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1902

New Hope Methodist Church  
Willards vicinity  
Public worship

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While the Methodist Protestant congregation dates back to 1870, the current church was erected shortly after the turn of the twentieth century. The tee-shaped frame structure is accented by paired windows with colored glass panes set in the perimeter of each sash. Fixed in the front corner of the tee plan is the entrance tower that contains an arched transom fitted with colored glass panes as well. The entrance and bell tower has been shortened with the removal of the belfry. The old church bell is housed in a small enclosure in the front yard.



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## 7. Description

### Condition

	excellent	deteriorated
<u>x</u>	good	ruins
	fair	altered

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

New Hope Methodist Church, historically New Hope Methodist Episcopal Church, stands on the west side of New Hope Road east of the town of Willards, Wicomico County, Maryland. The single-story frame church faces southeast with the principal gable roof oriented on an northwest/southeast axis.

Dating to 1902, the t-shaped frame church is supported on a continuous brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with vinyl siding. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the southwest side of the main block is a shorter single-story addition, which was extended farther during the 1940s with a large concrete block addition.

The southeast (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a gable-front of the tee-plan facing the road. The gable end wall is pierced by a paired set of single-pane sash windows featuring small colored glass perimeter panes. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave. Fixed in the southwest niche of the tee-plan is a shortened tower that contains an arched entrance. A new door including a modern sidelight is topped by an arched transom fitted with colored glass perimeter panes. The entrance tower was probably shortened with the removal of a bell tower. The church bell is housed in a small enclosure in front of the church. The southwest side of the entrance tower is pierced by a single-pane sash window featuring colored glass perimeter panes.

The northeast side of the tee-shaped main block is covered by a single-story, single-bay addition that is pierced on the north wall by small window featuring colored glass perimeter panes. Located in the center of the wall is a small lunette type window filled with colored glass as well. Attached to the northwest side of the church is a single flue brick stove chimney resting atop a corbelled base. The northwest gable end is pierced by paired sanctuary windows enhanced with colored glass perimeter panes.

The southwest side of the main block is covered by a single-story early twentieth-century frame addition, which is lighted by single-pane sash windows with colored glass perimeter panes. Extending southwest from the addition is a large single-story concrete block wing.

The interior was not seen.

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
1600-1699	agriculture	economics	health/medicine	performing arts
1700-1799	archeology	education	industry	philosophy
<u>1800-1899</u>	<u>X</u> architecture	engineering	invention	politics/government
<u>X</u> 1900-1999	art	entertainment/ recreation	landscape architecture	religion
2000-	commerce	ethnic heritage	law	science
	communications	exploration/ settlement	literature	social history
	community planning		maritime history	transportation
	conservation		military	other:

**Significance dates****Architect****Specific dates**

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**Builder**

Evaluation for:

 National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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<sup>1</sup> John L. Graham, ed. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*, Wicomico County Bicentennial Committee, p. 13.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of project area

Acreage surveyed 1/4 acre

Quadrangle name Whaleyville, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary established for property coincides with the metes and bounds of the current lot.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant

street & number P. O. Box 5

date 10/23/00

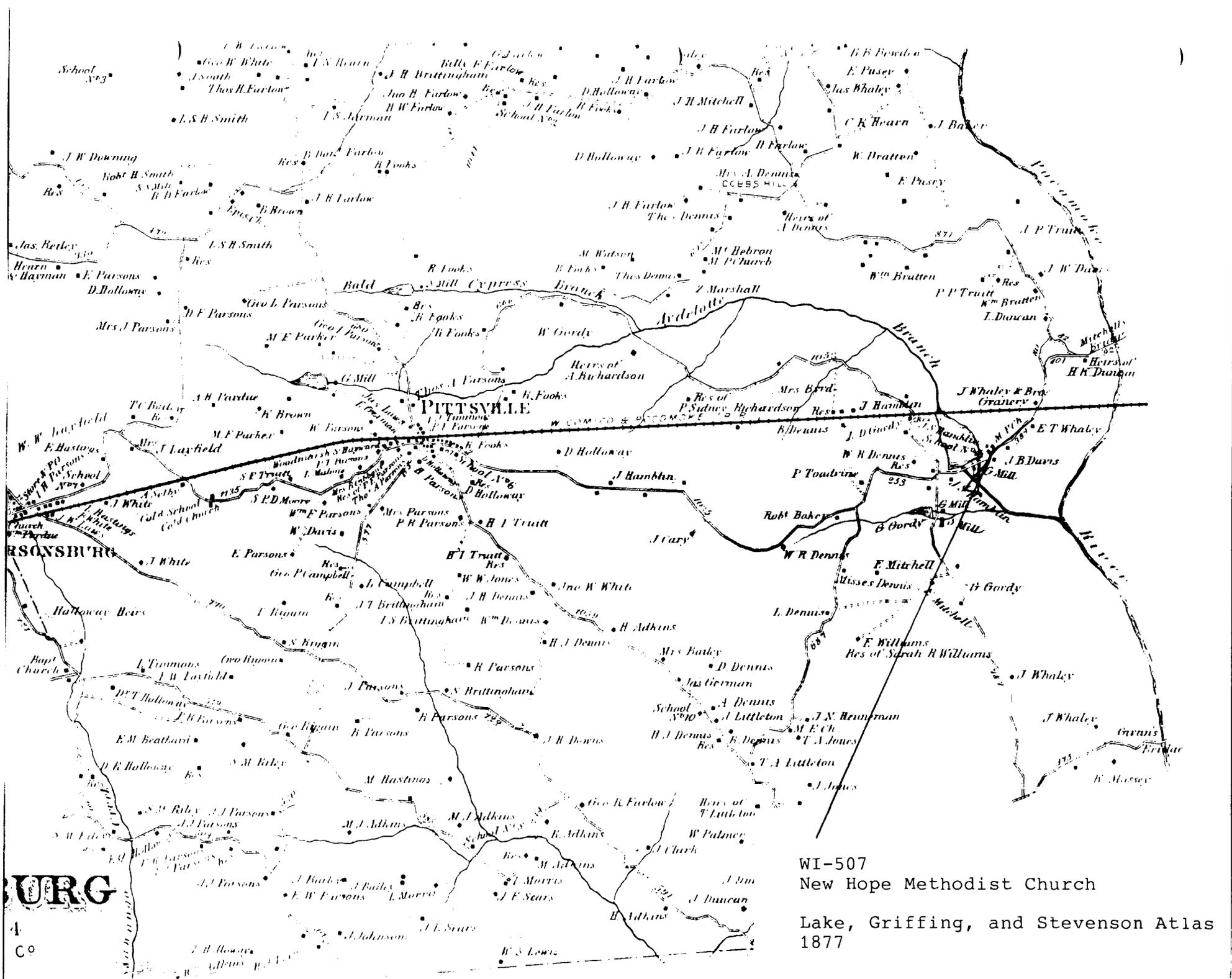
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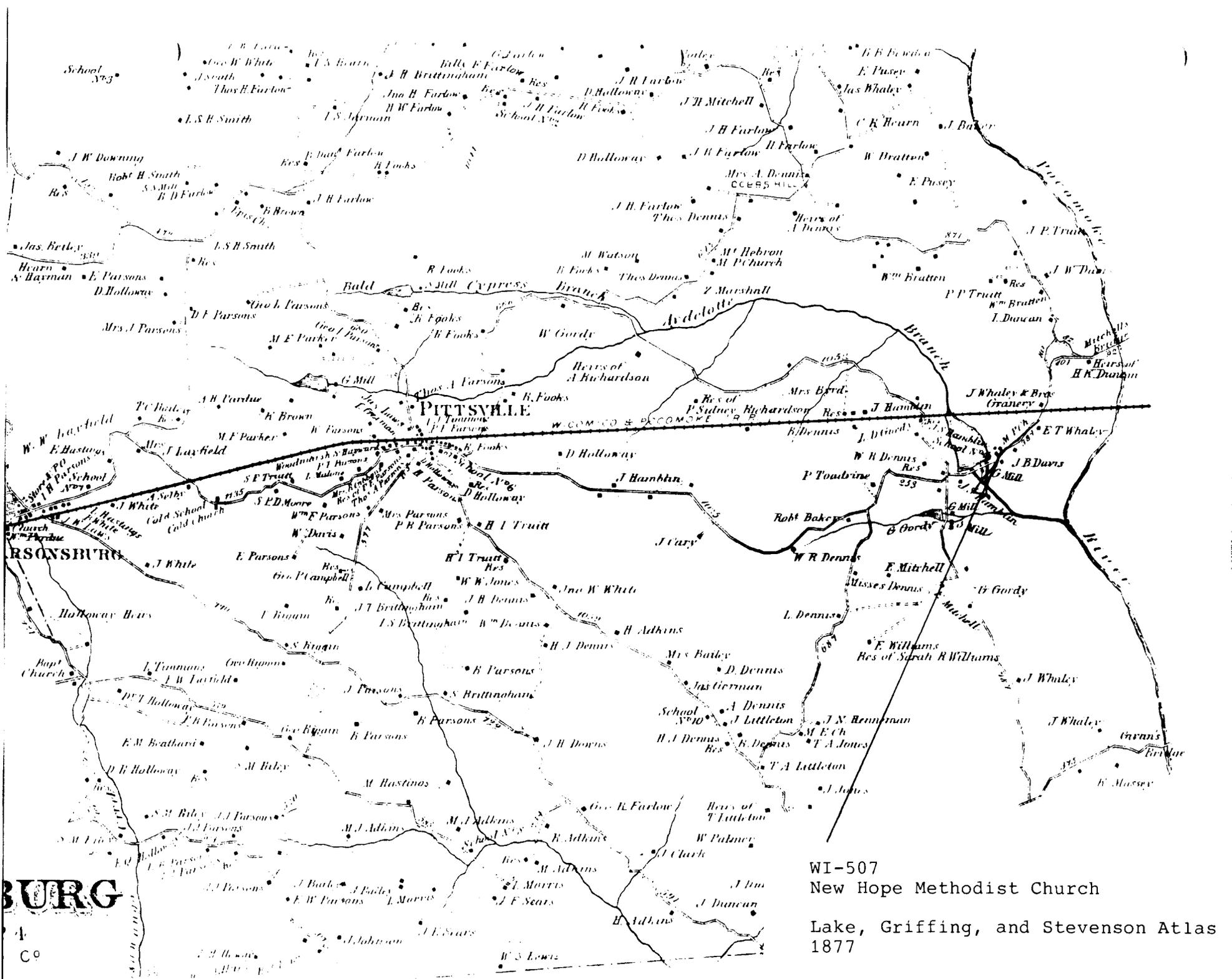
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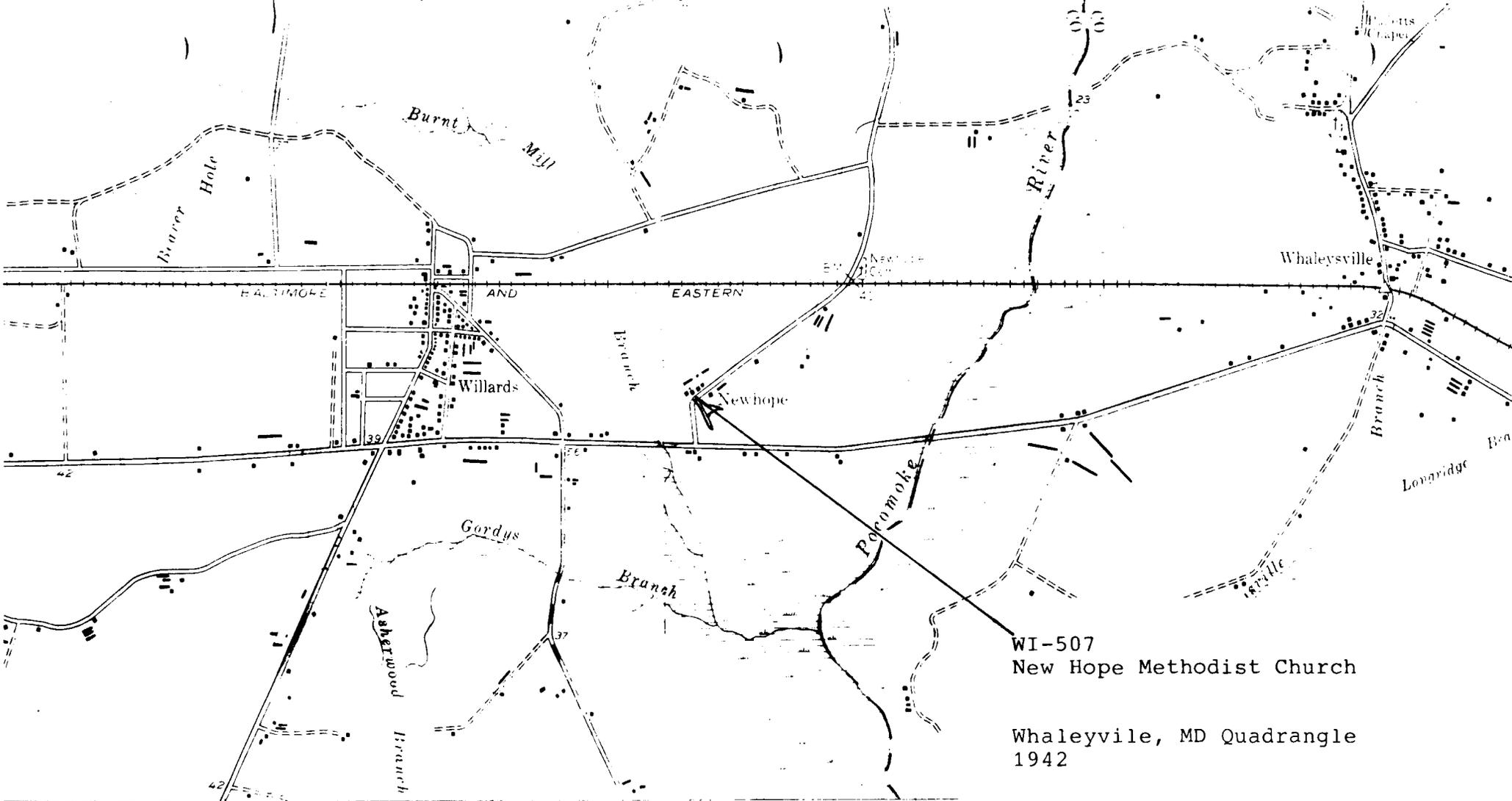
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 Whaleyville, MD Quadrangle  
 1942

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