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Hope Hill Methodist Episcopal Church
Urbana vicinity
Private

1910

Hope Hill M. E. Church was built in 1910 to replace the original church located on Park Mills Road about one mile east of the present building. The cemetery associated with the earlier church is still actively used and reveals the segregated nature of the original congregation in the concentration of black family graves in the northeast corner of the lot. The old church was transferred to a group of black trustees in 1869 for \$400. By 1910, the old church was probably deteriorated, and a new site was purchased for \$10. The building was finished in 1910 and is the typical design of rural churches of the period. It has a projecting bell tower on the north gable end with the double-doored entrance under a Gothic-arched transom. The belfry has louvred vents and a hipped roof capped by a finial. The side elevations have four bays with 9/9 windows. A modern addition is located on the south elevation. The exterior retains its original german siding.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Religion

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use:

Religion/Religious facility/church

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND HISTORIC
PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Hope Hill Methodist Episcopal Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 7649 Fingerboard Road not for publicationcity, town Urbana vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

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

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

name Trustees of Hope Hill Methodist Church

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 324

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 497

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

8. Significance

Survey No. F-7-29

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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 1910 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

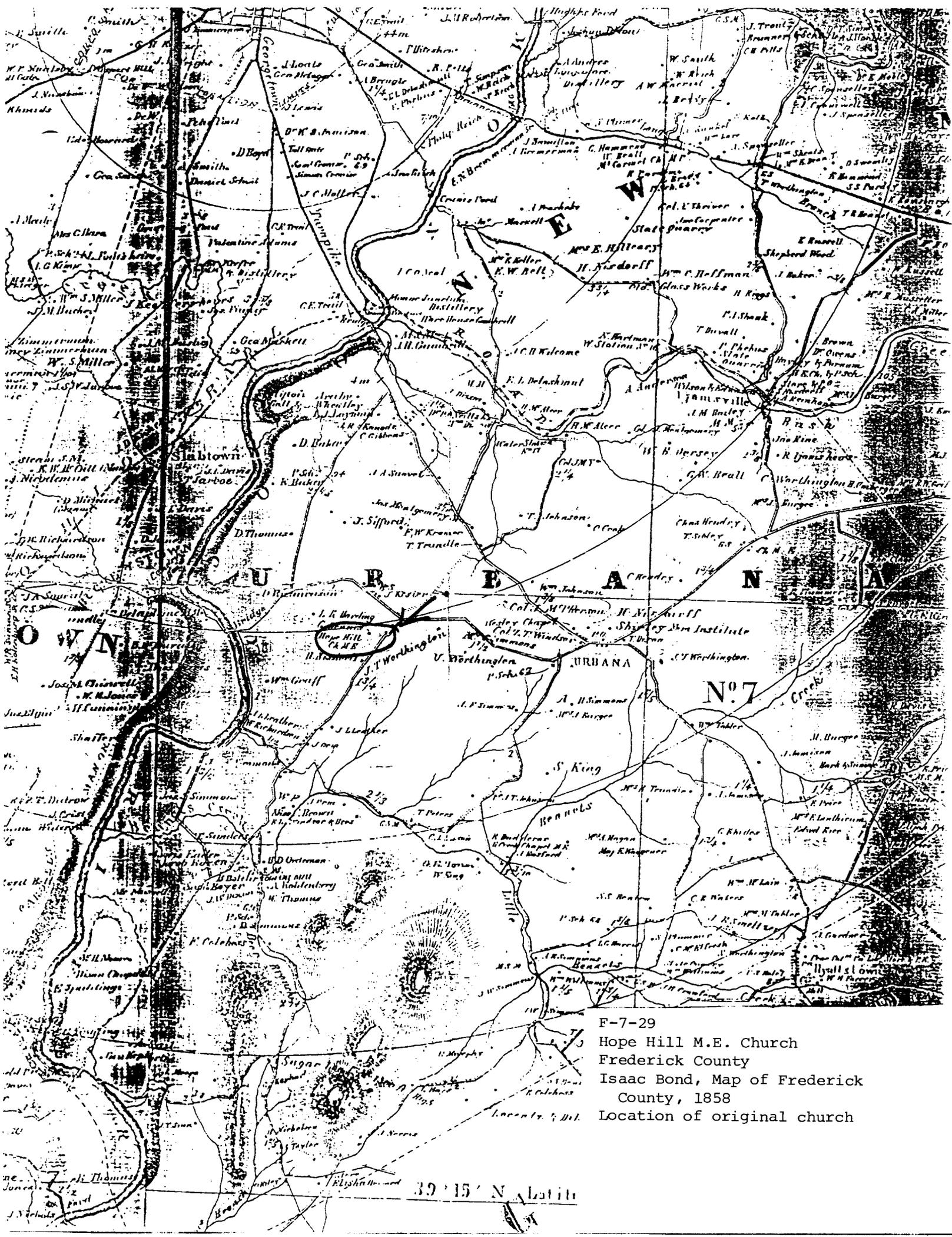
Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Hope Hill Methodist Episcopal Church is minimally significant for the architecture of its main building, a typical example of the rural church of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The building has moderate significance in religion as the second church of the black congregation of Hope Hill, the successors to the original Hope Hill M.E. church, founded in about the 1840's as a white church. The present church was built in 1910 to replace the deteriorated original building erected on Park Mills Road about one mile east of the present location, where the cemetery associated with the Hope Hill Church remains in active use. The original Hope Hill Methodist Episcopal Church had a gallery for slaves and free blacks. In 1869, the white trustees sold the building for \$400 to a group of black trustees, as a new Methodist church for the white congregation was built in Urbana. The cemetery still shows the segregated nature of the original church by the concentration of black family names in the northeast corner of the lot. In 1910, the present church site was purchased for \$10 from William G. Baker, probably because of the deterioration of the original church building. The site was near the former location of a post-Civil War black school (demolished).

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Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Other Information, Original Tracts	Cost	Miscellaneous
324/497 16 Aug 10	Emory Holland, Arthur Herbert Robert Holland, Clayton Duggs Frank Jackson, Trustees	William S. & S. Ella Baker	for the use & benefit of the Ministry and membership of the M. E. Church in the USA. beginning for the land highly conveyed in the county road leading from Duckeystown to Nubana at or near the northwest corner of Mum S Baker's land at a point nearly opposite where an old school house stood... (Colored school shown on 1873 map)	\$10	60 1/2 sq. ft.
Transfer of CM 4/74 17 Mar 1869	Origina (Hope Enoch Ayers, William Parker, Samuel Holland, Elijah Duffin, Simon Gray (all colored)	Hill Church to colored trustees John Montgomery, Edward Duckey, Thomas Dixon, William Smith, Arthur Delashault, Thomas A. Smith & T. George W. Duddalge, Trustees of Hope Hill Church	for use of the membership of Hope Hill Church of the Montgomery local of the Washington Conference of the M. E. Church	\$400	(Shown on 1858 & 1873 maps)

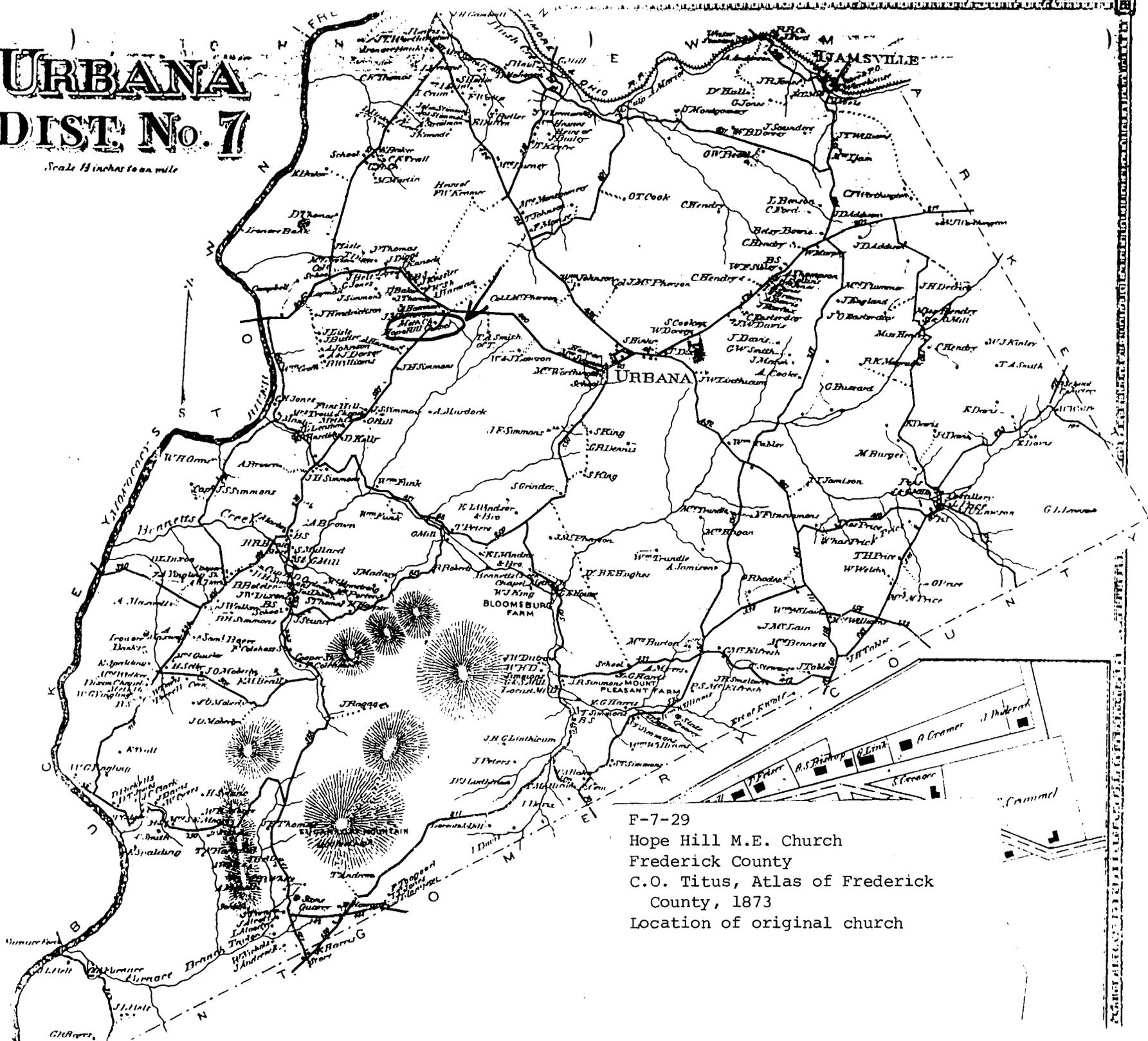


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 Hope Hill M.E. Church
 Frederick County
 Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick
 County, 1858
 Location of original church

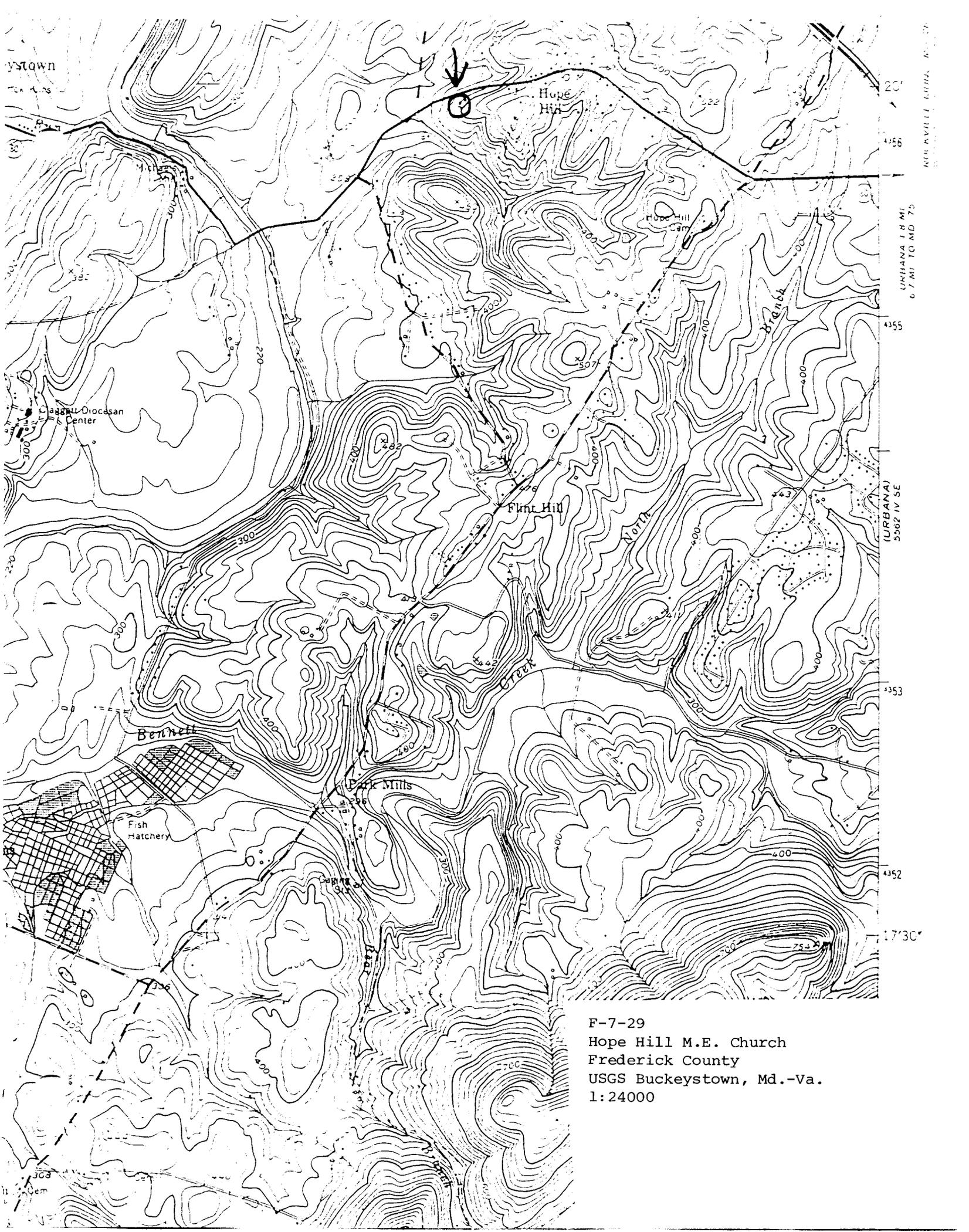
39° 15' N. Latitude

URBANA DIST No. 7

Scale 1/4 inch to a mile



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C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick
County, 1873
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USGS Buckeystown, Md.-Va.
1:24000







