

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

NR Eligible: yes ___
no ___

Property Name: Hereford United Methodist Church Inventory Number: BA-1549

Address: 16931 York Road City: Monkton Zip Code: 21111

County: Baltimore USGS Topographic Map: Hereford, MD

Owner: Hereford Methodist Church

Tax Parcel Number: 333 Tax Map Number: 22 Tax Account ID Number: _____

Project: Hereford Tower Project Agency: FCC

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: MIHP form; Rotenstein 2000

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

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Prepared by: David S. Rotenstein

Date Prepared: 09/07/2000

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended _____
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" 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>David S. Rotenstein</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>2/17/01</u> Date
<u>Monkton</u> Reviewer, NR program	<u>6/21/01</u> Date

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-1549

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Hereford United Methodist Church
other

2. Location

street and number 16931 York Road not for publication
city, town Monkton vicinity
county Baltimore

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

name Hereford Methodist Church
street and number 16931 York Road telephone
city, town Monkton state MD zip code 21111

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 22-333
city, town Towson liber 1085 folio 536

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	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1	
<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	1	
		<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 Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			1	

7. Description

Inventory No. BA-1549

Condition

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

altered

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

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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	performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	politics/government
<input 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	science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	other:

Specific dates	1879-1950	Architect
Construction dates	1879	Builder

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 reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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Continuation Sheet

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HISTORIC CONTEXT

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Historic Period Theme(s):

Resource Type:

Category:

Historic Environment

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Known Design Source:

9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. BA-1549

Baltimore County Council (1991); Brooks, N. A., and E. G. Rockel (1979); Clemens and Clemens (1983); McGrain (1980)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>.97 acre</u>		
Acreage of historical setting	<u>.97 acre</u>		
Quadrangle name	<u>Hereford, MD</u>	Quadrangle scale	<u>1:24,000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries for this property conform to the tax parcel boundary: Map 22, Parcel 333.

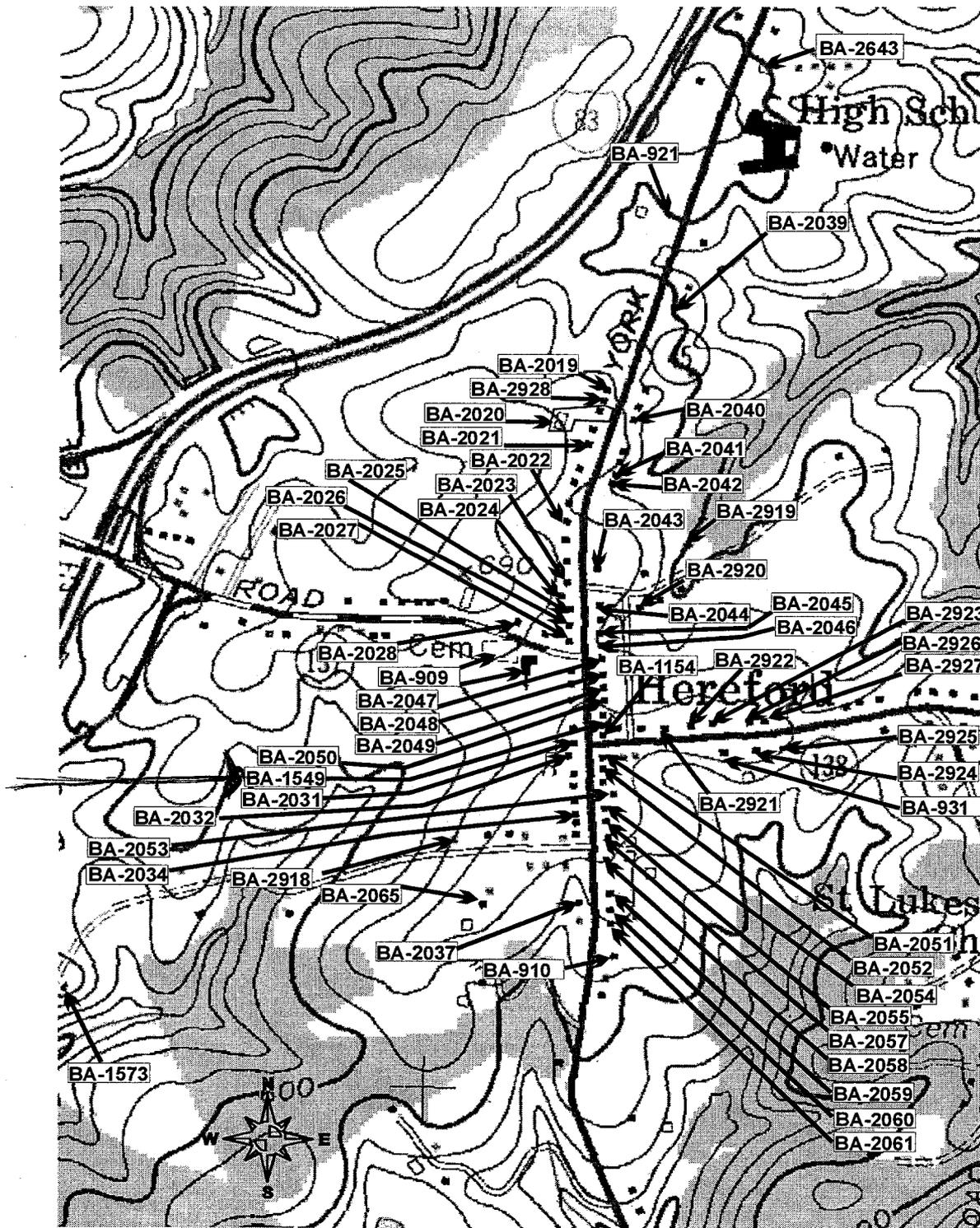
11. Form Prepared By

name/title	David S. Rotenstein, Ph.D./Historian		
organization	URS/Dames & Moore	date	09/07/2000
street and number	7101 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 700	telephone	301-652-221
city or town	Bethesda	state	MD
		zipcode	20814-4870

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville MD 21032
410-514-7600





Methodist Central Methodist Church
TWO BY TWO
Preschool
410 357 5750
North Arlington
Ages 2-5

Methodist Central Methodist Church
North Arlington

BA-1549

VI

Hereford United Methodist Church

16931 York Road

Baltimore County Maryland

David S. Rotenstein

8/22/2000

MD SHPO

View of the Hereford United Methodist
Church, to the east.

044 NNNN 09.06.00

BA 1549

HEREFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1871, 1909

HEREFORD

PRIVATE

Hereford's original Methodist Congregation of 1797 moved from its location on Old York Road to the main turnpike route in 1871 and built a stone chapel with spire and belfry on a lot adjoining the parsonage which had been acquired in 1834. The building was altered and amplified in 1909. Present style is Romanesque Revival, featuring a battlemented entrance tower and belfry, also round-topped windows. The window lights are of opalescent glass. An educational building was added in 1959.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC **Hereford United Methodist Church**

AND/OR COMMON
Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
16,931 York Road

CITY, TOWN **Hereford** VICINITY OF **2nd** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE **MD** COUNTY **Baltimore County**

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED (i.e., used)	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME **Hereford M. E. Church**

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
16,931 York Road

CITY, TOWN **Monkton** VICINITY OF STATE, zip code
MD 21204

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. **County Courts Building**

Liber #: **GLB 3254**
Folio #: **510**

STREET & NUMBER
401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN **Towson** STATE **MD 21204**

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE **Baltimore County Historical Sites Inventory
Maryland Historical Trust**

DATE **On-going Since 1964**

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS **21 State Circle**

CITY, TOWN **Annapolis** STATE **MD 21204**

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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hereford United Methodist Church has been built up in two successive expansion programs from a basic church of 1871 that was two bays wide and three bays deep. The original church has lost its identity. What exists now is an L-shaped church with a square battlemented entrance tower-belfry set in the east side of the York Road.

The nave of the church is a relatively low stone structure with four bays facing the street, three bays in depth along its south wall. There is a gable roof with a prominent pediment facing the street. The pediment is bracketed in the Italianate Victorian manner and has a round louvered ventillator. The tympanum space is filled in with pressed patterned tin. A very plain architrave runs between the stone wall and the pediment. Windows are of opalescent glass with only a few geometric decorations; window frames are round stone arches, the sills of wood.

The doors in the entrance tower face west (towards the road) and are punctuated with small glass panes, mainly decorative, that form a cross. Both doors are set under a round-topped transom with opalescent glass panes, surrounded by a round stone arch. These doors face the street, and are slightly set back from the street facade of the nave, reached by three poured concrete steps.

This square stone tower has a round-topped window in its north wall at street level, and at the second level of the tower, there are two slender, round-topped windows, one east, one north. At third level is the open belfry, with four round-topped arches. There is a wooden railing with square balusters across the lower part of each belfry opening. The top of the belfry is flat roofed, decorated with battlements.

The north leg of the L is a gable roofed segment with one bay facing the road. The gable end of this leg faces north, and is of course perpendicular to the nave. As finished in 1909, this leg of the church would have had two bays on its north gable end, but one of them has been covered up with the installation of a vestibule leading into the educational building. The window that survives is also round-topped. The pediment of this north wing is also supplied with a round louvered ventillator, its tympanum filled is with pressed patterned tin or aluminum.

The educational building that is tacked on to the east or rear of the 1871-1909 church segments is a one-story structure of contemporary design.

The style of this church is Romanesque Revival, and the drawing of 1893 shows that the Romanesque windows were an early feature when the church was started, and the theme was followed in the 1909 expansion; thus the church is pre-Richardsonian in its use of round arches and ordinary local stone.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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		

SPECIFIC DATES 1871/1909/1959

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Methodism in Hereford began at Foster's Meeting House, a log structure on the Old York Road (now called Hereford Road), where services were first held in or before 1797. The old location of the church was on a tract donated by John Foster to the trustees John Orrick, George Spindler, Nicholas Spindler, John Spindler, Samuel Tipton, and Richard Tipton. (1) The tract is still used as a cemetery, but in 1870, the congregation decided to move to the York Turnpike, which had not been laid out at the time of organizing the church. (2) The original building met the sad fate of the turnpike and used as Harry Coggin's tavern, and in 1893 it still stood but was Nathan Ensor's cobbling shop. Some time after 1900, it was torn down. (3)

The parsonage had been located on the York Turnpike since 1834, and the trustees used part of that lot for the new church in 1871. The new structure was a stone building three bays deep, two bays wide, with a spire and belfry. An excellent line drawing of the church appears in the 1893 album of churches on the Hereford Circuit. (4)

The cornerstone is marked 1909, which reflects a remodeling in Romanesque style that makes the church of 1871 almost unrecognizable. There was an educational building attached in 1959.

An adjoining lot was acquired in 1969 to extend the church property northward. (5) The additional ground had been Lot 7 in the breakup of Nicholas Foster's property in 1843, and had contained a house which passed to John Ensor at the auction. (6)

NOTES:

1. Baltimore County Deeds, WG 59:30 (Hall of Records, Annapolis).
2. Clinton B. Adams, Sesqui-Centennial Album Picturing the Churches Hereford Circuit, (Hereford, 1893), p. 12.
3. C.E. and S.E. Clemens, From Marble Hill to Maryland Line (Monkton, 1976), p. 32.
4. Adams, Sesqui-Centennial Album, p.13.
5. Baltimore County Deeds, OTG 5029:561.
6. Baltimore City Deeds, TK 388:511, 527, 528.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Clinton B. Adams, Sesquicentennial Album Picturing the Churches of Hereford Circuit (n.p., 1893), pp. 12-13.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.334

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Same lot used for parsonage (BA 1154)

N1W 137 ft. on York Road
N89 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 212 ft.
S1E 137 ft.
S89 $\frac{1}{2}$ W 212 ft

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

STATE	None	COUNTY	None
STATE	None	COUNTY	None

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John McGrain, Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE

March 21, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

TELEPHONE

494-3495

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

MD 21204

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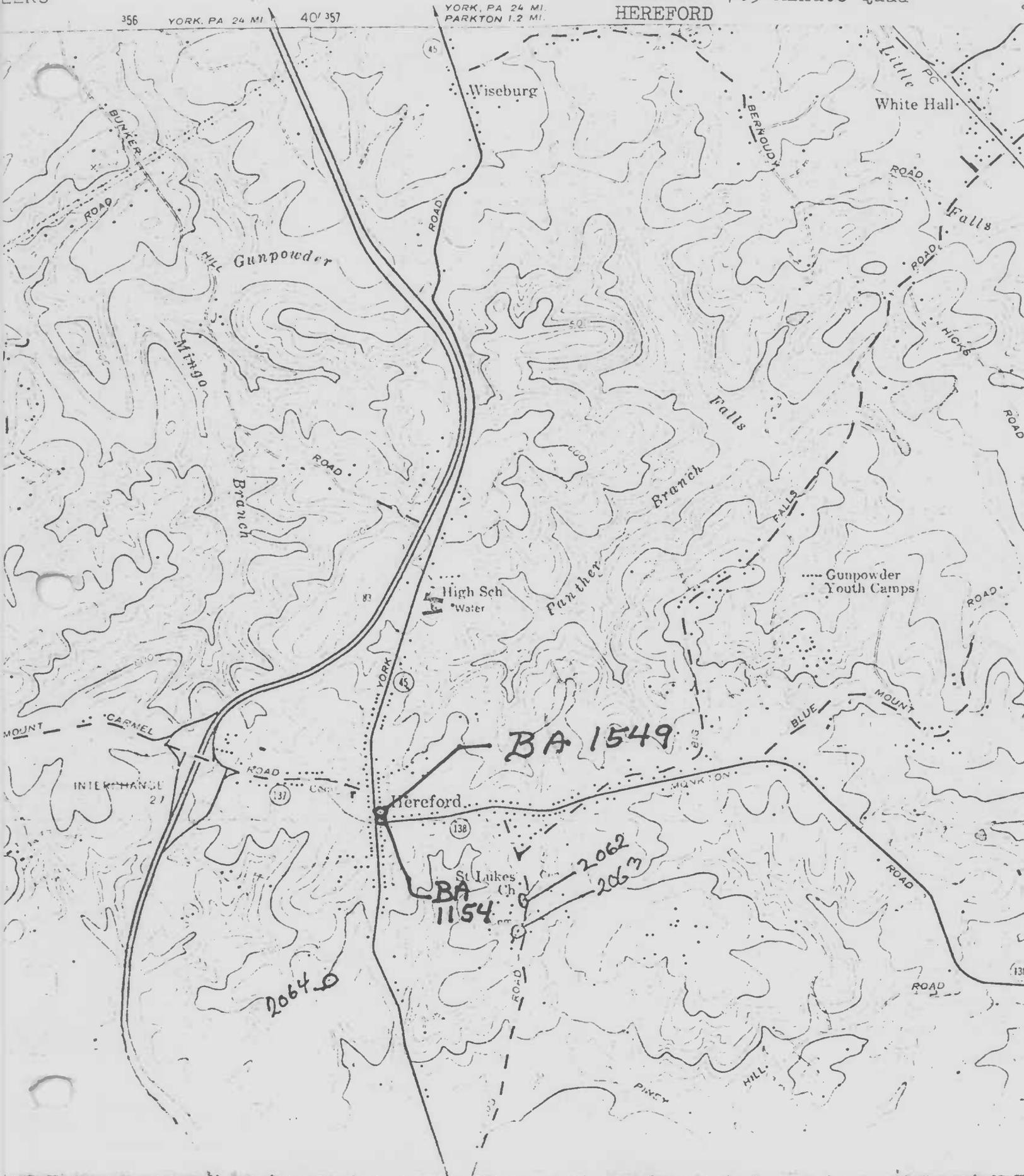
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METHODIST PARSONAGE BA 1154
HEREFORD UN. METH. CH. BA 1549

U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Quad
HEREFORD





HEREFORD UNITED METH. CH. BA1549
Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, March 1980
Neg. located at MHT
Main (west) & north facades



HEREFORD UNITED METH. CH. BA 1549
Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, October 1979
Neg. located at MHT
Main (west) and south facades



HEREFORD U.M. CHURCH BA-1549
Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain July 1981
Neg. located at MHT
Rear (e) of church from east