

## CAPSULE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Salem United Methodist Church

SITE NUMBER: #14/26

APPROXIMATE BUILDING DATE: 1907

LOCATION: 23725 Ridge Road, Clarksburg, Maryland 20871

The present church building, erected in 1907, is a one-story, two-bay, rectangular frame structure with a front-gabled, asphalt-shingled roof and a slightly-projecting entrance tower in the southwest bay; the tower has a small pointed-arch stained glass window on its south elevation, at ground-floor level. A steeple with an open belfry caps the tower. The vertically-sided belfry features a railing with turned balusters, bracketed corners, and a modillioned cornice. The church foundation, originally of stone, is now stuccoed concrete block. A small cemetery is located at the rear of the church.

SITE INFORMATION

Site Name: Salem United Methodist Church

Site Number: 14-26

County Tax Account Number: 940200

Name and Address of Property Owner:

Trustees  
Salem United Methodist Church  
23725 Ridge Road  
Clarksburg, MD 20871

Master Plan Recommendation:

Historic Preservation Ordinance Criteria

(1) *Historical and cultural significance.* The historic resource:

- a. Has character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the county, state or nation;
- b. Is the site of a significant historic event;
- c. Is identified with a person or group of persons who influenced society;
- d. Exemplifies the cultural, economic, social, political or historic heritage of the county and its communities.

(2) *Architectural and design significance.* The historic resource:

- a. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction;
- b. Represents the work of a master;
- c. Possesses high artistic values;
- d. Represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- e. Represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community or county due to its singular physical characteristic or landscape.

Environmental Setting Recommendation:

1.46 acres (entire parcel)

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Salem United Methodist Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 23725 Ridge Road

CITY, TOWN

Clarksburg VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

#6

STATE

Maryland 20871

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

| CATEGORY  | OWNERSHIP                                   | STATUS   | PRESENT USE                            |   |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT               | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED       | <input type="checkbox"/> AGR. CULTURE  | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input 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                   | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION | <input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE                | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT                 | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS         | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO                        | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY      | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER                |

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Trustees, Salem United Methodist Church Telephone #: (301) 972-1804

STREET & NUMBER 23725 Ridge Road

CITY, TOWN

Clarksburg VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 20871

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Registry of Deeds, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: EBP 6

Folio #: 306

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE  
Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Montgomery County Locational Atlas of Historic Sites

DATE

1976

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

M-NCPPC

CITY, TOWN

Derwood

STATE

Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**

| CONDITION                                     |                                       | CHECK ONE                                   | CHECK ONE   |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input 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 _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR                 | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |   |

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The present church building, erected in 1907, is a one-story, two-bay, rectangular frame structure with a front-gabled, asphalt-shingled roof and a slightly-projecting entrance tower in the southwest bay; the tower has a small pointed-arch stained glass window on its south elevation, at ground-floor level. A steeple with an open belfry caps the tower. The vertically-sided belfry features a railing with turned balusters, bracketed corners, and a modillioned cornice. The church foundation (originally of stone, before the excavation of the basement) is now stuccoed concrete block.

The main (west) facade of the church features a large pointed-arch stained glass tracery window with three lancet-like lights. The gable end is covered with decorative shingles which extend across the corner tower, above the stained glass window in the entranceway. Concrete steps lead to the church entrance, which consists of double paneled doors capped by a pointed-arched window with the words "Salem M.E. Church" in stained glass. A cornerstone at the northwest corner of the church building is inscribed: "Salem M.E. Church 1907".

The north elevation has four narrow pointed-arch stained glass windows with illustrations from the Bible; three of four similar windows on the south elevation are obscured on the exterior by the wing which serves as a social hall; they are visible, however, from the interior of the church.

The rear elevation of the church features a one-story semi-hexagonal apse with small pointed-arch stained glass windows on its north and south elevations. Above the apse is a stained glass compass window. There is an entrance at the northeast corner of the rear elevation.

The four-bay, side-gabled addition on the south elevation of the church, erected in 1937, is used as a social hall; it has a metal roof and six/six windows. Entrance is in the northernmost bay of the west facade, with an additional basement entrance in the southernmost bay of the east facade. Aluminum-clad, it is a simple structure which is architecturally compatible with the church.

The interior of the sanctuary is simple, the only decorative elements being the wainscoting extending around the room and the stained glass windows. The original pressed-metal ceiling is still in place but is covered with modern tiles. The communion railing has turned balusters.

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Two sets of paneled doors lead from the sanctuary to the social hall and the entrance vestibule.

A small cemetery is located at the rear of the church.

Except for the addition of the social hall in the 1930s and aluminum siding in the 1960s, there have been no major alteration to the exterior of the church. A wooden entrance railing was replaced by a metal one and the original wooden entrance steps and porch are now concrete. The entranceway was altered to include the stained glass window where there was originally only a taller door. In addition, the church basement was dug out in 1954 for classroom use and a basement entrance added at the northwest corner of the church, below ground level. In spite of these modifications, the structure has retained its original form and remains an excellent example of an early twentieth century rural vernacular church building.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

| 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 |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499        | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC    | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION            | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599        | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE            | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS               | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699        | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE           | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION               | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799        | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                    | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING             | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899        | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE               | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT  | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS         | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY                | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION               |   |  |  |

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| SPECIFIC DATES | 1907 | BUILDER/ARCHITECT | Trustees of Salem Church<br>(architect unknown) |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Salem United Methodist Church in Cedar Grove is historically significant as part of the development of the county's religious institutions in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and architecturally significant as a well-preserved example of an early twentieth century rural church.

With the disestablishment of the Anglican Church in America after the Revolution, the number of Methodists in Montgomery County increased rapidly:

"The beginnings were simple, with itinerant preachers meeting their congregations in homes, tobacco houses, and barns...permanent meeting houses were built in the County by the 1780's."<sup>(1)</sup>

In the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, Methodist strength was concentrated largely in the northwestern section of the county, although a Methodist Church existed in Rockville before 1801 and Federal Chapel, near Colesville, was built in the late eighteenth century. Goshen Chapel near Laytonsville and Bennetts Chapel (also known as Sugar Loaf Chapel) were early centers of Methodism. The number of Methodists grew steadily through the nineteenth century until a majority of the county's residents were of that faith. Between 1870 and 1910, two-thirds of all the new congregations organized in Montgomery County were Methodist.<sup>(2)</sup>

The beginnings of Salem United Methodist Church are uncertain, since early church records were destroyed in a farmhouse fire in the 1800s; Montgomery County Methodist Church Circuit Records for the years prior to 1857 were also lost.<sup>(3)</sup> According to church legend, however, there was a group of Methodist worshippers in Cedar Grove in the late 1700s. Church records clearly establish a Methodist congregation there by 1857, when Salem was one of eight Methodist churches in the county filing for a Certificate of Incorporation.

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Salem's changing status over the years illustrates the Methodist Church's growth in the county. Originally part of what was known as the "Montgomery County Circuit" (formed in 1788 from the Frederick County Circuit) Salem became part of the new Laytonsville Circuit (created by taking the Laytonsville and Mt. Tabor churches from the Rockville Circuit and the Wesley Grove, Salem and Damascus churches from the Montgomery Circuit) in 1890. "Circuits" consisted of several churches sharing an itinerant minister and, sometimes, a parsonage. The parsonage for the Laytonsville Circuit was located in Laytonsville and ministers stayed with parishioners while preaching in Cedar Grove.

Meeting at first in homes and later in the original Cedar Grove school, the Salem congregation was given  $\frac{3}{5}$  of an acre by Hezekiah Barber in 1869 for the erection of its first church, a log structure. It stood just north of the present church building on the site now occupied by a swimming pool company and is shown on the Hopkins Atlas for 1878.<sup>(4)(5)</sup> The foundation of the original church remained until the 1930s. Additional land for a cemetery (75 square perches) was donated in 1906 by Joseph and Harriet Sibley.<sup>(6)</sup>

During the Civil War years, dissension in the Methodist Church over the issue of slavery resulted in the formation, in some places, of pro- and anti-slavery congregations. Both the Clarksburg and Hyattstown churches split over the issue and separate Methodist Episcopal Churches, South, were built in those communities; Salem, however, was not affected by the divisions caused by the war.

In 1923, in response to continued growth, the Laytonsville Circuit was divided and Damascus and Salem became a separate "Damascus Charge", sharing a minister and a parsonage; the parsonage was erected on Rockville Pike, one mile south of Damascus. In 1951, with increased congregational growth, Damascus Methodist and Salem Methodist became separate "church stations", each with its own minister. Salem built a new parsonage on  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre of land donated by the Watkins and Nehouse families; it is located just north of the present church on the west side of Ridge Road.<sup>(7)</sup>

Originally called the Salem Methodist Episcopal Church, the word "Episcopal" was dropped in 1939 when the three divisions of American Methodism (Methodist Episcopal Church, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Methodist Protestant Church) joined to become the Methodist Church. In 1969, the name was changed to Salem United Methodist to reflect the merger of the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren churches.

The existing Salem Church building was erected in 1907. Simple in design, it reflects the influence of the architectural pattern books assembled by the Carpenters' Company of Philadelphia in the mid-late 1700s; the collection included material on the popular British church styles of the period, with their steeples and porticos:

"A basic pattern for churches was established by (British architect) James Gibbs, who, in his publication A Book of Architecture (1728) popularized the steepled and porticoed churches designed by Sir Christopher Wren, architect of St. Paul's Cathedral in London. Gibb's book not only made the spire and the belfry reaching toward heaven ubiquitous in the eighteenth century, it also had a lasting influence into the twentieth century."<sup>(7)</sup>

The Salem Church, in a much-simplified form, is an adaptation of the ecclesiastical style popularized by Wren and later imported to the American colonies. As such, it is an authentic example of an early vernacular church building of the type which is now being replaced (as rural development continues) by larger "colonial" or "contemporary" structures.

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Footnotes

1. MacMaster and Hiebert, A Grateful Remembrance, p.69.
2. Ibid. p.70.
3. \_\_\_\_\_, Salem United Methodist Church, unpagued.
4. Land Records, Montgomery County, Maryland, EBP 6/306.
5. G.M. Hopkins 1878 Atlas of Montgomery County, Maryland.
6. Land Records, Montgomery County, Maryland, 190/252.
7. Payne, History of Damascus United Methodist Church 1822-1972.
8. Wrenn & Mulloy, America's Forgotten Architecture, p.106.



**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Attached

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.46 ac (entire parcel)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Attached

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE Lois Snyderman, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Historic Preservation Commission

DATE

Feb. 1990

STREET &amp; NUMBER

51 Monroe Street

TELEPHONE

(301) 217-3625

CITY OR TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

9. Bibliography - Salem United Methodist Church

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County Library, Rockville, Maryland.

History of Maryland 1812-1880, J. Thomas Scharf, 3 Volumes, Tradition  
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10. Verbal Boundary Description - Salem United Methodist Church (14-26)

assessed upon the tax books of Montgomery County to a certain Madeline Parlinghi, and in whose name said levy and sale was made, together with all the rights and privileges thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

Witness my hand and seal.

Test.

C.H. Robertson.

Robert G. Hilton

Clerk to the County Commissioners for Montgomery County and ex-officio Collector of State and County Taxes and Treasurer for Montgomery County in the State of Maryland.

State of Maryland, Montgomery County, to wit:

I hereby certify that on this 27th day of August, A.D. 1906, before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the said State, in and for Montgomery County, personally appeared Robert G. Hilton, Clerk to the County Commissioners of Montgomery County and ex-officio Collector of State and County Taxes and Treasurer, and did acknowledge to the foregoing Deed to be his act.

Clifford H. Robertson,

Justice of the Peace.

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At the request of the Board of Trustees of Salem Methodist Episcopal Church of Montgomery County, Maryland, the following Deed was recorded August 28th, A.D. 1906 at 9.20 o'clock A.M., to wit.

*Mailed to John H. Boyd, Sr. Boyle, Ind. R. L. No. 1 Aug. 29, 1906*

THIS DEED, made this 26th day of July 1906, by us Joseph Sibley and Harriett A. Sibley, his wife, of Montgomery County in the State of Maryland;

WITNESSETH, that in consideration of one dollar and other considerations we the said Joseph Sibley and Harriett A. Sibley his wife, do hereby grant and convey unto the Board of Trustees of the Salem Methodist Episcopal Church of Montgomery County, Maryland, a body corporate of Montgomery County and State of Maryland and its successors and assigns forever exclusively for the use of Salem Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery in Montgomery County, Maryland, all of the following described piece, parcel or part of a tract of land called "The Resurvey on Elizabeth" and part of a tract called "Cow Pasture".

BEGINNING for the same at the end of the sixth line of said land and it being on the seventh line of said tract & then with said line N. 32° E. 10 1/2 pers. to the Northern edge of said Cemetery, then with and across said land S. 70° E. 6 1/2 pers. to stone then S. 16 1/2° W. 9 pers. to the edge of a private road then with said road edge N. 75° W 8 22/25 pers. to the beginning, containing seventy five square perches of land more or less, in fee simple.

Reserving however my burying lot as located with ingress and egress thereto, in said Cemetery.

Together with and singular all advantages thereto belonging.

Witness our hands and seal.

State of Ohio, Tuscarawas County, to wit:-

I hereby certify, that on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty nine, before the Subscriber Judge of the Court of Probate within and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared, Wm. Stockwell and Nellie J. Stockwell his wife, and did each acknowledge the foregoing deed or instrument of writing to be their respective acts.

1.00 Paid



On Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year 1869.  
 W. D. Wright, Probate Judge.

20  
 March  
 1869

At the request of Greenberry, E. Barber others, Trustees, the following Deed was recorded, the 15<sup>th</sup> June 1869, to wit:-

This Deed made this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty nine, by Ezekiah Barber and Nancy Barber, his wife of Montgomery County of the State of Maryland, to wit: Wm. G. Sells, that in consideration of their deep interest in the religious welfare of the Community, the said Ezekiah Barber and Nancy, do give unto Greenberry, E. Barber, George, S. Boale, William, T. Windsor, Jacob Hager, John Hager, James, B. Brewster, Ezekiah Barber and William, W. Podes (and their successors) of Montgomery County, in the State of Maryland, all that lot of ground situate in Newsums County which is described as follows. Beginning at a stone planted at the public road, leading from the Fredricks road near Henderson's to Damascus and running thence S 78° E, 13 ps until it intersects the dividing line between Barber and Sibler, then with said line S 24 3/4 W, 11 ps; then N 78° W, 7 1/2 ps to the aforesaid road. N 11 1/2° E, 10 1/2 ps to the beginning, about three fifths of an Acre of land, in trust, that said premises shall be used, kept, maintained, and disposed of, as a place of public Divine Worship for the use of the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United State of America, subject to the discipline, usage and ministerial appointments of said Church as from time to time authorized and declared by the General Conference of said Church and the Annual Conference in whose bounds the said premises are situated.

Test:  
Robt. T. Mullineaux.

Witness our hands and seal  
Ezekiah Barber (Seal)  
Nancy Barber (Seal)  
 Clerk

{Enter Rev. \$0.50}

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

|   |                                     |   |  |  |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| <b>1. NAME</b>  |                                     |   |  |  |
| COMMON: CEDAR GROVE, Md./SALEM CHURCH AREA  |                                     |   |  |  |
| AND/OR HISTORIC: Salem United Methodist Church  |                                     |   |  |  |
| <b>2. LOCATION</b>  |                                     |   |  |  |
| STREET AND NUMBER: Ridge Road (Rte. 27)   |                                     |   |  |  |
| CITY OR TOWN: Cedar Grove   |                                     |   |  |  |
| STATE: Maryland   |                                     | COUNTY: Montgomery  |  |  |
| <b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>  |                                     |   |  |  |
| <b>CATEGORY</b><br>(Check One)<br><input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building<br><input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure<br><input type="checkbox"/> Object |                                     | <b>OWNERSHIP</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input type="checkbox"/> Both |  | <b>STATUS</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress |
| <b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b><br>Yes:<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> No   |                                     |   |  |  |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)  |                                     |   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural   | <input type="checkbox"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Park   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial   | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational  | <input type="checkbox"/> Military   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious   | _____                                    | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment  | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum     | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific   | _____                                    | _____  |
| <b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>   |                                     |   |  |  |
| OWNER'S NAME: Trustees of Salem United Methodist Church   |                                     |   |  |  |
| STREET AND NUMBER:  |                                     |   |  |  |
| CITY OR TOWN: Cedar Grove   |                                     |   | STATE: Maryland                          |  |
| <b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>   |                                     |   |  |  |
| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse   |                                     |   |  |  |
| STREET AND NUMBER:  |                                     |   |  |  |
| CITY OR TOWN: Rockville   |                                     |   | STATE: Maryland                          |  |
| Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):   |                                     |   |  |  |
| <b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>  |                                     |   |  |  |
| TITLE OF SURVEY: None   |                                     |   |  |  |
| DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local  |                                     |   |  |  |
| DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  |                                     |   |  |  |
| STREET AND NUMBER:  |                                     |   |  |  |
| CITY OR TOWN:   |                                     |   | STATE:                                   |  |

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

M: 14-26

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| 7. DESCRIPTION   |  |  |
| CONDITION  | (Check One)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed         |  |
|  | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>(Check One)<br/><input type="checkbox"/> Altered    <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered</td> <td>(Check One)<br/><input type="checkbox"/> Moved    <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site</td> </tr> </table> | (Check One)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered |
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| DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE   |  |  |
| <p>The church is a frame structure with a forward-facing gable and an entrance tower in the southwest corner. The doorway has a pointed-arched tympanium carrying the words, "Salem M. E. Church" in stained glass. The tower is open at the top with a bell cote. The facade has a pointed arched window with three lancet-like lights. Along the side walls are four, pointed-arched windows. The apse is semi-hexagonal.</p> <p>The siding has been replaced with aluminum siding.</p> <p>There are a number of notable late 19th - early 20th.C. houses lining Rt.27 here, particularly north of the church.</p> |  |  |

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

| PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate) |                                       |                                       |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian    | <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century     | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |  |

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SPECIFIC DATES: (If Applicable and Known)

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AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  | _____                                    |

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blank area for major bibliographical references.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |                         |                         | O<br>R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES |           |         |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---|-----------|---------|
| CORNER   | LATITUDE                | LONGITUDE               |        | LATITUDE  | LONGITUDE |         |
|  | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds |        | Degrees   | Minutes   | Seconds |
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| NE   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        | °   | '         | "       |
| SE   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        | °   | '         | "       |
| SW   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        | °   | '         | "       |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreeage Justification:

Blank area for acreeage justification.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE: | COUNTY: |
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC      DATE: 18 Mar 74

STREET AND NUMBER:  
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring      STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:




National       State       Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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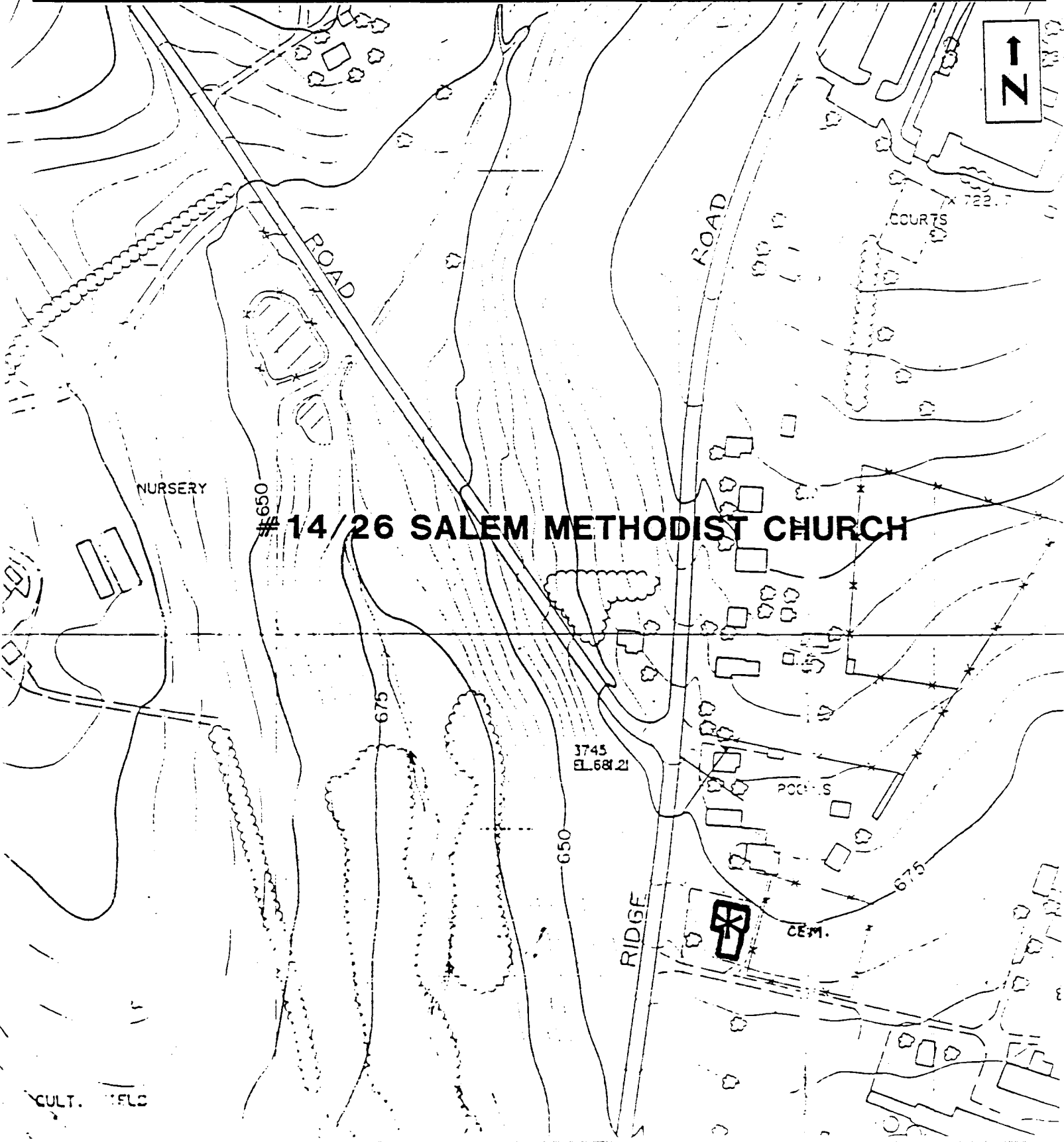
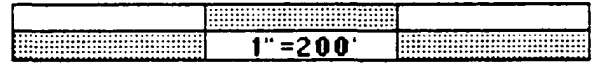
**Legend:**

- \*  Primary Historic Structure
-  Outbuilding(s)
- \*  Historic Site

**14-26: Salem United Methodist Church**  
**23725 Ridge Road**  
**Clarksburg, Maryland** M:14-26

Contours are at 5' intervals.

Scale: 1"=200'



**Legend:**

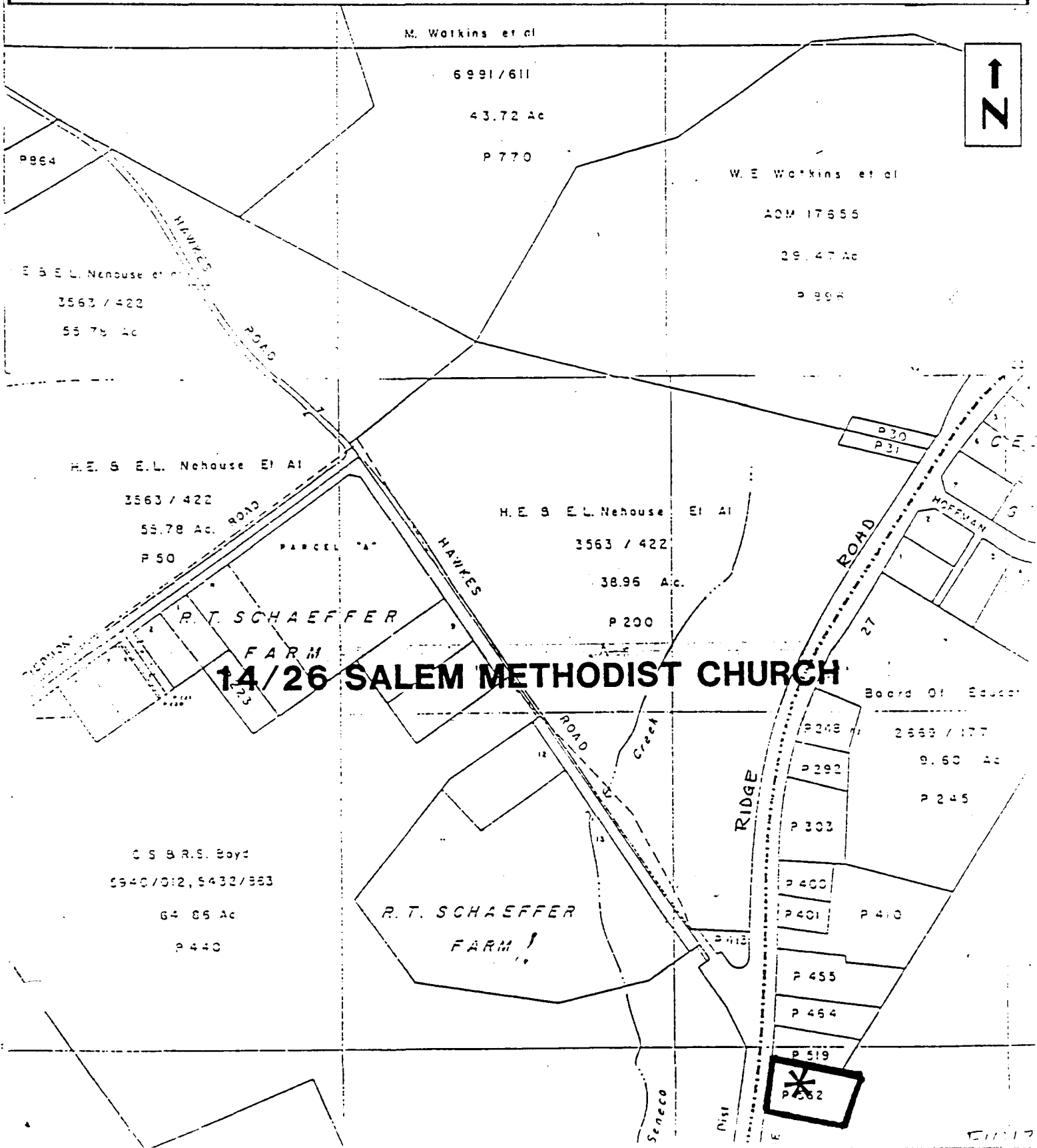


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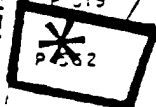
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**14/26 SALEM METHODIST CHURCH**





Salem Church

Site # 14/26

23725 Ridge Rd

Germantown, MD

West Setting

Lois Snyderman, 12/89



Salem Church

Site # 14/26

23725 Ridge Rd

Germantown, MD

West (Main) Facade

Lois Snyderman, 12/89



Salem Church

Site # 14/24

23725 Ridge Rd

Germanatown, MD

North Elevation

Lois Snyderman, 12/89





Salem Church

Site # 14/26

23725 Ridge Rd

Germantown, MD

East Elevation

Lois Snyderman, 12/89



Salem Church

Site # K/26

23725 Ridge Rd

Germantown, MD

West Elevation

<sup>SOUTH</sup>  
Lois Snyderman, 12/89



Salem Church

Site # 14/26

23725 Ridge Rd

Germanatown, MD

Cemetery

Lois Snyderman, 12/89



Salem Church

Site # 14/26

23725 Ridge Road

German town, MD

Bell Tower

Lois Snyderman, 12/89