

BA-606  
Monkton United Methodist Church  
1930 Monkton Road  
Monkton

1870

The church is the first entrance east of the former railroad line. After Methodist meetings were held in the depot and in Miller's Monkton Hotel, land was purchased on a hilltop in 1870 and the present church was erected. In 1970, extensive renovations were made and an educational building was tacked on at the rear.

It is a Victorian style brick church, gable roofed, with a vestibule, a louvered belfry, round-arched stained glass windows, and brick pilasters on the sides and front. There is a rose window set in a brick arch in the main facade.

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No. 0306065508

DOE  yes  no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Monkton United Methodist Church, Cemetery

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1930 Monkton Road  not for publication

city, town Monkton  vicinity of 3rd Councilmanic District  
2nd congressional district

state Maryland county Baltimore County

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<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 checked="" 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)

name Trustees of Monkton United Methodist Church

street & number 1930 Monkton Road telephone no.:

city, town Monkton state and zip code Maryland 21111

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Courts Building liber JWS 178

street & number 401 Bosley Avenue folio 247

city, town Towson state Maryland 21204

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title My Lady's Manor Study

date 1976  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust 21 State Circle

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
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<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 architectural style of Monkton Church illustrates typical post Civil War Protestant construction: rectangular sanctuary, double aisle floor plan, and central pulpit. The "rose" window light in the south elevation adds a touch of sophistication. Originally, two other doors existed in the east wall and the windows were plain etched glass. Colored glass was a 20th century enhancement. Simple rounded arches are as a theme for the double front doors (original), small windows in the narthex and all side sanctuary windows. As at St. James, brick was easily available in the neighborhood. One may even see the small black flecks of charcoal left from the burning of the brick.

Monkton Church cemetery is on land to the east of the church. Many original Monkton families such as Miller, Bosley, Bacon, and Kaufman are interred there and as at St. James, Monkton Church continues the use of its graveyard. Parenthetically, the most recent burial was a member of the Sheppard-Billingsley family, a family still active in the church and in Monkton but also one of the oldest families on the Manor.

The Parsonage is a rather plain, typically rural frame house, five bays wide with a full-width front porch set over a high basement, which is screened by lattice panels. The house is gable roofed and has a three-windowed bay window on the right side of the first story. The one chimney is on the left end.(1)

1. However, the parsonage is not part of this nomination.

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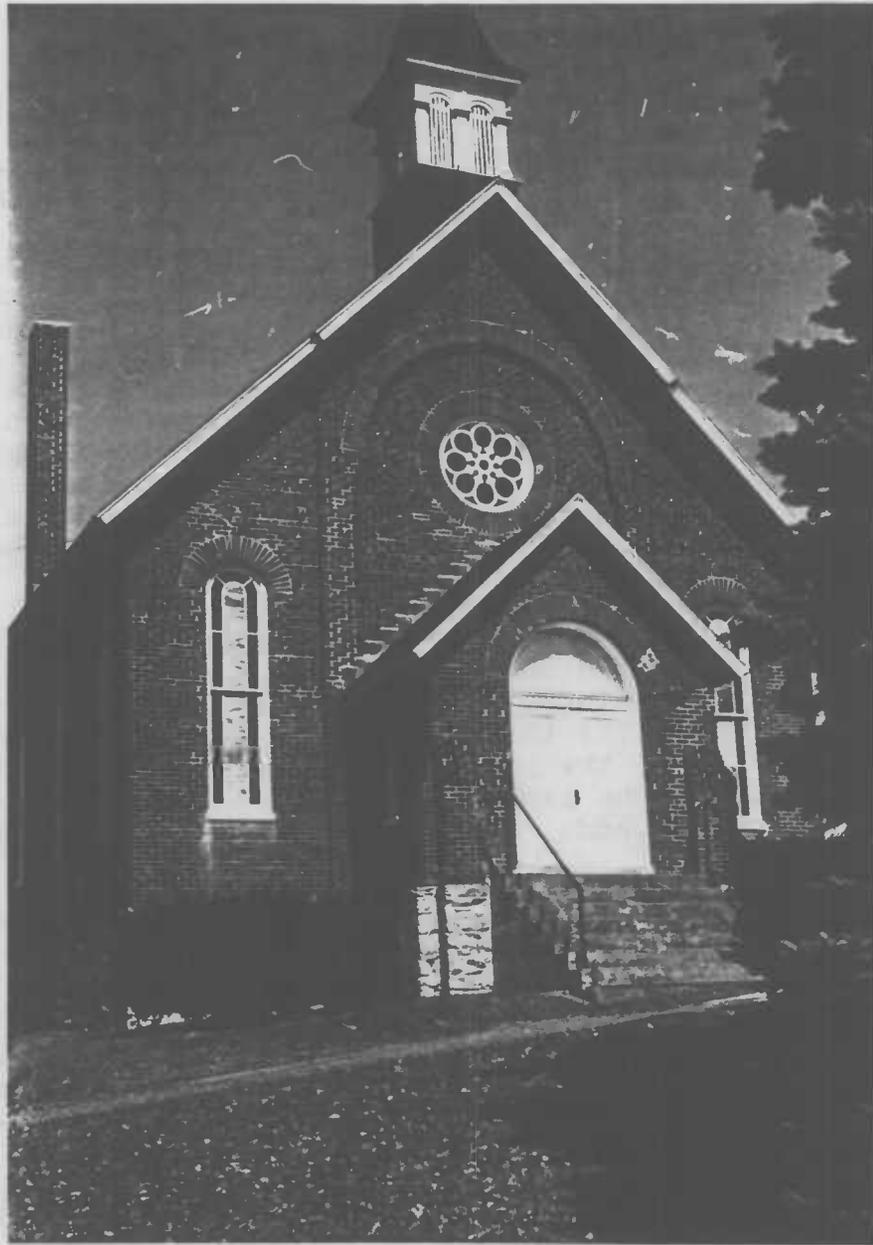
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Monkton United Methodist Church



MONKTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Constructed 1870 by Samuel Townsend & Son of Warren.  
Architect unknown.

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** Church Parsonage-1870 **Builder/Architect** Samuel Townsend & Son, Contractors

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
 and/or  
 Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
 Level of Significance:  national  state  local

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

The building of Monkton Church in 1870 opened yet another era in the life of people of the Manor. Heretofore, the majority of local families had been Episcopal and even if they were not, until the Revolution had been required to pay taxes to support the Anglican Church. As the Methodist movement grew in the north county, particularly after the American Revolution, many Methodist congregations were formed. After years of meeting as a class in the home of Thomas Kaufman (the white painted brick house parallel to Monkton Road west of the church), an increasing number of the faithful felt the need for a church.

Monkton United Methodist Church was founded one hundred and nineteen years ago as Monkton Methodist Episcopal Church. The first trustees were appointed in July of 1870; the land was purchased (3/4 acre for \$175) the same month and by September of that year the cornerstone of the brick church was laid. The names of the men who purchased the land for the church were John Bacon, Lewis Parsons, Elihio Cuddy, Samuel Bosley and Ira Tipton.

One of the newer Methodist Churches in Northern Baltimore County, the church was established to fill the need of the local Methodists for a church that could be reached on foot or a short carriage ride. Miserable, muddy, rutted roads made weekly travel to Hereford, Wesley Chapel, or Clymalira impractical. There were many churches on the Hereford circuit at that time...by 1894 there were fourteen, including Warren, Corbett, Hereford, Wesley Chapel, and Sparks. Three ministers served these houses of worship, each preaching at least three times each Sunday.

The Towson papers (of which few issues survive for 1871) reported on January 7:

**CHURCH DEDICATED.**--The new M.E. Church at Monkton, will be dedicated tomorrow (Sunday). Bishop Ames will be present and perform the dedicatory services.

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By January of 1871 the church was completed at a cost of about \$4000 and a formal dedication service was held, at which the last of the debt was paid off by collection.

The Towson papers of 1887 reported a close call with fire in 1887:

**Exciting Time in a Church - Children's Day Services Broken Up.** On evening last, a very large congregation had assembled in the M.E. Church at Monkton, to enjoy the Children's Day services for which extensive preparations had been made, but owing to an unfortunate accident, the congregation was dispersed very suddenly and what might have been a most serious catastrophe, was only averted by the prompt action of some of the cooler-headed people. Early in the evening it was discovered that one of the chandeliers, in which oil lamps were burning, was not altogether safe. Mr. Samuel Bosley tried to remedy the defect, when the chandelier fell with all its lamps to the floor, setting fire to the woodwork. To add to the excitement which the crash and the fire caused, a second chandelier, which was connected with the first, also fell, and the flames soon shot high up, terrifying the ladies and children. A general rush was made for the windows, which fortunately, were not high, and nearly everybody got out safely except two young ladies. Miss Ella Miller hurt her back painfully by jumping, and Mrs. Hattie Young was also slightly injured. Many of the people ran out of the doors and some were jammed, and a few were slightly bruised and scratched by leaping from the windows. It is a very fortunate thing that everybody escaped so well under the circumstances. When the ladies and children were safely out of the building, the men went to work and promptly put out the fire. All the lamps were broken, and it is surprising that greater damage was not done. As it was, only the carpet and some of the benches were destroyed, which, together with the broken chandeliers and lamps, may be renewed for \$50. Neither the church nor its contents were insured.  
(Baltimore County Union, June 18, 1887)

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By 1897 the building was completely renovated, the work performed by M.H. Merryman. (Baltimore County Democrat, July 3, 1897) In 1929 electricity came to the area and ended the era of gas and candlelight in the church. The old coal stoves went in 1948 and were replaced by an oil-fired furnace. Another renovation in 1958 saw the addition of the stained glass windows, carpet in the aisles and fresh paint. Finally in 1970 the old school house across the road, used for many years as a Sunday School, was sold and the educational building attached to the church in time for the 100th anniversary.(1)

From a circuit of 14 churches, Monkton charge was down to four churches in 1960; by 1961 Fairview became a station church and in 1965 Wesley Chapel was closed, leaving the present two churches (the Monkton-Clymalira Charge).

When the church was built, Monkton was a thriving village served by the Northern Central Railroad. There was a large hotel that welcomed summer visitors and travelling businessmen, a thriving milk-shipping business, a grain elevator, a blacksmith, two livery stables and two general stores. From 1873 until the 1930s the brick building across the road from the church served as the village school and a gristmill continued to operate on Charles Run until 1940.

From the beginning, Monkton Church has always had an active Sunday School; early accounts in the county newspapers tell of picnics, Rally Days, songfests and other such affairs involving the community. Early on there was a Ladies Aid, then a Woman's Society for Christian Service and finally, after the merger with the Evangelical and United Brethren Church, a United Methodist Women.

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1. The Monkton School became Isaiah Baptist Church, and in 1991 was expected to be replaced by a new church designed for a rural setting.

MONKTON/HISTORY

Ruth B. Mascari, From Pillar to Post (Monkton, 1989), house tour booklet  
Maryland Journal, January 7, 1871

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 9.56 Other deeds are WPC 584:592 and 5445:326, etc.

Quadrangle name Phoenix

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

See Tax Map 29, Parcel P128, P129, P247

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	county	N/A	code

state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title John McGrain, quoting tour booklet

organization Office of Planning

date November 25, 1991

street & number 401 Bosley Avenue

telephone 887-3211

city or town Towson

state Maryland 21204

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Monkton Methodist Episcopal Church

AND/OR COMMON

Monkton United Methodist Church

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

1930

Monkton Road

CITY, TOWN

Monkton, Md. 21111

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

**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
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<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 of Monkton United Meth Church Telephone #: 472-2085

STREET & NUMBER

(Office and Parsonage) 16527 Garfield Road

CITY, TOWN

Monkton

VICINITY OF

STATE zip code  
Maryland 21111

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County

Liber #: 584 586  
Folio #: 529 and 303

STREET & NUMBER

New County Courts Bldg.

CITY, TOWN

Towson, Md. 21204

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Baltimore County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

March 1972

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL #606

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

Monkton United Methodist Church, built in 1870, has a brick exterior of English Bond laid six stretchers to a header course. The building is rectangular, 35 by 50 feet with a white frame bell tower 21 feet above the peak of the gable roof which is itself 35 feet above the ground.

The building is five bays long and 3 bays wide, the twelve windows are arched at the top and are of colored glass in rectangular panes. Double wood doors open into a vestibule and the steps are stone. Alterations to the exterior of the building in 110 years were a one-time making of a window into a side door; this has been closed and the bricks replaced to restore the original appearance. In 1970 a brick educational building was attached to the rear of the church, great care was taken in the planning so that it would conform to the architecture of the church. Entrance from the church to the new building was made by cutting two double doors into the wall of the church on either side of the chancel.

The interior of the church is plain with painted plaster walls and painted exposed wood beam ceiling. A simple plaster arch and a walnut altar rail define the raised chancel. At one time churches of this type were stencilled around doors, windows and arches but this is no longer done in Monkton Church because of the difficulty in finding good stencil painters.

The pulpit furniture, chairs upholstered in red mohair on the seat, a pulpit and communion table, are of dark walnut and were bought in 1897. In the foyer of the educational building is a display case containing an old English Plate communion beaker and goblets, old communion and collection basins, an old Pulpit Bible and church library record books.

The original 3/4 acre was added to several times to accomodate a cemetery (begun in 1889) and recreation fields behind the church.

**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			

SPECIFIC DATES      1870

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Monkton United Methodist Church was built in the Fall of 1870 as Monkton Methodist Episcopal Church on land purchased on July 28, 1870 from Ira Tipton and Annie E. Tipton. The 3/4 acre lot on a hillside on the north side of Monkton Road in the Village of Monkton was part of the town lots of Charlottetown on My Lady's Manor laid out by Thomas Brerewood over 100 years previously. Trustees making the purchase of the land were John Bacon, Lewis Parsons, Eliho Cuddy, Samuel Bosley and Ira A. Tipton. The first pastor was the Rev. Herbert Richardson. Methodists in Monkton, prior to the building of the church, had been meeting in the Monkton Hotel, then owned by Samuel Miller, and sometimes in the Northern Central Railroad Station across the tracks. A supply pastor was sent down on the train from Shrewsbury, Pa., until the church building was established. There was also a Sunday School in the parlor of Mrs. Ida Kaufman across Monkton Road and there may have been an earlier Sunday School in an old school house on the Bacon property west of the railroad tracks. Monkton Methodist activities were reported in the minutes of the Hereford Charge of the Methodist Church as early as 1867. The cornerstone of the church was laid in September, 1870. The Bentley Springs Lodge, Free and Associated Masons, according to an account in the Maryland Journal, came down on the railroad train and marched in a body from the station up the hill to the new church building. A report in the January 7, 1871 issue of the same newspaper, gives details of the dedication planned for Jan. 8 and 9th. A history of Methodism on My Lady's Manor must include the Wesley Chapel congregation on Wesley Chapel Road. Originally called "Shaw's Meeting", this group was meeting before 1800. The third church, built in 1902, was torn down in 1976 because it was vandalized and vacant and had no congregation to keep it open.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

The First Hundred Years, 1870-1970  
Monkton United Methodist Church by Otha L. Wilhelm and  
Lucille Curtis 1971

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 9 acres, more or less, including cemetery

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

*State rt 138*  
North side of Monkton Road, east of the railroad tracks and  
village proper...District 10

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

STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE Shirley B. Clemens *Shirley B Clemens*

ORGANIZATION advisor to History Committee of the church DATE Jan. 29, 1980

STREET & NUMBER 16223 Railroad Avenue TELEPHONE 472-2804

CITY OR TOWN Monkton, Md. STATE 21111

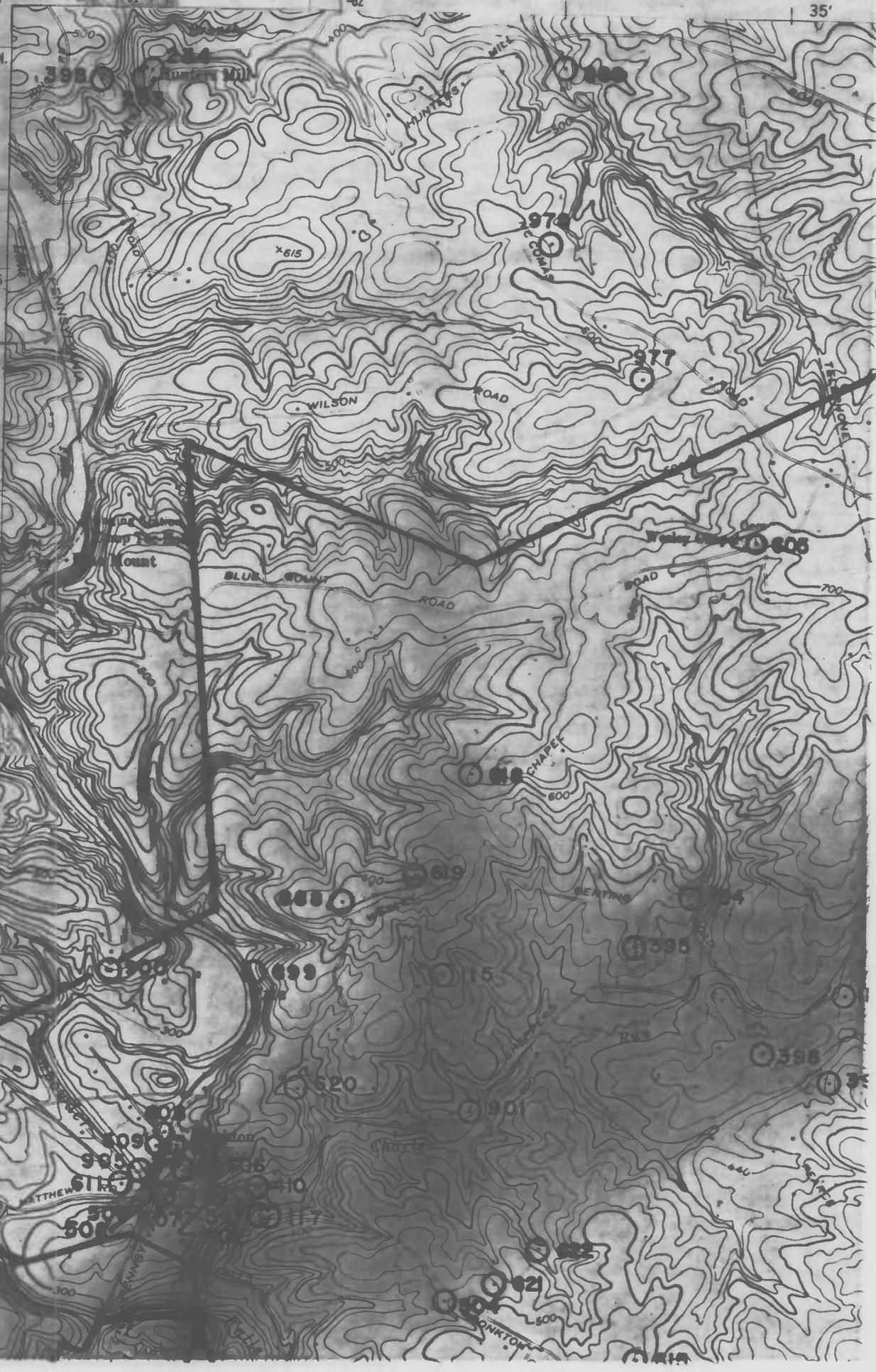
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