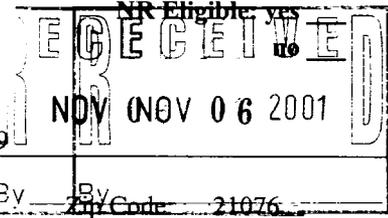


**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**



Property Name: Ridge Methodist Church Inventory Number: AA-979

Address: 7565 Teague Rd. (formally Ridge Rd.) City: Hanover By: [blank] City Code: 21076

County: Anne Arundel USGS Topographic Map: Relay

Owner: Trustees for the Hanover Assembly of God

Tax Parcel Number: 506 Tax Map Number: 8 Tax Account ID Number: 04502700

Cingular Wireless / American Tower Corp. Arundel

Project: Mills #1186 Facility Agency: Cingular Wireless

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Is the property located within a historic district?  no  yes Name of district: \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed?  no  yes Determined eligible?  no  yes District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_

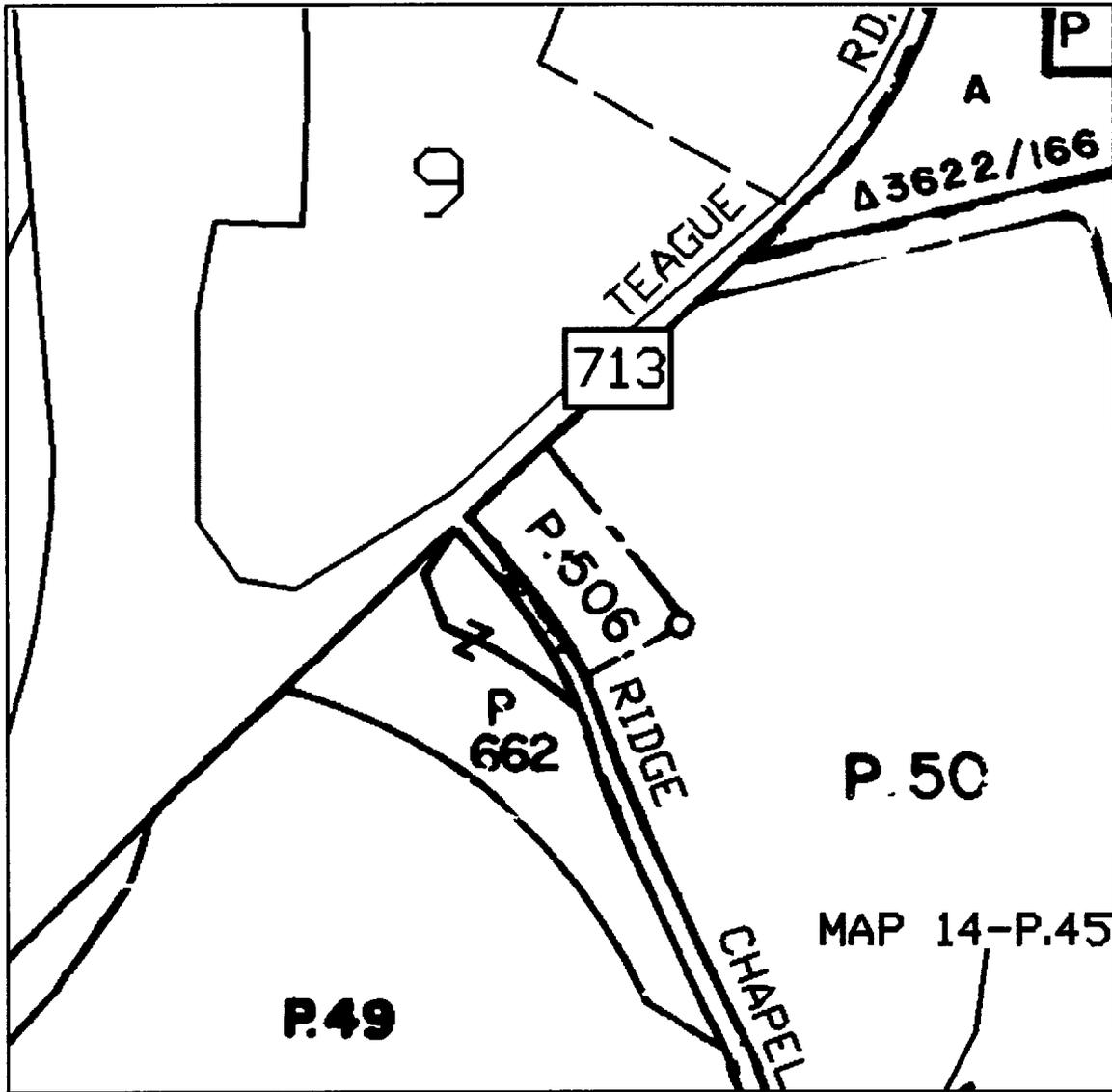
Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*  
 The Ridge Methodist Church, dating from 1867 and 1892, was designed in the Gothic-Revival style of architecture. Character defining features of the Church include the centrally located steeple, pointed arch windows, gable roof, exposed rafter-ends, and the use of wood clapboard, board and batten, and fish-scale shingles. The church is l-shaped in plan with the front entrance and steeple centrally located on the gabled-end of the main (west) façade. A one-story modern addition extends from the rear (east) façade. The church was inventoried in 1996.

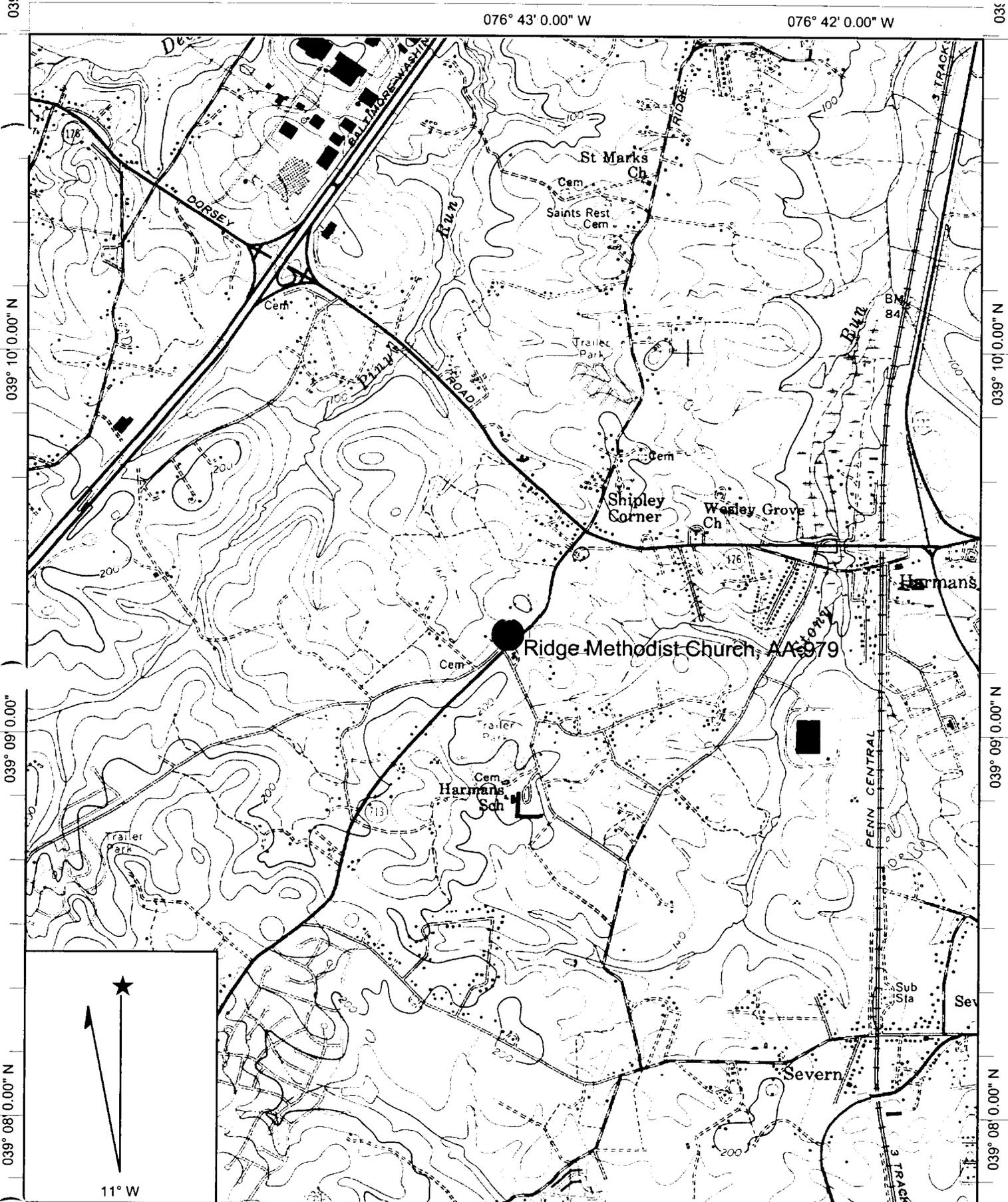
It is under criteria A and C that the Ridge Methodist Church might be considered eligible for the NRHP. The history associated with the Ridge Methodist Church is historically significant in its associations with the social and religious divisions existing in Anne Arundel County about the time of the Civil War. It was constructed as a place of worship for Confederate sympathizers that had split from the Prospect Methodist Church after a post-Civil War riot that broke out at the Prospect Church camp meeting that was attended by both northern and southern supporters in 1866. Under criterion C, the Church embodies distinctive characteristics of a church built in the Gothic-Revival style of architecture. As described above, most of the character-defining features of the Church remain intact. An unsympathetic addition was added to the rear façade. It is the opinion of The Ottery Group, however, that the Ridge Methodist Church is not eligible for listing on the NRHP because the building's historic context and setting that have been greatly compromised. The area has changed from a rural setting to a suburban one. A water tower and stadium were constructed adjacent to the property, and new road construction has adversely impacted its setting as well. The Methodist Ridge Church in not associated with persons important to local, state, or national history (Criterion B). It has not yielded, nor is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history (Criterion D).

Prepared by: Megan Rupnik, Ottery Group Date Prepared: October 29, 2001

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>	
Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <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 <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>12/5/01</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR program	<u>12/7/01</u> Date



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Ridge Methodist Church  
7565 Teague Rd.  
Hanover, MD  
Tax Parcel: 506  
Tax Map: 8



Name: RELAY  
 Date: 10/30/2001  
 Scale: 1 inch equals 2000 feet

Location: 039° 09' 17.7" N 076° 43' 05.9" W



RIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

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MEGAN RYAN, THE OTTERY GROUP

CAMERA DIRECTOR'S FAST



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RIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

MEGAN RUPNIK, THE UTTERY GROUP

CAMERA DIRECTION: SOUTH



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RIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

M. ZUPNIK, THE OTTERY GRP.

CAMERA DIRECTION: WEST



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CAMERA DIRECTIONS: SOUTHEAST

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1867, 1892  
~~Circa 1800-1899~~

Ridge Methodist Church

Hanover

Private

Ridge Methodist Church is an architecturally significant and highly intact example of late nineteenth century, Methodist church construction. Built in the Gothic Revival fashion, a style popular for ecclesiastical buildings from 1840 onward, Ridge Methodist Church has typical features of this style of architecture such as lancet windows, steeply pitched gable roof, open eaves, and decorative stained glass.

Historically, the Ridge Methodist Church is significant in its direct association with the social and religious divisions existing in Anne Arundel County about the time of the Civil War. Prior to the construction of the church's oldest section in 1867, area Methodists worshiped at Prospect Methodist Church, located approximately 1/2 mile north of Ridge Methodist Church. The National Methodist Episcopal Church was divided over the issue of slavery. In 1845 the ministers and congregations of what would later become the Confederate states formed the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Prospect Methodist Church remained part of the "northern" church, but loyalties produced social tensions such that in 1866, Prospect Church divided and the Confederate sympathizers established their own church, Ridge Methodist.

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Ridge Methodist Church

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period(s): Agricultural-Industrial Transition (1815-1870)  
Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

Resource Type:

Category Type: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

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

Known Design Source: John Wesley Kelbaugh

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. AA-979

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic  (Ridge Methodist Church)and/or common  Hanover Assembly of God

## 2. Location

street & number  7565 Ridge Road  not for publicationcity, town  Hanover  vicinity of  congressional districtstate  Maryland  county  Anne Arundel

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

nam  Trustees for the Hanover Assembly of Godstreet & number  7565 Ridge Road., P.O. Box 136  telephone no.:city, town  Hanover  state and zip code:  Maryland 21076

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.  Anne Arundel County Court House  liber 2826street & number  Church Circle  folio 181city, town  Annapolis  state  Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title  Rt. 100 Environmental Impact Statementdate  federal  state  county  local sitory for survey records  Maryland Historical Trustcity, town  Crownsville  state  MD

# 7. Description

Survey No. AA-979

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>		<b>Check one</b>	
<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 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.

Ridge Methodist Church, presently known as Hanover Assembly of God, is an elegant, late-19th century frame, Gothic-Revival-style building. The church's basic L-shaped plan is augmented on the rear (NE+A47) side by a low, rectangular, modern addition. Built with a vertical emphasis typical of the Gothic Revival style, the structure's most prominent feature is a centrally placed steeple. This projects beyond the main axis of the front facade and rises high above the steeply pitched gable roof. The steeple terminates in the tapering roofline of the bell tower that crowns the steeple. The two historic sections appear contemporaneous, but in fact represent two periods of construction. The rear block, aligned parallel with the road, was built in another location in 1897. In 1892 it was moved across the road and the gable-front, steepled section added. 1861

The two historic section's exterior walls display a variety of finish treatments, including wooden fish-scale shingles in the upper section, German siding on the main body, and board and batten immediately above the brick foundation. Fenestration in the principal block consists of double-hung sash, lancet-top windows. The original glazing pattern (absent in several openings) features a large, colored pane of glass in each of the upper and lower windows. This is bordered by differently colored, alternating square and rectangular glass panes. Windows in the secondary block display false shaping. In this treatment, the window casings are lancet shaped, but the glazing does not extend into the pointed arch. This appears to be the original configuration in this section of the building.

Entrances, one in each block, are present in the front facade. The principal entrance is located in the bell tower. An original stained glass lancet window tops the doorway and reiterates the motif displayed in the windows. The associated door, steps, and awning, however, are recent additions. A second entrance is located in the secondary block, and is protected by gable-roofed entry vestibule.

Ridge Methodist Church retains much of its interior oak woodwork, including wide molded trim, wainscoting and chair rail. Interior communication between the two oldest sections is achieved through three pairs of paneled doors that are located at the nexus of the two blocks. Originally these opened to provide additional seating space. However, the older block is presently used as a Sunday school room and office space, and is largely void of original finish. A passage in the south wall of the older block connects the original church with the modern addition.

Despite the incompatible addition, which is not visible from the building's front, this building displays a very high level of historic integrity and is in excellent condition. The church's historic feeling is diminished only by the environmental setting, which is adversely impacted by nearby road construction.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. AA-979

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)

<b>Specific dates</b> 1867; 1892	<b>Builder/Architect</b> John Wesley Kelbaugh
Check: Applicable Criteria: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

Ridge Methodist Church is an architecturally significant and highly intact example of late 19th-century, Methodist church construction. It is built in the Gothic Revival fashion, a style popular for ecclesiastical buildings from 1840 onward. Typical Gothic Revival features displayed on this building include lancet windows, steeply pitched gable roof, open eaves, and decorative stained glass (1). The building is further significant for its association with the social and religious divisions existing in Anne Arundel County about the time of the Civil War.

The oldest section of Ridge Methodist Church dates to 1867 and was built as a direct result of Civil War-era tensions. Prior to the establishment of Ridge Methodist Church area Methodists worshipped at Prospect Methodist Church, which was located approximately 1/2 mile north of Ridge Methodist Church (2).

The National Methodist Episcopal Church organization was deeply divided over the issue of slavery, and in 1845 the ministers and congregations of what would later become the Confederate states formed the Methodist Episcopal Church, South (3). Maryland was a border state and many congregations split, with some members staying with the old Methodist Church and others affiliating with the newly formed Southern Church. In some cases one building was shared by a divided congregation (4).

Prospect remained affiliated with the "northern" church, but it is clear that loyalties were split. The end of the war failed to end social tension, and in 1866 animosity manifested in the form of a riot that broke out at the Prospect Church camp meeting that was attended by both races and both northern and southern supporters. Immediately after "Riot Camp" Prospect Church divided and Confederate sympathizers established their own church. This church was named Ridge Chapel and was located directly across the road, northwest of the present building.

By 1892 Ridge Chapel was too small to accommodate the growing congregation and the structure was disassembled and moved across the road, reassembled and expanded. A large addition, topped by a steepled bell tower was added. The project was undertaken by John Kelbaugh, a contractor and church member who volunteered his service to the church.

In 1948 the congregations of Ridge Methodist and Friendship Methodist combined, and in 1952 built a new church named Wesley Grove. Ridge Methodist was sold and is now known as Wesley Grove Assembly of God. In the early 1990s the Rev. Harold Smith and volunteer help began a repair and restoration of the building. The exterior and interior of the steepled section are restored and are in excellent condition.



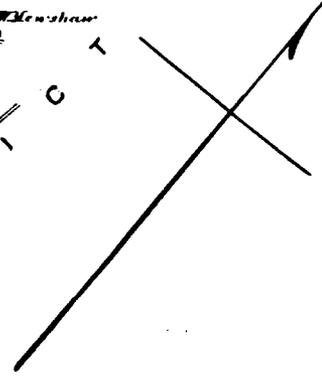
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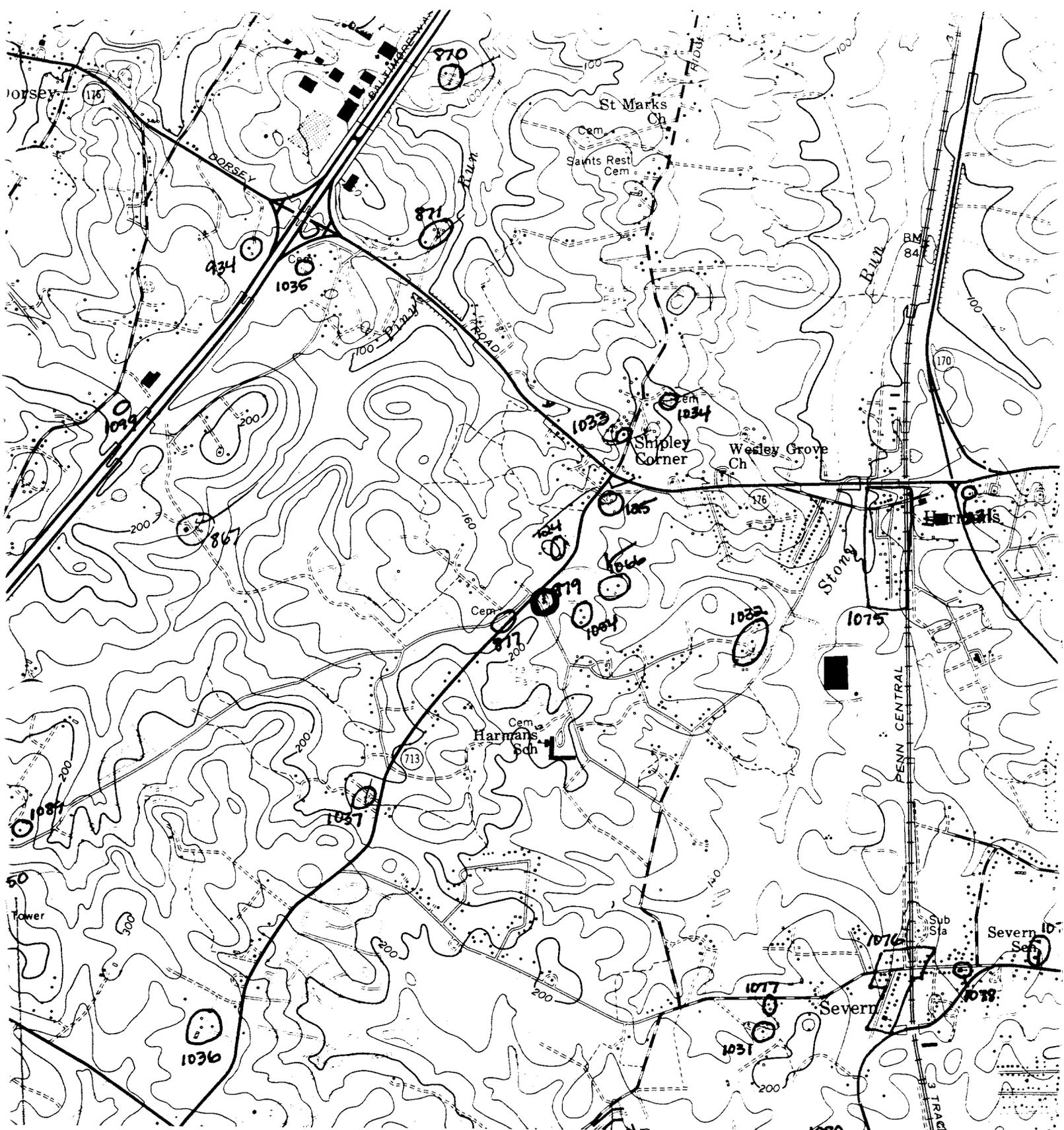
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Scale 1 1/2 Inches per Mile



EXPLANATIONS	
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County Roads	-----
Private "	-----
Turpike "	-----
Rail Roads	-----
Streams	-----
The figures along the Roads shows the distance in Rods, from junction to junction thereof	





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Scale: 1:24,000  
1957, photo revised 1966 and 1974

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Ridge Methodist Church

Anne Arundel Co., MARYLAND

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NEG. AT MARYLAND SHPO

South PERSPECTIVE

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RIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

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NEG. AT MARYLAND SHPO

Southwest ELEVATION

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Neg. at Maryland SHPO

REAR (Northeast) Elevation

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