

WO-379
Wesley United Methodist Church
Stockton
Public Worship

c. 1860, 1914

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-379

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic WESLEY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

and/or common WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2. Location

street & number North side of MD 366 not for publicationcity, town Stockton vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

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 Wesley United Methodist Church

street & number c/o Reverend J. A. Hurley telephone no.:

city, town Stockton state and zip code MD 21864

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber ITM 1

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio 79

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

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.

The Wesley United Methodist Church stands on the north side of the Pocomoke-Stockton Road (MD 366) in the small town of Stockton, Worcester County, Maryland. The single-story Gothic Revival frame church faces south with the principal gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

The main Gothic Revival church, dated by a cornerstone to 1914, is an addition to an older nineteenth century church apparently built around 1860. The 1914 building is supported on a low masonry foundation, and it is sheathed with a uniform layer of vinyl siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the 1914 building is a large single-story gable front structure supported on a low brick foundation, and it is sheathed with asbestos shingles. The medium pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. When the 1914 addition was erected it was built against the gable front elevation of the original church as well as the entrance and bell tower.

The south (main) elevation of the 1914 building is dominated by a large cross gable pierced by a tripartite Gothic arched window. To each side are smaller pointed arch colored glass windows. The eaves to the roof are extended and the soffits are sloped.

The west gable end is marked by a pair of colored glass lancet windows and a round colored glass window is located in the upper gable. The east gable end of the main church is defined by colored glass windows as well.

To the rear, the old church extends and is now used as Sunday school rooms and a social hall. Large sized twelve-over-twelve sash windows pierce each side, and a shed roofed apse extends from the north gable end. Each side of the apse is pierced by a four-over-four sash window, and a narrow single-flue brick stack rises against the east side.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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 1914 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.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private consultant/Worcester County date 11/4/89

street & number P. O. Box 5 telephone 301-651-1094

city or town Westover state Maryland 21871

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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WESLEY M. E. CHURCH
Stockton, Maryland
Chain of title

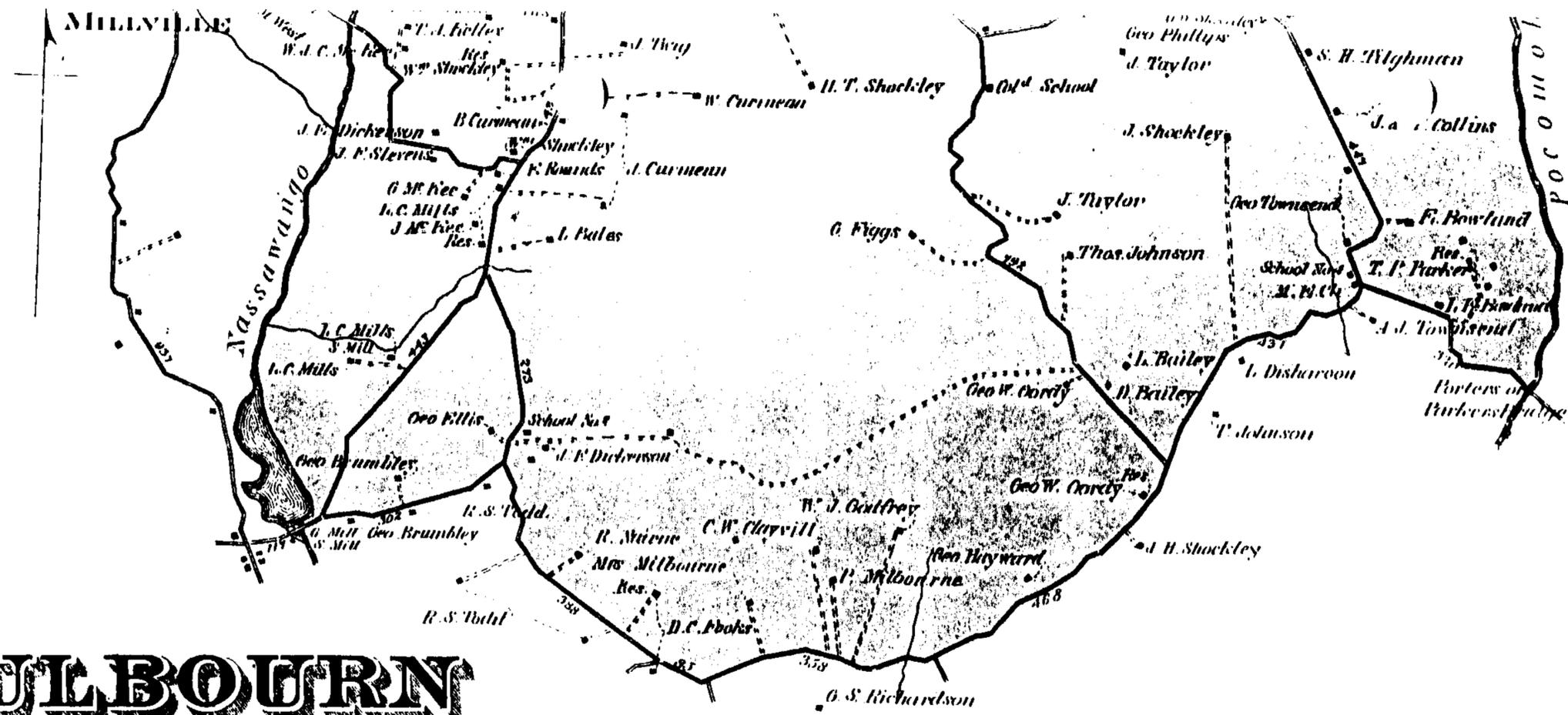
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James H. Collins
Louisa Collins

to

2/23/1870

Trustees of M. E. Church of Sandy Hill
John Taylor, William C. Pruitt, Levin
Mariner, James H. Collins, and Barnabas
Taylor
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COULBOURN

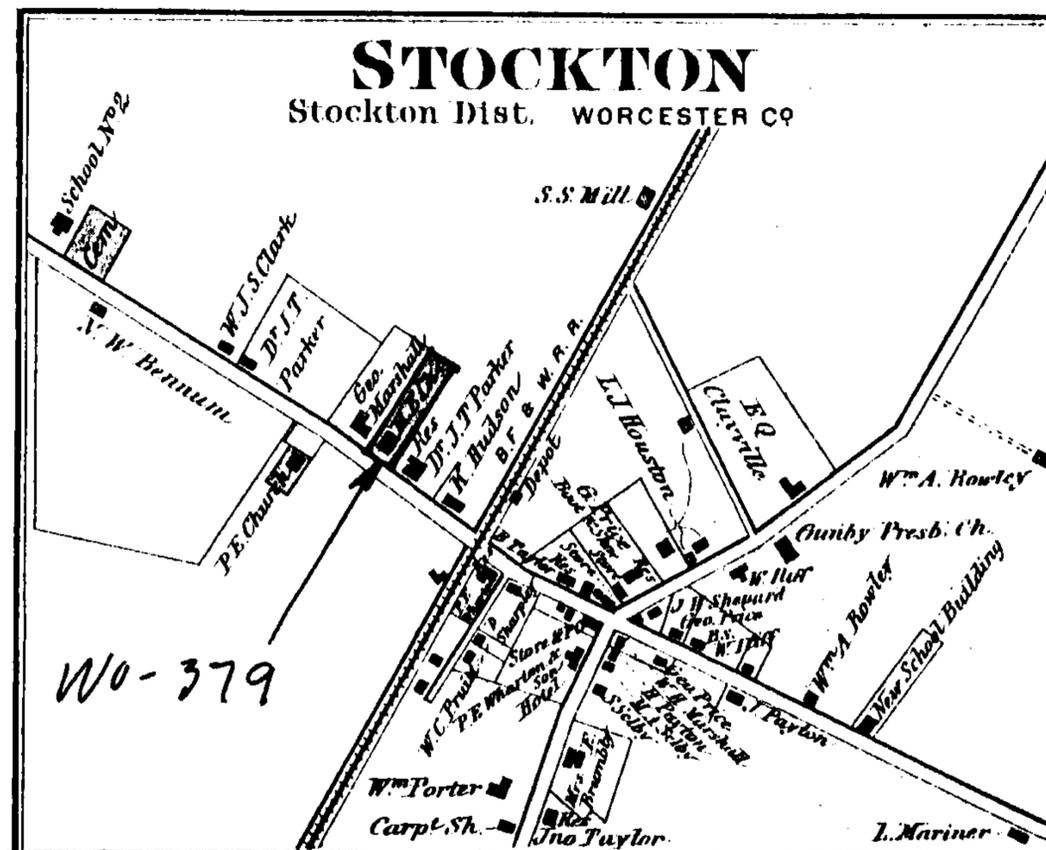
Dist. No 6
WORCESTER CO.

COULBOURN DISTRICT BUSINESS REFERENCES.

- BENJAMIN CURMEAN**, Justice of the Peace in and for Sixth Election District, Worcester County, Persons having business in my line will do well to give me a call. Business promptly attended to. Also, Curmean & Co., Dealers and Manufacturers of all kinds of lumber. Orders solicited and promptly filled. Yard and mill in Sixth Election District. P. O. address, Snow Hill.
- URIAH F. SHOCKLEY & CO.**, Dealers in and Manufacturers of all kinds of lumber. Lumber on hand and for sale at all times. Orders solicited and promptly filled. P. O. address, Snow Hill, Md.
- WILLIAM SHOCKLEY**, Surveyor, Contractor, and Builder. Persons having surveying or contracting will do well to give me a call. P. O. address, Snow Hill, Md.
- PETER SYDNEY SHOCKLEY**, Carpenter, Contractor, and Builder. All persons having anything to do in my line will find me ready to engage. P. O. address, Snow Hill, Md.
- L. C. MILLS & SON**, Manufacturers and Dealers in all kinds of lumber. L. C. Mills, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, and all kinds of merchandise usually kept in a country store. P. O. Snow Hill, Md.
- PURNELL J. McLAIN**, Contractor, Carpenter, and Builder. All work entrusted to my care, will receive prompt attention. P. O. Snow Hill, Md.
- JOHN W. STURGIS**, Manufacturer and Dealer in all kinds of lumber. Orders solicited and promptly filled. P. O. Salisbury, Wicomico County, Md.
- ROBERT F. GODFREY**, Manufacturer and Dealer in all kinds of Lumber. Orders solicited and promptly filled. P. O. address, Snow Hill, Md.

STOCKTON BUSINESS REFERENCES.

- MASON & HOUSTON**, Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Liquors, Paints, Oils, Hardware, Tinware, Notions, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Clothing, Woodenware, Rope, &c.
- B. TAYLOR & SON**, Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, Boots, Shoes, Groceries, and General Merchandise.
- JOHN TAYLOR**, Undertaker, Carpenter, Contractor, and Builder. All kinds of Undertaking done with neatness. All persons having buildings or contracts to let will do well to give me a call. Contracts solicited.
- JOHN H. BURBAGE**, Proprietor of "Stockton Hotel." Good livery stable attached. Board by day, meal, or week. Passengers carried from Stockton to Horntown, or conveyed to any part of the county.
- GIDEON PRICE & SON**, Oyster Planters and Shippers. Oysters shipped in barrel and shell. All orders promptly filled. Shipping-house at George's Island Landing. "Orders solicited by the trade." P. O. Stockton.
- MILES TULL**, Planter, Dealer, and Shipper of all kinds of Salt Oysters at "Parker's Bay," Md. P. O. Stockton.
- G. W. BROWN**, Planter, Dealer, and Shipper of all kinds of Salt Oysters, at "Parker's Bay." Orders solicited and promptly filled. P. O. Stockton, Md.
- GEORGE J. JOHNSON**, Planter, Dealer, and Shipper of all kinds of Salt Oysters, at Parker's Bay." Orders solicited and promptly filled. P. O. Stockton.
- P. E. WHARTON & SON**, General Merchants.
- J. T. PARKER, M. D.**, Physician and Surgeon. All calls promptly attended to. Office and residence Stockton.



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WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Stockton, Worcester County, Maryland
Girdletree, Maryland Quadrangle
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