

WO-230
Old Rehobeth Church
Whaleyville vicinity
private

1909

Situated north of Whaleyville in the vicinity of the former community of Careytown is the old Rehobeth church, also called Shavox church. The single-story, rectangular frame building, erected in 1909, combines standard finish features for the period with horizontal weatherboard siding and fishscale shingles. Supported by a pier foundation, the interior of the gable-front church is fitted with narrow tongue-and-groove beaded boards, and Victorian bulls-eye corner block surrounds frame the doors and windows. A small apse extends from the north end of the building to provide more space and light to the altar.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: OLD REHUBETH CHURCH

MHT Inventory Number: WD - 230

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

ARCHITECTURE, RELIGION

2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SHORE

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

1870 - 1930 INDUSTRIAL URBAN DOMINANCE

4) Resource Type(s):

i. STANDING STRUCTURE

a. CHURCH

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic OLD REHOBETH CHURCH

and/or common OLD SHAVOX CHURCH

2. Location

street & number North side of Shavox Church Road not for publication

city, town Whaleyville vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: none

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

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

The old Rehobeth church, more commonly known as the old Shavox church, stands on the north side of Shavox Church Road at the intersection of Tull Road in northern Worcester County in the vicinity of Whaleyville. The single-story frame church faces south with the gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built in 1909, the weatherboard frame structure is supported by a combination brick pier and concrete foundation, and it is covered by a steeply pitched wood shingle roof. The eaves to the roof are extended, and the rafter ends are exposed.

The south (main) elevation is a gable-front facade with a center entrance framed by a plain surround. In contrast to the weatherboard siding that sheathes the main first floor, fishscale shingles cover the upper gable.

The east and west sides of the rectangular building are defined by three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows, and an interior brick stove stack pierces the roofline.

The north end of the church is marked by a small apse that is covered by a shed roof, and small windows pierce each side.

The interior has deteriorated significantly, but the interior finish features are largely intact. Beaded board wainscoting stretches around the perimeter of the room, and bulls-eye block Victorian moldings frame the windows and doors. The ceiling is covered with narrow beaded board as well.

8. Significance

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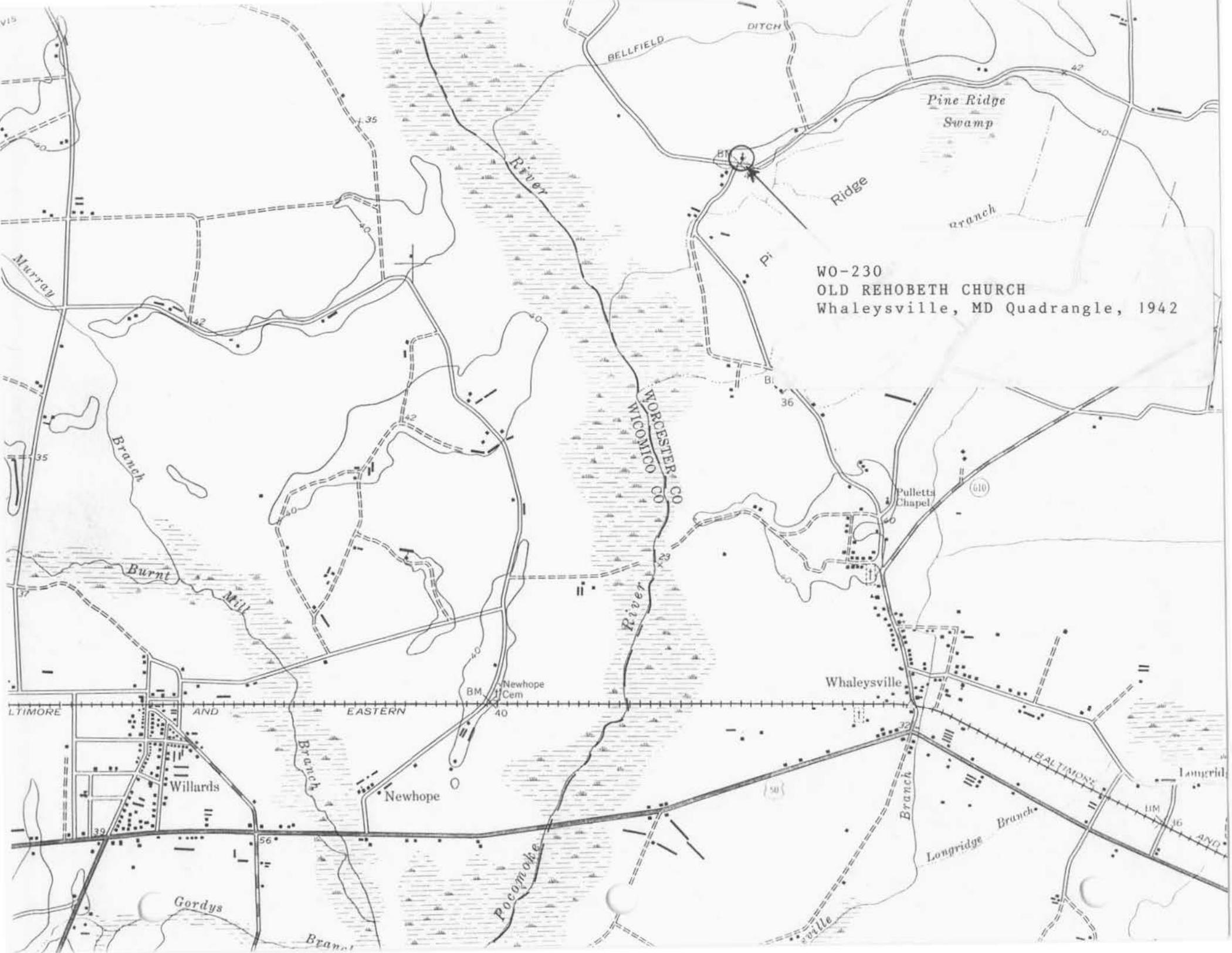
Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The old Rehobeth church is a small weatherboard frame building which stands on the edge of the cypress swamp in northern Worcester County. The rectangular frame structure displays standard finishes for the early twentieth century with a combination of weatherboard siding and fishscale shingles. Inside, the walls and ceiling are covered with narrow tongue-and-groove beaded board, and bulls-eye block surrounds frame the doors and windows.

This small frame church served the old community of Careytown and the residents living in the vicinity of the great cypress swamp of northern Worcester County and southern Delaware. Aside from the church most vestiges of Careytown have deteriorated or been destroyed.



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OLD REHOBETH CHURCH
Whaleyville, MD Quadrangle, 1942

BELLFIELD

DITCH

Pine Ridge
Swamp

Ridge

Branch

WICONICO
WORCESTER CO

Pulletts
Chapel

(610)

Whaleyville

Newhope
Cem

BM

Newhope

BALTIMORE AND EASTERN

BALTIMORE

Longridge

Longridge
Branch

Gordys

Branch

Pocomoke

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Burnt
Mill

Willards

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