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New Oakland M. E. Church, South
5901 Mineral Hill Road 1892; 1928

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DOE ___yes ___no

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic New Oakland M. E. Church, South

and/or common Oakland United Methodist Church

2. Location

street & number 5901 Mineral Hill Road ___ not for publication

city, town Eldersburg 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 Oakland Methodist Church

street & number 5901 Mineral Hill Road telephone no.: 795-7038

city, town Sykesville state and zip code MD 21784

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber

street & number 55 North Court Street folio

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
___ good	___ ruins	X altered	___ moved date of move _____
X fair	___ unexposed		

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

Summary: The New Oakland M. E. Church, South, is located at 5901 Mineral Hill Road, on the north side of the road, in southeast Carroll County. It is approximately 2½ miles northeast of Eldersburg. The church is a one-story, one-bay by four-bay building that faces south, with a projecting bell tower at the southwest corner and two later additions on the west. The main body of the church has a pebble-dash finish and a gable roof with a north-south running ridge and pressed metal roofing tiles painted black. The south elevation has three lancets with stained glass. At the southeast corner of the foundation is a cornerstone carved with "New Oakland M. E. Church South 1892." The east elevation has four stained-glass lancet windows. The tower at the southwest corner also has a pebble-dash finish. The south elevation has new glazed double doors with a lanceolate transom that has stained-glass. The sanctuary ceiling follows the gable pitch, but is flat in the center, and is covered with pressed metal. There is a cemetery east of the church, with stones set in even rows facing south.

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The tower at the southwest corner also has a pebble-dash finish. The roof has small gables on all four sides, with broaches at the corners and metal finials on each broach. The south elevation has new glazed double doors with a lanceolate transom that has stained-glass. The field is amber, with a blue banner that has "Oakland Methodist Church" in white letters. Below the banner is a yellow-green tablet. At the top of the tower is a louvered vent. The east and west elevations of the tower each have a stained-glass lancet below, with a louvered vent above. West of the tower is a one-bay, one-story wing with a gable roof of asphalt shingles and an east-west running ridge. It, too, has a pebble-dash finish, and a single stained-glass lancet, with a boarded-up window in the foundation. The north elevation of this wing is two bays. There are lancet windows

with 5/6 sash, and the top center light has blue glass. Attached to the west end of this wing is a CMU addition with a gable roof that aligns with the west wing roof.

All of the stained-glass windows have a dark blue margin, with an amber field, a fleur de lis at the top, and a yellow-green tablet at the bottom. Most of the windows have a medallion with a figure in it, near the top; those on the tower do not. Also, most of the windows have a bottom section that pivots open; those on the tower and the south elevation do not. Some of the tablets have memorials.

The sanctuary is one large space, with a carpet on the floor, new vinyl panels on the walls, and new pews and altar furniture. The ceiling follows the gable pitch, but is flat in the center, and is covered with pressed metal. The center section has four round medallions, with bell flowers and oval medallions inside of each. The gable ends also have pressed metal, with a diaper pattern, and an egg and dart moulding where the wall meets the ceiling. There are eight bronze gothic revival lights hanging from the ceiling, and new fans in the four center medallions. The window surrounds have a broken field. The west side of the sanctuary has a wide opening into the west addition. There is a cemetery east of the church, with stones set in even rows facing south.

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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
X 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates 1892; 1928 **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

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Significance (continued)

The new church building was a rectangular frame structure with clapboard siding. The front (south) elevation had four bays, with double doors on each end bay. Each door had three panels that were painted a lighter color than the rest of the door. Above the doors was a lanceolate transom of three lights, with colored glass. Between the doors were two lancet windows of 5/6 double hung sash, with colored glass. The gable end had an oculus with a square central light and half-round lights on each side of it. The glass was apparently all one color. There was a bell tower at the front of the ridge, with a hip roof. In front of the church was a wall, probably of concrete, with sunk panels. In the center of the wall were seven steps that had curved cheek walls with round newels at both ends that were topped with balls set on square piers.

In 1922 the interior was remodeled and the metal ceiling installed. In 1928 the tower and west wing were added. The exterior of the church seems to have been stuccoed by this time. The double doors in the tower appear to have had five panels each, and the existing stained glass was in place by this time. The old sash was apparently re-used in the addition. The CMU addition was built in 1957. By that time the two Oakland churches had once again merged into one congregation. The merger took place on 15 November 1942 and the church became known simply as The Oakland Methodist Church. The new church building was used for services, but the old building was retained.

The New Oakland M. E. Church, South building gives an interesting illustration of the evolution of taste in Carroll County through its additions and alterations. As late as 1892, when it was built, the congregation was still very conservative, and a traditional church plan with two entrance doors was employed. But as styles and materials that were nationally popular became more familiar, they were slowly adopted. A metal ceiling was added first, then a corner tower. The church as it stands today is very much different than a century ago, and the casual observer would not suspect that they are really one in the same building.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Centennial Celebration, 1892-1992, New Oakland Methodist Church
"History of the Churches on Freedom Circuit, M. E. Church, South, Carroll County, MD"
Pastor Conrad W. Jordan, n.d., In Historical Society of Carroll County vertical file

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.33 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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organization Carroll County Planning Department **date** July 19, 1993

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city or town Westminster **state** MD

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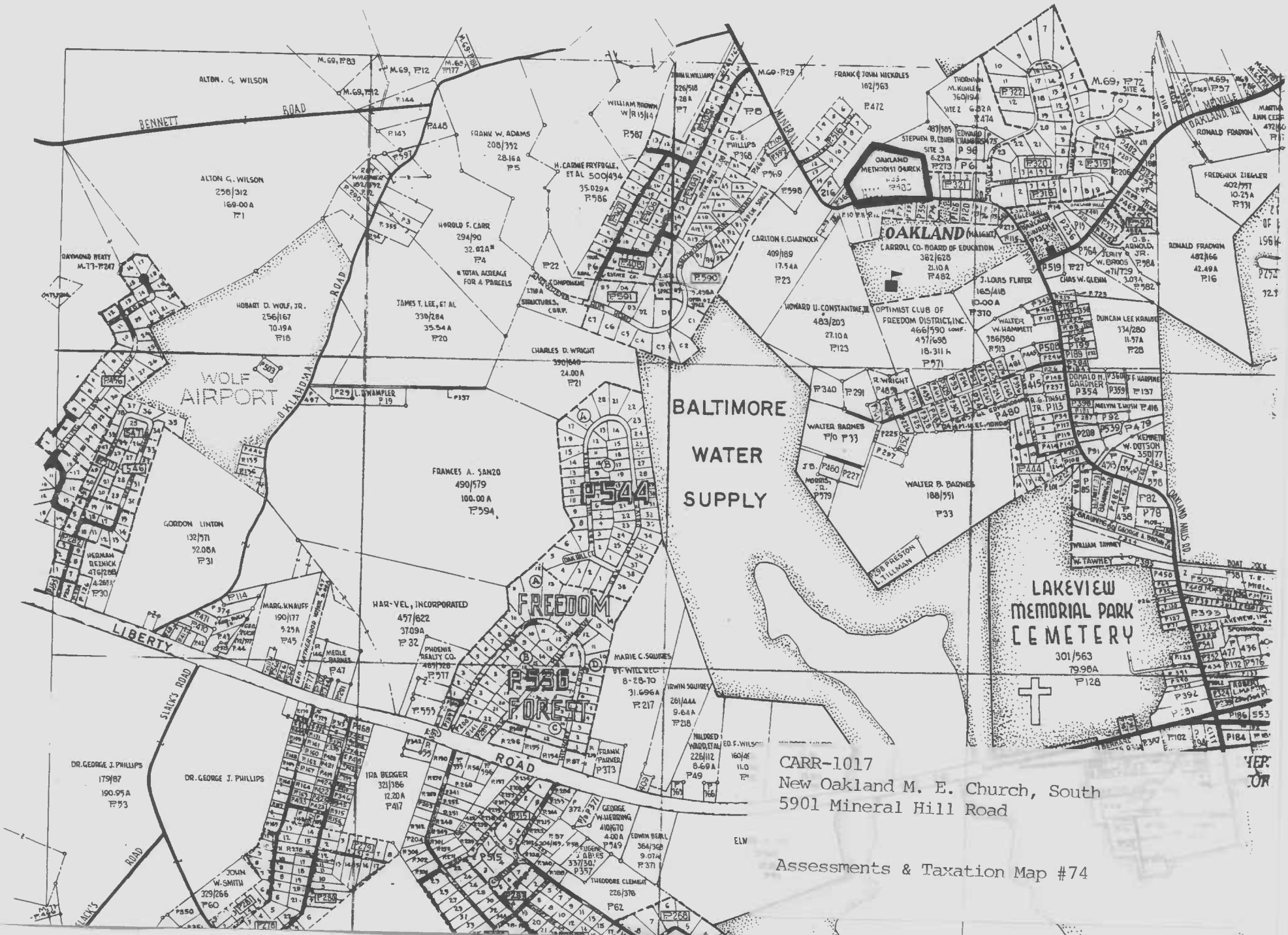

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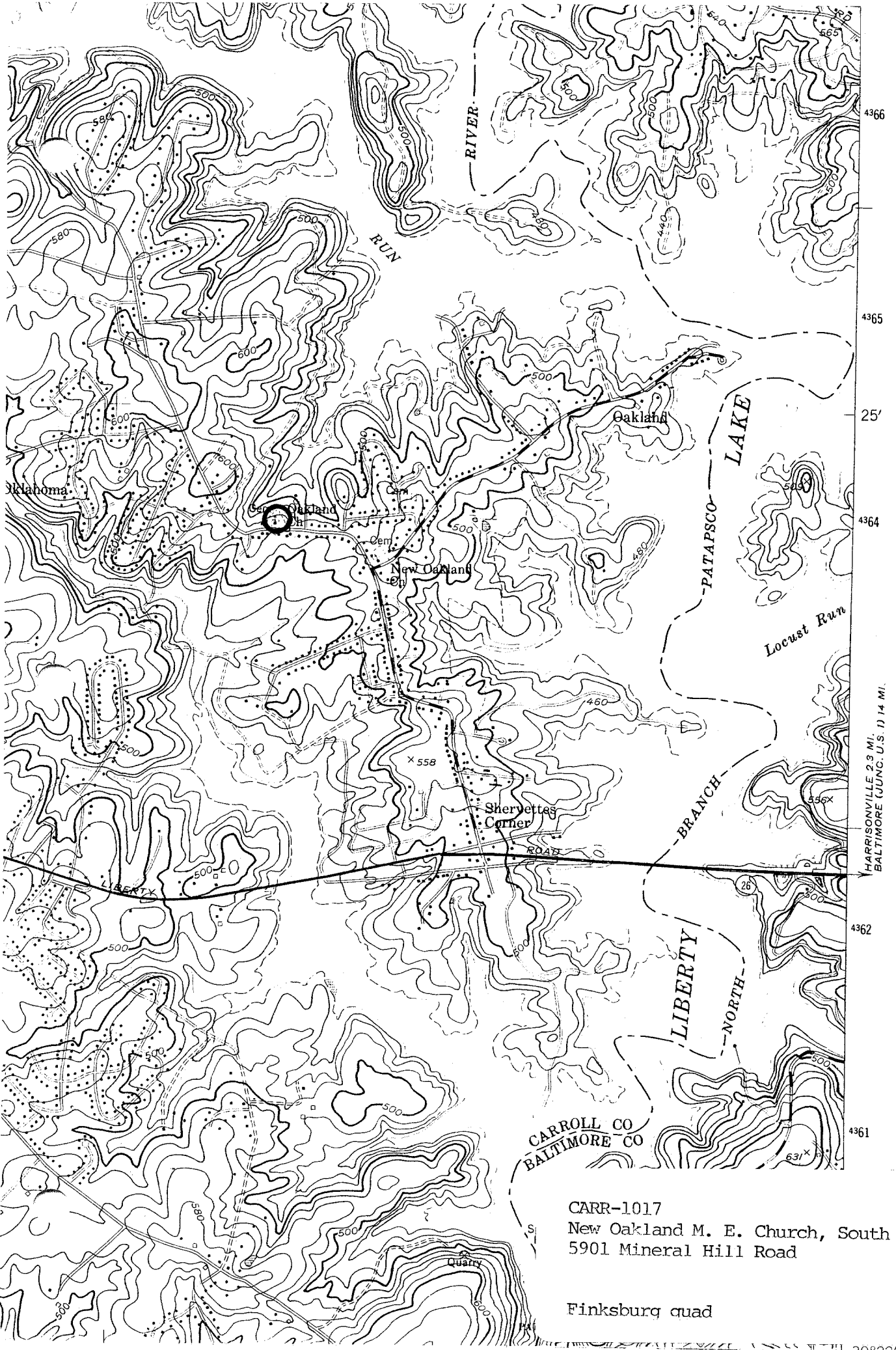

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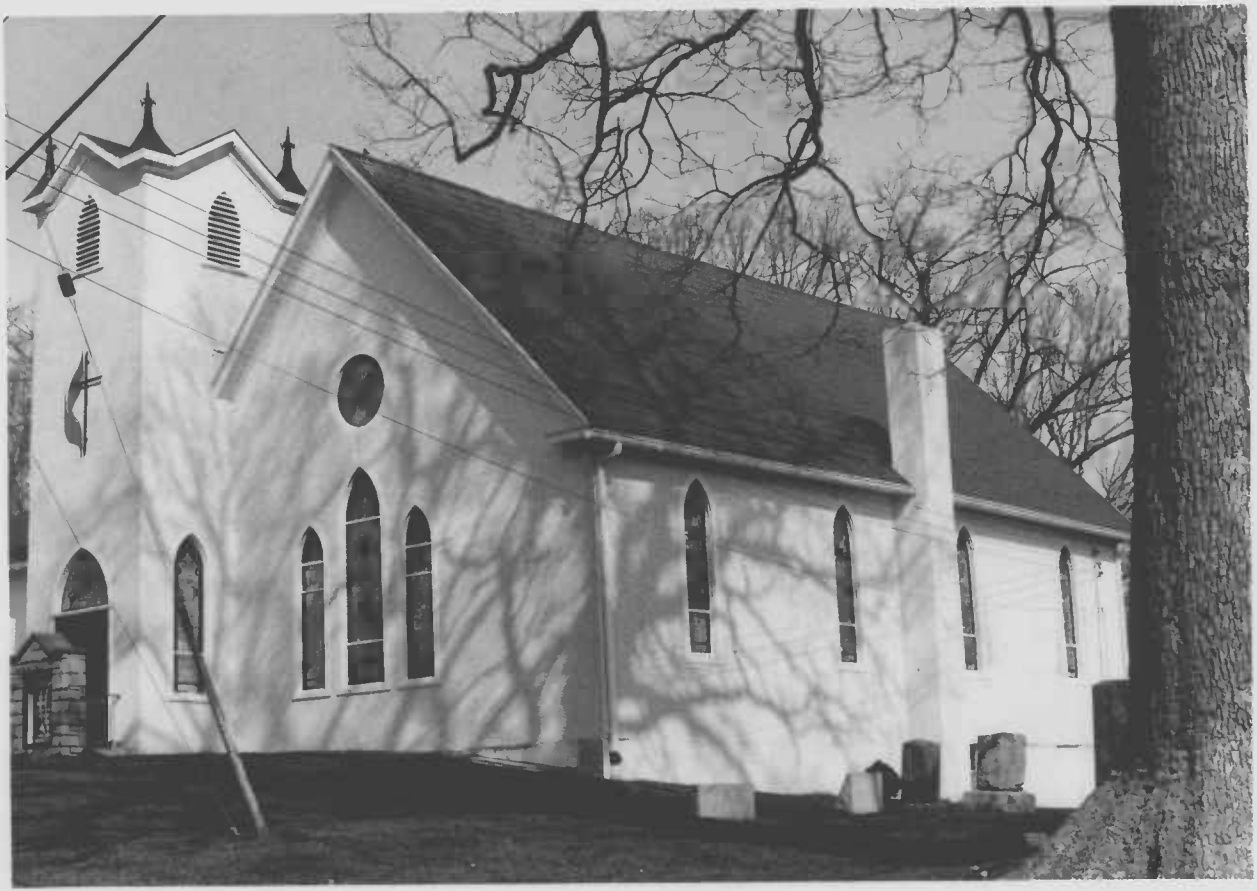
Finksburg quad



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interior - view south
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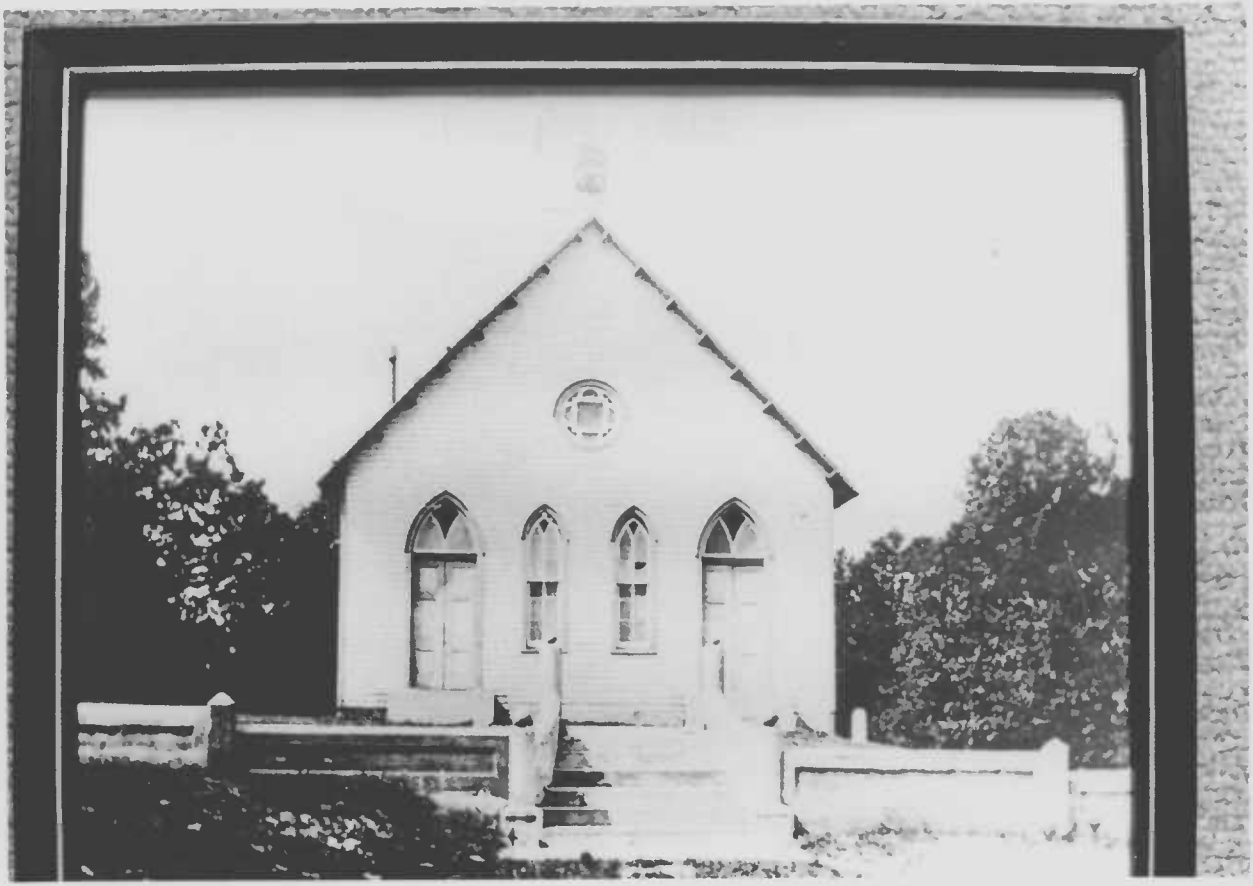

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