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Zion M. P. Church
Zion U. M. Church
2714 Old Washington Road 1882

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DOE __yes __no

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Zion M. P. Church

and/or common Zion U. M. Church

2. Location

street & number 2714 Old Washington Road (MD 854) ___ not for publication

city, town Warfieldsburg X vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	X occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	X religious
___ object	___ in process	X yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	X not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name Trustees of Zion Methodist Church

street & number 2714 Old Washington Road telephone no.: 857-4444

city, town Westminster state and zip code MD 21157

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber 57

street & number 55 North Court Street folio 508

city, town Westminster state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	_X_ original site
_X_ good	___ ruins	_X_ altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

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

Summary: Zion M. P. Church is located on the west side of Old Washington Road, at 2714. It is approximately 2½ miles southeast of Warfieldsburg in central Carroll County. The church is set at the top of a hill that slopes off to the east, and faces east toward the road. It is a two-bay by four-bay, one-story structure of 6-1 common bond brick, with a rubble stone foundation and a gable roof of standing-seam metal and east-west ridge. The east elevation has a marble stone in the south corner of the foundation that is carved with "Zion M. P. Church 1882". There are two new infill doors in original openings on the east elevation. Above each is a lanceolate transom with stained-glass windows. Centered in the gable end is an oculus. The raking eaves have a dog-tooth brick course. The north and south elevations each have four lancet stained-glass windows. The sanctuary is carpeted and the walls appear to be sheetrocked. The flat ceiling is covered by narrow, shallow painted ribs that run both north-south and east-west. The west elevation has a raised dais with a three-sided altar rail that has turned balusters and a large, turned newel with a button on top, at each end. The rail, and all the furniture behind it, appear to be walnut. North and west of the church is a cemetery, with the stones set in even rows facing east.

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The sanctuary is carpeted and the walls appear to be sheetrocked. The flat ceiling is covered by narrow, shallow painted ribs that run both north-south and east-west. There are metal, saucer-shaped lights hanging from the ceiling. The pews are arranged in three columns, with two aisles. They have been refinished recently. The ends of the pews are jigsawn boards with a curved arm rest and an inverted teardrop cut out at the top. The windows do not have surrounds, but do have wood sills, and the plain door trim is probably not original. Between the doors is a projecting brick pilaster. The west elevation has a reeded lancet-shaped surround in the center, with a red velvet dossal cloth hanging inside it. On either side of the dossal cloth is a new six-panel door. In front is a raised dais with a three-sided altar rail that has turned balusters and a large, turned newel with a button on top, at each end. The rail, and all the furniture behind it, appear to be walnut. The pulpit is set on a raised podium, and has two raised panels on the front, and one on each side. The panels have bosses in the corners. There is a single chair with red velvet plush seat and back, and Renaissance Revival detail of encised lines. Flanking it are two Renaissance Revival chairs with hinged wood seats, wood backs, and pedimented tops rails.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	_X_ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	_X_ architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
_X_ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates 1882 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: __A __B X C __D
and/or
Applicable Exception: __A __B __C __D __E __F __G

Level of Significance: __national __state X 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

The parcel of land on which Zion M. P. Church is built was originally part of the farm of Joshua Smith. After his death his heirs divided the property into twelve lots along Washington Road, and each of the four heirs took three lots. Lot 8, of eight acres, became the property of Charles F. Smith of Baltimore City in September 1872. One acre of this land was sold ten years later to James Barnes of Carroll County, who then sold it to Grove A. Shipley. It was Shipley, a prominent local farmer and landowner, who deeded the parcel to the Trustees of Zion Church on 9 October 1882 for one dollar. The deed held several

ADDENDA

The metal roof work mentioned for Mt. Zion Church, which the Ladies Aid Society was supposed to have raised money for in 1917, was apparently the same work done in 1913 when many other improvements were made. In May 1913 it was noted:

> The Zion congregation is preparing to remodel its church by re-roofing with Cortwright shingles and repainting it inside. Mr. William Saylor, of Smallwood, is the contractor, and Mr. John D. Foutz may be the painter.

The Ladies Aid Society records, as was noted in the survey form, document that Mr. Saylor was paid $90.00 for shingles for the church and John Foutz was paid $100 for painting and carpeting in September 1913. What was not known was that the shingles were actually pressed metal, not wood. It would appear that the 1917 date given in secondary sources is a typo, and should be 1913.

Source: Westminster Democratic Advocate, 16 May 1913, p. 7, c. 1.

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provisions. One-eighth of an acre had to be reserved for a free burial lot for the public, and an 8x16 foot plot was set aside for Shipley's family. Shipley also gave the trustees $100 in work or money for the church building, provided that it was completed and ready for worship by 17 September 1883. If the provisions were not met, the deed would be void.

Tradition holds that the church was meeting at that time in the Morgan Run school. Original plans were to construct a wood church, but the decision was later made to use brick kilned at Timber Ridge. The foundation was obviously laid in 1882, since that is the date on the cornerstone, and presumably the church was finished on time. Additional money for the building came from a $400 mortgage in 1883 that was paid off in 1896. At that time, Zion was part of the Deer Park Circuit, and apparently many students of the Westminster Theological Seminary, on the campus of Western Maryland College, served as pastors. The pews in Zion are identical in profile to those found in Salem M. E. Church (CARR-138). The church originally had two chandeliers, each weighing about 150 pounds. One hung near the altar and the other near the doors. In December 1885, while Grove J. Shipley was putting out the lights, the rear chandelier hook pulled out of the joist and crashed to the floor, breaking two arms, two lamps, and seven globes, as well as injuring Shipley's arm and shoulder. One lamp flared, and oil was spread all over the floor, but there was fortunately no conflagration. On later inspection, the front chandelier was found to be close to falling. These chandeliers have since been replaced, but are reportedly stored in the attic.

Typical of most local Methodist churches, the Ladies Aid Society was responsible for periodic upkeep to the church building. In December 1905 they intended to repaint the church benches, and in March 1910 installed a bolt on the door. In September 1913 they paid Mr. Saylor $90.00 for shingles for the church, and in December of that year paid John Foutz $100 for painting and carpeting the pulpit. It was also in 1913 that the stained glass windows were installed, and the Ladies Aid Society participated in that endeavor, as well. There is also mention of a 1917 church supper, the proceeds of which went to installing a metal roof, chimney, and a new coat of paint. This could not be corroborated in the Ladies Aid Society minutes. A major remodeling was done on the interior of the church, apparently in 1941, and the account survives in church records.

Caleb Martin (roof)	120.00
Lettie Quinn (furnace)	50.00
J. J. Haines (rubber mat)	24.65
J. H. Davis (brick work)	39.80
Albert Brothers (installing furnace)	53.50
Smith & Reifsnider (lumber, bricks)	20.00
Arthur Conaway (paint)	150.00
Baile (electric wiring)	58.00
Baile (fixtures)	33.00

Chas. Cohen (iron wheel)	5.00
Smith & Reifsnider (cellar mat)	18.21

The exterior brick was reportedly painted in 1907. A 1947 church bulletin shows the building painted a light color, with dark window and door frames. The roof has wood shingles, and there is an interior brick chimney centered on the south elevation. A bulletin from three years later shows that the walls and frames had been repainted, now all a light color. The chimney had been moved from the south to its current location on the east elevation. The doors were double, with two panels each, and the top panels were semi-circular. These changes probably reflect the work done in 1941, finally recorded years later in an updated photograph.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3.5 a.

Quadrangle name Finksburg **Quadrangle scale** 1:24000

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

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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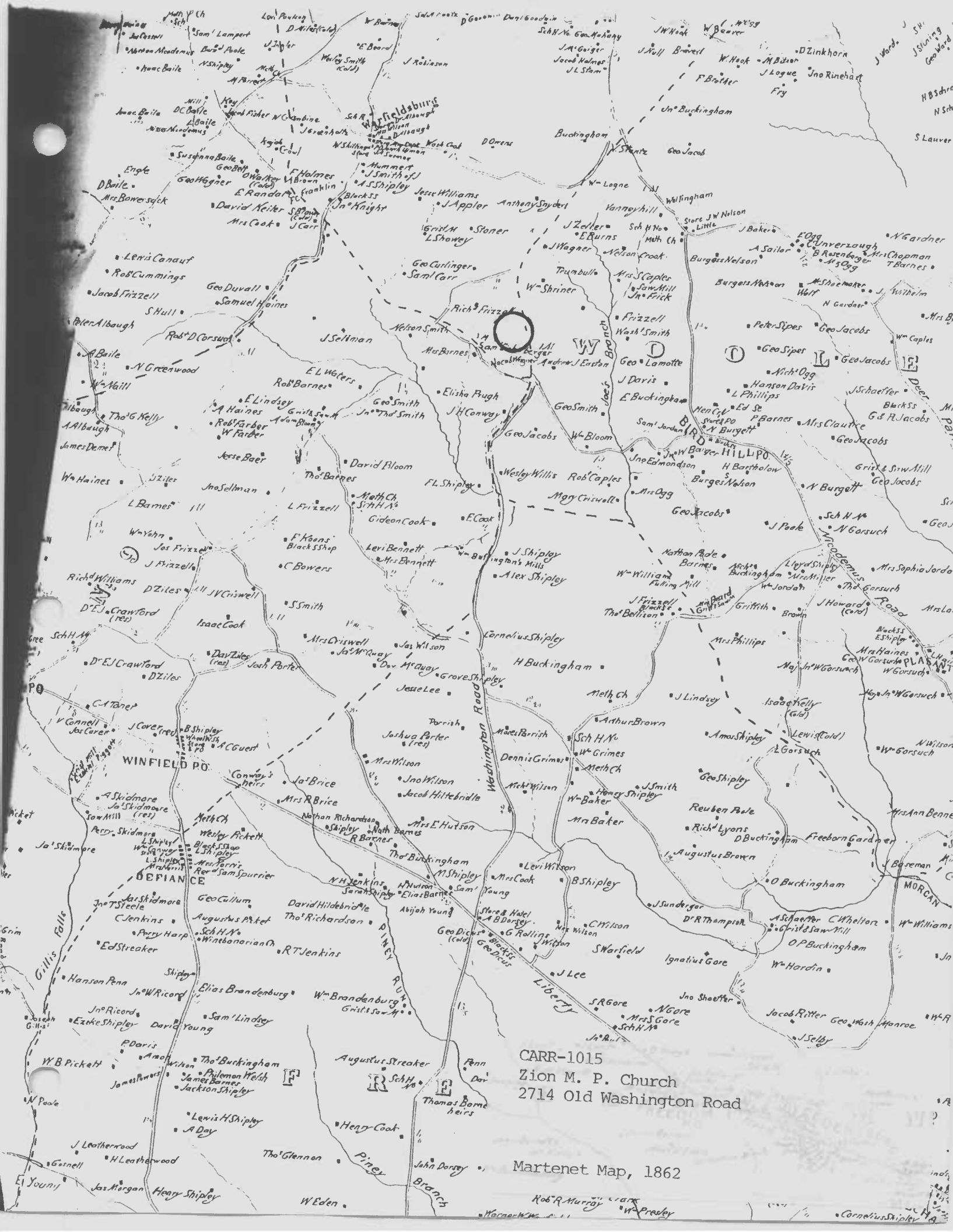
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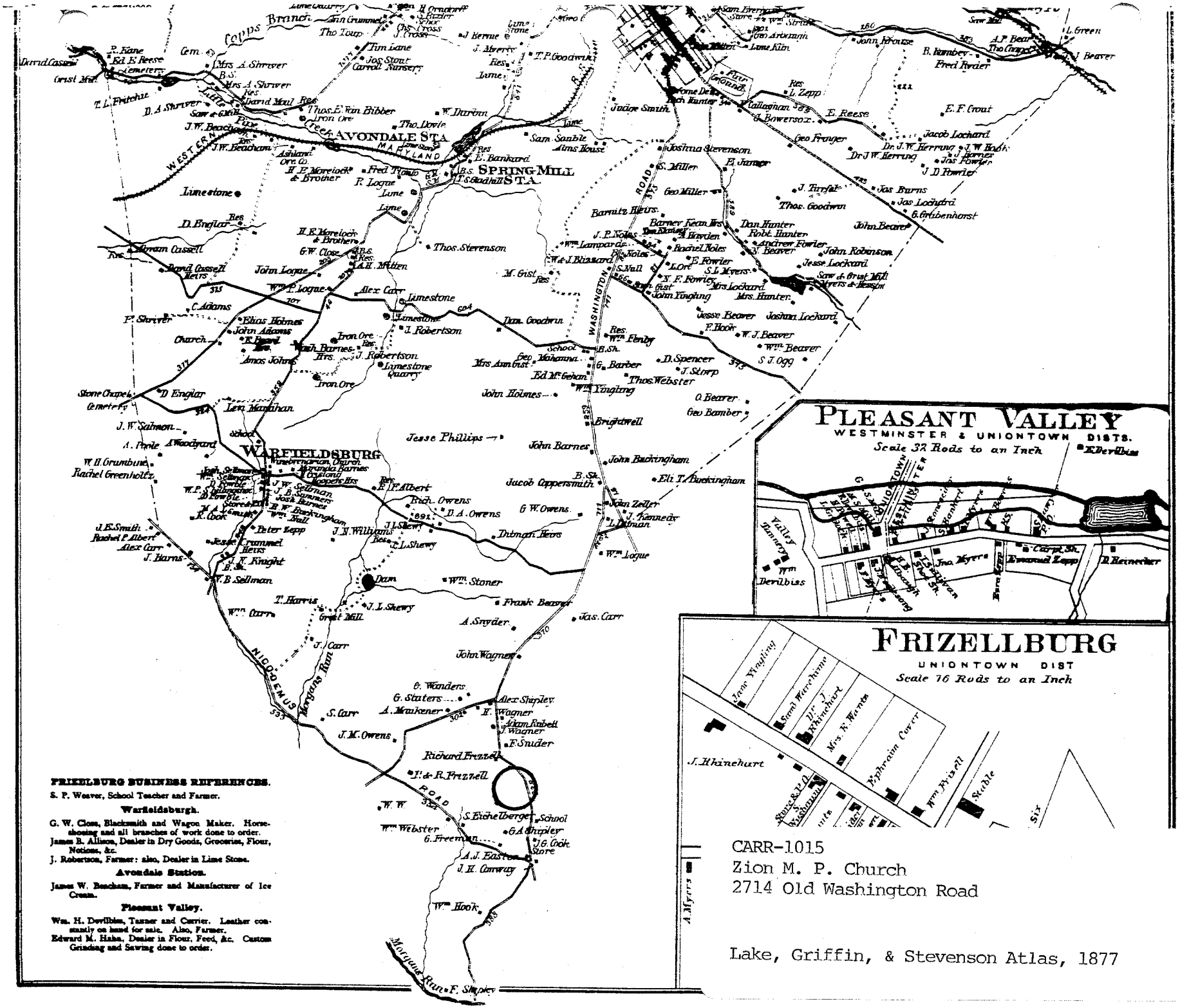

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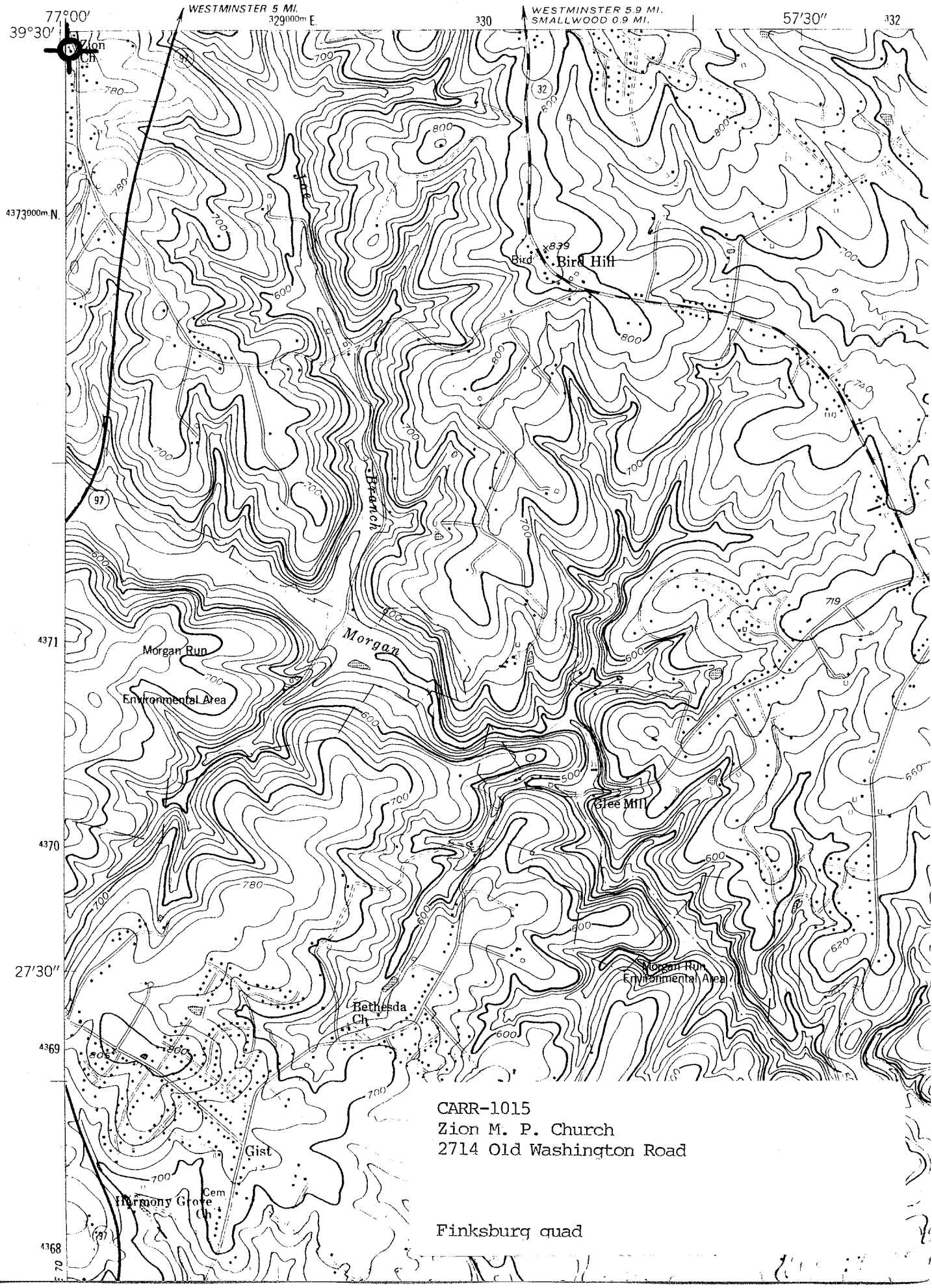

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Finksburg quad

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interior - view northwest
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