

CARR-138

Salem M. E. Church South
3322 Salem Bottom Road

1879

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7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" 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.

Summary: Salem M.E. Church is located on the northwest side of Salem Bottom Road at the intersection of Bear Branch Road, and just south of Muller Road in central Carroll County. It is about 3½ miles south of Warfieldsburg and 3 miles northeast of Winfield. The church is a three-bay by four-bay, one-story structure with a rubble stone foundation, 6-1 common bond brick walls, and a gable roof with diamond pattern shingles and a ridge that runs north-south. The building faces south toward Salem Bottom Road. The central entrance has double doors with two panels each, and the top panels have semi-circular arches. There is a lanceolate transom with stained glass above the door. Flanking the door on each side is a stained glass lancet window. There is a large oculus in the gable end, of stained and etched glass. A marble stone in the southwest corner of this elevation is carved "Salem M.E. Church Rebuilt A.D. 1879." The east and west elevations each have four stained glass lancet windows and a cornice with three courses of corbelled bricks below a course of corbelled dog-tooth brick. The stained glass windows are all square-headed on the interior, despite being lancets on the exterior. There is a cemetery across the road, south of the church, at the northeast corner of Salem Bottom and Bear Branch Roads.

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The church is a one-room sanctuary with the altar and pulpit placed on a raised dais on the north end and enclosed by an altar rail on three sides. The simple balusters of the rail are turned and the wood appears to be walnut. The pulpit is further raised on

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1879 **Builder/Architect** John Ridinger, mason; Joshua Ditman, carpenter

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.

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Geographic Organization: Piedmont
 Chronological/Development Period: Industrial-Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
 Historic Period Themes: Architecture, Religion
 Resource Types: Church, Rural Vernacular

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Carroll County Land Records
1862 & 1877 maps

"A History of Salem United Methodist Church" Dorothy Frizzell Wantz, 1981

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.33 a.

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

state	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Westminster state MD

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a panelled wood podium. The pulpit has a single sunken panel on the east, west, and south faces. Behind the pulpit is an upholstered couch, and in front of it two matching chairs. They all are Renaissance Revival in style and appear to be walnut, as well. The north wall has a painted lancet, and inside it is the bible painted inside a circle at the top. Below this are two semi-circular-arched painted tablets, probably meant to represent the ten commandments. West of the painting is a new door into the north addition, which was added in 1979. The east, west, and south walls are now covered in paneling. The floor is tongue-and-groove oak that runs east-west, and there is a new drop ceiling.

The interior of the south doors has sunken panels with ogee panel moulds, and a cast iron box lock with porcelain knob attached to the inside face. The surround is basically plain, with the inner half bevelled in toward the door. The stained glass windows are all square-headed on the interior, despite being lancets on the exterior. The glass has a lancet pattern, with green glass in the spandrels. The north and south-central bay windows have a green outer margin, a brown inner margin, and a rose field, while the north central and south bay windows have a purple outer margin, a green inner margin, and a yellow field. They all have a circular medallion set above the center, with a symbol painted inside it. They also have a memorial tablet in the bottom. The window surrounds are plain. Both the east and west walls have a buttress in the center. The pews are arranged with three columns and two aisles. At the south end, the side pews are longer, and there are no center pews, thus bringing the two aisles together into a vestibule at the central doors. The pews are grained, and the ends are jigsawn boards with a curved arm rest and an inverted teardrop cutout at the top. There is a cemetery across the road, south of the church, at the northeast corner of Salem Bottom and Bear Branch Roads.

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its first catalogue not issued until two years later, the date of this installation is not known, and the ceiling is now hidden, if it survives, by a recent drop ceiling. Building materials were hauled by a number of local farmers, as was the custom. The old church building was moved to Winfield, where a black congregation used it as a church and school.

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The carpeting laid in 1913 was taken up in 1941, and the best pieces used to cover the aisles and chancel. The rest of the floor was painted, as were the walls. The coal oil lamps were removed from the large hanging chandeliers and the church was electrified. A new floor was laid in the church in 1952, and new carpet added to the aisles and chancel. The church was painted, and was painted inside and out again in 1957. Cleaning and painting was required again in 1961 due to smoke damage from the oil burner. A new church hall was added to the back of the sanctuary in 1979. Despite panelling and a drop ceiling added to the interior, and an addition on the rear, Salem M.E. Church retains a great deal of integrity, both to the building and furnishings, and well illustrates a typical Carroll County church of the late nineteenth century.

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CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS-ACTION	COMMENTS
Trustees of the Salem United Methodist Church	?	Trustees of the Salem United Methodist Church	?	6-30-1980	LWS 769	15	Deed fee simple	1.33 a. \$1 formerly Salem M.E. Church south of 9th district, 2 tracts
Ida A. Frizzell, et al	Carroll	Salem M.E. Church	?	5-2-1903	JHB 97	449	Deed	\$50, part of Upper Marlborough, 1 a. 85 p. (1)
John H. Myers, et al	Carroll Howard	Trustees of Salem M.E. Church south	?	11-12-1892	75	459	Deed	\$63 - relieve burden of mortgage. 1 a., 1 r., 4 p., 2 parcels (2)
Mary A. Williamson & George W. Williamson (husband)	Baltimore City	John Henry Myers	Carroll	8-12-1885	WNM 67	244	Deed fee	\$150, 8 a., 2 r. 36 p. (a)
Mary H. & George W. Williamson (husband)	Baltimore City	John Henry Myers	Carroll	3-27-1888	WNM 67	386	Deed	\$50, heirs of George Godlip Weidig (b)
Lloyd Brown & wife		George Godlip Weidig		6-3-1861	GEW 28	288		(a) & (b)

1. STATE COUNTY TOWN <i>Westminster</i> VICINITY STREET NO. ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE WALL CONSTRUCTION NO. OF STORIES	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
	2. NAME <i>Court St. jail</i>	DATE OR PERIOD <i>1837 - 1882</i> STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER
	3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

Built 1837 by B.F. Forester and Johnnie Selby at a cost of \$4,000. Land by heirs of David Fisher, Rebuilt in 1882 after fire.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE *Endangered* *Interior* *Exterior*

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

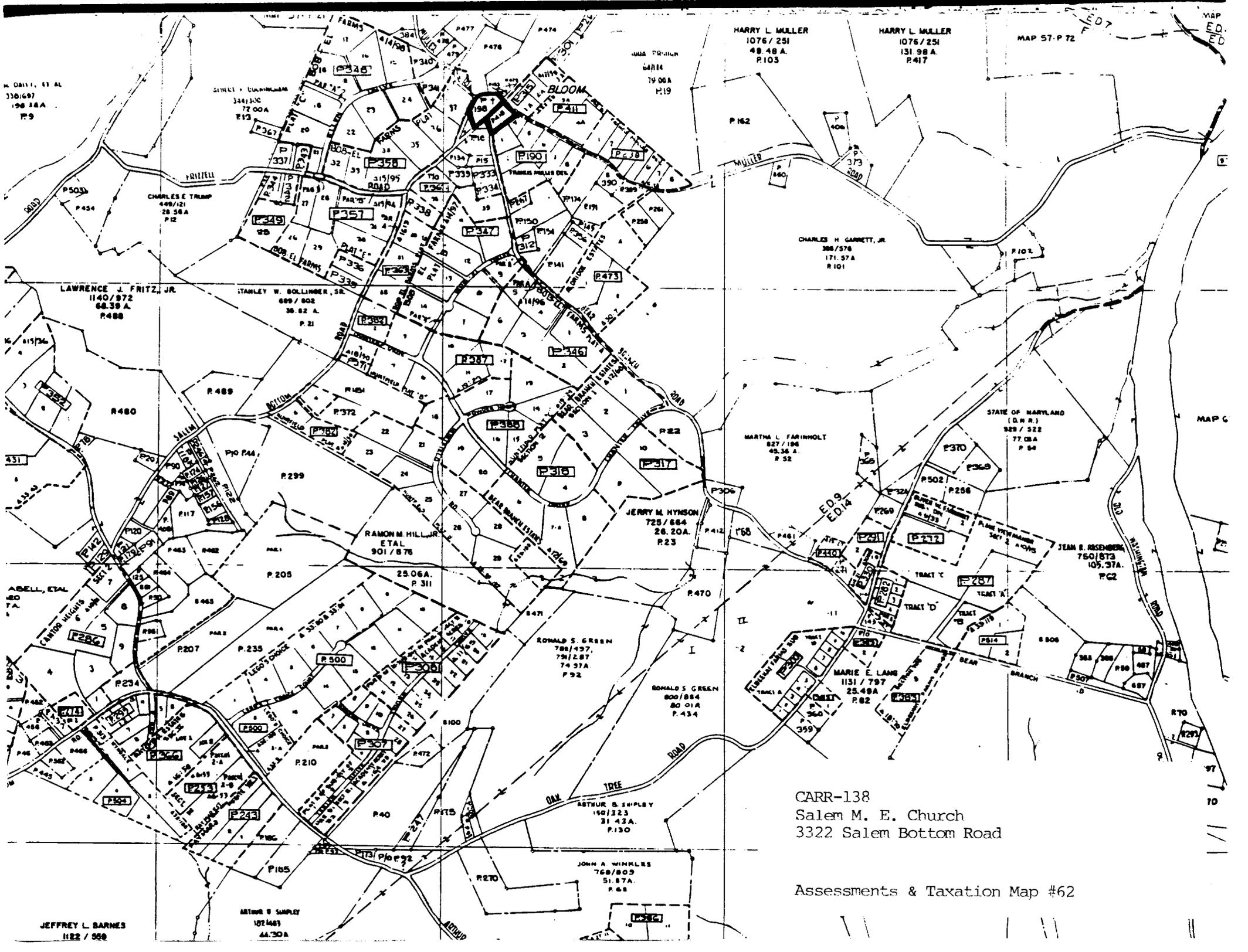
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9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

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P.417

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388 / 576
171.57 A.
R.101

MARTHA L. FARINHOLT
827 / 196
45.36 A.
P.32

STATE OF MARYLAND
(D. R. T.)
389 / 522
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P.84

JEAN E. ARSENAULT
760 / 873
105.37 A.
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JERRY M. HYNSON
725 / 684
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RAMON M. HILL, JR.
ETAL
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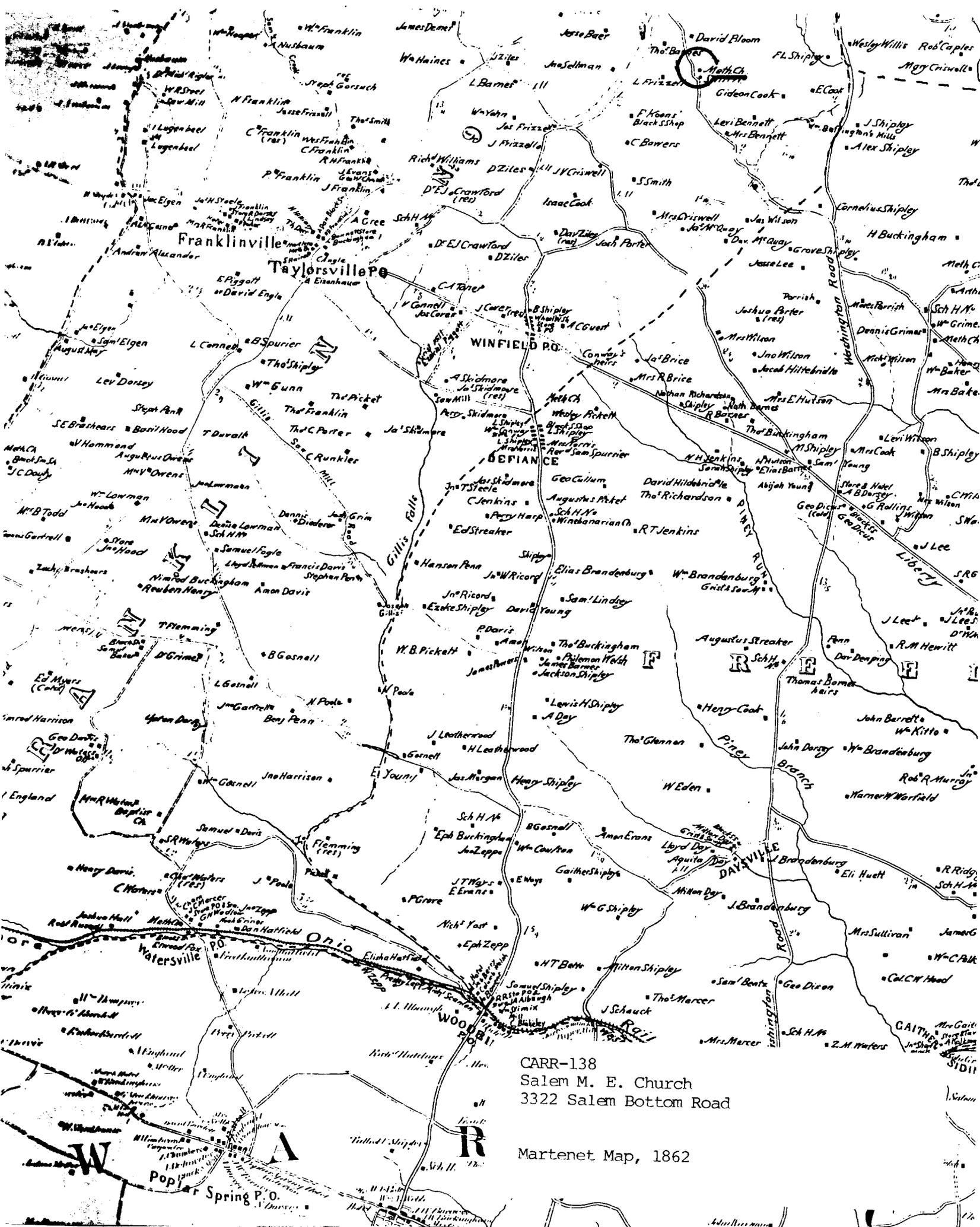
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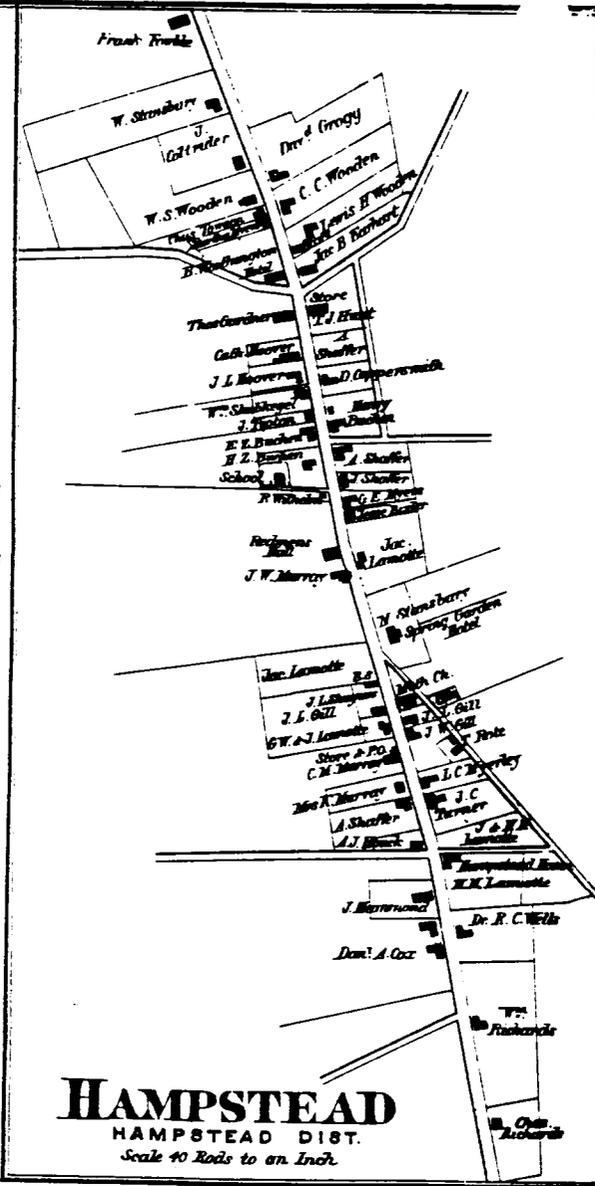
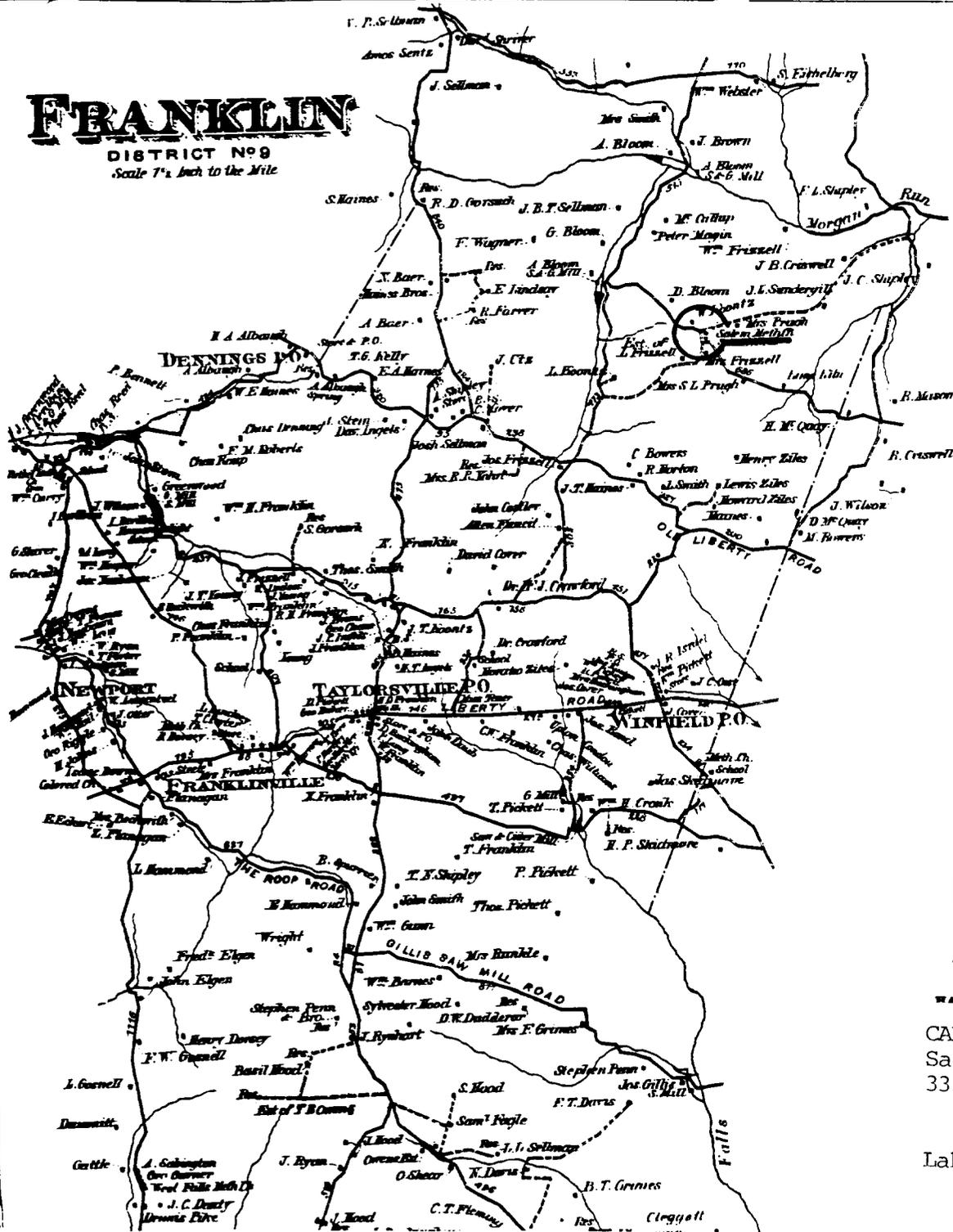
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Salem M. E. Church
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Martenet Map, 1862

FRANKLIN

DISTRICT NO 9
Scale 1 1/2 inch to the Mile



HAMPSTEAD

HAMPSTEAD DIST.
Scale 40 Rods to an Inch

HAMPSTEAD BUSINESS DIRECTORY
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Salem Bottom: Bear Branch Roads

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West: South elevations



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Salem Bottom; Bear Branch Roads

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interior - view northeast

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Salem M.E Church

Salem Bottom : Bear Branch Roads

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interior - pulpit