

WI-624  
Union Church  
Salisbury vicinity  
Public worship

1904

Union Church stands southeast of Salisbury on a high sandy knoll above the Morris Prong of Tony Tank Creek. Dated to 1904 by a marble stone set in the foundation, the Union Methodist Protestant church, as it was known then, was designed in the prevailing Gothic Revival style popular in American architecture during the second half of the nineteenth and first quarter of the twentieth century. Rural churches with small memberships such as the Union Church congregation financed modest sized structures with simple pointed arch, colored glass windows as the major exterior reference to the nationally popular style. A modern vestibule addition has been attached to the front of the 1904 building, and old pointed arch windows and a pointed arch transom were repositioned in the new structure.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-624

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

historic Union Methodist Protestant Church  
other Union Church

## 2. Location

street and number 4218 Union Church Road  not for publication  
city, town Salisbury  vicinity  
county Wicomico

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

name Trustees of Union Church  
street and number c/o Reverend Romie H. Payne 4218 Union Church Road telephone 410-875-5521  
city, town Salisbury state MD zip code 21804

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber folio  
city, town Salisbury tax map tax parcel tax ID number

## 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
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	3 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	3 _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	_____
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	_____
			Number of Contributing Resource previously listed in the Inventory
			_____

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 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.

Union Church is located at 4218 Union Church Road, southeast of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The church stands on the southeast corner of the intersection of Union Church and Jackson roads, and is joined on the lot by a single-story church hall as well as a church cemetery.

Built in 1904, the single-story frame church is supported on a concrete block foundation, and the exterior is clad uniformly in vinyl siding. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the gable front is a single-story mid twentieth-century vestibule addition, which is capped by a modern spire.

The northeast (main) elevation of the 1904 church is largely covered by the shorter single story vestibule addition. Fixed in the northeast corner of the addition is a marble datestone inscribed "Union M. P. Church, 1904." The modern vestibule addition has reused colored glass, pointed arch window to each side of the entrance, which is topped by a pointed arch colored glass transom. Fixed in the gable end is a diamond shaped colored glass window.

The northwest and southeast sides of the church are marked by a series of three evenly spaced pointed arched, colored glass windows.

The southwest (rear) wall is defined by a shorter single-story, five-sided apse pierced on each side with pointed arch, colored glass windows.

The interior was not seen.

Located south of the church is twentieth century cemetery enclosed with a chain link fence. To the west of the church is a single-story, gable roofed church hall dating from the mid twentieth century. The church is lighted by paired six-over-six sash windows. Defining the north gable end is an interior/exterior brick stack.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates	Architect/Builder
Construction dates 1904	

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 projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Wicomico County Land Records, various volumes, Wicomico County Courthouse.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 1 acre  
Acreage of historical setting 1 acre  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	10/5/2001
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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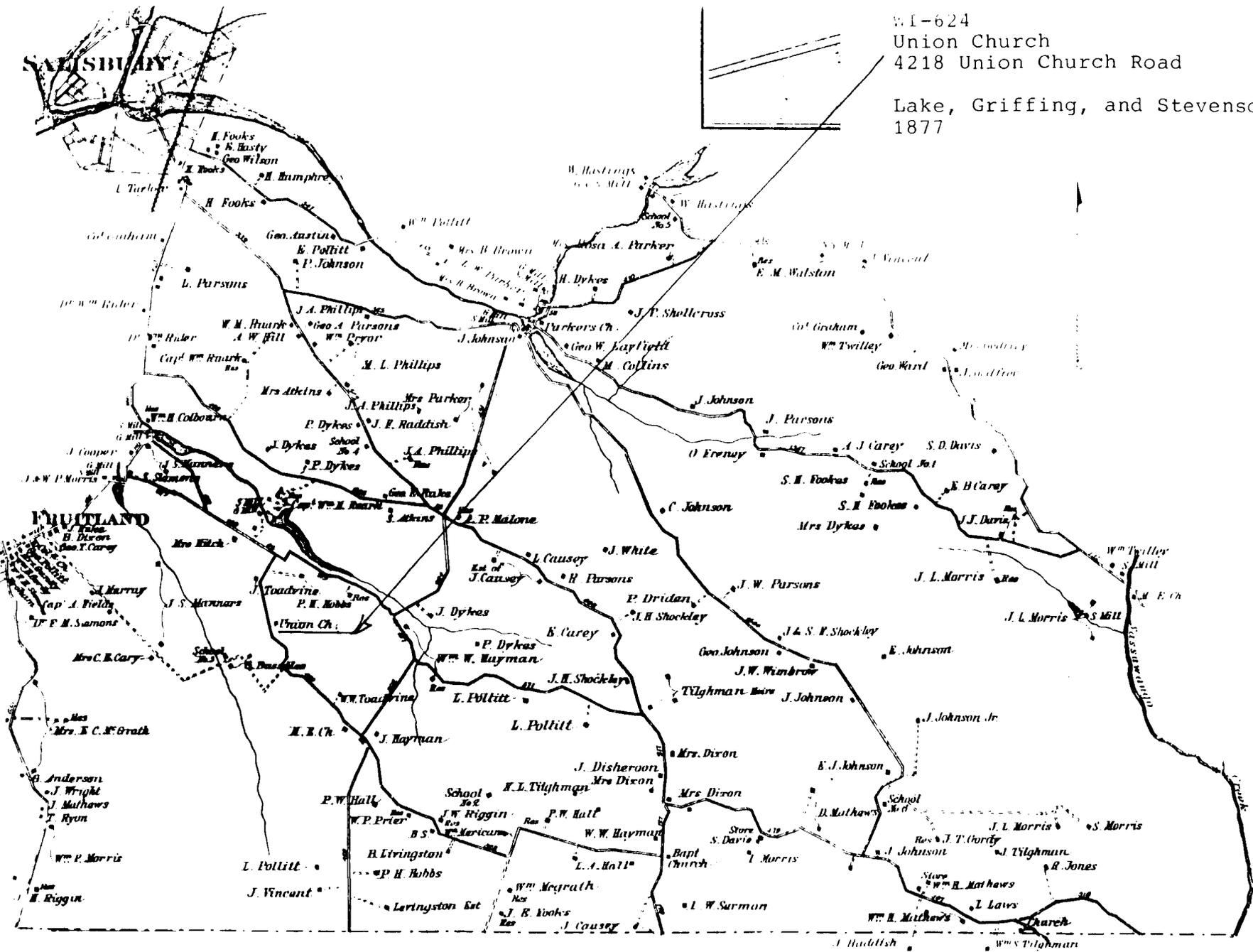
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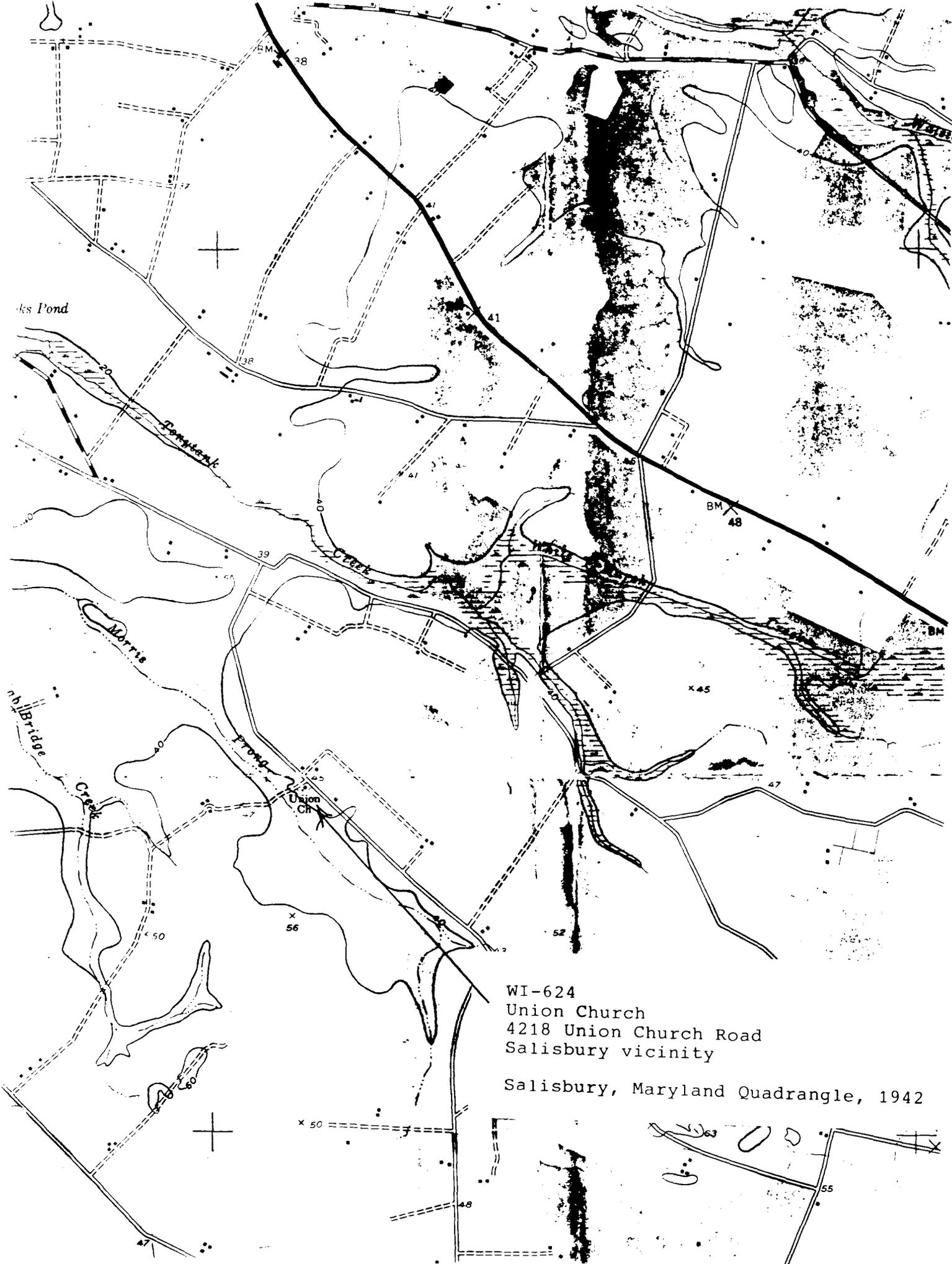
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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas  
1877





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Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle, 1942



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UNION CHURCH

SARISBURY VIC., WICOMICO CO. MD.

NORTHEAST VIEW.

10/01. PAUL TOWNSEND, PHOTO.

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Union Church

Salisbury vic., Wicomico Co., MD

Southwest Elevation

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UNION  
M. P. CHURCH  
1904.

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UNION CHURCH

SALISBURY VIC., WILSON CO., N.C.

DATESTONE, NORTHEAST CORNER

10/01, PAUL TOMAS, PASTOR

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Salisbury vic, Wilkes Co., MD.

NORTHEAST ELEVATION OF CHURCH TOWER

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Salisbury NC, Wake County Co. 202

Southwest Elevation

10/01, Paul Toward, Pastor

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