

CARR-82

Carroll Primitive Baptist Meeting House  
Watersville (vicinity)

c. 1857

The Carroll Primitive Baptist Meeting House (also known as the Old School Baptist Church or the Davis Meeting House) is built on a two-acre lot donated to the church trustees by Henry Shipley Davis in November 1856. According to a recent church history, the building was dedicated on 27 September 1857. It is very typical of churches built in Carroll County throughout the nineteenth century, as most had two entrances on one gable end and were a simple rectangular box. The use of a gallery was not uncommon, although a majority of sanctuary's did not have them. It is the only such church of this denomination known in Carroll County. The virtually pristine condition of the building, however, is much more unusual and gives this particular sanctuary added significance.



## 7. Description

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<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		
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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.

**Summary:** The Carroll Primitive Baptist Meeting House is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Watersville Road W. and Watersville Road. It is a two-bay by two-bay, one-story structure with a rubble stone foundation, clapboard siding with corner boards, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles. The east elevation has two doors set in bullnose frames. The north, south, and west elevations each have two 9/6 sash. The sanctuary has a random width pine board floor, plastered walls, and flat plastered ceiling. The windows have pedimented surrounds. On the west end is a panelled pulpit. In the northeast corner of the sanctuary is an enclosed winder staircase up to a balcony on the east end.

The Carroll Primitive Baptist Meeting House is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Watersville Road W. and Watersville Road, approximately one mile northwest of the town of Watersville and three miles east of Mount Airy, in southwestern Carroll County. The building sits on a level lot with several large old trees surrounding it, and faces east toward Watersville Road. It is a two-bay by two-bay, one-story structure with a rubble stone foundation, clapboard siding with corner boards, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a ridge that runs east-west.

The east elevation has two doors set in bullnose frames, each door having two sunken panels. In the gable end, above, are two 6/6 sash. Between the windows and doors is a painted sign, of unknown vintage with "Davis Meeting House 1875 Primitive Baptist". The north, south, and west elevations each have two 9/6 sash. The south elevation has a centered, interior brick chimney. The wood boxed cornice has a fascia with a Greek ovolo moulding above.

The sanctuary has a random width pine board floor, plastered walls, and flat plastered ceiling. The windows have pedimented surrounds. The top end of each side of the surround is cut with an ogee profile that acts visually as a bracket supporting the pediment above. The simple board benches have a sunken panel, with no panel mould or margin, on each end. The benches are arranged in three columns, longer benches in the center and shorter ones in the two end columns. The benches are loose but appear to have always been arranged in this pattern, with two aisles corresponding to the two front entrance. Centered on the south wall is an interior brick chimney, with a new furnace in front of it. On the west end is a panelled pulpit with two closed-stringer stairs on both the north and south sides. Each stringer has a single lying panel with a Greek ovolo panel mould. The center section of the podium projects eastward about two feet, and the lower half has a single, long lying panel with the same panel mould. This section is built with cut nails. Above the top rail is projecting railing that matches the panel moulds in profile. Above this is four sunken panels with no panel mould, and without a bottom rail. At either end of both the lower and upper sections of the lecturn are paired



# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Carroll County Land Records  
1862 & 1877 Maps

"Old Carroll Primitive Baptist Church History." typescript, n.d.

"Carroll Old School Baptist Church to celebrate 92nd anniversary." typescript, 1949

"Neither Adding Nor Taking Away" Melanie Sovine Reed, in Perspectives in Vernacular Architecture

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2 acres

Quadrangle name Winfield

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

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# 11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Westminster state MD

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**Description (continued)**

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pilasters. The moulding at the top of the lecturn also matches the panel moulds. The top section of the lecturn is nailed to the lower section with wire nails. In the northeast corner of the sanctuary is an enclosed winder staircase up to a balcony on the east end. Under the stairs is a closet. The balcony is supported by a single center post with a Greek ovolo moulding at the top. The parapet wall of the balcony has two lying panels, one above the other, on either side of the center post.

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Significance (continued)

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humble, powerful dependence on the mercy of God through his Son to involve all that is necessary to be experienced and believed, in order to constitute a man an experimental and practical Christian; and that all such professes, or now professes are entitled to their Christian Communion restricting however their Sacramental communion to those who have complied with the preliminary law that is to say to those who on profession of their faith and repentance have been immersed by a duly authorized minister in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

According to a recent church history, the building was dedicated on 27 September 1857 as "The Davis Meeting House." Where this information came from is unknown. The church was clearly standing by 1862, according to the Martenet Map. It is very typical of churches built in Carroll County throughout the nineteenth century, as most had two entrances on one gable end and were a simple rectangular box. The use of a gallery was not uncommon, although a majority of sanctuary's did not have them. The form and layout of the Primitive Baptist Meeting House is no different than the much more common Methodist Churches, though it is the only such church of this denomination known in Carroll County. The virtually pristine condition of the building, however, is much more unusual and gives this particular sanctuary added significance. Its survival can perhaps be related to the general Primitive Baptist doctrine expressed as "neither adding nor taking away," and by the proverb adopted by the Primitive Baptists: "Remove not the ancient Landmark which thy fathers have set" (Proverbs 22:28). The phrase Primitive Baptist refers to its connection to the Apostolic Church and the belief that Primitive Baptists trace a direct line back to the church as founded by Christ when he visited earth. As was noted in the deed, there is no interest in any articles of faith drawn up by clerics.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: W. SIDE WATERVILLE RD.

CITY OR TOWN: WOODSME VICINITY

STATE: MD CODE COUNTY: Carroll CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: CARROLL CITY

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE

ACREAGE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE

STATE:

COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a severely plain structure of small yet pleasing proportions (approx 15' x 30') with the facade at the east gable end.

At the N & S elevations are two windows each - both kept shuttered. To the E elevation is a compositionally balanced arrangement of windows and doors, viz: two singularly simple doors at the first level and two windows directly above.

At the attic level of the E gable is a small stenciled plaque which reads: "Primitive Baptist Church, 1857."

6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian  16th Century  18th Century  20th Century   
 15th Century  17th Century  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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 checked="" 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"/>	_____
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		
Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Though plain in construction and overall artistry this small chapel is an excellent example of the mural ~~chapel~~ church once so characteristic of this area and now all too swiftly disappearing. Most certainly this building is worth preservation and/or maintenance should the need ever arise.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	COOE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: *Richard Rivers*

ORGANIZATION: *MHT* DATE: *9/70*

STREET AND NUMBER: *Box 1704*

CITY OR TOWN: *Annapolis* STATE: *MD* CODE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

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*Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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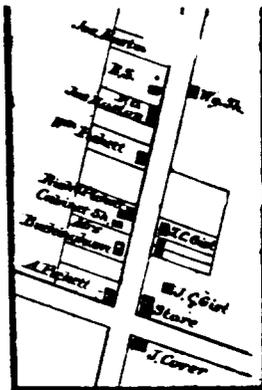
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*Keeper of The National Register*

Date \_\_\_\_\_





George Green, Jr., Manufacturer of Lumber, Shingles, and Lath, one one-eighth mile north of Hampden



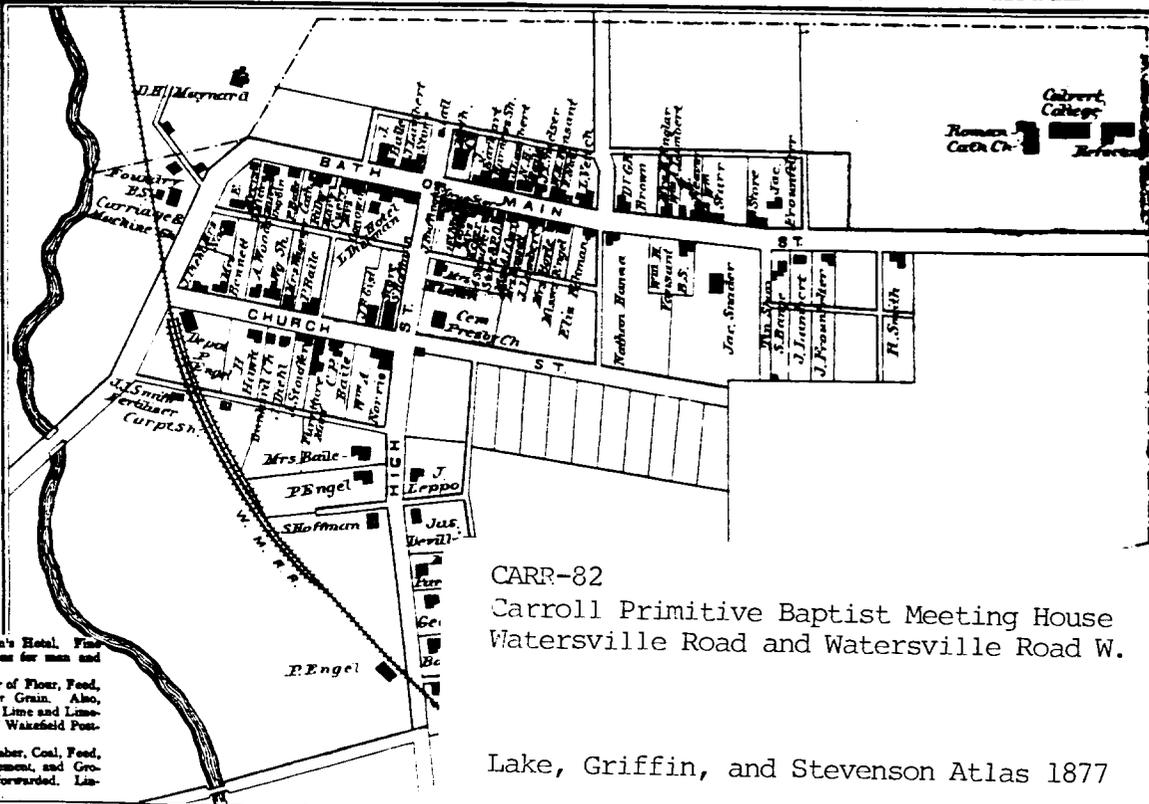
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**WINFIELD BUSINESS REFERENCES.**  
 Gen. W. Hood, Best and Shoe Maker. All work first-class. Shop on Mt. Airy and Westminster Road.  
 W. H. B. Durey, Dealer in Grain. All kinds of Fertilizers, Agricultural Implements and Machinery, Lumber, Shingles, Lath and Frames. Mt. Airy.  
 Dr. A. H. Bean, Physician and Surgeon. Residence near Mt. Airy.  
 Eliza M. Wood, Minister of the Maryland Virginia Episcopalian Church of God.  
 J. R. Israel & Sons, House and Sign Painters. Residence in Winfield.  
 S. R. Waters, M. D., Physician and Surgeon, near Watersville.  
 W. F. Gosnell, Dealer in Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Groceries, and everything usually kept in a first-class Country Store. Store on Watersville road 3 miles from Watersville.  
 H. F. Skidmore, Manufacturer of pure Cider, and keeps constantly on hand Cider and Vinegar for sale. Mill near Winfield.  
 W. H. Cook, Farmer and Manufacturer of Cider.

**NEW WINDSOR BUSINESS REFERENCES.**

Chas. P. Ball, Steam Furze Machine Manufacturer. Pattern Book furnished in Hair, Cloth or Rapp. Chamber Book in any style desired. A large stock of coffins constantly on hand. Watersville in New Windsor, Md.  
 Jas. A. Wamba, Florist. Constantly on hand all kinds of Flowers. Give us a call. Winfield Post-office.  
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 Joseph T. Starn, Dealer in Dry Goods, Notions, Groceries, and General Merchandise, Denning's Post-office.  
 L. A. Aldridge, Physician and Surgeon, near Denning's Post-office.  
 E. T. Sander, Farmer, and Breeder and Raiser of Full Blooded Berkshire Hogs.  
 Elmer Plaine, Farmer. Also, Dealer in Hard and Soft Lumber. Custom Sawing done in order. Mill on Sun's Creek, three miles south west of New Windsor.  
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 J. W. Engler, Farmer, and Raiser and Breeder of "South Down" and "Cotswold" Sheep, full blood.

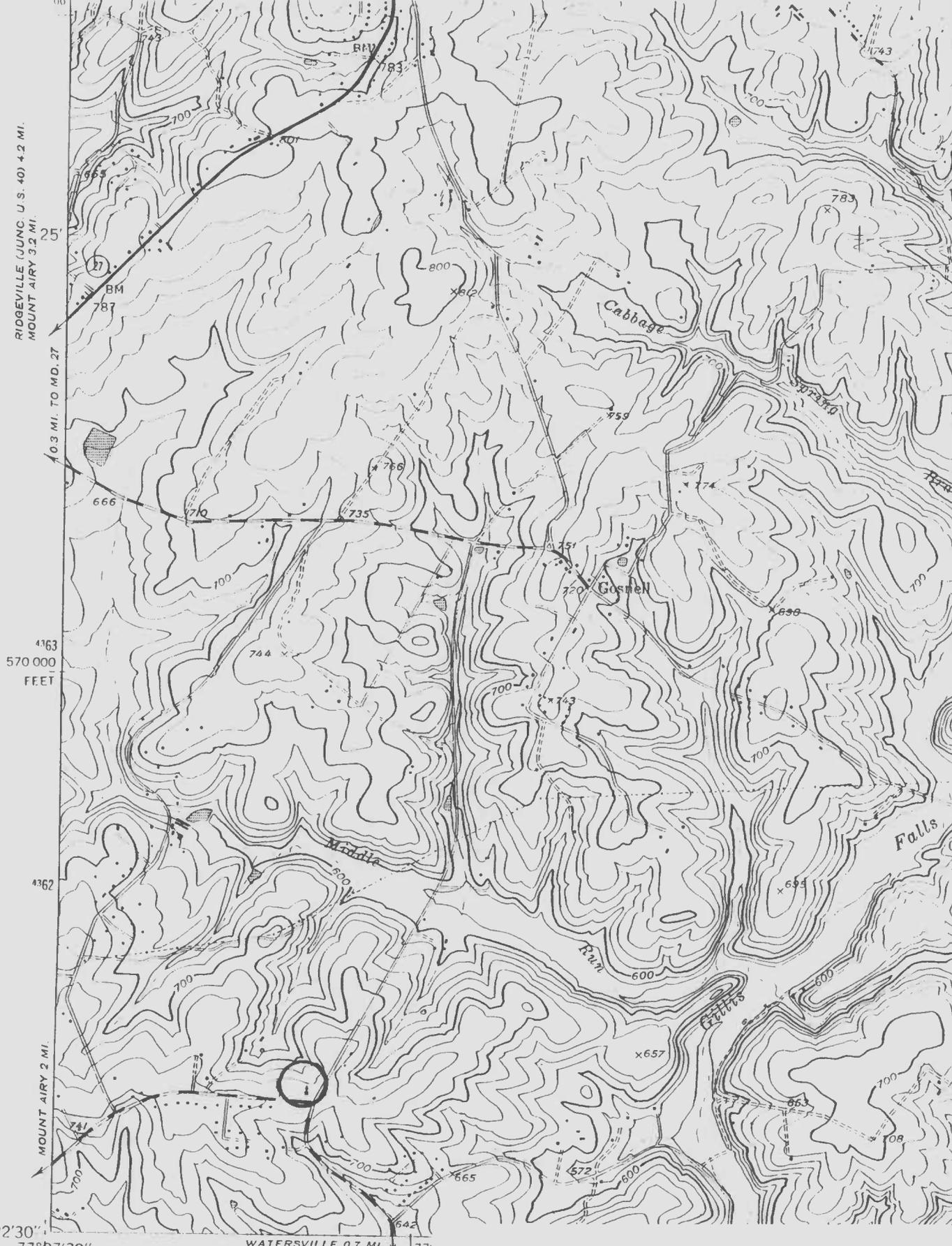
Louis Diehman, Proprietor of Diehman's Hotel. Fine rooms and best of accommodations for men and boys.  
 David Reep, Farmer and Manufacturer of Flour, Feed, &c. Highest cash price paid for Grain. Also, Custom Sawing done in order. Lime and Limestone for sale. One mile north of Winfield Post-office.  
 Josiah Engler & Son, Dealers in Lumber, Coal, Feed, Salt, Fish, Fertilizers, Plaster, Cement, and Groceries. Also, goods received and forwarded. Linwood.



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 Watersville Road and Watersville Road W.

Lake, Griffin, and Stevenson Atlas 1877





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 10,000 foot grid based on Maryland coordinate system

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Winfield Quad



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Carroll Primitive Baptist Meeting House  
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Carroll County, Maryland

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South: east elevations

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interior - view west

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interior - view north : east

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