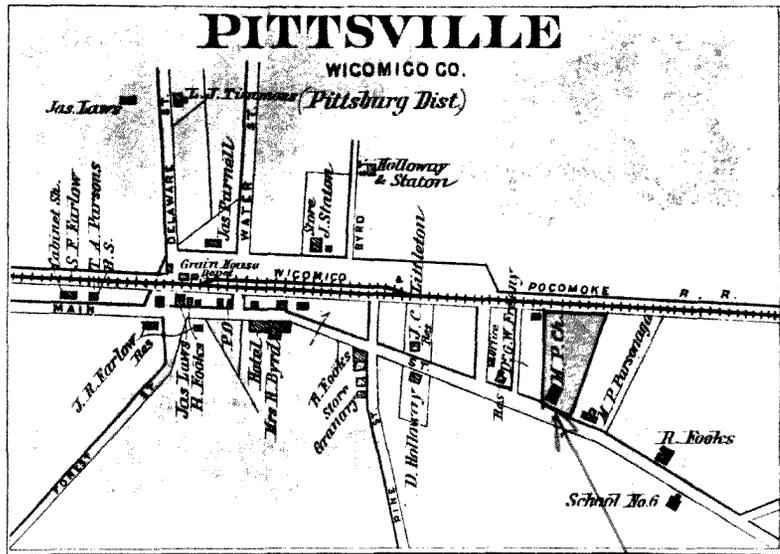
to

5/4/1989 Paul E. Klaverweiden, James T. Klaverweiden, Elmo Peek,
Charles I. Lewis, Trustees of Pittsville Full Gospel Church

SPT 4/105 Eliza W. Fooks, et al. (James Laws, and Sally M. Laws,
William R. Laws, James H. Laws, Thomas E. Laws

to

7/5/1880 Isaac S. Brittingham, et al. (Minus R. Brown, Thomas S.
Rounds, Thomas A. Parsons, William G. Nicholson, William A.
Dennis, Rufus E. Dennis, John William White and Abraham D.
Dick, as Trustees for Grace M. P. Church



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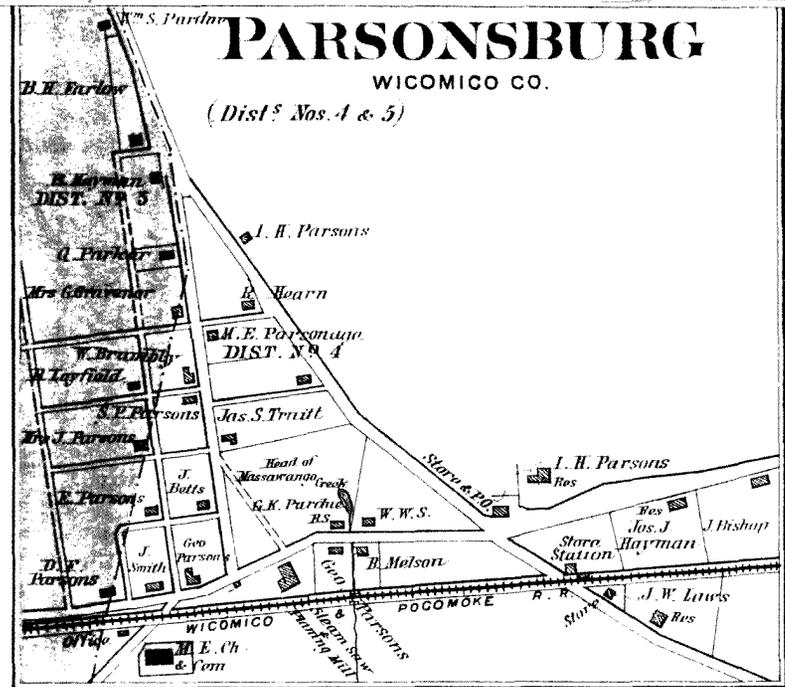
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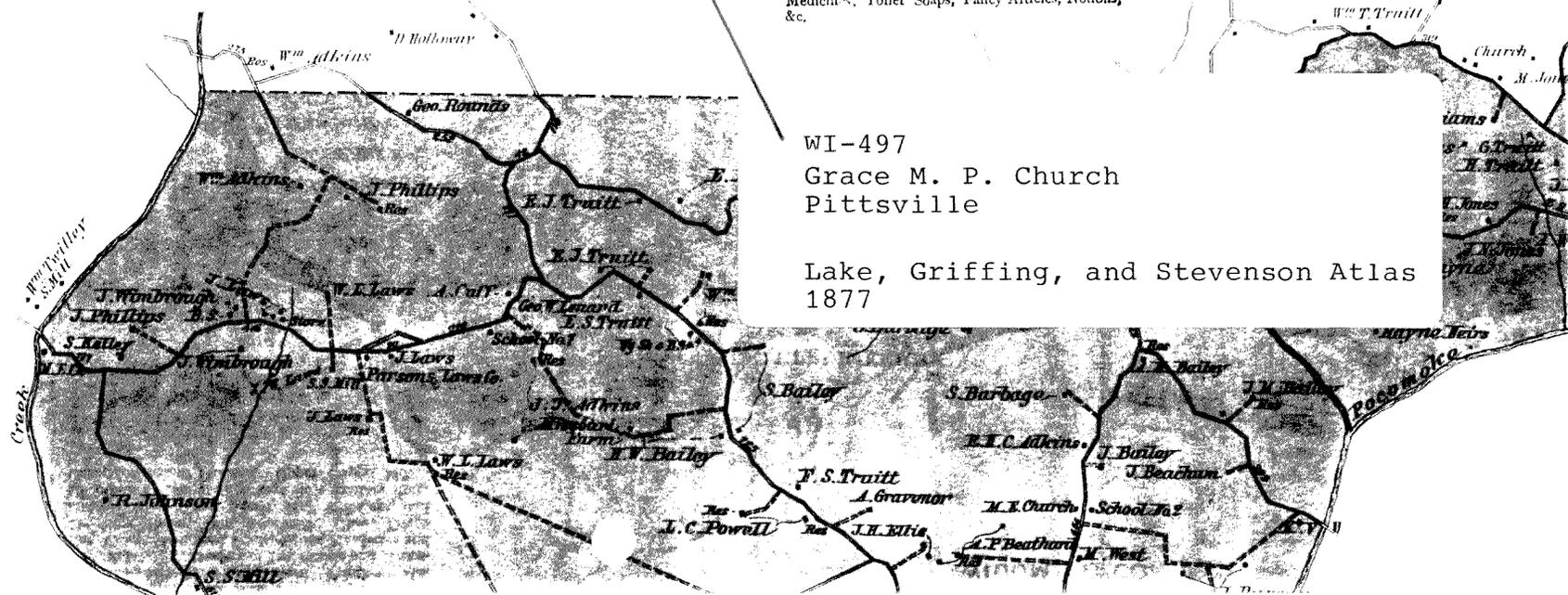
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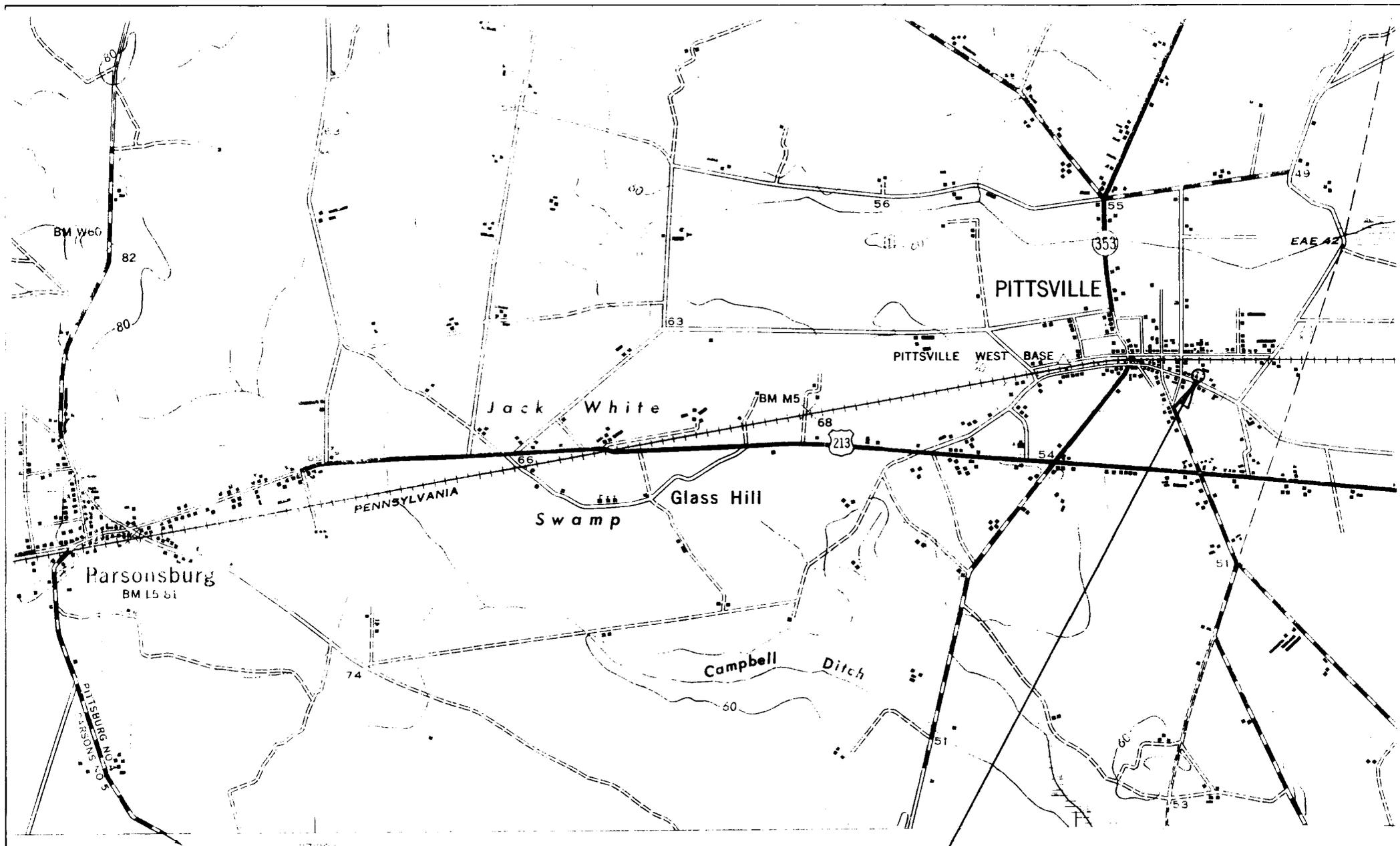
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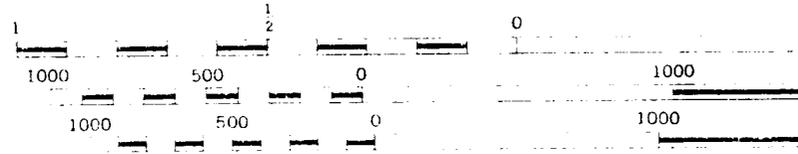
Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
1877



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WASTE GATE 2.4 MI

27 30'

SCALE 1:24000



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Grace M. P. Church
Pittsville, MD Quadrangle 1942

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IV NW, 1942
rophy by plane
surveys by

CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

POLYCONIC PROJECTION



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GRACE M. P. CHURCH

PITTSVILLE, Wickham's County, Md.

Southeast elevation

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