Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. 15-20

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1. Name of Property   (indicate preferred name)

historic	Mt. Lebanon Methodist Protestant Church and Cemetery (preferred)
other	Mt. Lebanon Fellowship (current)

2. Location

street and number	8115 Damascus Road	__ not for publication
city, town	Damascus, MD 20882	__ vicinity
county	Montgomery	

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

name	Mt. Lebanon Church Association		
street and number	Rt. 2	telephone	
city, town	Gaithersburg	state MD	zip code 20877

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County	liber 222 folio 269
city, town Rockville, MD tax map GX22 tax parcel P590 tax ID number 01-6405	

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

_____ Contributing Resource in National Register District
_____ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
_____ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
_____ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
_____ Recorded by HABS/HAER
_____ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
__X__ Other: MNCPPC/Montgomery Planning Dept. Historic Preservation Section

6. Classification

Category
_____ district
_x_ building(s)
_____ structure
_____ site
_____ object

Ownership
_____ public
_x_ private
_____ both

Current Function
_____ agriculture
_____ commerce/trade
_____ defense
_____ domestic
_____ education
_____ funerary
_____ government
_____ health care
_____ industry
_____ landscape
_____ recreation/culture
_x_ religion
_____ social
_____ transportation
_____ work in progress
_____ unknown
_____ vacant/not in use
_____ other:

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
1		sites
		structures
		objects
2		Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
2

Condition

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

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

Mt. Lebanon Methodist Protestant Church (MC 15-20), now known as Mt. Lebanon Fellowship, and its associated cemetery are located in Montgomery County, Maryland, on the north side of Damascus Road (Route 108), opposite Jarl Drive, between Mullinix Mill and Long Corner Roads. Damascus is to the northwest and Etchison to the southeast. The mailing address is 8115 Damascus Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20877, and the legal description is Laytonsville, P590.   The property is 49,715 s.f., or just over an acre, and the parcel is irregular in shape. The church was incorrectly located on the *Locational Atlas of Montgomery County Maryland*, which showed it on Long Corner Road.[1] The property slopes up gently from the road and contains a well-maintained Victorian Vernacular church, cemetery, and parking lot.

The Victorian Vernacular church, dedicated in 1902, is a simple one-and-a half story, front-gabled frame building with a steeply pitched roof, vinyl drop siding, Gothic-inspired lancet windows and doors, a wooden front stoop, a partially enclosed wooden rear porch, and a parged stone foundation. The building is about 28 feet wide by 42 feet long[2] and faces southwest toward Damascus Road. Roofing material throughout is composition shingle, and an offset chimney is located on the southeastern slope of the main block. On the front (southwestern) façade, the replacement wooden front stoop has rectangular wooden railings and is accessed by a set of steps that flank the front gable wall. (The former stoop was flanked on two sides by steps.) The stoop leads to a single centered replacement door surmounted by a lancet window with fixed panes and tracery. About four feet above the door and lancet is a semi-circular medallion or oculus with decorative wood shingles and the words "Mt. Lebanon Fellowship." Below the stoop in the foundation is a single basement door, accessed by steps down from ground level. On each of the eave sides (southeastern and northwestern facades) are four tall, narrow lancet windows, each composed of a two-over-two double-hung sash window with storms, surmounted by a fixed-pane lancet window with tracery.   There are also three windows in the foundation of each the eave sides. On the rear (northeastern) façade is a partial-width, partially enclosed rear porch with a hipped roof. The porch has wooden steps and rectangular railings and an enclosed bay with two short, double-hung sash windows each surmounted by a fixed-pane lancet window with tracery   A single door is accessed from the rear porch. This porch was formerly an uncovered stoop.

The church building is in excellent condition and has had only minor alterations, including the loss or removal of its belfry and bell and the aforementioned changes to the front and rear stoops.

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[1] Readers should note that the Mt. Lebanon Methodist Protestant Church should <u>not</u> be confused with Mt. Lebanon Methodist Episcopal Church, which once stood nearby on Mullinix Mill Road on what is now identified as Mt. Lebanon School Lot at 26130 Mullinix Mill Road. Mt. Lebanon Methodist Episcopal Church was the forerunner of the Damascus United Methodist Church and was started in 1822. It was also known at that time as Benton's Church, after Benjamin Benton, the land owner who deeded land for the church. The Montgomery County Board of Education authorized the purchase of Mt. Lebanon Methodist Episcopal Church on August 28, 1872 for $250.00, for use as a schoolhouse, to become known as the Mt. Lebanon School.   In 1901, a new schoolhouse about 22 feet by 24 feet was built for $500.00 adjacent to the old church/schoolhouse. The old church building was then was used for manual training (woodworking) by Professor Vernon D. Watkins, the Mt. Lebanon school teacher. The old church was torn down in about 1904 when Professor Watkins left the school. On September 12, 1933, the Board of Education ordered the school to be closed, and the building was sold in 1936. The school building is currently used as a residence.   Jaynie Payne, "History of Damascus United Methodist Church (to 1972)," in *Damascus History Tour,* by Gary Richard (copyright Gary Richard et al, 2002), CD-ROM. Guy Jewell, 1973, "Montgomery County Public Schools – Schools That Were," Vertical Files, Montgomery County (Md.) Historical Society.

[2] As derived from the Montgomery County geographic information system and not from field measurements.

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Mt. Lebanon Cemetery (ID#109 on the Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory[3]) contains headstones from 1902 inscribed with the surnames of many local families, including Mullinix, Warfield, and Williams. The cemetery is fenced with white pipe, has a central grass path, no trees, well-ordered rows of tombstones, and a working pump. As of March 6, 2007, there were 86 burials, per the Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory.[4] The cemetery is in fine condition.

According to information at Internment.net, the 2003 list of burials at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery are as follows:[5]

**Mount Lebanon Fellowship Cemetery
Montgomery County, Maryland**

8115 Damascus Rd (Hwy 108)
Damascus, Maryland

Lat: 39° 16' 58"N, Lon: 77° 10' 33"W

Contributed by Anne Braun, Jan 19, 2003, last updated Jan 28, 2003 [annieb1961@comcast.net]. Total records = 81.

From Damascus, go 2 miles east on Highway 108. The cemetery is on the north side of the road.

This is a small well kept church cemetery. The Warfield family make up the majority of the burials.

I walked this cemetery on Jan 18, 2003.

- Anne Braun

Bowen, J.J., b. 1881, d. 1929
Burdette, Hazel Williams, b. May 15 1915, d. Mar 8 1976, s/w Merle
Burdette, Merle McComas, b. Jul 25 1912, d. Oct 1 1968
Carter, William, b. 1874, d. 1954
Cregar, Douglas L., b. Jan 9 1932, d. Feb 26 1980, Husband, s/w James
Cregar, James H., b. Mar 6 1926, d. Apr 22 1980, Brother
Darby, Dorothy M., b. 1918, d. 1982
Darby, Dorothy Nan, b. Dec 29 1937, d. Apr 28 1938
Darby, Dorsey N., b. 1911, d. 1971
Darby, James M., b. Aug 31 1964, d. Jun 17 1984, Jimmy
Driver, Elizabeth W., b. Jan 1870, d. Jun 6 1905, w/o Charles
Gillis, George W., b. Aug 30 1892, d. Nov 22 1965

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[3] Anne Brockett, Project Coordinator, "Montgomery County Cemetery Inventory 2006", Montgomery County Planning Department, http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/historic/education/cemeteries.shtm (accessed October 15, 2009).
[4] Ibid.
[5] Anne Braun, "Mt. Lebanon Fellowship Cemetery, Montgomery County, Maryland," Internment.net, Cemetery Records Online, http://www.interment.net/data/us/md/montgomery/lebanon/mount.htm (accessed October 15, 2009).

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Gillis, Maude R., b. Mar 15 1897, d. Jun 13 1929, s/w George
Gordon, Thelma W., b. Jun 21 1917, d. Mar 25 1987
Gue, Joesph A., b. Jun 6 1835, d. Oct 24 1907, age 72 years 4 months and 14 days
Halterman, Gertie C., b. Jul 10 1902, d. Mar 29 1985
Halterman, William R., b. Mar 27 1889, d. Mar 16 1965
Harr, Dorothy W., b. Jan 25 1919, d. Nov 1 1984, w/o Frances
Harr, Frances O., b. Apr 13 1916, d. May 20 1994
Harr, Lois Estelle, b. Oct 1 1914, d. May 21 1920
Harr, Nettie E., b. Jan 20 1874, d. Mar 12 1935, Mother
Harr, Oliver, b. Apr 15 1896, d. Dec 10 1949
Hilton, William E., b. 1866, d. 1950
Hodges, Eddie, b. 1892, d. 1958
Hyatt, Herbert S., b. Apr 10 1916, d. Jul 12 2002
Hyatt, Jerry H., b. Sep 29 1940, d. May 1 1992
Hyatt, Ruby, b. Feb 1 1918, no death date, s/w Herbert
Johnson, Octava, b. Dec 5 1843, d. Aug 1 1909, age 65 years 8 months and 4 days, w/o Smith
LaFortezza, Mary E., b. Jun 9 1915, No death date
Mack, Susanna C., d. 1962, age 76 years
Moore, Lydia, b. Apr 28 1830, d. Jul 27 1907, age 77 years 2 months and 30 days, w/o Luther W.
Mullinix, Cecelia, b. 1871, d. 1964, w/o Robert
Mullinix, Harold W. Jr., b. Mar 1 1932, d. Oct 27 1997
Mullinix, Harold W., b. Feb 9 1902, d. Feb 25 1975
Mullinix, Leona W., b. Jul 6 1905, d. Jul 19 1987, s/w Harold
Mullinix, Robert M., b. 1871, d. 1945
Mullinix, Thelma Jean, b. Dec 10 1935, No death date, s/w Harold Jr
Poole, Mildred, b. 1919, No Death Date, s/w Parker
Poole, Parker, b. 1912, d. 1994
Ridgely, Melvin Preston, b. Aug 7 1908, d. Apr 8 1973
Ritchie, Edna J., b. Mar 20 1913, d. May 10 1948
Rushberger, Blanche, b. 1905, No Death Date
Sirk, Arthur E., b. 1900, d. 1965
Sirk, Sarah, b. 1880, d. 1955, Mother
Sirk, Willis H., b. 1860, d. 1940, Father, s/w Sarah
Smith, Elva R., b. Dec 14 1936, d. Mar 19 1994, age 57 years
Thorton, James A., b. Jul 22 1928, No death date. s/w June
Thorton, June L., b. Oct 5 1928, d. Nov 24 1998
Trammell, Betty G., b. Aug 21 1921, d. Nov 6 1977
Trammell, Joseph E., b. Oct 26 1879, d. Dec 6 1966
Trammell, Josie C., b. Jul 10 1882, d. Jul 7 1975, s/w Joseph
Trout, Bertie, b. Nov 16 1873, d. Jun 22 1911
Trout, Charles H., b. Aug 4 1870, d. May 23 1937
Trout, V. Tobias, b. 1843, d. 1927
Trummell, Agnes I., b. 1915, No death date, s/w Benjamin

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Trummell, Benjamin A., b. 1916, d. 1984
Warfield, Alice F., b. Feb 28 1867, d. Mar 22 1955
Warfield, Basil T., b. Aug 24 1859, d. May 19 1931
Warfield, Basil Thomas, b. Dec 30 1917, d. Apr 2 1937, s/o Raymond and Bessie
Warfield, Bessie M., b. 1886, d. 1931, s/w Raymond
Warfield, Cost Jr., b. Jul 2 1851, d. Sep 3 1933
Warfield, Effie A., b. 1887, d. 1966
Warfield, Georgetta, b. 1854, d. 1930, s/w Cost
Warfield, M. Olive, b. 1884, d. 1963
Warfield, Mary L., b. Aug 14 1895, d. Feb 4 1975, s/w Merhle
Warfield, Merhle, b. Jun 11 1898, d. Jan 25 1977
Warfield, Raymond C., b. 1892, d. 1969, s/w Olive and Effie
Warfield, Raymond L., b. 1890, d. 1970
Watkins, Katie Lee, b. Nov 26 1876, d. Aug 10 1982, w/o Louis
Watkins, Louis Fillmore, b. Dec 9 1879, d. Jun 3 1955
Williams, Bessie L., b. Jul 11 1897, d. Dec 11 1952, s/w Jerry
Williams, Blanche E., b. Oct 16 1886, d. May 26 1901, d/o Frances and Downey
Williams, Downey M., b. 1870, d. 1950
Williams, Edward Casper, b. May 16 1911, d. Oct 31 1968, WWII Veteran
Williams, Frances E., b. 1873, d. 1936
Williams, James L., b. 1912, d. 1984
Williams, Jeremiah L., b. Feb 21 1841, d. Feb 11 1907
Williams, Jerry T., b. Apr 3 1897, d. Nov 18 1965
Williams, Leona C., b. 1917, d. 1997
Williams, Mary E.B., b. 1905, d. 1970, s/w William
Williams, William C., b. 1902, d. 1940

8. Significance

Period   **Areas of Significance**   **Check and justify below**

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

Specific dates	1902	**Architect/Builder**	
Construction dates	1902		

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 projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Summary of Significance: Mt. Lebanon Methodist Protestant Church and Mt. Lebanon Cemetery

The Mt. Lebanon Methodist Protestant Church (M: 15-20), now Mt. Lebanon Fellowship, is a fine example of a rural Victorian Vernacular church with a well-maintained and still used cemetery and an intact rural setting. It is a prime example of the simple front-gabled form favored for public buildings in rural Montgomery County in the 19th and early 20th centuries. The church and cemetery are owned the Mt. Lebanon Church Association, which primarily is made up of descendants of the original land provider, Jeremiah Lewis Williams. Williams and his descendants are buried in the cemetery and include notable Montgomery County residents Downey M. Williams, a County Commissioner; Jerry Williams, a three-term County Councilor; Jerry Hyatt, a State Delegate; and Herbert S. Hyatt, former President of the Bank of Damascus. The church also may be the last Methodist Protestant Church built in the Upper County, where the Methodist Protestant Church was predominant. Finally, the church is significant for its own links to the past: it was probably organized nearby on Mullinix Mill Road in the first Mt. Lebanon School, a former church dating from 1822 known as Benton's Church, after its founder and land provider, and then as Mt. Lebanon Methodist Episcopal Church, forerunner of the Damascus United Methodist Church.

Church History

The Mt. Lebanon Methodist Protestant Church (MC: 15-20) is located on Damascus Road between Damascus and Etchison. It was organized in 1901 at a nearby school, probably the first Mt. Lebanon School, itself a former church, located on Mullinix Mill Road.[6] The new church building on Damascus Road was built and dedicated in 1902,[7] most

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[6] William H. Waters and Jesse T. Mower, April 15, 1937, "Works Progress Administration Survey of State and Local Historical Records: 1936, Maryland Historical Records Survey, Church Records Form, Mt. Lebanon Methodist Protestant Church," as found in the Montgomery County Historical Society Vertical Files: WPA Church Records Survey for Montgomery County, Maryland 1936 – 1937, M through Z. Under "Information as to previous buildings," the WPA form says: "Was organized in the old school house across road and about a quarter of a mile from the site. (School house now gone). The original building is still standing." Since in 1936, the only known school house within a quarter mile of the Mt. Lebanon Methodist Protestant Church on Damascus Road would have been the second Mt. Lebanon School House at what is now 26130 Mullinix Mill Road, Waters and Mowers probably were slightly misinformed and should have written "the new school house is still standing." As noted in an earlier footnote, the first Mt. Lebanon School house was originally the Mt. Lebanon Methodist Episcopal Church (also known as Benton's Church), built in 1822 and converted to a school house in early 1870's.   In 1901, a new school building was erected beside the old one, and the old one was fitted out with a lathe and other equipment and use for manual arts classes, taught by "Professor" Vernon D. Watkins. The old school

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likely taking its name from the school and former church in which it was organized. The new church cost $2,000, and the Reverends J.A. Wright and F.M. Clift officiated at the dedication.[8] Reverend Clift was the first minister (1902 – 1903).[9] The new churchyard included a cemetery, whose earliest burial dates from 1902.

Jeremiah Lewis Williams (b. 1841, d. 1907), a local farmer and landowner, sold and deeded a portion of his farm to the Mt. Lebanon Church Association in 1903.[10] He is buried in the cemetery.   A local newspaper article from 1935 indicates that the church was built "largely through his aid."[11] Jeremiah's son and heir, Downey M. Williams (b. 1870, d. 1950), sold and deeded another portion of the family farm to the Mount Lebanon Church Association in 1911.[12] Downey M. Williams, a County Commissioner from 1927 to 1934, also functioned as the Sunday School Superintendant.[13]

The church disbanded as a Methodist Protestant congregation in 1926, because trustees Downey Williams, Monroe Mullinix, and William Darby refused to relinquish the deed to the Methodist Protestant Conference, and the Conference refused to provide and pay for a minister unless the deed was relinquished. (The congregation was too small to be able to pay its own minister.)[14]

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building was taken down around 1904, when Professor Watkins resigned. Perhaps the Mt. Lebanon Methodist Protestant Church in 1901 organized itself in the old school, hoping that the Board of Education would allow the building to be used as a church indefinitely now that a new school was being built, and when the Board instead decided to allow manual arts classes in the old school building, the Mt. Lebanon Methodist Protestant Church commissioned its own building on Damascus Road. The name, Mt. Lebanon, is a biblical reference and was probably chosen for the original Mt. Lebanon Episcopal Church and Mt. Lebanon School because they were located on a patent called "Pleasant Plains of Damascus," another biblical reference.

[7] The 1936 WPA Church Survey Form, op. cit., notes that there was a cornerstone dated 1902, although no cornerstone was observed by this researcher. For information about the dedication, see also two newspaper articles: "Mount Lebanon Church near Damascus, Montgomery Co., Md.," Montgomery County Sentinel, Rockville, Md., October 24, 1902, page 3; and "New Methodist Protestant Church, Mount Lebanon Montgomery Co. Md.", St. Mary's Enterprise, Leonardtown, Md., September 6, 1902, page 4, as found in the Montgomery County Historical Society Vertical Files, Rockville, Maryland.

[8] "New Methodist Protestant Church, Mount Lebanon Montgomery Co. Md.," St. Mary's Enterprise, op. cit.

[9] Waters and Mower, WPA Church Records Form, op. cit.

[10] Deed TD 241/276, Montgomery County Land Records, recorded January 1, 1903, 140 square perches of land (about 0.875 acres), part of a tract of land known as the Addition to Ray's Adventure, purchase price $5.00. The land came from Jeremiah Lewis William's farm, which lay directly to the south. This farm is now known as the Jerry Williams Farm (M: 14-6), named for Jeremiah's grandson, a former County Commissioner. The farm was removed from the *Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Properties in Montgomery County Maryland*, in January 2009.   Jeremiah Lewis Williams purchased his approximately 174-acre farm in 1876 from James Kemp, who purchased it in a trustee's sale in 1869 from William Veirs Bouic. Bouic sold the farm on behalf of the creditors of John E. Adams and his wife. The farm consisted of a part of the tract known as Addition to Rays Adventure, the tract known as Franklin, and the tract known as Denmark. It was also known as Lot No. 1 in the division of the real estate of Philip Duvall. See Deed Research.

[11] Montgomery County Sentinel, March 12, 1935, as found in, *Paperclips – Selected Clippings from the Montgomery Sentinel [MD] 1900-1950, Volume II* (Bowie, Maryland: Heritage Books, 2002), compiled by Dona Cutler, pages 422-423.

[12] Deed JLB 222/269, Montgomery County Land Records, recorded July 14,199, 2 acres of land, part of a tract of land known as Addition to Ray's Adventure, purchase price $75.00. See Deed Research.

[13] Waters and Mower, WPA Church Records Form, op. cit.

[14] Ibid.

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Subsequently, the church was occupied by a variety of other congregations, including Lutherans, Baptists, and the Assembly of God. They apparently tried to get permits to update the building without success. The church building stood vacant from 1972 to 1983, and during this period, vandals damaged the building and took the church bell. When the Mt. Lebanon Fellowship, an interdenominational Protestant congregation, took over the building in 1983, it was in great disrepair. The Mt. Lebanon Fellowship repaired it, working diligently with the Department of Permitting Services to get permits to repair and update the building. Pastor Donald L. Carpenter has served as the minister since the Mt. Lebanon Fellowship took over the building in 1983.[15]

According to Patricia M. Thornton, current President of the Mt. Lebanon Association and great granddaughter of Jeremiah Lewis Williams, the Mt. Lebanon Church Association maintains the cemetery and the Mt. Lebanon Fellowship is permitted to occupy the church building rent free as long as the Fellowship maintains and repairs the building. Ms. Thornton noted that the Mt. Lebanon Church Association was basically a family association made up of the descendants of Jeremiah Lewis Williams. The immediate past president of the Association was Mr. Herbert Souder Hyatt (b. 1916, d. 2002), President of the Bank of Damascus and husband of Ruby Williams Hyatt (b. 1918), daughter of Downey M. Williams.[16]   Downey M. Williams, as noted, was also a past trustee of the Mt. Lebanon Church Association.

<u>Mt. Lebanon Methodist Protestant Church: One of the Last Established Methodist Protestant Churches in the Upper Patuxent and Montgomery County</u>

Mt. Lebanon Methodist Protestant Church may be one of the last Methodist Protestant churches to be established in the Upper Patuxent region of Montgomery County and perhaps within the county itself. The Methodist Protestant Church of America existed between the years 1830 to 1939. It was established in 1830 when reformers who had broken away or been expelled from the Methodist Episcopal Church adopted the Methodist Protestant Church of America as the name of a new church that would allow laity a role in appointing clergy. Maryland was a stronghold of the Methodist Protestant Church, and a number of Methodist Protestant Churches were established in the Upper Patuxent region of Montgomery County, including Brown's Chapel (established 1848 as an independent church and 1861 as a Methodist Protestant Church), Montgomery Chapel (established 1871), and Mt. Tabor (date unknown, probably third quarter, 1800's). In 1939, the Methodist Protestant Church of America merged with the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and the new American church was called the Methodist Church.[17]

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[15] Telephone interview with Pastor Donald L. Carpenter, Thursday, October 15, 2009, by Sandra Youla, Researcher/MNCPPC. For complete notes, see file of MC: 15-20, Historic Preservation Section/Montgomery County Planning Department/MNCPPC.

[16] Telephone interview with Patricia M. Thornton, President, Mt. Lebanon Church Association, Friday, October 16, 2009, by Sandra Youla, Researcher/MNCPPC. For complete notes, see file of MC: 15-20, Historic Preservation Section/Montgomery County Planning Department/MNCPPC.

[17] In 1968, the Methodist Church of America merged once again with the Evangelical United Brethren, and the new church became known as the United Methodist Church. See Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form M: 15-4 Alfred Baker House, prepared by Sandra Youla, January 20, 2009, for a more complete discussion of Methodism in Maryland and the Methodist Protestant Church in the Upper Patuxent area of Montgomery County. Form available at the MHT and Montgomery County Planning Department/Historic Preservation Section.

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Mt. Lebanon Church Association

The Mt. Lebanon Church Association holds title to the Mt. Lebanon Church land and improvements. The Mt. Lebanon Church Association primarily is made up of descendants of Jeremiah Lewis Williams, who provided the land for the church.[18]   This strong family ink between original and current owners is unusual: today, church property is often held by denominations.[19] Thus the Mt. Lebanon Church Association's property is notable not only for its history and architecture, but for the nature of its ownership.

Front-Gabled Public Buildings and Victorian Vernacular Church Architecture in Rural Montgomery County

Simple, front-gabled buildings were the most common form of public architecture in Upper Montgomery County in the 19th and early 20th centuries. These rural stores, schools, halls, and churches, constructed in log or frame, once adorned many crossroad communities and rural roads. (See, for example, the original 1822 Mt. Lebanon Methodist Episcopal Church that once stood on Mullinix Mill Road; Browningsville Hall in Browningsville (MC: 10-13); Webb's Store in Lewidale (MC: 10-26); and the Kinglsey School (MC: 10-48) in Little Bennett Park.)   Most are now gone or hidden by modern accretions. The Mt. Lebanon Methodist Protestant Church, with its unaltered building form and intact cemetery and rural setting, provides a fine late example of the County's nineteenth and early twentieth century rural public buildings.

Further, Mt. Lebanon Methodist Protestant Church's Gothic-inspired lancet-headed windows and Greek oculus over the front door are highly representative of the eclectic nature of the Upper Patuxent's rural Victorian Vernacular church architecture.   For example, the nearby Howard Chapel, on Long Corner Road just over the Patuxent in Howard County, has a similar though plainer oculus. Lancet-headed windows may be found on Mt. Tabor Church in Etchison. Both these buildings were constructed as Methodist Protestant Churches and are now United Methodist Churches.

Mt. Lebanon Cemetery

The well-maintained Mt. Lebanon Cemetery has the graves of many descendants of Jeremiah Lewis Williams, who provided the land for the church. Several figures notable to the history of Damascus and Montgomery County are buried in the cemetery, including Downey M. Williams, former County Commissioner and member of the Liquor Control Board; Jerry Williams, three-term County Council member; Herbert S. Hyatt, President of the Bank of Damascus, and Jerry Hyatt, State Delegate.

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[18] Telephone interview with Patricia M. Thornton, President, op. cit.
[19] Telephone interview with James Reaves, Director of Archives and History, Lovely Lane United Methodist Church Archives and Museum, Monday, October 18, 2009, by Sandra Youla, Researcher/MNCPPC.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property ___47,715 s.f.___
Acreage of historical setting _____
Quadrangle name ___Damascus, MD 1993___ Quadrangle scale: ___7.5 minutes___

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Sandra L. Youla/Senior Planner, Historic Preservation Section		
organization	MNCPPC/Montgomery Co. Planning Dept.	date	10/28/2009
street & number	8787 Georgia Avenue	telephone	301-563-3419
city or town	Silver Spring	state	MD 20910

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1974 supplement.

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                  Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Telephone interview with Patricia M. Thornton, President, Mt. Lebanon Church Association, Friday, October 16, 2009, by Sandra Youla, Researcher/MNCPPC, as found in file of MC: 15-20 Mt. Lebanon Methodist Protestant Church and Cemetery, Historic Preservation Section/Montgomery County Planning Department/MNCPPC.

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Youla, Sandra, Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form M: 15-4 Alfred Baker House, January 20, 2009, as found in file of MC: 15-4, Historic Preservation Section/Montgomery County Planning Department/MNCPPC and at the Maryland Historical Trust.
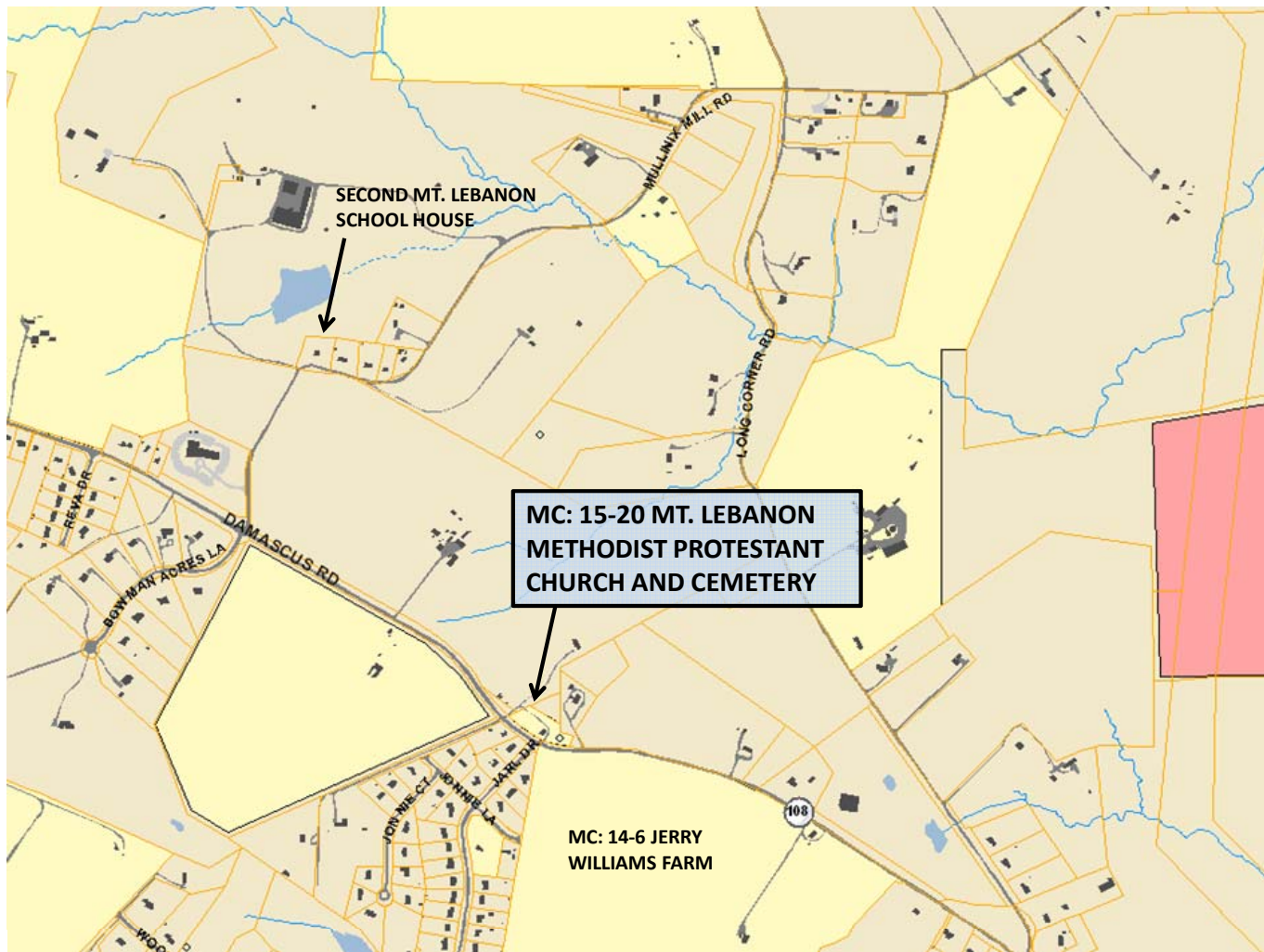
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Location Map, MC 15-20: Mt. Lebanon Methodist Protestant Church (now Mt. Lebanon Fellowship) and Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, located at 8115 Damascus Road, Damascus, MD (Source: MNCPPC GIS, 11.3.2009)
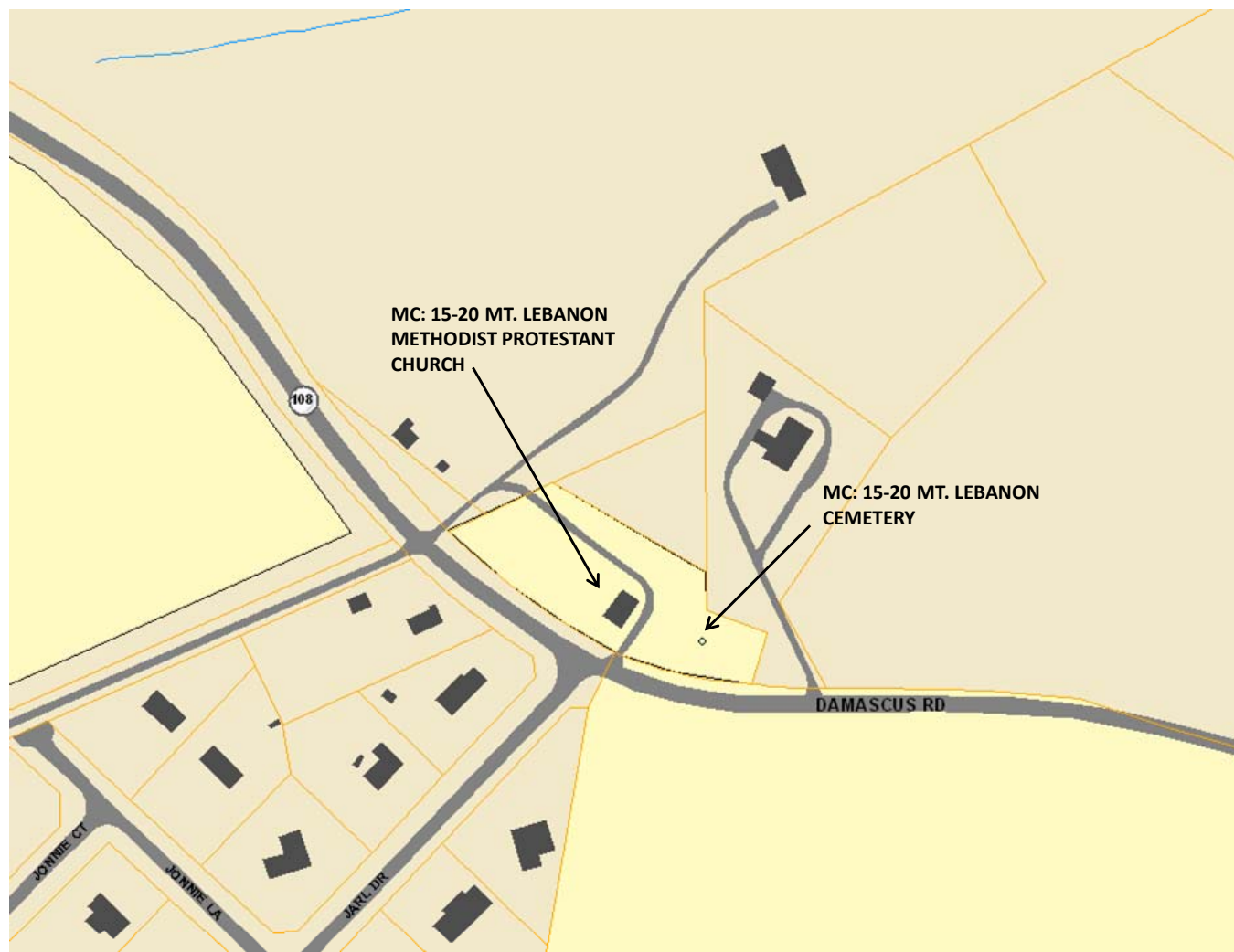
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Site Map, MC 15-20: Mt. Lebanon Methodist Protestant Church (now Mt. Lebanon Fellowship) and Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, located at 8115 Damascus Road, Damascus, MD (Source: MNCPPC GIS, 11.3.2009)
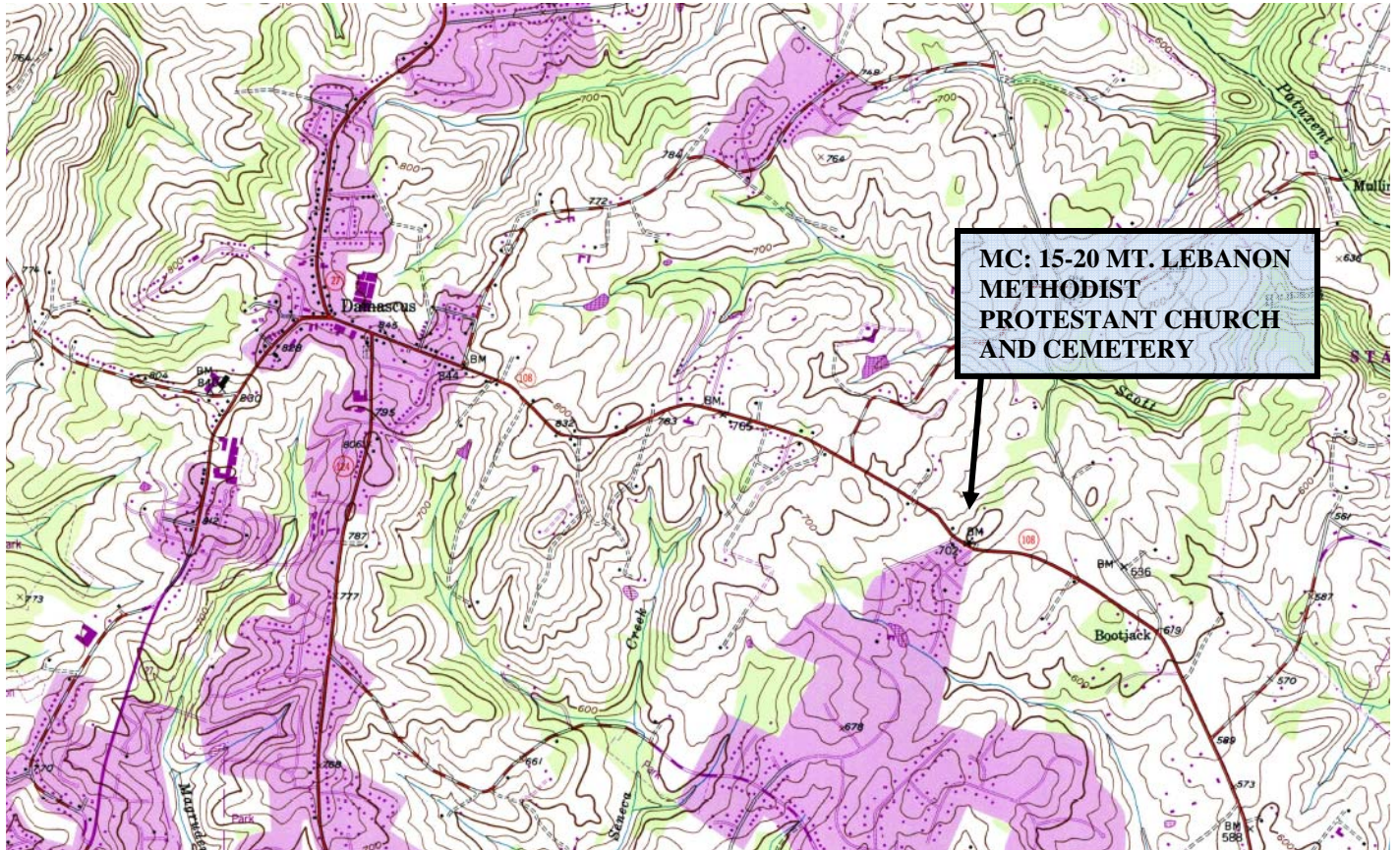
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PROTESTANT CHURCH
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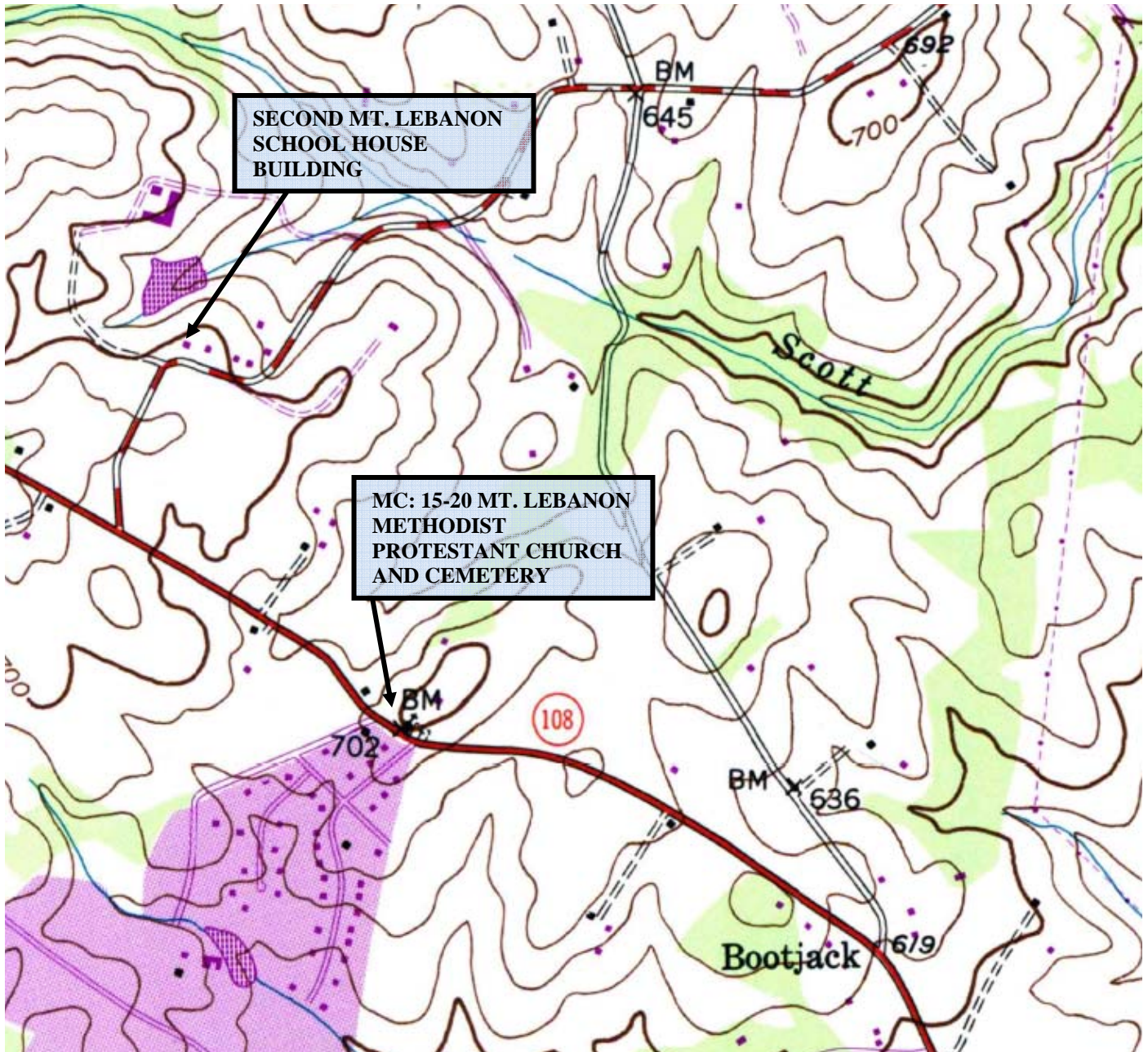Excerpt 1993 United States Geological Survey Topographic Map: Damascus Quadrant, Maryland, 7.5 Minute Series

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SECOND MT. LEBANON
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MC: 15-20 Mt. Lebanon Methodist Protestant Church (now Mt. Lebanon Fellowship), southwest (front) and southeast (side) facades. Photo Furnished by Mary Frances Gosnell, photo date unknown, as found in Damascus History Tour CD by Gary Richard. The church dates from 1902 and is located at 8115 Damascus Road (Rt. 108).

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Fellowship), southwest (front)
and southeast (side) facades.
Sandra Youla, 12.18.2007

MC: 15-20 Mt. Lebanon
Methodist Protestant Church
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Fellowship), southwest (front)
facade.
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Fellowship), southeast (side)
and northeast (rear) facades.
Sandra Youla, 12.18.2007

MC: 15-20 Mt. Lebanon
Methodist Protestant Church
(now Mt. Lebanon
Fellowship), northeast (rear)
facade.
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MC: 15-20 Mt. Lebanon Methodist Protestant Church (now Mt. Lebanon Fellowship), southeast (side) and northeast (rear) facades. Sandra Youla, 12.18.2007

MC: 15-20 Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, view toward Rt. 108 looking southeast from church parking lot. Sandra Youla, 12.18.2007

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MC: 15-20 Mt. Lebanon
Methodist Protestant Church
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Fellowship) and Cemetery,
looking northwest.
Sandra Youla, 12.18.2007