

WI-507  
New Hope Methodist Church  
Willards vicinity  
Public worship

1902

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While the Methodist Protestant congregation dates back to 1870, the current church was erected shortly after the turn of the twentieth century. The tee-shaped frame structure is accented by paired windows with colored glass panes set in the perimeter of each sash. Fixed in the front corner of the tee plan is the entrance tower that contains an arched transom fitted with colored glass panes as well. The entrance and bell tower has been shortened with the removal of the belfry. The old church bell is housed in a small enclosure in the front yard.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. W I-507

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic New Hope Methodist Protestant Church  
 other New Hope Methodist Church

## 2. Location

street and number New Hope Road not for publication  
 city, town Willards  vicinity  
 county Wicomico

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

name Trustees of New Hope Methodist Church  
 street and number c/o Reverend Bert Jicha telephone  
 city, town Willards state MD zip code 21874

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court tax map and parcel Map, P.  
 city, town Salisbury, Maryland liber folio

## 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	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
district	public	agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	commerce/trade	<u>1</u>	buildings
structure	both	defense		sites
site		domestic		structures
object		education		objects
		funerary	<u>1</u>	Total
		government		
		health care		
		industry		
		landscape		
		recreation/culture		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion		
		social		
		transportation		
		work in progress		
		unknown		
		vacant/not in use		
		other:		
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	

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## 7. Description

### Condition

	excellent	deteriorated
<u>x</u>	good	ruins
	fair	altered

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

New Hope Methodist Church, historically New Hope Methodist Episcopal Church, stands on the west side of New Hope Road east of the town of Willards, Wicomico County, Maryland. The single-story frame church faces southeast with the principal gable roof oriented on an northwest/southeast axis.

Dating to 1902, the t-shaped frame church is supported on a continuous brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with vinyl siding. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the southwest side of the main block is a shorter single-story addition, which was extended farther during the 1940s with a large concrete block addition.

The southeast (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a gable-front of the tee-plan facing the road. The gable end wall is pierced by a paired set of single-pane sash windows featuring small colored glass perimeter panes. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave. Fixed in the southwest niche of the tee-plan is a shortened tower that contains an arched entrance. A new door including a modern sidelight is topped by an arched transom fitted with colored glass perimeter panes. The entrance tower was probably shortened with the removal of a bell tower. The church bell is housed in a small enclosure in front of the church. The southwest side of the entrance tower is pierced by a single-pane sash window featuring colored glass perimeter panes.

The northeast side of the tee-shaped main block is covered by a single-story, single-bay addition that is pierced on the north wall by small window featuring colored glass perimeter panes. Located in the center of the wall is a small lunette type window filled with colored glass as well. Attached to the northwest side of the church is a single flue brick stove chimney resting atop a corbelled base. The northwest gable end is pierced by paired sanctuary windows enhanced with colored glass perimeter panes.

The southwest side of the main block is covered by a single-story early twentieth-century frame addition, which is lighted by single-pane sash windows with colored glass perimeter panes. Extending southwest from the addition is a large single-story concrete block wing.

The interior was not seen.

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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
<u>1800-1899</u>	<u>X</u> architecture	engineering	invention	politics/government
<u>x</u> 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**

1902

**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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<sup>1</sup> John L. Graham, ed. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*, Wicomico County Bicentennial Committee, p. 13.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of project area

Acreage surveyed 1/4 acre

Quadrangle name Whaleyville, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary established for property coincides with the metes and bounds of the current lot.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant

street & number P. O. Box 5

date 10/23/00

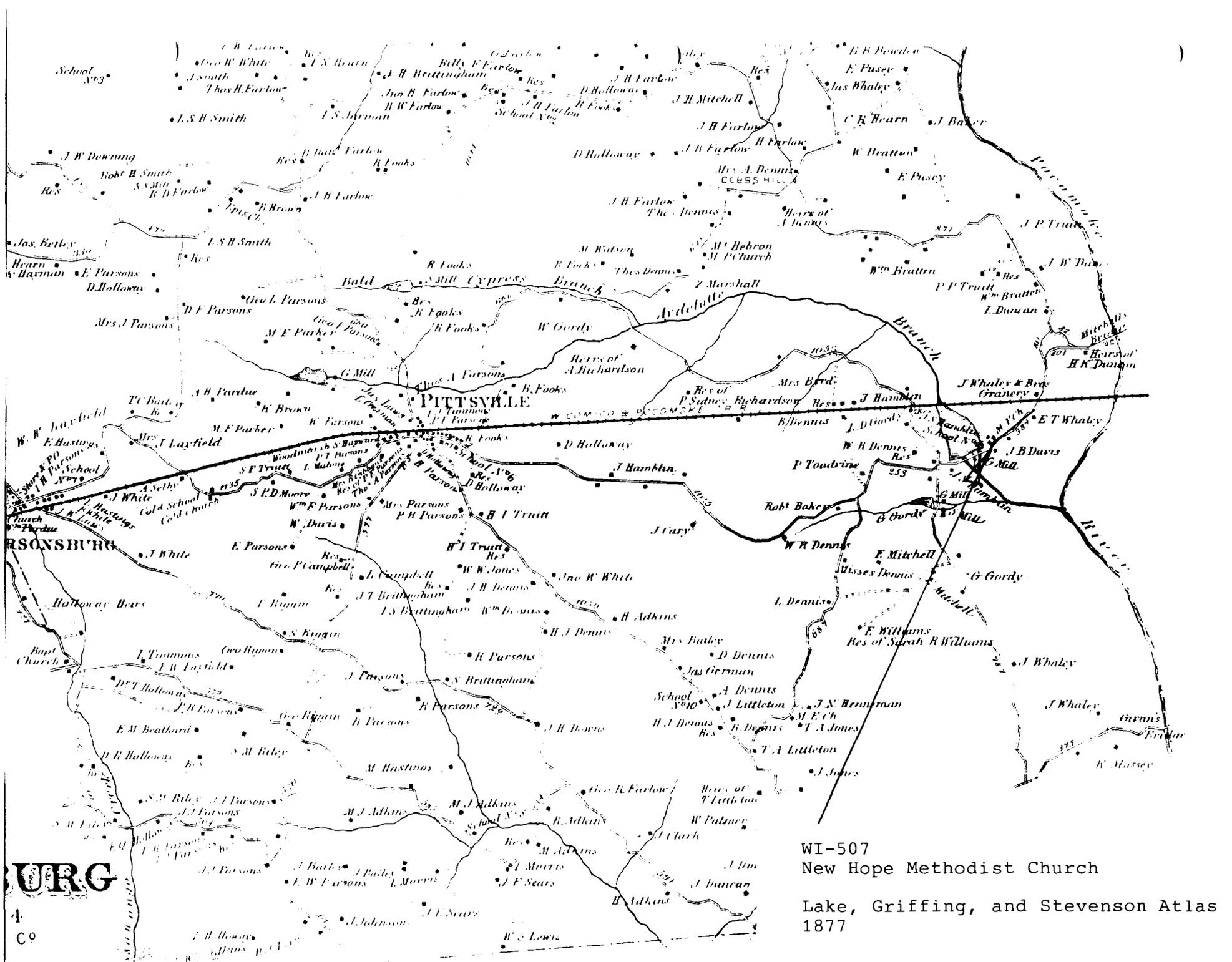
city or town Westover, Maryland 21871

phone 410-651-1094

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.

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Crownsville, MD 21032  
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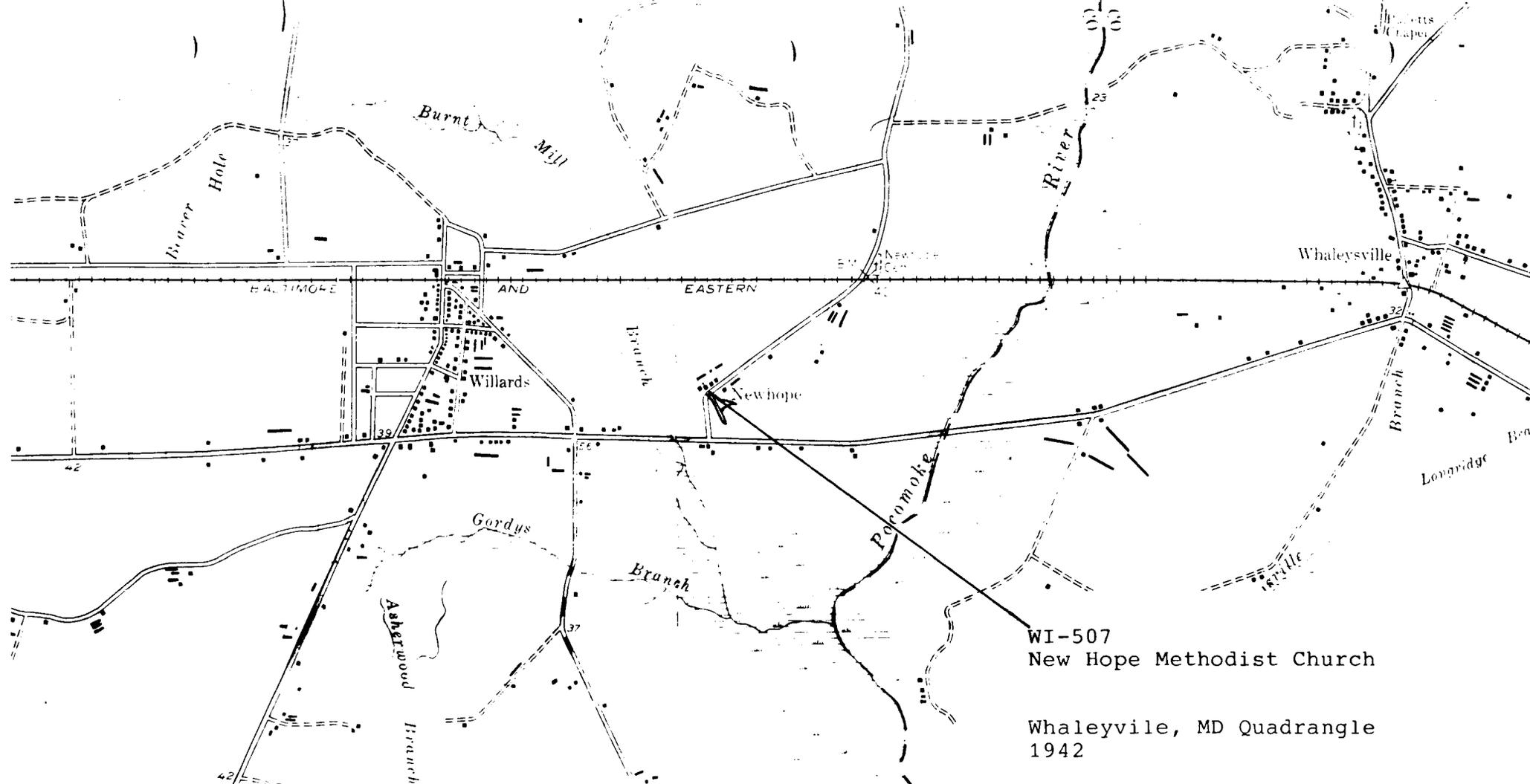
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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas  
 1877

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Whaleyville, MD Quadrangle  
1942

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New Hope Plantation, Camden  
~~South~~ Williams County, Wisconsin Co., N.C.  
Southeast 3 1/2 miles S.

10/00, Paul Thomas, 1900 - 1900 -

ME 4. / WI 5140

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NEW HAVEN METHODIST CHURCH  
WILMINGTON, WILMINGTON CO., MD.

EAST ELEVATION

10/00, PAUL TOWNSEND, PHOTOGRAPHER

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