

HO-432

## Guilford Methodist Church (Alberta G. Gary Memorial M.E. Church)

### **Architectural Survey File**

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Ho-432  
Guilford M. E. Church  
Guilford  
Private

1872

Located on the east side of Route 32, just south of its intersection with Route I-95, Guilford Methodist Church faces west. It is a three bay wide, three bay deep, one story high, gabled roof (running east-west) shiplap frame gothic style structure which features a tent roofed, open belfry projecting from its southwest corner.

The belfry holds a gothic cut main entrance, surmounted by a petaled flower bull's eye which offers a vertical and projecting element to the southwest corner as well as a continuity to the west facade's centrally placed bull's eye in the eave line and its two gothic cut windows.

The congegation and church date from 1872, indicated on both the cornerstone and Hopkins Atlas of 1878. A new brick wing has been added to the northeast corner of the church, providing a kitchen facility, office space and lounge.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Alberta G. Gary Memorial M. E. Church

AND/OR COMMON Guilford Methodist Church

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
(Old Route 32) Guilford Road (MD 732)

CITY, TOWN  
Guilford

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE  
Maryland

COUNTY  
Howard

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Guilford Memorial M. E. Church  
c/o George Ennis

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER  
Route 2, Box 336A

CITY, TOWN  
Jessup

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland, 20794

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE Tax Map 42, p. 329 Blk 6  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records

Liber #: 213  
Folio #: 532

STREET & NUMBER  
Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN  
Ellicott City

STATE  
Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE  
1978  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN  
21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE  
Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**HO-432  
Dist. 6

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Guilford Methodist Church is located on the east side of Route 732, just south of the intersection of I-95. It faces west, a two bay wide, three bay deep, one and a half story building of frame ship lap construction, built on a stone foundation with gabled roof running east-west and brick chimney centered into the east wall. A tall tent roofed, square open belfry with shingled second story, decorated with open railing whose four corner posts are held by scrolled brackets, projects from the south side of the west wall.

It holds the large double rectangular entrance door to the church on its west face, approached by seven cement steps and is surmounted by a wooden lintel decorated with a row of dentils with a triangular leaden stained glass transom, which together form a gothic cut door. Above rests a circular leaden paned window decorated in a rose petal design. A double-hung gothic cut, leaden paned window, whose central motive is an oval shaped cartouche rests on the south wall of the belfry tower.

Three sets of double cellar windows with two-over-two light windows underline the three double-hung gothic cut windows on the church's south wall.

The north wall holds three similar windows with a rectangular basement door, located between the west and central bays, flanked by two rectangular double-hung windows holding two-over-two lights.

A one story high gabled roof (running north-south), brick (laid in running bond) addition has been built along the east wall of the church and part of its north wall. It holds three rectangular windows composed of four horizontal lights on its north wall decorated with header brick sills.

Two similar windows rest on the east wall with two rectangular entrance doors separated by a square brick chimney, and a squarish window, composed of two lights, another of which rests near the south-east corner of the addition.

The west wall of the addition holds the main entrance to this building.

East of the church is a small grave yard with stones which bear the dates as early as February 10, 1886.

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Guilford Methodist Church  
Description

The Belfry's first floor holds the entrance vestibule which leads into the nave of the church. The interior of the church features a central aisle and side aisles in the nave which takes up almost the entire building. A central altar is located a few feet from the east wall with a staircase on its south side leading down to the basement Sunday School room.

The brick addition holds a kitchen, young adult lounge, office for the pastor and hall leading into the Sunday School room which also has access into the kitchen area.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1872

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Guilford Methodist Church is significant historically and architecturally.

Historically the congregation dates from 1872 and was important in the social and educational life of those residing in the Guilford area. A cornerstone is dated 1872-1918, indicating that some renovation of the building was completed by 1918. The brick addition on the northeast corner of the building was added circa 1960 to provide a kitchen facility as well as office space and lounge for young adults. The building is noted in the Hopkins Atlas of 1878, while the graveyard to the east of the church holds mid to late nineteenth century dates.

It is in the area of architectural significance, however, that the building is most noteworthy. Were it not for its outstanding open tent roofed belfry, Guilford Methodist Church would be simply another Gothic revival country frame church. The belfry, however, adds a quality and charm in its stylistic detail which gives the building distinction. Holding the Gothic cut main entrance, surmounted by a petaled flower bull's eye, and offering the variation of a projection and vertical element to the southwest corner, the belfry also provides continuity by its repetition of the centrally placed bull's eye in the eave line of the west facade and the Gothic element of its two Gothic cut west windows.

Closely adjacent to the I-95 and Route 32 intersection, it should be placed on the National Register and State Critical Areas Program to insure its continued preservation.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Howard County Land Records

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 42, p. 329.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records Liber 213, folio 532.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

465-5000 x257

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

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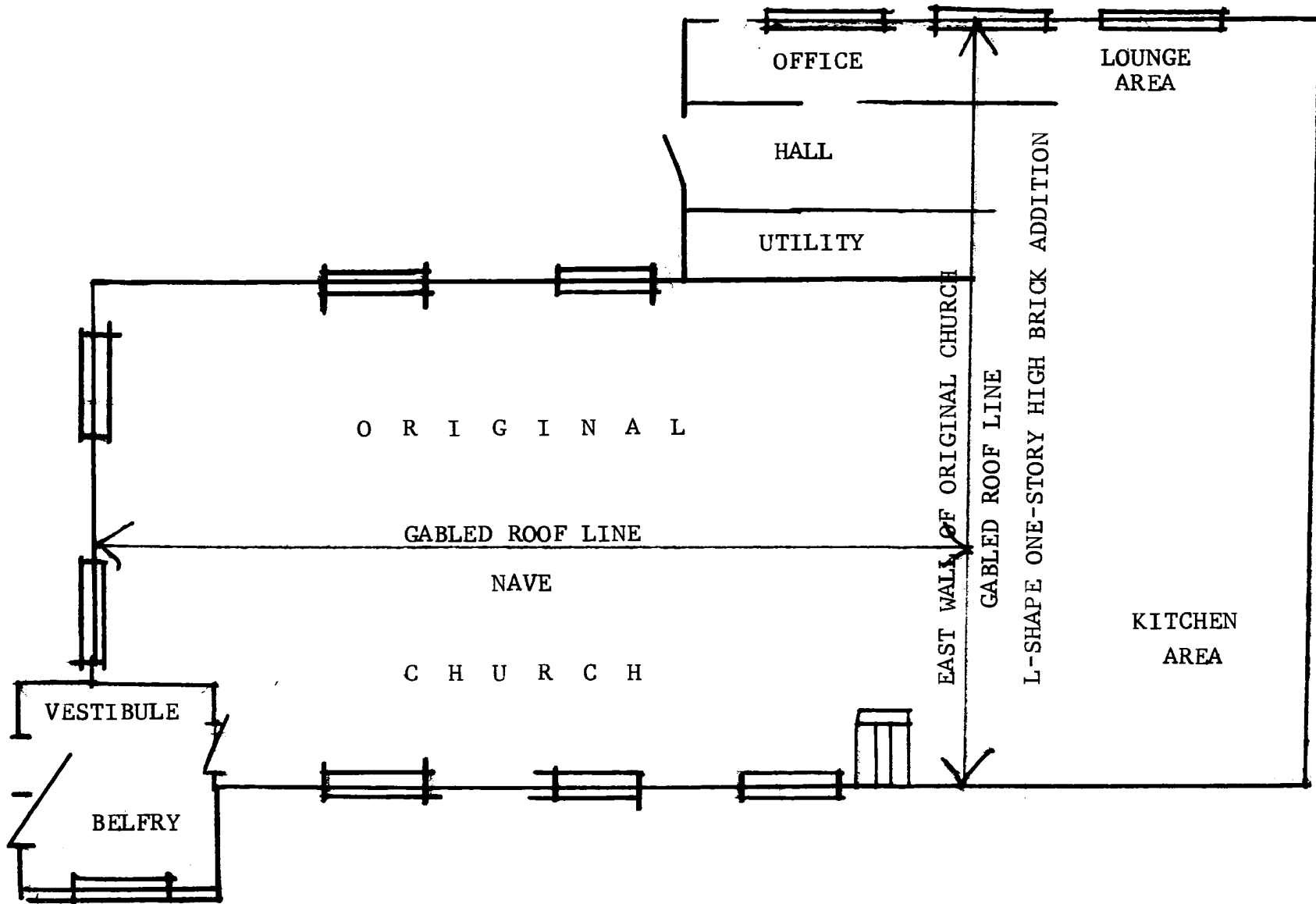
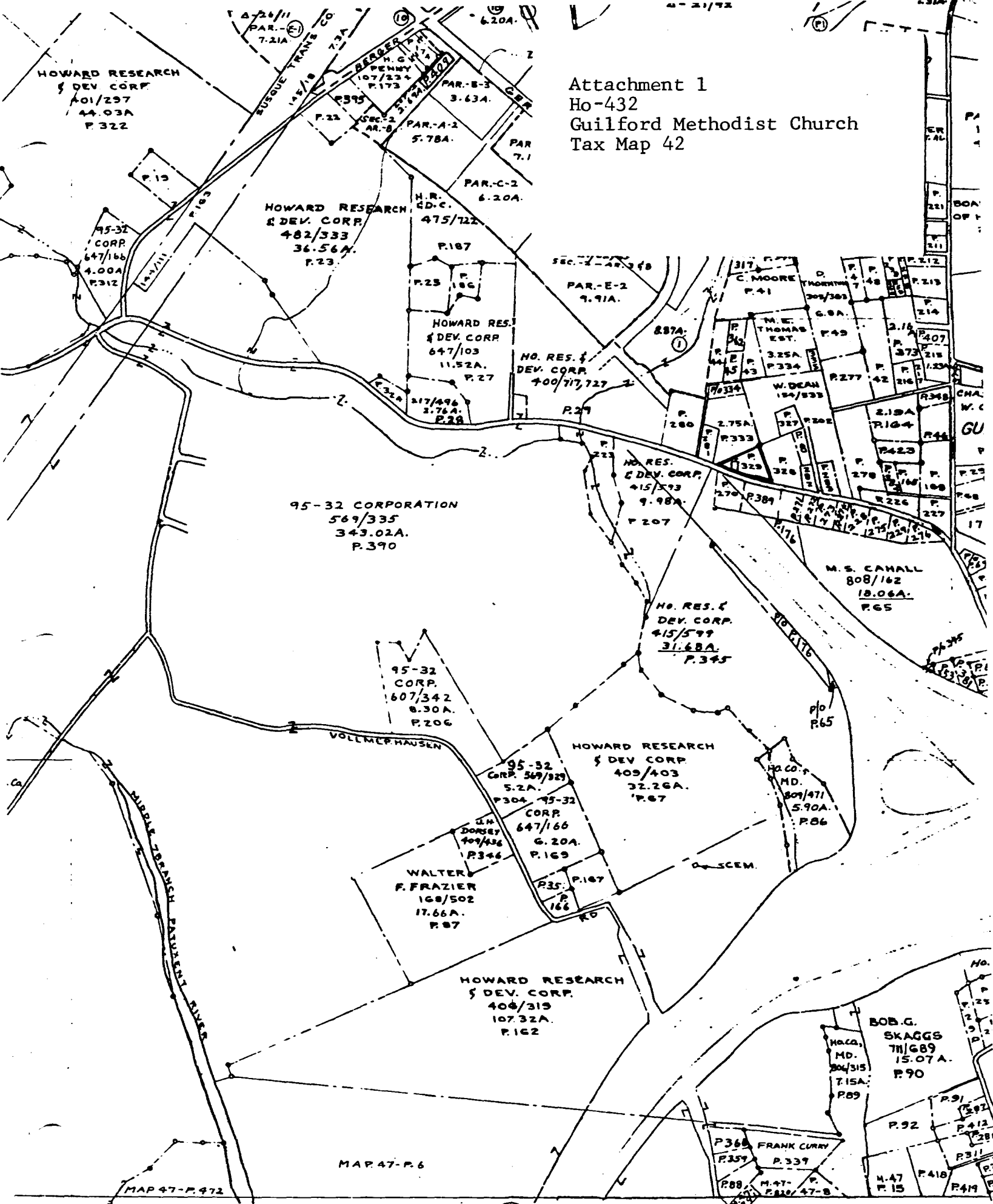


Figure 1  
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 Guilford Methodist Church  
 Plan of Church and Addition

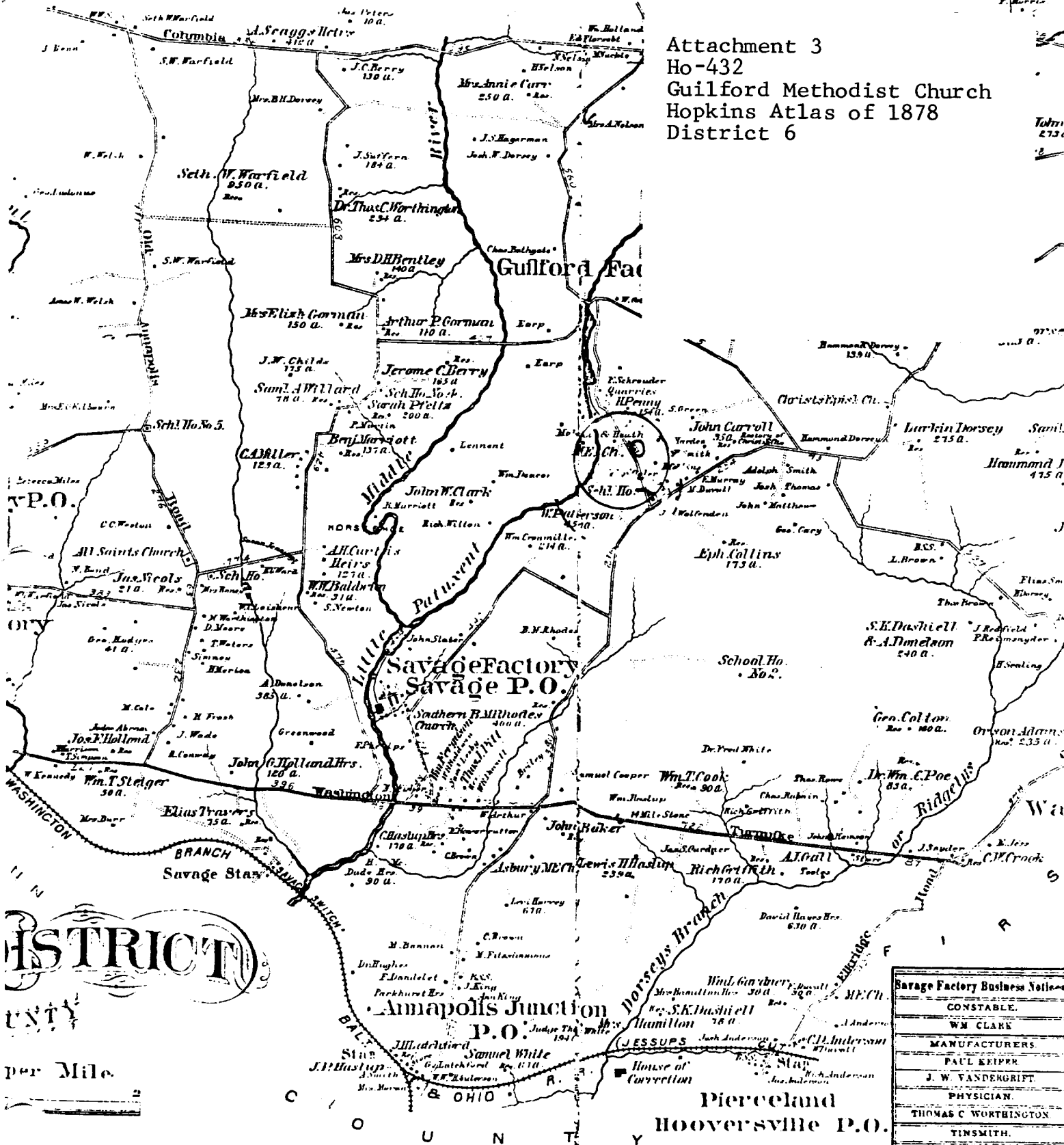
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 Tax Map 42



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Attachment 3  
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Guilford Methodist Church  
Hopkins Atlas of 1878  
District 6

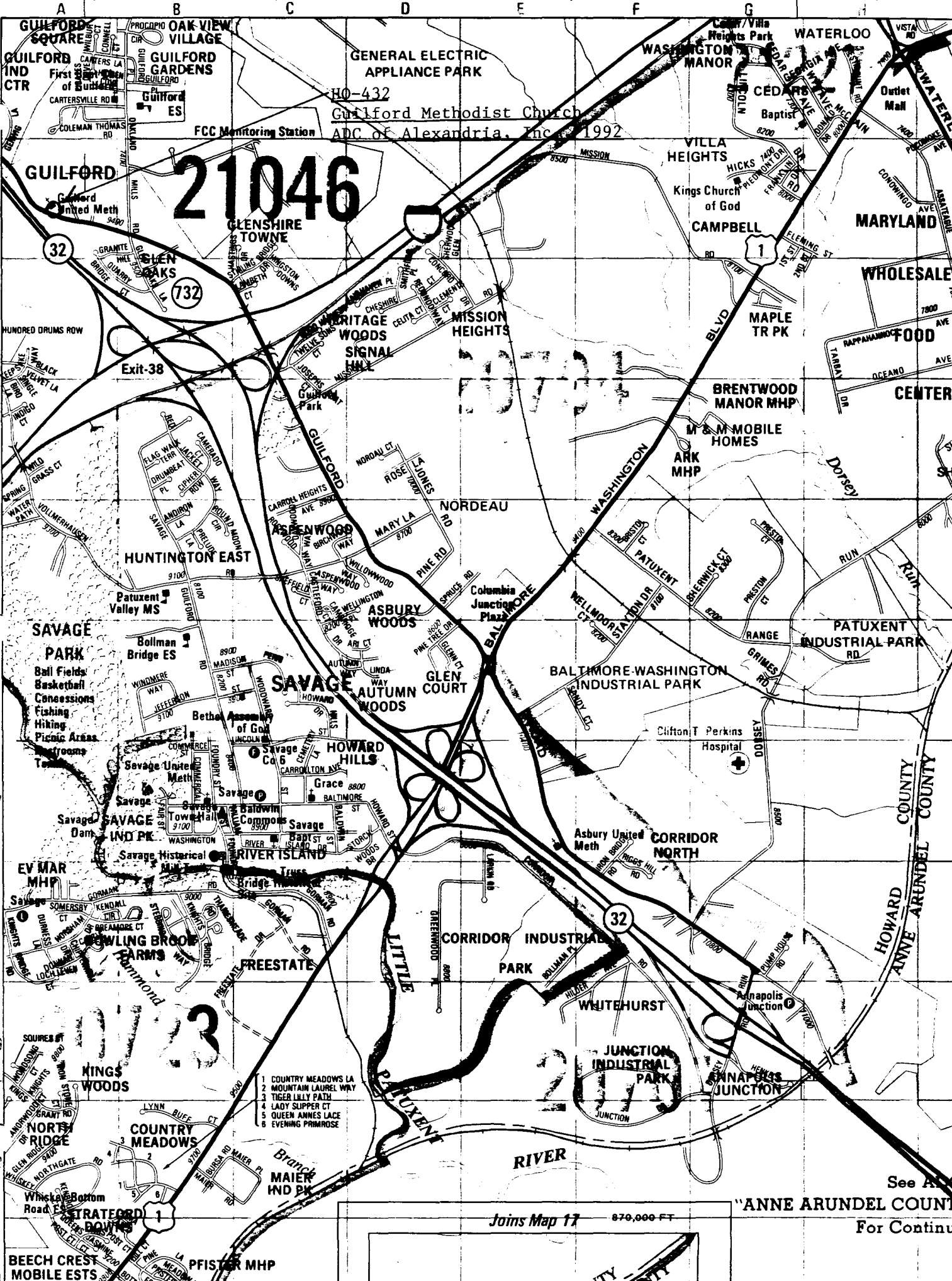


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MANUFACTURERS.	PAUL KEIPER J. W. VANDERGRIFT
PHYSICIAN.	THOMAS C WORTHINGTON
TINSMITH.	WM. FERGUSON
WEAVERS.	RALPH LEX

One of the Librarians of Congress at Washington.

76°50'00"

850,000 FT



39°10'00"

480,000 FT

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39°07'30"

MD GRID 470,000 FT

- 1 COUNTRY MEADOWS LA
- 2 MOUNTAIN LAUREL WAY
- 3 TIGER LILY PATH
- 4 LADY SLIPPER CT
- 5 QUEEN ANNES LACE
- 6 EVENING PRIMROSE

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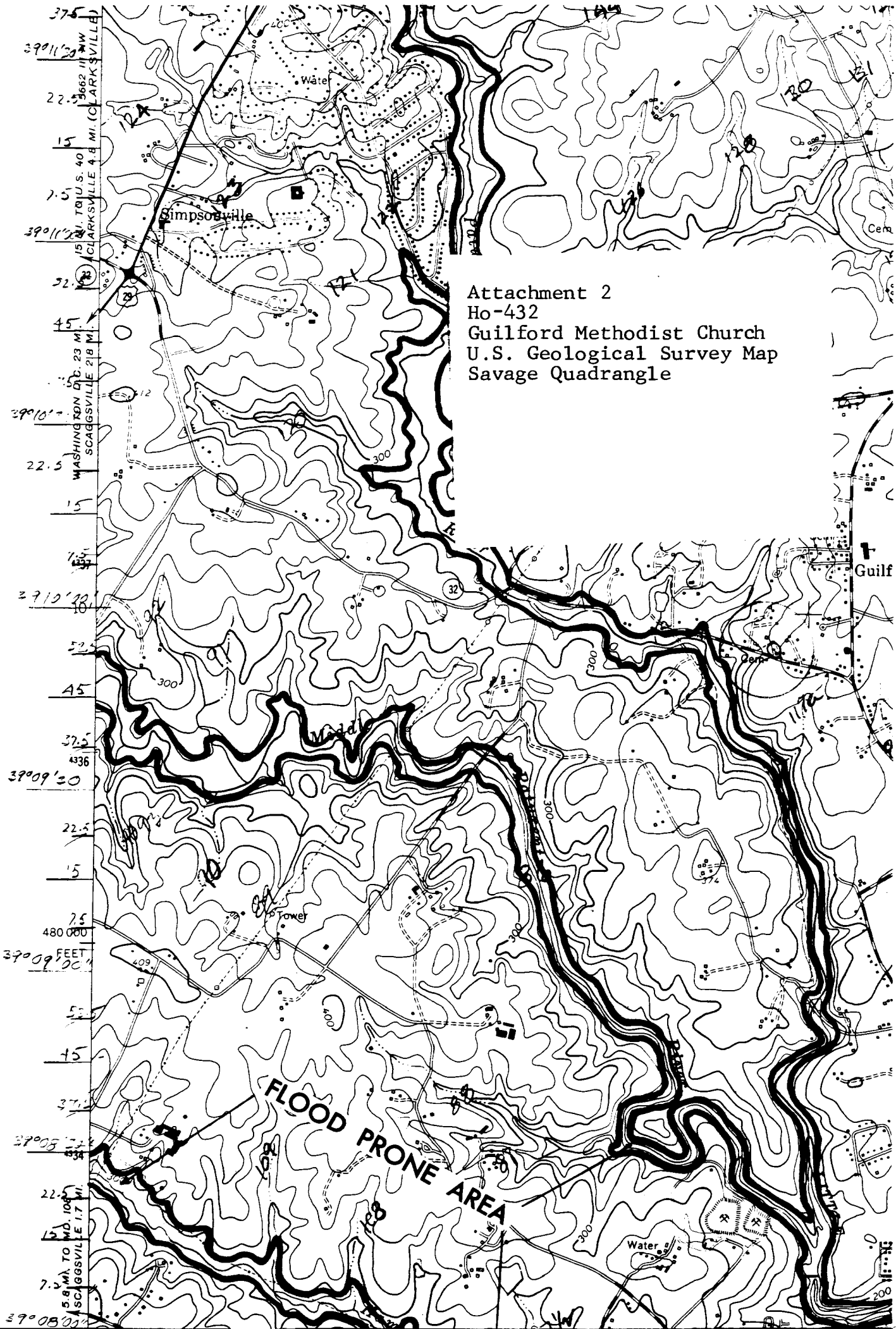
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PFISTER MHP

RIVER





Attachment 2  
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Guilford Methodist Church  
U.S. Geological Survey Map  
Savage Quadrangle

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FLOOD PRONE AREA

Simpsonville

Water

Tower

Guilf

Water





Guilford  
Methodist  
Church  
REV. CRIFITH

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THE GUILFORD M.E. CHURCH  
WEST  
C B THOMSON, AIP  
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