

United States Department of the Interior
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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Makemie Memorial Presbyterian Church, WO-103

other names _____

2. Location

street & number 103 Market Street

☐ not for publication

city or town Snow Hill

☐ vicinity

state Maryland code MD county Worcester code 047 zip code 21863

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments).

[Signature]
Signature of certifying official/Title

9-30-08
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments).

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

☒ entered in the National Register.

☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ determined eligible for the National Register.

☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ Determined not eligible for the National Register.

☐ removed from the National Register.

☐ other (explain): _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Patricia Andrews

11/10/2008

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5. Classification**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
1		sites
		structures
		objects
2	0	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

N/A

number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

N/A

6. Function or Use**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/religious facility/church

FUNERARY/cemetery

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

RELIGION/religious facility/church

FUNERARY/cemetery

7. Description**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN/Gothic/HighVictorian Gothic

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE/sandstone

walls BRICK

roof ASPHALT

other STONE

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

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Description Summary:

The Makemie Memorial Presbyterian Church, erected in 1888-89, stands on the south side of West Market Street in the center of Snow Hill, the seat of Worcester County, Maryland. The High Victorian Gothic brick church faces northwest, and a walled cemetery surrounds the building on the south and west. Built on a partially excavated foundation, the main body of the church is a cruciform planned structure enhanced by front entrance towers of differing heights. The northwest tower is three stories tall, including a belfry in the uppermost stage, whereas the southwest tower is two stories tall. Both towers are topped by octagonal broach spires which are further enhanced with metal clad pinnacles topped by fleur-de-lis inspired finials. The stretcher bond brick main block extends to the southeast with a single-story hip roofed wing, which is extended further east by a mid twentieth-century flat roofed addition that houses Sunday School rooms. Another appendage, built off the northeast side of the north tower in the early 1990s, houses a wheelchair lift. The main body of the church features a wide variety of pointed arch window and door openings. Three of the four legs of the cruciform plan are dominated by original colored glass windows of figurative and geometric designs. The window and door openings are accented with rusticated brownstone lintels and arches. The interior retains much of its late nineteenth-century character with an exposed hammer-beam truss roof, supported in part by two cast iron columns. The church cemetery, enclosed by a brick wall erected during the early twentieth century, includes a range of markers dating from the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

General Description:

The Makemie Memorial Presbyterian Church, designed by Philadelphia architect Isaac Pursell (1853-1910), stands at 103 Market Street in the center of Snow Hill, Worcester County, Maryland. The single-story Gothic brick and stone church faces northwest with a principal ridge of the cruciform shaped roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Built in 1888-89 on a partially excavated foundation of rusticated red sandstone, the brick walls of the church are laid in stretcher bond and rise to steeply pitched roofs covered with asphalt shingles. The northwest elevation is an asymmetrical façade with the gable-front of the northwest leg of the plan pierced by a large colored glass Gothic arched window opening accented with rusticated red sandstone sill and arch blocks. The brick wall surface above the window is enriched with decorative corbelled brickwork. Trimming the edge of the roof is an ogee curved metal bargeboard. The cruciform shape of the main church is flanked by two towers of unequal heights that fill the front corners of the cross-shaped plan. The northeast tower is three stories tall and includes a principal entrance, belfry and octagonal spire, whereas the

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southwest tower is two stories high with a shorter octagonal tower. The towers feature brick buttresses with red sandstone accents, and Gothic arched openings define each floor level. The door openings are fitted with heavy oak doors hung on fancy, scrolled iron hinges. Fixed in the base of the northwest tower is a marble datestone. The second level of each tower is defined by three narrow lancet windows, also fitted with colored glass and accented with rusticated stone. The third story, or belfry, of the northwest tower is pierced by large Gothic arched openings fitted with louvers and a round multi-lobed opening in the apex of the Gothic arches. Both towers are sheathed in slate and are enhanced by four metal clad pinnacles topped by fleur-de-lis shaped finials. The edges of the octagonal towers, as well as a middle band halfway up each tower, are covered in metal. Various metal cresting and finials mark the tops of each spire.

The southwest side elevation of the main block is dominated by the large gable roofed elevation and Gothic arched window, however, the rusticated stone arch blocks were omitted around the perimeter of the window. The sill is rusticated red sandstone. Directly adjacent (north) of the gable end elevation is a Gothic arched opening filled with a double width window of figurative colored glass. To the south of the main gable, the side of the rear hipped roof wing protrudes forward of the sanctuary block to include a rear Gothic arched door opening in the narrow north face of the wing, and a southwest wall is pierced by a tripartite colored glass window as well as a narrow lancet style opening.

The southeast side of the main block is covered by a single-story hip roofed wing that houses a congregation hall and Sunday School room. Built at the same time as the sanctuary, the rectangular wing is surrounded on two sides by a mid twentieth century addition that houses additional Sunday School rooms, kitchen, bathrooms, etc.

Flanking the church on its southeast and southwest sides is a large cemetery dating from the eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth centuries and containing significant examples of funerary carving. The cemetery is enclosed by a brick wall of mid twentieth century date.

The sanctuary occupies a modified tee-shaped space created by the cruciform shaped main block. The interior is dominated by an exposed darkly stained yellow pine roof truss system crafted in a Gothic format with trefoil pierced openings. Two iron columns with bracketed ornament support the ends of two trusses in the center of the sanctuary. The trusses rise from each corner and meet at a center point in the top of the sanctuary that is embellished with a square carved and pierced wooden apex ornament enhanced with a drop pendant, also of wood. The interior is dominated by the memorial colored glass windows of figurative and geometrical designs. The southwest window was installed in memory of Eleanora E. Richardson (1829-1888). The large window across the sanctuary on the northeast side was created in honor

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of Henrietta E. W. Smith (1808-1884), and the northwest window facing Market Street memorializes John Richardson. A smaller double window on the southwest side honors John Selby Martin, minister to the Snow Hill congregation, as well as his wife, Rebecca Grace Martin. The northeast double window is inscribed with the name Elizabeth Townsend. The sanctuary retains original Gothic lights as well as period hardware on doors. The perimeter of the sanctuary is trimmed with beaded board wainscoting, and the plastered walls above the wainscoting are painted an off-white with a stenciled border. The center of the sanctuary is filled with four blocks of semi-circular oak pews enhanced with Gothic carved ends. The raised pulpit is furnished with Gothic inspired pulpit and seating. The pews and altar furniture date from the 1888-89 construction period.

The interior of the rear church hall/Sunday School room is relatively plain in contrast to the sanctuary. A tripartite set of colored glass windows pierces the southwest wall of the common room.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☐ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply)

Property is:

- ☒ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

Area of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1888-89

Significant Dates

1888-89

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Pursell, Isaac, architect

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets)

Previous documentation on files (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey

- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Primary location of additional data:

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository:

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Summary Statement of Significance:

Makemie Memorial Presbyterian Church is eligible under Criterion C for its architecture, and under Criteria Consideration A: Religious Properties, as a well-preserved example of High Victorian Gothic church design and representative of the work of Philadelphia architect Isaac Pursell (1853-1910). The period of significance, 1888-1889, encompasses the dates of construction, by which time the church had achieved its current form and appearance. Pursell designed church buildings for a variety of Protestant denominations during the late Victorian era; many of his designs were expressions of the Gothic. He provided plans and specifications for churches and manses for the Presbyterian Board of Church Erection; his employment by the Snow Hill congregation probably followed a recommendation by officials in the Presbytery of Philadelphia. The majority of Pursell's projects, which included residential, institutional and commercial buildings, as well as churches, were located in and around Philadelphia and southern New Jersey. The Makemie Memorial Church is the only known example of his work on the Delmarva Peninsula south of Wilmington, Delaware, and one of two projects in the State of Maryland—the other being the College Avenue Baptist Church in Annapolis (1905; demolished).

Makemie Memorial Presbyterian Church is one of the finest and most elaborate examples of Victorian Gothic church design on the lower Eastern Shore. Built of brick and dressed stone shipped from Baltimore, the roughly cruciform shaped main block is dominated by flanking towers of unequal height enhanced with pointed arch doors and windows. The cross-plan sanctuary is illuminated by intricately crafted colored glass windows of figurative and geometric designs. The roof is supported by a decorated hammer-beam truss roof system supported in part by cast iron columns. The original church furniture—curved pews and intricately carved altar furniture—are original to the 1888-89 construction as well. The church retains an exceptionally complete archive; original receipts, ledgers, and daybooks document the construction process. Materials and resources were provided by a variety of businesses; supplies and workers were transported by rail and steamboat from distant sources. As a result, this church provides a rare and compelling insight into the building process during the industrial age, representing a small rural congregation that looked outside its local community for the design and construction of a new edifice.

Contributing to the church property is the cemetery, which contains congregant burials dating from the mid eighteenth century, when the first church occupied the property. This church is the fourth structure to serve the Snow Hill Presbyterian congregation, and the third one to define this site on Market Street. With the construction of the Victorian church, the

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congregation was renamed Makemie Memorial to honor Presbyterianism's early evangelist and leading light, the Reverend Francis Makemie (1658-1708).

Resource History and Historic Context:

As portrayed in the surviving archive of private records, the 1888-89 construction of Makemie Memorial Church is the best documented building project on the lower Eastern Shore. Surviving in the church papers are hundreds of records including daybooks, receipts, lists of materials, names of laborers, and even freight costs for shipments that thoroughly detail the process of erecting this finely crafted Victorian Gothic church. A preliminary meeting prior to the start of construction was mentioned in the March 10, 1888 issue of the *Democratic Messenger*. The article related:

We learn that arrangements are being made to commence work early this spring on the Makemie Memorial Church to be erected in town. The Building Committee held a meeting on last Thursday and decided to push the work along as rapidly as possible. Mr. Purcell (sic), the Philadelphia architect, who has been employed by the committee was present and submitted a plan which was determined upon. The committee also concluded to employ a master mason to superintend the work. The plan is a novel one after the Gothic style of architecture.¹

Isaac Pursell was hired by the Snow Hill congregation, surely by way of a recommendation from the Philadelphia presbytery, for whom he worked in providing plans and specifications for many churches and manses. His churches are well known in the greater Philadelphia region, but Makemie Church is the only example of his work on the Delmarva Peninsula south of Wilmington, Delaware. Mr. Pursell's skilled hand at proportion and detail is evident through the church. He and his skills were summarized in 1889:

Mr. Pursell is a thoroughly qualified and able architect who has evinced great skill and ability in the practice of his profession; designing and superintending the construction of many prominent buildings not only in Philadelphia but all across the United States. He has made a specialty of schools and churches. Many of the buildings erected by this responsible architect are much admired for their beauty. The elaboration of detail and care bestowed upon every department of the work reflects the utmost credit on the skill and judgment of this popular gentleman.²

¹ *Democratic Messenger*, 10 March 1888.

² *Illustrated Philadelphia: Its Wealth and Industries*, 1889, p. 129 as quoted in Tatman, Sandra L. *Philadelphia Architects and Buildings Project*, 2005.

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Born in Trenton, New Jersey, Isaac Pursell got his early architectural training and experience in the office of Philadelphia architect Samuel Sloan (1815-1884), whose career included authoring several influential volumes on design and construction during the third quarter of the nineteenth century. Pursell opened an independent office in Philadelphia in 1878.³ One of Isaac Pursell's principal competitors in designing Protestant churches was Charles Bolton. Among Pursell's best known and important designs in the Philadelphia region include Christ's Memorial Reformed Episcopal Church, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Heidelberg Reformed Church, Spring Garden Unitarian Church and the First Presbyterian Church at Haddonfield, New Jersey. Pursell had a prolific career that also included schools, institutions, and private residences.⁴

Work on the Market Street site began with tearing down the 1795 church and salvaging the bricks for use as infill for the new structure. The 1795 building was located well back from the road at the crest of the small hill that distinguished the lot. Its location is clearly evident on the Snow Hill town map published in 1877. Centered on the narrow lot well back from the street, the brick church was accessed by a walkway flanked by cemetery stones.⁵ In planning for the new church it was decided to reposition the structure directly on Market Street, and the site of the previous building was then converted to plots for burials. Demolishing the old church and cleaning the bricks were itemized in an invoice submitted by the Snow Hill firm, Richardson, Moore & Smith, at a cost of \$218.08.⁶

An initial shipment of new brick from Baltimore arrived on the Snow Hill wharf in mid-May 1888, according to the *Democratic Messenger*:

*The schooner, George S. Richardson, arrived here last Wednesday morning loaded with the finishing brick for the Makemie Memorial Church to be erected this summer. The schooner brought 45,000 very large and handsome bricks from the kilns of William Perot, Baltimore. In architectural beauty, the church will not be surpassed on the Eastern Shore.*⁷

Materials came from far and wide for this immense construction project, although many of the carpenters and masons were from the region. In the week ending August 25, 1888, wages

³ Sandra L. Tatman, "Isaac Pursell (1853-1910), Philadelphia Architects and Buildings Project. 2005.

⁴ American Architects' Biographies, "Isaac Pursell"

⁵ John L. Graham, et al. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*, Wicomico County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

⁶ Invoice from Richardson, Moore & Smith, dated 1888, Makemie Memorial Presbyterian Church Archive.

⁷ *Democratic Messenger*, 19 May 1888. Microfilm at the Worcester County Library, Snow Hill.

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were paid to two dozen workmen, and the roster is filled with local names. Master carpenter Charles R. Jones was assisted by William H. Richardson, Charles Williams, Zadock Duffy, Bill Purnell, William C. Bratten, and John Holland. Mastermason A. W. Lankford was aided by Byrd Lankford, James McAllen, L. Vincent, William Bounds, Washington Pusey, Charles D. Johnson and several other masons, apprentices, and laborers.

As the brick walls and towers rose behind the timber scaffolding, the roughly cruciform shaped structure became evident. The slate roof of the church was installed by the Baltimore firm, M. Gault & Son, who wrote to treasurer Levi Purnell in March 1889, "Your check for one thousand dollars on account of the Makemie Church work received today. Accept our thanks for same. It comes to us when much needed."⁸ The interior roof truss system is supported by two iron columns that came most likely by rail from the Philadelphia Ironworks of Samuel J. Creswell.⁹ Another Philadelphia-based supplier was the Keystone Stained Glass Works, who sent craftsmen to install the dramatically beautiful memorial windows. The proprietor of the company, H. J. Smith, wrote to committeeman, George W. Covington, "If my men should need any money for expenses, freight, etc. will you kindly let them have it and charge to my account." The intricately carved Gothic altar furniture and semi-circular blocks of pews came from much farther away, shipped to Snow Hill surely by way of the railroad from the Globe Furniture Company of Northville, Michigan.

Further enhancing the 1880s interior was decorative wall painting that has not survived intact. The work of decorative artist and Snow Hill resident Edward Boehm and his two assistants, C. W. and F. Russell, is recorded in a receipt that covers the period between January and April 1888, with a final touch-up in September 1889. The extent of the decorative painting in the sanctuary is unknown.

Contemporary with the main body of the sanctuary is a single story rear wing that housed the multi-purpose church hall/Sunday School rooms. Around 1950 a single story addition was attached to the back of the church. Within the last twenty years a small Gothic inspired entry for disabled access was designed sensitively and built off the northwest side of the north tower. Since that time, other than the replacement of the slate roof with asphalt shingles, the church has remained essentially unchanged from its Victorian design.

The history of the Snow Hill Presbyterian church dates from the late seventeenth century, when Francis Makemie, for whom the church is a memorial, organized early Presbyterian meetings in what was then Somerset County. In addition to the Snow Hill church, he started or

⁸ Invoice from M. Gault & Son, dated 3.9.1889, Makemie Memorial Presbyterian Church Archive, Snow Hill.

⁹ Invoice from Samuel J. Creswell, dated 9.12.1888, Makemie Memorial Presbyterian Church Archive, Snow Hill.

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inspired several other congregations, including one at Rehobeth, also on the Pocomoke River, another at the head of the Manokin River, one on the Wicomico, and yet another in Accomack County, Virginia.

The original Snow Hill church, "a plain building thirty feet long," is thought to have been built during the 1680s on a site along the Pocomoke. By the 1740s this early building had been replaced with a frame structure erected on a new site, which Adam Spence, Thomas Milbourn, and Matthew Hopkins had purchased on June 8, 1748. Transferred for \$12, Lot 32 was described at the time as

*All that Lot or Parcel of Land in Snowhill Town in the said County of Worcester Whereon the protestant Presbyteriann Dissenting meeting House hath been Lately Built and now Standeth Called and Known by the Name of Lot Number thirty two—according to the Survey thereof Lately made.*¹⁰

In 1795 the congregation decided to replace the 1740s frame building with a brick structure that served the congregation for nearly 100 years, until the Victorian church was begun in 1887.

¹⁰ Worcester County Land Record, B/78, 8 June 1748, John Martin to Adam Spence, Thomas Milbourn, and Matthew Hopkins, Worcester County Couthouse, Snow Hill, Maryland.

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Record and Gazette, various issues, Worcester County Library, Snow Hill.

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Worcester County Land Record, B/78, 8 June 1748. Worcester County Courthouse, Snow Hill, Maryland.

10. Geographical DataAcreage of Property 1.1 acres**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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2				4						

☐ See continuation sheet**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian
Organization Private Consultant date 10.27.05
street & number Cedar Hill, Box 5 telephone 410-651-1094
city or town Westover state Maryland zip code 21871

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets**Maps**A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.**Photographs**Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.**Additional Items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO)

name Makemie Memorial Presbyterian Church
street & number 115 Franklin Street telephone 410-632-1698
city or town Snow Hill state Maryland zip code 21863

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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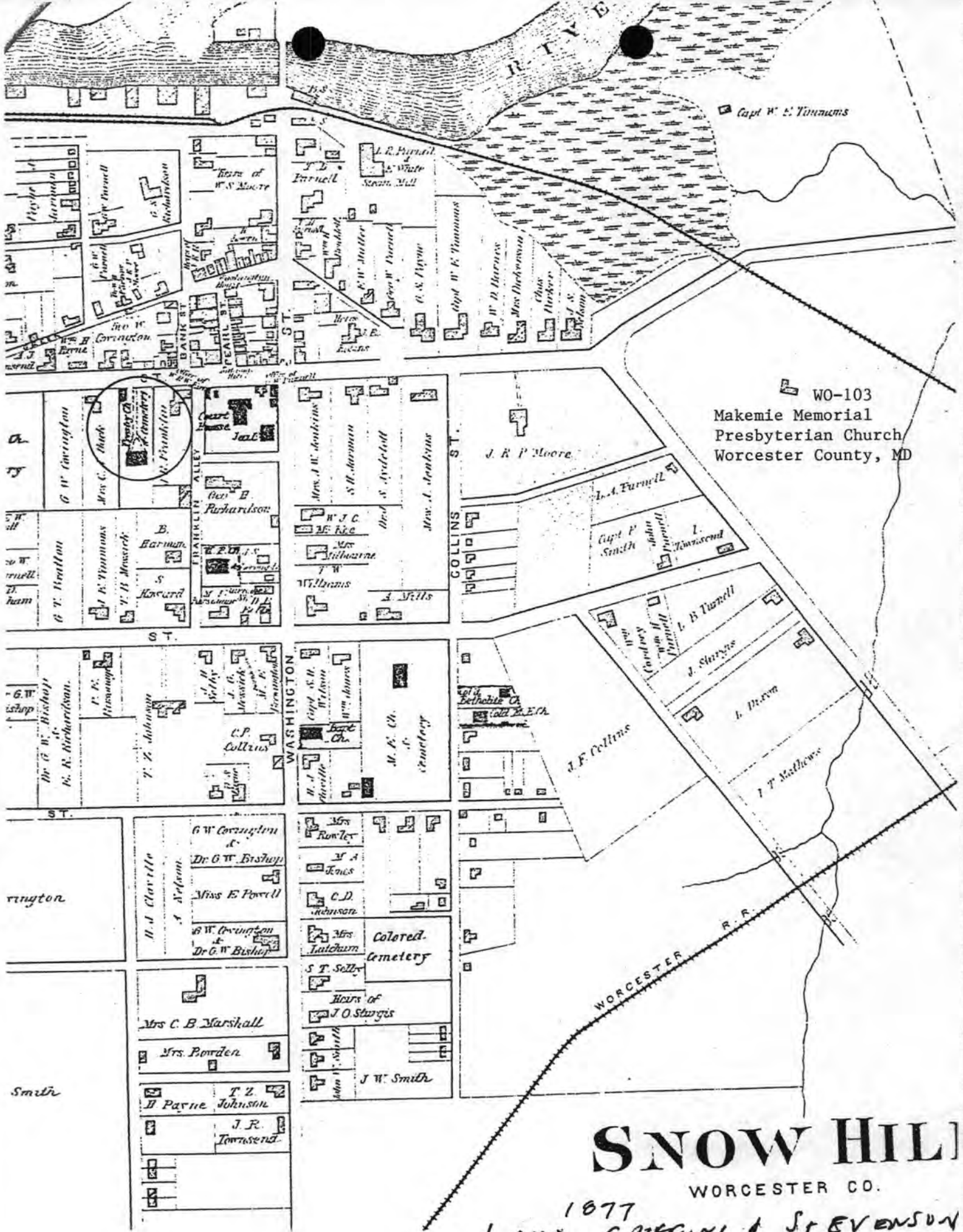
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Verbal Boundary Description:

The nominated property is indicated as Parcel 602 on Worcester County Tax Map 200.

Boundary Justification:

The boundary delineated in this nomination coincides with the current property lines of the church lot—including the nominated church and surrounding cemetery—and at the same time separates the church lot from the adjacent lots that are not associated with this nomination.



Capt W. E. Timmons

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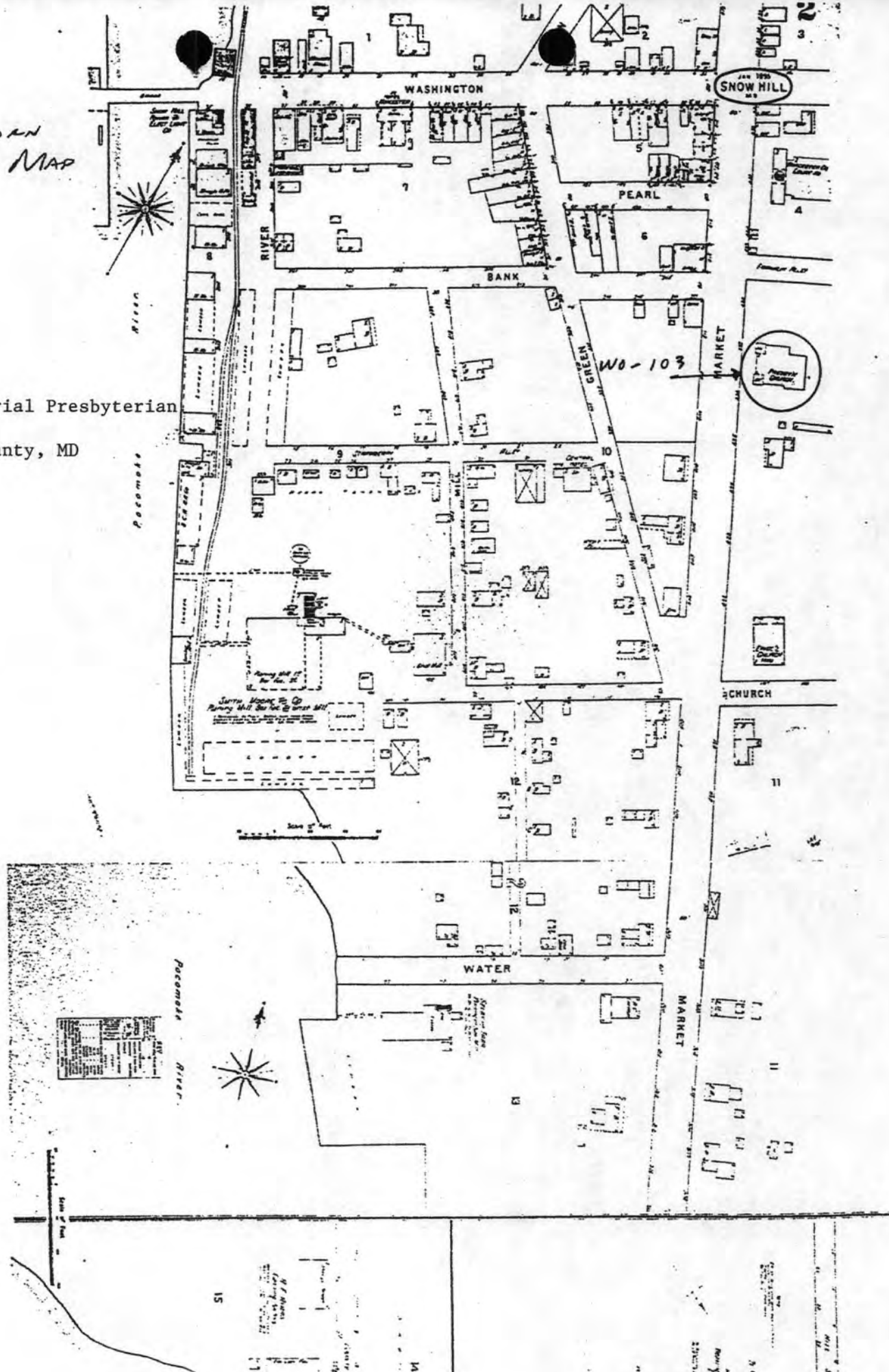
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WORCESTER CO.

1877
LAKE GRIFFINS & STEVENSON
ATLAS

1895 SANBORN
INSURANCE MAP

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Makemie Memorial Presbyterian Church

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MARYLAND, Worcester

DATE RECEIVED: 10/03/08 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 10/20/08
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 11/04/08 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/16/08
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 08001044

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: Y SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 11/10/2008 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Locally significant example of a High Victorian Gothic Style brick church

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept c

REVIEWER Patrik Andrus

DISCIPLINE Historian

TELEPHONE _____

DATE 11/10/2008

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



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Snow Hill, ^{Church} WORCESTER Co MA

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MAKEMIT MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CH.
SNOW HILL, WORCESTER CO., MD.

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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NEG./ MD. HISTORICAL TRUST, SHPO

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MAKEMIE MEMORIAL PRES. CHURCH
SNOW HILL, WORCESTER CO. MD.

SW ELEVATION

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MAICENIE MEMORIAL PRES CHURCH
SNOW HILL, WORCESTER CO., MD
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MAKENIE Memorial Pres. Church

Snow Hill, Worcester Co., Md.

Sanctuary, Northwest Window

8:05, Paul Toward, Pittsburgh

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MACEMIE MEMORIAL PRES. CHURCH
SNOW HILL, WORCESTER CO., MD.

SAWCHANG - SOUTHEAST WALL WITH
PULPIT

B.05, PAUL TOWART, PHOTO.

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MAKEMIE MEMORIAL PRES. CHURCH
SNOW HILL, WORLESTON CO., MD.

SANCTUARY - PULPIT

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MAKENNIE MEMORIAL

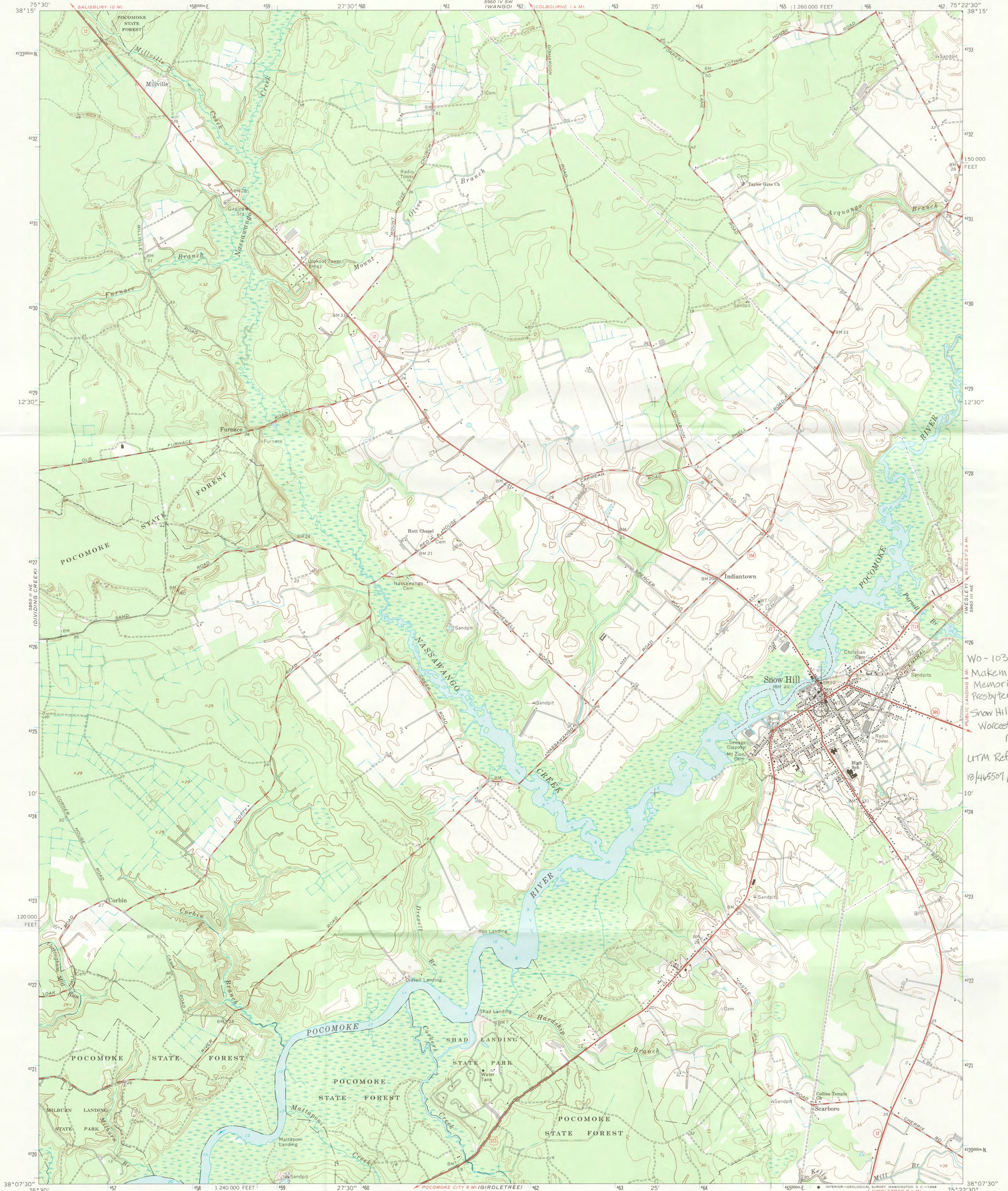
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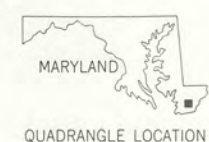
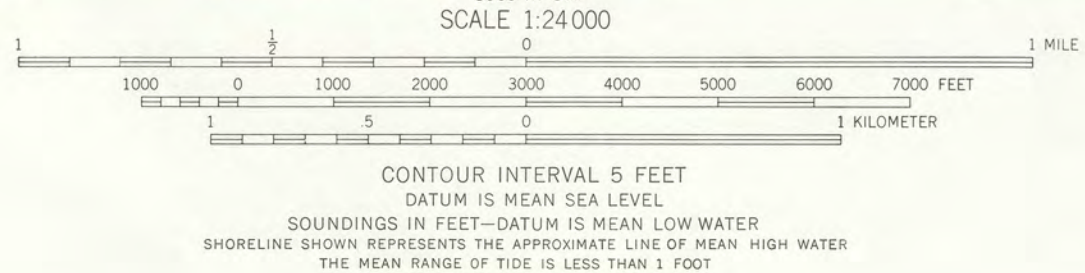
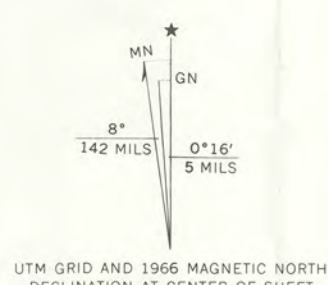
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Makemie
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Snow Hill,
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Chart 1224 (1966). This information is not intended
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Maryland coordinate system
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Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
U.S. Route ——— State Route ———

SNOW HILL, MD.
NW/4 SNOW HILL 15' QUADRANGLE
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1966
AMS 5960 III NW—SERIES V833

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December 30, 2005

Makemie Memorial Presbyterian Church
115 Franklin Street
Snow Hill, Maryland 21863

Attention: Reverend Debra Latture

RE: MAKEMIE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Worcester County, Maryland

Dear Rev. Latture :

The Makemie Memorial Presbyterian Church will be considered by the Governor's Consulting Committee for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places on Tuesday, February 7, 2006. The National Register is the official list of historic properties recognized by the Federal Government as worthy of preservation for their significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture. In Maryland, the nomination process is administered by the Maryland Historical Trust. Enclosed you will find a copy of the criteria under which properties are evaluated for listing. The meeting will be held at the People's Resource Center, 100 Community Place, Crownsville, Maryland, beginning at 10:00 a.m. You are welcome to attend this meeting.

Listing in the National Register results in the following for historic properties.

1. Consideration in planning for Federal, federally or state funded, licensed and assisted projects. Federal and state legislation requires that Federal agencies allow the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and state agencies, including the Maryland Historical Trust, opportunity to comment on all projects affecting historic properties listed in the National Register. For further information please refer to Section 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 800 and Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 83B, Section 5-615 et seq. or call the Office of Preservation Services of the Maryland Historical Trust at (410) 514-7630.
2. Eligibility for Federal tax provisions. If a property is listed in the National Register, certain Federal tax provisions may apply. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 revises the historic preservation tax incentives authorized by Congress in the Tax Reform Act of 1976, the Revenue Act of 1978, the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980, the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981, and the Tax Reform Act of 1984, and as of January 1, 1987, provides for a 20 percent investment tax credit with a full adjustment to basis for rehabilitating historic commercial, industrial, and rental residential buildings. The former 15 percent and 20 percent Investment Tax Credits (ITCs) for rehabilitation of older

commercial buildings are combined into a single 10 percent ITC for commercial or industrial buildings built before 1936.

The Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980 provides Federal tax deductions for charitable contributions for conservation purposes of partial interests in historically important land areas or structures. Whether these provisions are advantageous to a property owner is dependent upon the particular circumstances of the property and the owner. Because tax aspects outlined above are complex, individuals should consult legal counsel or the appropriate local Internal Revenue Service office for assistance in determining the tax consequences of the above provisions. For further information on certification requirements, please refer to 36 CFR 67 or the Office of Preservation Services of the Maryland Historical Trust at (410) 514-7630.

3. Eligibility for a Maryland income tax benefit for the rehabilitation of historic property. For further information on the Heritage Preservation Tax Credit, contact the Office of Preservation Services of the Maryland Historical Trust at (410) 514-7628.

4. Consideration of historic values in the decision to issue a surface coal mining permit where coal is located. In accord with the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, there must be consideration of historic values in the decision to issue a surface coal mining permit where coal is located. For further information, please refer to 30 CFR 700 et seq.

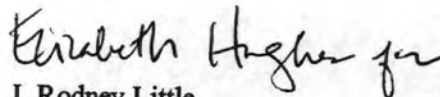
5. Eligibility to apply for federal and state grants and state low interest loans for historic preservation projects. To determine the present status of such grants and loans, contact the Office of Preservation Services of the Maryland Historical Trust at (410) 514-7632.

Owners of private properties nominated to the National Register have an opportunity to concur in or object to listing in accord with the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR 60. Any owner or partial owner of private property who chooses to object to listing may submit to the State Historic Preservation Officer a notarized statement certifying that the party is the sole or partial owner of the private property and objects to the listing. Each owner or partial owner of private property has one vote regardless of what portion of the property that party owns. If a majority of private property owners object, a property will not be listed; however, the State Historic Preservation Officer shall submit the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places for a determination of eligibility of the property for listing in the National Register. If the property is determined to be eligible for listing, although not formally listed, Federal agencies will be required to allow the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and state agencies, including the Maryland Historical Trust, an opportunity to comment before the agency may fund, license, or assist a project which will affect the property. If you choose to object to the listing of your property, the notarized objection must be submitted to J. Rodney Little, State Historic Preservation Officer, ATTN: Peter Kurtze, Maryland Historical Trust, 100 Community Place, Crownsville, Maryland 21032-2023 by the date of the meeting given above.

Listing in the National Register does NOT mean that the Federal Government or the State of Maryland wants to acquire the property, place restrictions on the property, or dictate the color or materials used on individual buildings. Local ordinances or laws establishing restrictive zoning, special design review committees, or review of exterior alterations are not a part of the National Register program. Listing also does NOT require the owner to preserve or maintain the property or seek approval of the Federal Government or the State of Maryland to alter the property. Unless the owner applies for and accepts special Federal or state tax, licensing, or funding benefits, the owner can do anything with his property he wishes so long as it is permitted by state or local law.

If you wish to comment on whether the property should be nominated to the National Register, please send your comments to J. Rodney Little, State Historic Preservation Officer, ATTN: Peter E. Kurtze, before the Governor's Consulting Committee considers the nomination. Copies of the nomination, regulations and information on the National Register and Federal and State tax provisions are available from the Trust. If you have questions about this nomination, please contact Peter E. Kurtze, Administrator of Evaluation and Registration, Maryland Historical Trust at (410) 514-7649.

Sincerely,



J. Rodney Little
Director-State Historic
Preservation Officer

JRL/jmg

cc: Hon. Stephen R. Matthews
Mrs. Ricks Savage
Mrs. Howard Yerges
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January 30, 2006

Mr. J. Rodney Little
Director,
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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE RECOMMENDATION

State Application Identifier: MD20051213-0983

Applicant: Maryland Historical Trust

Project Description: Historic Nomination: Makemie Memorial Presbyterian Church

Project Location: County(ies) of Worcester

Approving Authority: U.S. Department of the Interior DOI/NPS

CFDA Number: 15.914

Recommendation: Consistent Including General Comment(s)

Dear Mr. Little:

In accordance with Presidential Executive Order 12372 and Code of Maryland Regulation 14.24.04, the State Clearinghouse has coordinated the intergovernmental review of the referenced project. This letter constitutes the State process review and recommendation. This recommendation is valid for a period of three years from the date of this letter.

Review comments were requested from the Maryland Department(s) of Natural Resources, Transportation, Worcester County, and the Maryland Department of Planning.

The Maryland Department(s) of Natural Resources, and Transportation; Worcester County; and the Maryland Department of Planning found this project to be consistent with their plans, programs, and objectives.

The Department of Transportation stated that "as far as can be determined at this time, the subject has no unacceptable impacts on plans or programs."

The State Application Identifier Number must be placed on any correspondence pertaining to this project. The State Clearinghouse must be kept informed if the approving authority cannot accommodate the recommendation.

Please remember, you must comply with all applicable state and local laws and regulations. If you need assistance or have questions, contact the State Clearinghouse staff person noted above at 410-767-4490 or through e-mail at mbarnes@mdp.state.md.us. **Also please complete the attached form and return it to the State Clearinghouse as soon as the status of the project is known. Any substitutions of this form must include the State Application Identifier Number. This will ensure that our files are complete.**

Mr. J. Rodney Little
January 30, 2006
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Thank you for your cooperation with the MIRC process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda C. Janey".

Linda C. Janey, J.D., Director
Maryland State Clearinghouse
for Intergovernmental Assistance

LCJ:MB

Enclosure(s)

cc: U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI/NPS)
Carol Shull - National Register
Beth Cole - MHT
Ray Dintaman - DNR
Lyn Erickson - MDOT

Edward Tudor - WRCS
Pat Goucher - MDPLL

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September 30, 2008



Mr. J. Paul Loether, Chief
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
1201 I (eye) Street, NW
Mail Stop 2280
Washington, DC 20005

RE: MAKEMIE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Worcester County, Maryland

Dear Mr. Loether:

Enclosed is documentation for nominating the Makemie Memorial Presbyterian Church, Worcester County, Maryland to the National Register of Historic Places. The state review board and the owners concur in my recommendation for listing. Should you have questions in this matter, please contact Peter Kurtze at (410) 514-7649.

Sincerely,

J. Rodney Little
Director-State Historic
Preservation Officer

JRL/jmg

cc: State Clearinghouse #MD20051213-0983

Enclosures: NR form and 12 continuation sheets
1 USGS map
8 - 5x7 b/w prints

Correspondence: letter, Little to Latture, 30 December 2005
letter, Janey to Little, 30 January 2006